

# DO DRUGGISTS BOOTLEG?

## LEGALIZE WINE AND BEER TO PAY BONUS

The American Federation of Labor Approves Plan

## CHURCH GOERS AID BOOTLEGGERS

Soldier Bonus Meets Stumbling Block in Congress—How to Raise the Money Big Question—Should Be Answered by Taxing Wine and Beer.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor at a recent meeting went on record unanimously for an amendment to the Volstead act which would permit the manufacture and sale of light wines and beer for beverage purposes. They denounced the law as a moral failure which every right thinking man knows to be a fact.

An amendment that would admit light wines and beer to once more appear on the American table, at the club and the poor man's club, the soft drink parlor, would accomplish several purposes, first of which would be the financing of the soldier bonus which would be willingly paid for by the twenty-five or thirty million American citizens who failed to have their habit legislated out of them even though they did have to change the method of satisfying it.

The great majority of people in this country are bitterly opposed to a direct sales tax or any other kind of added taxes to pay the bonus or to pay for anything else, but they will have to bear some kind of special tax if they do not change the Volstead act so as to admit of light wines and beer on which a moderately heavy tax could be imposed which would easily pay every cent the American soldier has coming to him.

If as much as three dollars tax was placed on a case of beer it would be cheaper for the man who drinks it than what he is now paying for a very poor substitute. So while the element that likes the privilege of drinking good wine and beer would be paying the soldier bonus, they would at the same time be saving money for themselves, would no longer have to be law-breakers and would save

the fake reformers enough money to go over to England with their propaganda and help put Great Britain on the bum as they have so successfully done here.

There never was an imminent virtue without an equally imminent detraction; so if we admit that good came to some from prohibition, that good was more than counteracted by the untold harm it has done. Heavy drinkers under the licensed saloon in large measure become heavier drinkers under prohibition and worse, many become desperate criminals. They lost all respect for law.

Only Monday of this week, William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league in an open letter to Bishop Thomas F. Gailor says that his church has an unusual amount of drinkers who are the mainstay of the high class bootlegger. The Bishop is in favor of changing the Volstead act to legalize the sale of wine and beer so that his congregation can do what they are doing now and always have done, but he wants them to do so, if they must and not be law-breakers. This is fast becoming the attitude of most Christian people who think for themselves and see with their own eyes.

Beer and wine will be back with us, legalized within three years and with it will come the means of financing the deserved soldier bonus. With it will come added prosperity, contentment and better health for the nation. The bootlegger will go, major crime will diminish, taxes will be less burdensome and easier to pay. If you believe in legalized light wines and beer taxed to pay for the bonus you owe it to yourself to let your congressman know about it.

### JUST KIDS—And They Never Ever Smoked.

By Ad Carter



## HIGH SPOTS IN WEEKS NEWS REDUCTION IN POLICE FORCE

The local high spot in the week's news was the announcement by Commissioner Dunn that he is forced to lay off twenty policemen. He told Ten left last Tuesday, others are to go soon. The force before the cut, boasted a total of 257 men, about one hundred less than a city the size of Omaha should have to protect its citizens. No money. The Metropolis should be ashamed of itself. Today the best and most prosperous city in the country must lay off twenty policemen to save a paltry \$5,000. When broke—go to the bank.

August Rose in his sensational suit for divorce told Judge Sears that he had once before filed suit from his wife, because he found her in company with Paul Sutton in a dive at Nineteenth and Clark streets. A few people didn't know Paul got that way. Rose says that he came home one day and found her in company with another man, whom he knocked through the window. The guy is running yet. Mrs. Rose says the old man is a rose in name only and that his favorite sport was running down prairie dogs with Mrs. Caroline Crosby. Such is life in Lafayette Avenue.

Over in England where in many respects they are more democratic than in this country, they still make a hellabaloo when a princess ties up with some senile aristocrat as was witnessed when Princess Mary married Lord Lascelles. American papers have carried columns of front page advance dope on the nuptials for the past several weeks. She is some pumpkins over there but nothing wonderful to look upon from a personal standpoint. Most Omaha stenographers would make the queen's daughter look like a piker.

Charges that the Schlaifer-Murphy fight was "Fixed" are being investigated by the proper authorities and a decision is expected within a short time. Many are of the opinion that those interested thought it best for Schlaifer to win so that he would be given the match with Shade on March 9, while an equally large number feel that the fight was on the square. To the average fight fan it looked like both boys put up a hard fight, but that Murphy was not up to his usual standard while Schlaifer employing a new method outguessed his opponent.

## FRIENDLY BET MADE TO SETTLE QUESTION

Better Class of Places Lay Off the Booze Game

## SAY ONE MAKES HIS OWN HOOTCH

Interesting Story of How Two Men Went About Town in Search of Booze to Settle Bet—Their Findings Not Completed or Tabulated.

Four men sat about a rustic table in a rather dingy cafe, one of them a tall slim, well groomed person of perhaps forty, an expert mechanic; the second, a newspaper man; the third, a large rotund, congenial party who represented one of the largest corporations in the east; the fourth, a good natured rounder who has lived in Omaha for more than thirty years. All seemed unusually bright except the newspaper person. They were eating a light lunch and talking liquor—but not drinking it.

The heavy weight, as he was sinking his pearly white teeth into the inner most parts of a ham sandwich casually remarked that he wished he had a big schooner of old fashioned beer to wash down the thin slice of petrified hog which he accidentally discovered was hidden between the two slices of rye bread.

Aha, two or three times Aha ventured the rounder, "You ought not to have your beer, I'll bet you a souviner cap off a bottle of Budweiser against a drink of drug store alcohol that you are one of the Guys that voted yourself out of a scuttles of suds and now you are the loudest in your squeal."

"Did you say drug store alcohol," butted in the tall slim mechanic, "do you mean to tell me that you can go to a drug store and get a drink or bottle of booze unless you are sick and have a prescription, I don't believe it, though it is true that I never took or asked for a drink in my life either since or before prohibition."

It sounded like the bunk to the newspaper man but he said nothing, just laffed and laffed and then laughed to himself some more.

"Can you get a drink in a drug store?" mockingly gloated the rotund one. "Well I should kiss a misquito—tell you what I'll do, I'll put up

ten bucks in this man's hand against a five spot that you or I can go to every drug store in town or send some one and that out of the more than one hundred and thirty places in the city that we will not be turned down for a drink at more than fifteen of them."

"It's a bet," quoth the pale faced one. Later they started out to investigate and it looked bad for the man that planked down the ten as they started in at the down-town drug stores, going into the larger ones first where they with one or two exceptions were turned down. This seemed only natural to the holder of the stakes as the big fellow does not have to cater to the alcohol brigade in order to make a success of his business.

"Wait until we hear from the Sand Hills" (meaning suburban druggists), said the heavy weight. They waited while they worked. The tide began to turn, the returns from the out laying districts came in favor of alcohol peddling at about a nine out of ten rate.

The returns had not been completed and tabulated, neither had the canvas been finished, but enough evidence had been produced that "He who runs may read."

The "Investigators" found that at least two more or less prominent drug stores down-town were quietly peddling booze. They found one Sixteenth drug store where they had a little still of their own where they were turning out the real stuff instead of denatured alcohol which they are legitimately entitled to make, if their reports may be relied upon. The password for a drink in this drug store is "Laboratory". The drug clerk answers "Step right back in the Laboratory"—and the deed is done.

In the residential districts it was rather hard to make them come across

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## McGILL-HANSON GO TONIGHT; SCHLAIFER-SHADE THURSDAY

Wrestling Match at the Old Shed to Be Best in Years—Schlaifer, Omaha's Fighting Jew, to Meet the Great Shade Next Thursday Night—Denver Back in League.

Sporting events of the first magnitude are carded for tonight and next Thursday evening. The Hanson-McGill wrestling match which will be pulled off at the famous old brick shed tonight has attracted the attention of sport lovers throughout the United States and all because the conditions under which the two grapplers will face each other at the clang of the bell are so unusual that wrestling fans have been worked up to a fever heat over the plan.

Never in the history of the modern mat game has there been an instance wherein two first calibre wrestlers representing hostile camps have been brought together to wrestle it out on a winner take all basis. Those formerly interested in the game have quit it cold for the simple reason that it was seldom, if ever, that the matches were not fixed, but every one knows that the Auditorium scrap tonight is going to be won by the best man who will pocket all the filthy lucre that is to be handed out to the wrestlers. Those who put their money up on tonight's "Rasslers" know that if they do lose their money it will be because they picked the wrong man and not because a bunch of crooked promoters had the bill framed. Our sheekles, if any, go on Hanson.

After the smoke of wrestling battle has cleared away tonight fight fans

will take the center of the stage until next Thursday night when the second "Battle of the century" will take place at the historic old barn at Fifteenth and Howard. The fighting Jew, Omaha's popular fight idol, goes into battle with the toughest nut he has ever attempted to crack and while it is too much to expect that the local boy will be able to get a decision over Shade who battled Britton to a fifteen round draw, it would not surprise many local fans to see the Kid mix it so strong that he will get and be entitled to a draw.

Many of the local clan of fight followers are willing to put their dough on Schlaifer, providing they can get the odds they are entitled to and they may make a good bet at that.

One thing is sure, the fight will be the best, the bloodiest and hardest fought since boxing was legalized in Nebraska and the great crowd expected will get more than their money's worth. The match is being held under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus which in itself insures a clean show and one worth while. The match should be a credit to the game.

Denver back in the Western League. The best baseball news in years. With two of the larger cities of the middle west, Denver and Omaha, and the splendid baseball town of Sioux City

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## Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

Mayne Nichols was still doing business at the old stand on upper Douglas street. Mayne said one never gets too old to sell good beer or carry on.

Frank Pierce, champion dope head, had again left the village for Kaw town. After a few days visit with friends he went back to sail where he started his big act in legerdemain.

The South Side was again coming into its own. Most everybody was back at work in the packing houses, soft drink parlors were having a good trade in hard drinks while the colored brigade once more had the change to rattle the bones.

The low class dance halls had added a new check room to their places where the fairly fair sex could check their corsets while doing the Camel. You had to give the girls credit for keeping on their shoes anyway.

Kid Schlaifer had won a fight from Murphy and in doing so kicked up a hellova row. Some of the townspeople said it was fixed, others said 'twasn't. Whosealiar, asked a lot a guys.

Slim Coal, local Doctor of Philosophy and nerve specialist, was authority for the statement that every time you take a drink things look different, providing you feel that every heat is a race at a drink track. Owls didn't have much on slim.

The Mediator had moved its office to 219 Karbach block. There was no law against sending in due and over due subscriptions to the new office. You could even bring it up and renew acquaintances with the editor, who was getting along nicely.

## BURLINGTON'S NEW OFFICES

The Burlington City ticket office is now quartered in the Merchants hotel building at 1508 Farnam street. This great system ever catering to the wishes of its patrons has located their ticket office in the very heart of the city for the convenience of its thousands of local patrons.

Mr. J. B. Reynolds is the City ticket agent while Mr. J. W. Sharpe is City Passenger agent. Both men are popular and have a wide circle of acquaintances.

### SCIENCE LECTURE

More than three thousand Christian Scientists and those interested in Science gathered at the Auditorium last Friday night where they were treated to one of the finest and most interesting lectures by Mr. Frank D. Leonard, P. S. D., of Chicago, ever delivered by an orator on the platform of the municipal building.

## TWO MEN CONTROL ALL THE DOWN TOWN PICTURE SHOWS

Give Patrons for the Most Part a Bunch of Sensually Titled Pictures That Bring Up Only Evil Thoughts in Young and Old.

Omaha movie patrons are being served a personally selected program of pictures that bodes ill, both for the patron and the future success, locally, of the great industry. Two men are in absolute control of local downtown picture playhouses and give a thought only to the net box office receipts and not a care to the wishes of the better element of our citizenship who love the cinema as a recreation.

Mr. A. H. Blank and Mr. Goldberg, the latter of the World Reality company, are the two men who hold in their exclusive power the absolute authority, and exercise it, to bring into downtown Omaha any and all pictures they see fit to exploit to and before a helpless local patronage. Between them they control the Sun, Moon, Muse, Rialto, Strand and the new World theatre about completed, all the larger downtown exclusive picture theatres.

Lovers of the silent drama are left high and dry on a mountain of picture isolation because these two men are in complete control of the situation. If they choose to give the public a series of pictures whose titles at least are as sensual as they are sensational, nothing is left for the public, including thousands of growing girls, to do but view them or stay away, which is a hard matter as Americans have

been educated to the movies and producers as well as local owners know that for the present at least they can put out any kind of junk, play it up and the public will fall for it providing there is not strong opposition who will give patrons such a high class of picture entertainment that competitors would be forced to meet them on their own high level.

Notable examples of what downtown theatres are offering their patrons are two film plays, one that has been recently shown at the Sun, another that will be shown at the same theatre next week. This refers firstly to "Why Girls Leave Home", a very mediocre play that had a week's run at the Sun theatre a short time ago. There was nothing in particular to the play but the suggestive title was a big drawing card and fooled young and old into the belief that they were going to see a picture more sensual than what was actually screened. Not content with getting by on a picture and a title like that Mr. Goldberg now sends to the same theatre "What Do Men Want?", a production we have not seen, but one whose title is enough to keep every decent person away from the theatre and will no doubt be the means of bringing out a large crowd of people who are anxious to see if the film

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## WHO IS FAKING?

Report is persistent amongst many fight fans that the Schlaifer-Murphy fight last week was a fake pure and simple. It is an awkward affair to say the least and one which furnishes plenty of food for thought. John Kilmartin ruled Mattie McCue out of the ring last September because he would not or could not fight. It was a boxing match with this same Schlaifer. But Murphy was there with the goods and unprejudiced sightseers declare the referee could have done no less than to declare it a draw. Be that as it may the public is not going to stand for any monkey business in this boxing game and about the easiest way to get the legislature into action is to begin framing boxing matches.

Some boxers are prone to accept offers from "promoters" for crooked fights for the simple reason that they lack confidence in their own ability to stand the gaff and think they are and will be able to get by with their underhanded stuff, but the fight fan public is wise and will never stand for fake fights—not for long at least.

But fake fighters in Nebraska will wake up to the fact that he have something and some one to contend with besides the public. The boxing commission of Nebraska and the backers of the game in Nebraska will have the final word, and if the Mediator misjudges not, this commission will see to it that the regular fellow that pays his way to see a real boxing match conducted on the square is not going to be disappointed through witnessing a framed up battle.

We believe that most promoters in these parts are on the square and that the State commission wants to see a square deal doled out to the patrons of the game and for that reason this paper will give its unbiased opinion of all future fights and matches both before and after the event and will be glad to publish beforehand any information concerning future fights for the benefit of our readers whether it hits a sore spot or not.

We believe in boxing and we believe in the wrestling game if they are conducted on the square and believing so we do not want to see or even hear of any match that even borders on a framed contest.

## TO A DICTIONARY

Little book—Thou art the goods. We need you in the every day walks of life also in the runs for life and livelihood.

The illiterate, the sloven, the smart aleck looks upon you as a thing of only words, but the man worth while cannot get along without you. The library needs and uses you so much that your back is badly bent, if leather, or broken, if paper. You are a god-send to the newspaper office and to congress except to certain individual members who in their own minds are superior to the combined thought and study of compilers since the day of Johnson, men who lean only on their own mental staff—and are soon retired to private life and oblivion.

Men with the minds of a rat ignore you, but rats themselves are so in love with you that they literally eat you up when the opportunity presents itself.

Bill Nye once said of you: "Old Dictionary, I have read you from cover to cover but I'll be darned if I could ever find the plot."

Noah Webster spent twenty years in cutting your cloth to fit American minds and ideals—that was nearly one hundred years ago—and since that time big men have been adding to your store house of knowledge until all there is to know—you have. Outside the bible, you're it.

## THE THIRD PARTY

Now comes J. Harley Edmisten who deposes and says that he is the head, tail and body, not to mention the brains of the newly organized Third party in Nebraska which is a sort of branch office of Townley's Non-Partisan league which grew, bloomed and finally faded in North Dakota at a recent election.

Townley, fresh from jail, came into Nebraska last week, was welcomed by a bunch of about one hundred and fifty lame ducks, sore heads, outers wanting to get in and a few sincere, but disappointed and discouraged republicans and democrats, who immediately swallowed the Minnesota quack political doctor's poorly baited League, hook, sinker and line and now pretend that they are going to put a complete ticket in the Nebraska field and do dire things to the Elephant and the poor old Donkey.

A new political party looks like a good thing here in Nebraska—for Townley, Edmisten & Co., but where anyone else will benefit is not patent to the casual observer.

Townley's new party wants to absorb the Republican party, which is not a half bad idea, especially for Charley who sees where he can save a bunch of organization dough and it would work all right except for the fact that the Republication party is a pretty hefty article just now and is not very particular about being absorbed or even being beaten by the pesky democrats who have a way of driving the Grand Old Party out of power every so often.

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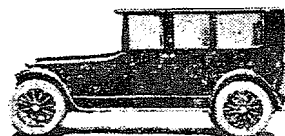
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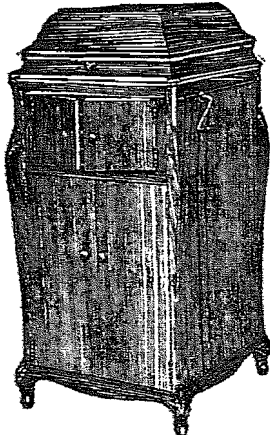
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## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS ENLARGES

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The force has been trebled which includes the addition of two new editors, Allen Quinn of Kansas City and H. H. Braden of the Chicago central division office. It now takes ten telegraph operators to handle the business in and out of Omaha. The Editor of the Mediator was correspondent for the Associated press for many years before he became associated with this paper.

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as they for the most part sold only to their regular customers.

One pale faced drug clerk told the searcher for white lime that they were not taking chances, then qualified the statement by adding "Unless the party can show that he is a square shooter," if what the searcher said is true.

A representative of the Mediator overheard the summing up of the evidence and hopes to be able to give some concrete facts in the next issue of the paper.

### MCGILL-HANSON GO TONIGHT SCHLAIFER-SHADE THURSDAY

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as the solid back ground of the league, the Western league is sure to assume a still greater place in the baseball horizon. True, a team in Denver means a largely added expense in traveling, but the prestige it brings to the league and the fact that Denver is hungry for baseball and will no doubt go to the games in droves, will more than make up for the added expense. Welcome Denver back into the league and may she get licked every time she shows against the Buffaloes.

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records what every one knows "A man wants" or at least is uppermost in his mind a large part of the time.

The Moon just now is showing "After Midnight", a sensual dope picture of Chinatown. The play is bad on the growing mind of a girl, the title is worse. The Rialto is featuring Mabel Normand just now and at a time when she is under suspicion by many of being implicated in the murder of Desmond Taylor. Why?

There is one way out—the legitimate play, where if they show pictures at all they are selected with great care and nothing shown that any mother would be afraid to have her young daughter see while in her company.

Theatres like the Empress and Orpheum show pictures as a prelude to their regular entertainment but no one was ever heard to say that they would keep away from the houses because they were afraid their children may see a sensual picture.

If Old man Johnson ever put over a burlesque show at the Gayety

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wherein he allowed the actresses to show in half the nudity that comes out in many pictures that are being shown at exclusive downtown picture houses they would have him in jail the rest of his natural life.

What Omaha needs in its downtown movie entertainment is strong competition and if they cannot get it they have a big stick that they can and should use, that is their patronage or to put it better, their lack of patronage.

### GOOD PRELIMINARIES

The fight under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus to be held next Thursday will have one of the best semi-windups that has ever been given at the Auditorium. At the time of going to press definite arrangements had not been made, but it was practically assured that McArthur and Anderson would be the two boys to put on the bout as a preliminary to the Schlaifer-Shade main go. If these two boys are matched it may prove to really be the steller attraction of the big show.

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### STREET RAILWAY TIME CARD

Farnam Street Line	
16th and Farnam for Dundee	1:22
18th and Farnam for 46th and	
Cuming	12:48
Depot for Dundee	1:15
18th and Farnam for Depot	2:04
Harney Street Line	
33d and Parker to 6th St.	12:50
33d and Parker to Depots	1:40
6th and Center for 33d and Parker	1:15
16th and Farnam for 24th and Ames	2:08
16th and Farnam, East Side	1:03
16th and Farnam, West Side	1:23
16th and Farnam for Florence	1:12
16th and Farnam for Kansas Ave.	1:51
16th and Farnam for 24th and Ames	2:08
South Omaha and 42d and Grand	
14th and Farnam for West Q.	1:21
14th and Farnam for 42d and Grand	1:25
Dodge Street Line	
16th and Dodge (West)	1:29
16th and Dodge (East)	2:07
30th and Spaulding for Depots	1:48
Leavenworth and Deaf Institute	
15th and Farnam (North)	12:24
15th and Farnam (South)	12:33
Benson and Albright	
13th and Farnam for Benson	1:24
13th and Farnam for Albright	1:00
13th and Farnam for 24th and N.	1:23
Fort Crook Line	
24th and N Sts., South Omaha	12:00
Fort Crook	12:30
Owl Cars	
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton	1:50
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton	3:30
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton	4:20
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	2:48
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	3:30
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames	4:20
10th and Mason to 46th and Cuming	3:52
16th and Farnam to 46th and Cuming	4:00
46th and Cuming to 10th and Bancroft	4:21
16th and Farnam to 10th and Bancroft	4:38
24th Street Cross-Town	
24th and Lake to 24th and Vinton	12:48
24th and Lake to 42d and L.	12:35
42d and L. to 24th and Vinton	1:15
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You are required to answer or plead to the plaintiff's petition in said action on or before the 27th day of March, 1922, or a default will be taken against you and decree entered as prayed.

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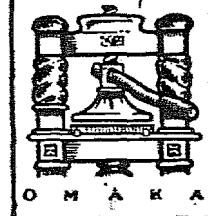
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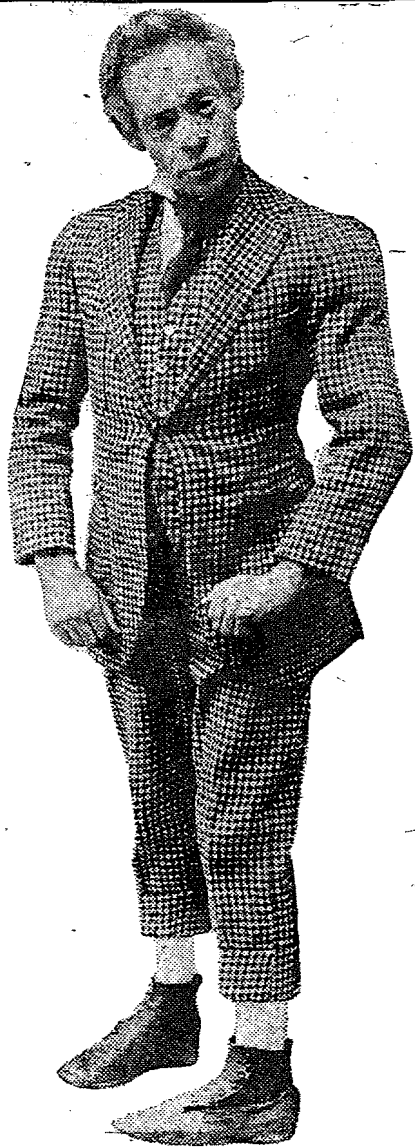
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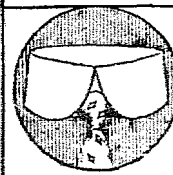
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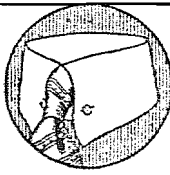
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