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AUTO THEFTS, BAD CHECKS, LAID TO DRINK

Prevalence of Double Vice Leads Police Chief to Name Detail of Eight Men to Suppress It

SOLDIERS AMONG CULPRITS

Half a Dozen Appearing Before Judge Oppenheim Say Whisky and Crime Go Hand in Hand

The penchant of strong drink users for stealing automobiles and passing worthless checks on saloons has led Chief of Police White to appoint eight men to the work of suppressing this double vice. Here are some of the developments along this line yesterday:

William Boston, a chauffeur, was charged with stealing an automobile belonging to William N. Kendel, 821 Mission street. Kindel had left the car in front of the Cort theatre. The charge against Boston was continued for two days.

Thomas Gould, Adrian Drost and Arthur White all were arrested with Boston. The cases against these three were dismissed by Judge Oppenheim.

Boston testified that they had been drinking. He insisted that a fifth drunken oafs had turned the machine over to them on Fillmore street. Kindel told the court it had cost him $10 to trace his machine after the theft.

Another case wherein strong drink figured was that of Edward A. Roberts, a soldier stationed at the Presidio. He appeared before Judge Oppenheim on a charge of passing worthless checks for $25 each. He said to the court:

"Booze did it all. I had been drinking. That is the reason for half the bum checks that are passed. There ought to be a law against liquor dealers taking worthless checks. I would like to have my case transferred to the military authorities."

Judge Oppenheim refused to release, but Roberts must appear before the military authorities chose to take up the matter.

Robert Stevens, another soldier, stationed at the Presidio, reported to the police yesterday that he was robbed of $75 in money and a gold watch Monday night. He said another soldier bought liquor, which they drank in a lot near Sixteenth street. When he awoke, Stevens says, his watch and money were gone.

Director of Million Dollar Drive Leaves

L. M. Coulter, who came here from Dallas, Texas, to direct the Red Cross million-dollar drive, returns home to-day after winding up what he declares was the most interesting and satisfactory money-raising campaign in which he has ever engaged.

"It is my first visit to the Pacific Coast," he said yesterday, "and now I am in a hurry to get home. My respect for you has been a delight. Since my arrival in San Francisco two weeks ago I have been realizing that a more whole-hearted and progressive community than this one is not in America—which means nowhere else on earth. The unanimity and earnestness with which the city's representative business men have guided the Red Cross affairs to their neighbors, in fact—was not equalled elsewhere, I am certain, and for their aide no less than my own and that of our common cause, the result of their work is extremely gratifying to me. I shall derive exceptional pleasure from adequately reporting that result and how it was achieved to our Dallas citizens.

"I would like to tell each of my San Francisco friends how their considerate kindness to me, a stranger in their midst, is appreciated, but as that is impossible, I hope they will 'take the word for the deed.' And I would like to assure them that my dearest desire is to return at some future date and reciprocate them in another drive like the one we have just finished so triumphantly."

Mr. Coulter's departure is hurried by a desire to see his son, now in the officers' training camp in Texas.

Hotel Life Leads Wife To Sue for Divorce

Mrs. Evelyn B. Chapman filed suit for divorce yesterday against Frank H. Chapman, petty officer on an army transport. She says she is of a home loving nature, yet her husband forced her to live in hotels.

Mrs. Chapman asks $50 a month allowance. Also she wants half the community property, which she avers consists of several thousands of dollars in bank.

Judge Mogan issued a temporary restraining order against the withdrawal of any of this money until the divorce suit is determined.

Wants Name Changed Before Going to War

In the expectation that he will soon be called to the colors, Ernest Lawrence, stepson of James B. Cook, Police Commissioner and former chief of police, petitioned the Superior Court yesterday to give him the name of Weller, which is the name of his mother's first husband.

Mrs. Cook has been married three times. Her first husband was George Weller. He died. She married Jacob Lewenstein. Shortly after the birth of her son, Harold Lewenstein, obtained a divorce and permission to resume her former name of Weller. She raised her son under the name of Weller.

A year ago Mrs. Lewenstein became the wife of Cook. Now the boy wishes to confirm his right to the use of the name under which he was reared. He says he intends to enter the army and wishes to prevent confusion regarding his identity.

Hoover Writes S. F. Supervisors About Food Bill

Cost of Living Certain to Drop When Law Is Enforced, He Says.

If the food bills before Congress are passed in their present form Herbert C. Hoover, Director of Food Supplies, believes they will greatly lessen the cost of living throughout the country. He has so declared to the Supervisors' Supply Committee in a telegram.

For several weeks the supplies committee has been considering bids for supplies for the city institutions for the fiscal year 1917-18. It was confronted with increases of as much as 200 per cent in some articles over last year. With a desire to know if any reduction in prices might be anticipated through Governmental action the committee on June 15 last sent a telegram to Hoover at Washington to which he received the following reply:

It is simply hopeless to make any forecast until we know what the character of legislation is going to be. If the legislation goes through in the form of the bills that have been introduced it should be possible to expect considerable reduction in current prices by curtailing a great deal of waste and the abnormal profits of the middlemen without injury to the producers.

As the result of this information the supplies committee refused to award contracts for practically 25 per cent of the articles for which bids have been received.

Shipbuilding Plant Planned in Alameda

Announcement was made yesterday that another new shipbuilding plant was to be added to those now in operation in Alameda.

The new plant, it is stated, will occupy a portion of the Stanford University tract, on the north water front, and will be erected by a company headed by Henry Peterson of San Francisco, who recently disposed of his launch and tugboat business.

Just what the exact scope of the new plant's business will be has not been determined.

Church Will Give Party as Benefit

A whist party for the benefit of the Church of the Epiphany is to be given to-morrow night at Corinthian Hall, Sixteenth street, near Capitol, Mission street, in the Excelsior District. Assurances have been given of a large attendance of persons from other sections of the city.

Mrs. E. Cremin is at the head of the committee in charge of the arrangements. The Rev. Father Stokes, for many years assistant priest of the Church of the Epiphany, is pastor of the Church of the Epiphany.

Boy Scouts in Training.

Thirty Boy Scouts of San Francisco are in the third week of a vacation camp at Camp Taylor, three miles from Lagunitas. The boys will return home Monday. Training in signaling, first-aid and sanitation are included in the daily activities. The camp is under Scout Master C. J. Goodwin.

SCRAPS OF PAPER DENIED BY SYKES

Fire Commissioner Declares That He Was Misquoted by Supervisor Power.

Another chapter was added to the woes of the Supervisors' finance committee yesterday when Fire Commissioner Frank C. Sykes took direct issue with statements made by Supervisor James E. Power. In a letter to Power, Sykes states that he has both been misquoted and misrepresented by that Supervisor.

The Fire Department, Sykes says, has not been provided with the funds to maintain it properly, and declared he never told Power otherwise. He also denies emphatically that he ever told Power that the records of the Fire Department had been kept on scraps of paper.

Sykes, in his letter, says, in part:

I have noticed in the daily papers and have been informed by friends that you have attributed to me certain statements which I have not made. When I am deliberately misquoted I want it back and let anyone get away with it.

I stated to you that the Fire Department could at this time stand a reduction of $100,000 in its maintenance fund on account of mobilization and if it were not for the fact that supply costs have increased from 20 to 100 per cent, a greater reduction could be borne. On account of this unsettled condition you agreed that a portion of the salary fund saving, anticipated on account of mobilization, would be applied to the maintenance fund and the salary fund of the department by these considerations, however, you cut the maintenance fund from $146,400 to $70,000, at the same time eliminating approximately $30,000 from the salary fund without the approval of the Fire Commission.

In connection with an accounting system for the department I have not said to anyone that the Fire Department records were kept on scraps of paper and would not be responsible for making such a statement.

I wish to correct an impression which prevails to the effect that Mayor Rolph has advised certain policies in the Fire Department. The Mayor has not since the time of my appointment (more than two and a half years ago) even intimated to me that he favored or did not favor any of the department's policies or actions.

Kidnaper Refused To Take Back Jewels

Dominic Trincalli, who kidnapped Nellie Damsage a week ago and carried her off to San Jose, refused to take back jewels he had given the girl when she offered them to him in Police Judge Brady's court yesterday.

Judge Brady continued Trincalli's hearing until to-day. The girl and her father insist they will prosecute.

Woman, Fifty, Is Suicide.

Mrs. Fredo Fiaska, 2616 Twenty-fourth street, fifty years of age, committed suicide in her home Monday night by inhaling gas. She had been in ill health for several months. Her husband, Paul Fiaska, a night watchman in a tannery, returned from his work yesterday and found the body.

'BOOZE DID IT,' SAYS SHEEHAN

Slayer of Policeman Blames Whisky as Cause of Shooting.

Still shaking from the effects of whisky, Thomas Edward Sheehan, who shot to death his brother Policeman William Francis Sheehan in their Eighteenth street home Monday afternoon, appeared before Police Judge Oppenheim yesterday. The hearing against him was continued one week.

With his face in his hands the prisoner made this statement yesterday:

"I killed the best friend I ever had. Poor Billy got me out of many scrapes. He always befriended me. I am not fit to die, much less to live. Whenever I drink whisky I have followed me since. I have been drunk. As soon as I got a little I thought I wanted to drink all there was. That is the way it acts. Then I wouldn't know what happened.

"I don't intend to excuse myself. I don't want to blame saloon men. John Barleycorn has traveled with me always. I did it, that is all and I am not worth wasting any sympathy on.

"But I will say this, that whenever I have had any money I have been able to buy more whisky, no matter how drunk I was. I could roll on the floor if I had the price of a drink. But many a time when I have been sober I have been kicked out for asking for a drink when I said I have money enough to pay for it."

Sheehan said he did not intend to make any defense in court for his crime no matter what the punishment might be.

Mrs. Mary Sheehan, mother of the slayer and the dead policeman, was reported to be out of danger from the shock yesterday. The shot she fired at Sheehan did not hit him.

She refused to visit him.

William Francis Sheehan, thirty-year-old boy yesterday made his plea at the home of neighbors for sanctuary. Such he got, the men agreeing to hide him until the next week. The little boy witnessed the shooting.

"My papa is sick," he said, "but he will be all right pretty soon and then we are going away."

Arrangements had not been made yesterday for the burial of the dead policeman.

300 Britishers Join Colors in California

The Canadian recruiting officers and those of the Royal Engineers in their three weeks' campaign among the Canadian and British residents of this State, have secured 300 of their required 1,000 men for duty in France.

The men for the Canadian overseas contingent will leave for Vancouver the latter part of the week, while those for the Royal Engineers will leave for New York.

The recruiters are seeking woodsmen, miners, prospectors, surveyors, engineers, railroad men, automobile drivers, cooks and experienced men. The recruits are assured of almost immediate transportation to England where, after training, they will be sent to the French front. All must be citizens of Great Britain or her colonies.

Farm Loan Bank Sends $75,000 to Utah Soil Tillers

Total Obligations on Books Now Amount to $600,000, White Reports.

With approximately $600,000, already loaned, and negotiations under way for further loans, the Federal Land Bank of Berkeley will have placed more than $1,500,000 in the hands of farmers in the twelve Western States of its district by August 1, according to telegraphic advice forwarded yesterday by President Burrell G. White to Farm Loan Commissioner Norris in Washington, D. C.

The purse-strings of the bank were loosened to the tune of $75,000 yesterday, the loan going to help the farmers of one district in Utah. This is the largest loan to Utah, the first being $50,000.

The Berkeley Federal Land Bank has the largest application list for loans of any like institution in the United States. The sum is $2,000,000. There are twelve banks in the chain of Federal Land Banks, and but one, Baltimore, is ahead of the Berkeley institution in loans to-day. The Baltimore bank was organized two months before the Berkeley institution.

Civil Service List Of Eligibles Named

The Civil Service Committee has given out the list of eligibles in the examinations for pharmacists and chemists.

Of the pharmacists, James J. Horgan of 122 College avenue headed the list with a percentage of 84.8. The others were George H. Nelson, 242 Divisadero street; George C. Butler, 318 Twenty-seventh avenue, and Frederick V. Butler, 1821 Lake street.

The first two places in the examination for chemists went to Nathan F. Barbour of 251 Butler street, whose percentage was 92, and Byron W. Barsinger of 931 O'Farrell street, with a percentage of 88.

Jewels Worth $1,100 Taken by Burglars

J. Charles King, 14 Anthony terrace, reported to the police yesterday that a burglar broke into his home Monday night while the family was absent and stole articles of jewelry valued at $1,100.

No Cannon Salutes During War.

Cannon will not be fired in salute during the war of all nations against fortifications or encampments was ordered to-day by the War Department.

VICTIM OF GUN RELENTS CHARGE

Points Out Man Who He Says Shot Him and Then Declares He Made Mistake.

During a quarrel George Mangan, 2027 Harrison street, was shot in the shoulder at 2 o'clock yesterday morning at Powell and Ellis street. John Sullivan of the Hillsdale Hotel in Sixth street was arrested and charged with the offense.

At first Mangan pointed out Sullivan as the man who shot him, but an hour later, when he learned his wound was not fatal, he refused to identify Sullivan as the man.

Both Mangan and Sullivan are well known in the Tenderloin district. Sullivan is a brother of Patrick Sullivan, proprietor of the Mint Hotel in Fifth street, a notorious gambling resort. According to the police, the trouble between the two men started over differences of gambling interests.

The two men had been drinking in the Central Iron Works. There the trouble arose. Sullivan says that Mangan tried to draw a revolver. Mangan denied this.

At any rate, Policemen C. B. Carney and Vincent Lewis heard three pistol shots. When they arrived at the scene they saw a crowd outside. Mangan was lying on the sidewalk. "He shot me," Sullivan and said.

"He shot me."

Sullivan, when arrested, had a revolver, from which three shots had been fired. He was charged with assault with intent to murder.

Girl Wants Speed Fine To Go to Red Cross

Arrested for speeding yesterday at Ross, Miss Babette Greenebaum, daughter of Alfred Greenebaum, head of a packing company and president of the board of managers of the Uhlah State Hospital, announced to the court that she would plead guilty if the amount of her fine was turned over to the Red Cross.

Miss Greenebaum has been engaged in Red Cross work for some time. She also engaged Attorney T. C. Boyd to represent her. Boyd took up the authorities to ascertain if Miss Greenebaum's plea of guilty should be accepted.

Students to Celebrate Fourth.

Independence Day will be observed with special exercises Saturday evening in the Y. M. I. building, 50 Oak street, when the Emmet Literary Debating society made up of high school students, City Attorney George M. Lull will speak. The club will hold a reception in honor of 15 of its members who have enlisted.

"Open Shop" Pact Held Illegal by Superior Jurist

A forfeiture agreement entered into by nine local iron and steel manufacturing concerns to work together under what is known as an "open shop agreement" was declared to be illegal by Judge Sturtevant yesterday.

The agreement was entered into on June 16, 1916, and by its terms each of the nine firms placed a promissory note for $5,000 with an executive committee which elected, in case any of the firms violated any of the terms of this agreement the note of the offending concern.

The agreement provided that all laboring men should be given equal opportunity whether they belonged to labor unions, and that the executive committee, which consisted of E. H. Noble, George H. Dyer, H. J. Hubinon and H. Mortensen, should adjust all difficulties which any of the parties to the agreement had.

On August 14 last the Central Iron Works, one of the parties to the agreement, dropped out. The executive committee declared their note forfeit and as payment was refused they brought suit. It was the contention of the Central Iron Works that the agreement was illegal because it was in restraint of trade. Judge Sturtevant did not rule on this point, but held the agreement to be void because its provisions could not be enforced.

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PRESTON BACK TO TRY HINDUS

U. S. Attorney Confirms Report From Washington That Spy Cases Will Be Tried Here.

As announced in a dispatch to "The Examiner" a few days ago San Francisco will be the city for the trial of all the Hindu spy and revolutionary cases now pending in various cities of the country. Verification of this dispatch was given yesterday by United States District Attorney John W. Preston, who returned from a trip to Washington. In Washington with United States Attorney General Gregory.

Preston made a special trip to Washington to prevail upon the Government to bunch all of the Hindu cases, some 700 in number, for trial in San Francisco. Preston was backed in his request by the United States Attorneys for the Eastern New York City District and for the Chicago District. Just when the trials will begin has not been decided.

Chief among the proposed prosecutions is that of Ram Chandra, editor of the "Hindustan Gadar," who has made San Francisco his headquarters for several years. He is specifically charged with attempting to foment a revolution and upset the British Raj. It is said that he was aided in his campaign in the United States by scores of German officials and agents.

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The difference in cost in practical use between inferior alum and phosphate powders and Royal Baking Powder is less than a cent for each cake or pan of biscuits. Certainly too small a difference to warrant putting alum into food, and especially food for children.

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