

Illinois Visitor Loses \$600 to Confidence Man

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—John Henry Steude, 39 years old, of Glen Carbon, Ill., is glad he had only \$400 and two \$100 Liberty bonds in the bank when he started out to convince a skeptical stranger that he was honest. As it was he lost only the \$400 and the two Liberty bonds.

He lost the money and bonds, but he has the satisfaction of believing that he convinced the other man of his honesty. Also, he knows more than he did. And, also, he has a three-ounce bottle of what appears to be aromatic spirits of ammonia, for which he has no earthly use.

It started when Steude, who had come to St. Louis to see the sights of a great city at Christmas time, was seeing a few at Broadway and Washington avenue Sunday afternoon. Along came a genial stranger, who noticed that Steude was out to see things, and offered to show him some that he might overlook.

He said his name was Schmidt, and after awhile remarked that out on Westminster place was Rosa Mueller, with \$3,000 and a great desire to get married. "She won't have me," he explained. "You see, I'm related to her in a way. But I think she would like you. I'll take you out to see her some day."

Went to See Rosa.

Steude was willing and they arranged to meet at the same place Wednesday at 1 p. m. They met and went out to Westminster place. In front of a house Schmidt told Steude to wait and he would go in and see if Rosa was dressed for company. He went in the side way. When he came back he said Rosa was out. They would walk around and come back.

They walked a few blocks and met a third man. Schmidt was glad to see him. Steude should have seen, by the familiar thickening of the plot, that he was up against a very old confidence game, but somehow he didn't.

The third man said he was looking for a priest to distribute an estate which his rich uncle had left. He wanted an honest man for the job.

Plenty of Honest Men.

Schmidt said there were plenty of honest men in St. Louis. Himself, for instance. His friend was dubious. "How do I know you are?" he asked. "I'll get my roll and show you I'm honest," said Schmidt. He went away and returned with a large roll and offered to let his friend keep it.

He nudged Steude. "Show him you're honest, too," he said. Steude said he did not have any money with him, but he had some in the bank. He was told to get it and meet the other two at the Statler the next day. Steude, who is visiting at the home of his uncle, William Steude, 3—North Fourteenth street, went to the Breman bank and drew out his \$400 and his two Liberty bonds, and was on hand next day. Schmidt was standing in front of the hotel. He went in and brought the other out. The third man walked unsteadily, and said he was sick. He thought a little walk in the fresh air would do him good.

They walked a block and a half, and the third man collapsed. He had to have some pills. Schmidt offered to go for them. The other was afraid that he wouldn't come back, and Schmidt reassured him by leaving his roll with him. The pills that he brought were the wrong kind. Maybe Steude would go. "Sure," said Steude. He was told to bring a liquid. "If I only knew that you would come back," said the sick man. "Here's my roll, I'll show you I'm honest, too," said Steude.

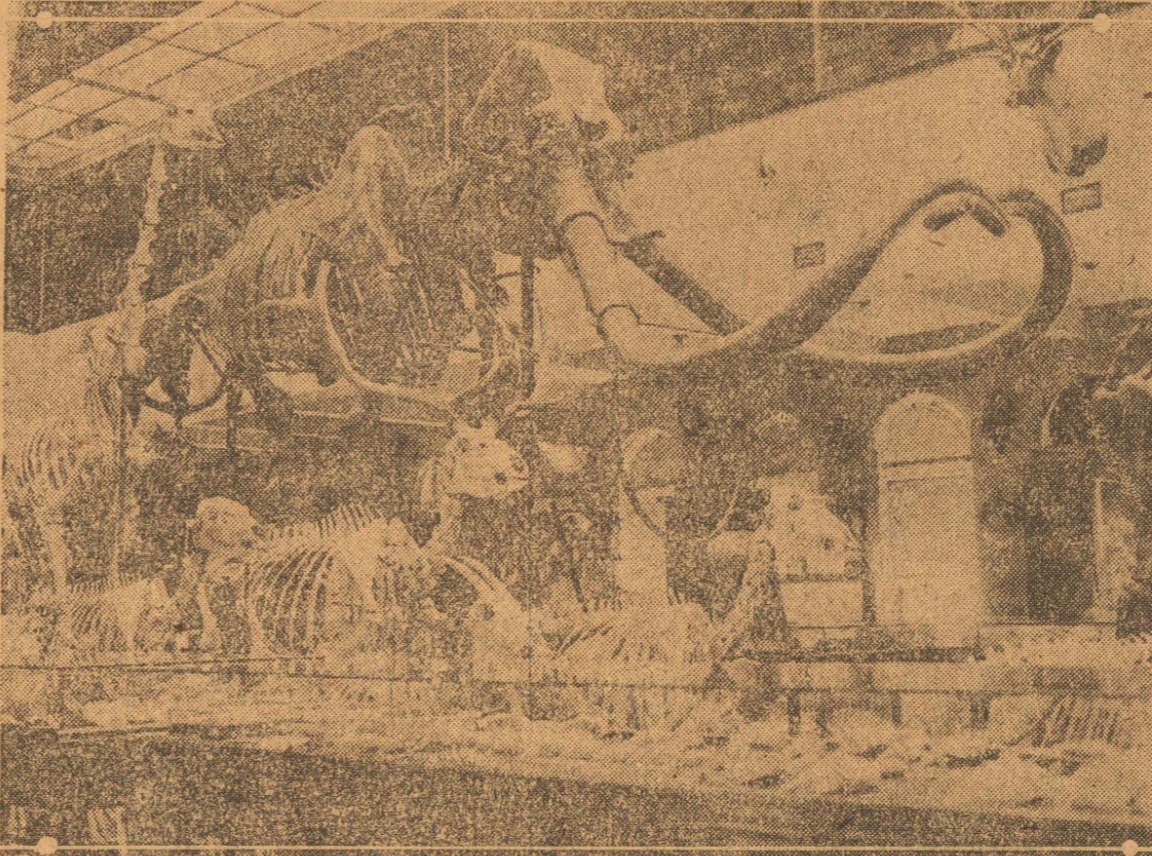
He went to the drug store and told the clerk his friend's symptoms and the clerk fixed up the three-ounce bottle of ammonia. When he returned the sick man had recovered and disappeared, and so had Schmidt. Yesterday Steude told the police.

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SHE SHINES SHOES—Many girls took up this occupation when men were needed in the war, and a large number still hold to the work, which they find remunerative, though a bit dirty. But she cares little how dirty her hands may get. It's the tips and salary that encourage her.



AN IMPERIAL ELEPHANT—The big skeleton is that of Tiny Tim, imperial elephant in the Pleistocene epoch. He strolled about west of the Mississippi southward from Nebraska to the City of Mexico. Yes, children, 'twas quite a time ago. Its remains are now on exhibition in a museum in Los Angeles.



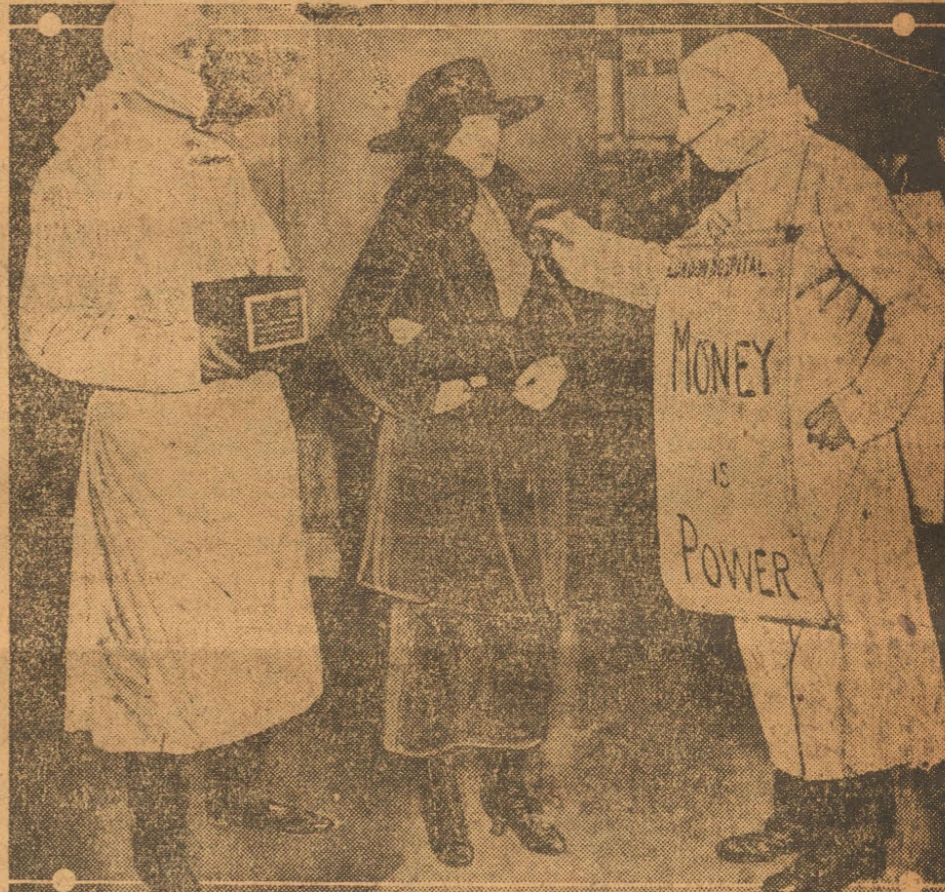
MUCH DECORATED MARINE—Private John Kelly recently was awarded the Navy Medal of Honor, the most coveted decoration of that branch of the service. It was his seventh war decoration. He is said to be the handsomest and youngest and the most decorated hero of the World War.



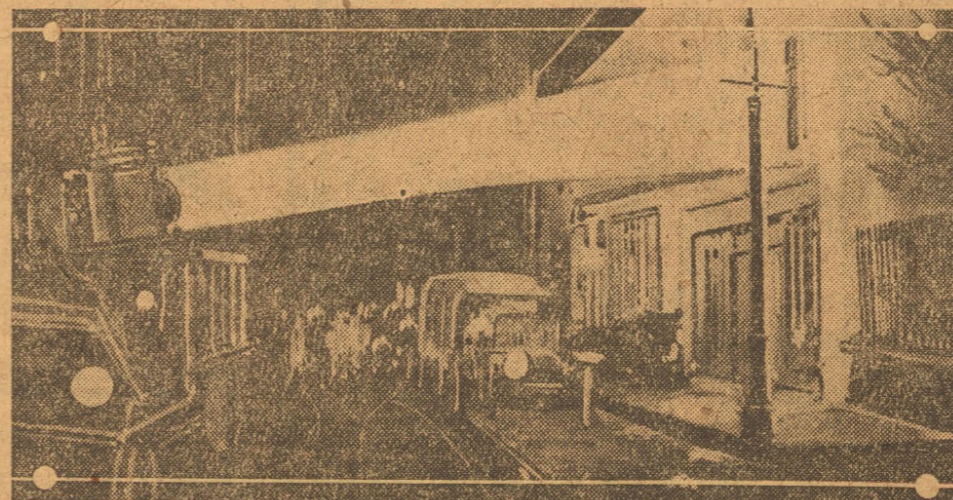
CHICAGO GIRLS TAKE UP BOXING—Look out boys! When you go to Chicago take care of your eyes and be mighty careful where they wander, because during the recent crime wave in the Windy City a number of young women formed an organization to learn the art of self-protection. Under expert instructors they are rapidly acquiring skill. The photograph shows two members of the organization displaying their prowess in handling out upper cuts, jabs and left hooks.



HOW THEY'RE MADE—Indian blanket in the process of becoming the prized possession of some household in the United States. The making of these rugs is very tedious work, but the price demanded for them make up for the labor. This exhibit was at the Rowanda County Fair in California. A real squaw is hiding behind the blanket.



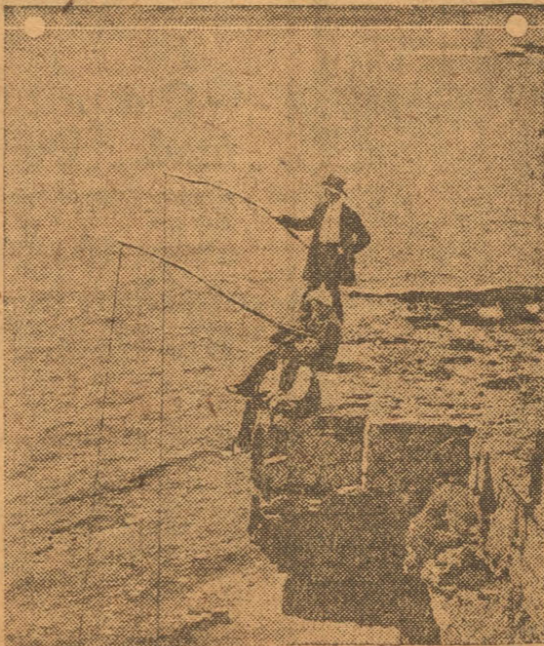
MEDICAL STUDENTS ON MONEY RAID—Several hundred of them, dressed in their white "overalls" and armed with medical and surgical appliances, visited the West End theatre district of London recently and persuaded men and women going into the theatres to part with money for the benefit of the London Hospital. The photograph shows a student examining a "prospective client."



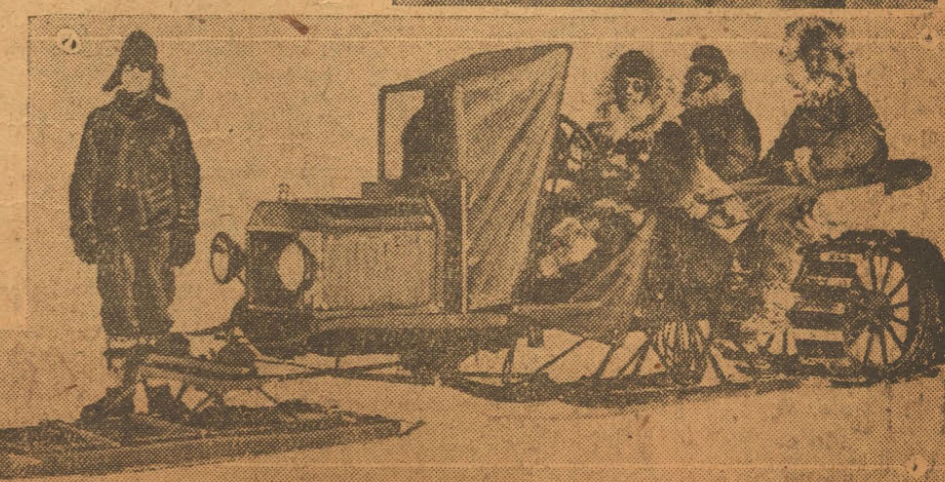
NIGHT RAID IN DUBLIN—Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary Auxiliary Corps are shown here in a descent on a Dublin house, where they hope to find evidence of plots by Sinn Feiners against the British Government in the revolt of Irish against British rule. A huge searchlight plays on the front of the building while the raiders make their search.



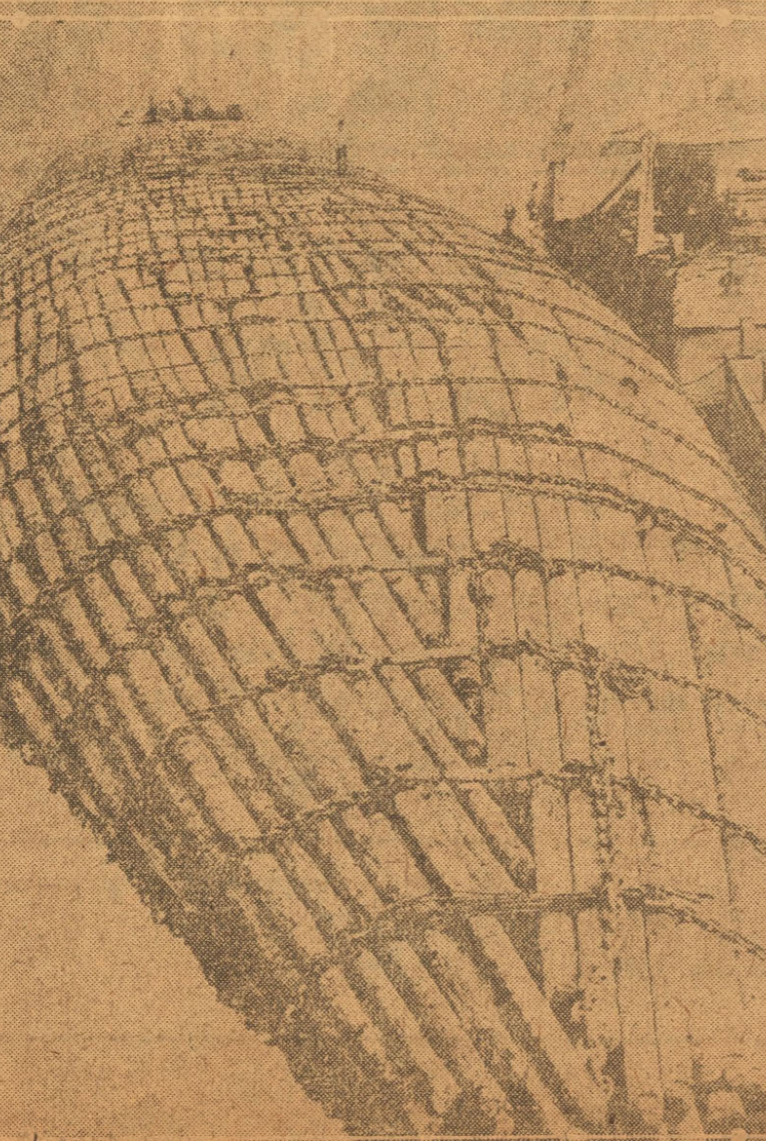
SPiral PUTTEES—Society girls of Wheeling, W. Va., are selling a pace for Dame Fashion. Bare legs, painted legs, gauzy nothings and other freak "leg wear" have all been taken up by American girls. Wheeling buds have instituted a new "leg-gear" in the "spiral puttees." They are the same as those worn by the soldiers during the war. They come in all colors and keep the limbs warm.



DANGEROUS PASTIME—And you can say it over again. Fishing for pollack from a ridge eighty feet above ten fathoms of water. Look out! Don't fall! Scene on the cliffs at Inishmore, Aran Islands. They are what you might call real high-minded fishermen.



JOY-RIDING IN FROZEN ALASKA—An ingenious resident of Nome, Alaska, built this auto-sled for pleasure riding over the frozen country. An automobile furnished much of the equipment, including the motor, and now he is envied by all his neighbors, for it is the only joy-riding vehicle in that vicinity. It is built something on the style of a tractor, but travels much faster.



PAGE MARK TWAIN—Wouldn't Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn have had a great time taking a cruise down the river on a raft of logs like the above. The illustration shows one of the huge log rafts that are still very common in Oregon, where the lumber industry still thrives. Lumbermen who witnessed the making of this raft say it was one of the largest they ever saw launched.



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