

# AND THE TULSA YOUTH IS DEAD

## Officers Seek Pair Who Blew Safe Here Early Sunday

### THREE PLACES ENTERED; ONLY \$29.23 IS TAKEN

Barstow, Odessa Are Visited Earlier By Burglars

Officers here were following up meager clues Sunday and Monday in an effort to apprehend robbers who blew the safe of Higginbotham-Bartlett company's lumber yard and attempted to rob two other concerns Saturday night or early Sunday.

Le Bradshaw, manager of the lumber yard, found the safe badly blown and a loss of \$29.23 in cash, upon visiting the office yesterday morning. He could not tell whether dynamite or nitroglycerin was used but said the safe door was the worst damaged he or the investigating officers ever had seen.

A broken window was the only other damage resulting from the blast. The robbers gained entrance by prying the front door from the sashes.

The Texas company sales warehouse was entered but the thieves found no money. However the stock checked up two cases of lubricating oil short.

Attempting to blow the safe at the Midland Feed store, operated by J. M. Flanagan, the robbers evidently saw the approach of Perry Wyrick, night watchman, and fled before their shot could be placed. Wyrick saw two men running from the place but was unable to overtake them before they were lost in the darkness. Flanagan found a short piece of a dynamite fuse near his safe. Desk drawers and papers were scattered about the office.

Reports here this morning said similar jobs had been attempted or done at Barstow Thursday night and at Odessa Friday night. Officers throughout this section were on the lookout for the burglars.

### WACO SLAYING CASE RESULTS IN DEATH PENALTY

WACO, Dec. 17. (AP)—Joe Bailey, 25, of Hubbard, Texas, was convicted of murder and assessed the death penalty Sunday for the slaying of James Malcolm Stewart Jr. of Katy, Nov. 17, in a case of violent crime that included five kidnappings.

Roy Curry, 26, also of Hubbard, charged with having participated in the killing and abductions, is yet to be tried.

The state charged that Stewart was slain in resisting a holdup. This was vigorously denied.

The case, on retrial after a hung jury the first time it came up, went to the jury in district court Saturday night. The death verdict was returned at 3:15 p. m. Sunday.

Stewart was seized, investigating officers said, by two men who took him out of town in his own automobile. Later he was found shot to death a mile out of Waco, still in the car.

### DILLINGER GANG MEMBER CAPTURED

CHICAGO, Dec. 17. (AP)—Postal Inspector Walter Johnson said today he was "quite certain" Joseph Burns, captured outlaw of the Dillinger gang, was involved in the \$427,000 armored car robbery in Brooklyn, N. Y., last August.

In Chicago, Burns was announced today that Burns would be turned over to Indiana authorities.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17. (AP)—Joseph Burns, one of the last of John Dillinger's followers, was captured in his South Side rendezvous Sunday and linked with a telltale slip of paper with the \$427,000 armored car robbery in Brooklyn last August, Chicago police announced.

Burns was one of the 10 outlaws who blasted their way out of the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City in September 1933, with automatic pistols slipped in to them by Dillinger.

He was the eighth of those 10 to be recaptured or killed.

In his apartment on West Sixty-ninth street, where Burns' sister was nabbed with him, postal inspectors and "Dillinger squad" policemen seized two sub-machine guns which were identified as part of the armament stolen from the Warsaw, Ind., police station in a daring raid perpetrated witnesses asserted by John Dillinger himself and his sharpshooting aid, John Hamilton.

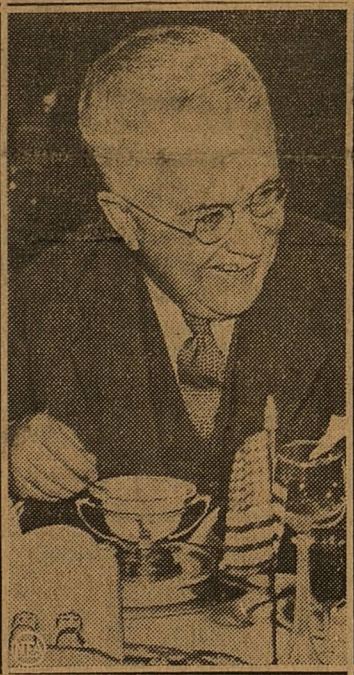
### RUMOR CHINA MAY DEVALUATE DOLLAR

SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 17. (AP)—Widespread rumors that China will devalue the standard silver dollar 25 per cent caused a drastic slump in the local currency on the market today.

### Widow on Trial



Mrs. Mary Irene Buccolo (above) went on trial in Washington, D. C., in one of the capital's infrequent notable murder cases. She is charged with having killed her husband, Randolph Buccolo, in a jealous rage after discovering his affection for a young candy store clerk.



Dr. Allan Dafeo found seeing America even more hectic than bringing the famous quintuplets into the world—but he never lost his good nature. Here he grins at some quip during a luncheon in his honor in Washington, D. C., where he met President Roosevelt.



The disappearance of Mrs. Leah Gatska Durant (above), merry 34-year-old widow, native of Johnston, Pa., created New York's newest night life mystery. Wearing a \$5,000 mink coat and gems worth \$6,000, she left her apartment to go to Greenwich Village at 2 in the morning. Although police searched for her secretly for several days, no trace of her whereabouts could be found. She was well known in gay night resorts.

### THE FORECAST

WEST TEXAS: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; slightly colder in extreme southeast portion tonight.

### FUNERAL FOR JUDGE E. R. BRYAN, FORMER BANKER AND ATTORNEY HERE, AT MINERAL WELLS THIS AFTERNOON

Judge Ed R. Bryan, 72, one of Texas' most prominent Masons, former attorney, banker and cattleman of Midland, died Sunday at his home in Mineral Wells. Blood poisoning which developed from a carbuncle was the cause of his death which came after a brief illness. Mrs. M. A. Ulmer, sister of Mrs. E. R. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ulmer and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ulmer are at Mineral Wells today for the funeral services which were set for 4 o'clock.

A group of Masons, including Roy McKee, David M. Ellis, R. B. Cowdin and Judge Chas. L. Klapproth of Midland, and Ray V. Hyatt of Colorado, left this morning for the funeral.

Judge Bryan came to this section in 1887, living here until 1927 when he moved to Mineral Wells. He had been cashier of the First National bank here, district judge and representative of this legislative district.

Judge Bryan was grand master of the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1926. He had been a member of the board of directors of the Home for Aged Masons at Arlington since 1913 and had been president of the board since 1917. He also was a director of the Masonic Service Association.

The aged Mason was born at Caldwell, Burleson County, in 1862 and moved to Missouri in 1889. He returned to Odessa in 1880 and moved to Midland seven years later, where he practiced law many years before moving to Mineral Wells in 1927.

He was a member of the legislature during Governor Ferguson's term and was chosen by the House to prosecute the impeachment charges against the Bell county politician. He also served as district judge here.

Judge Bryan, who described himself as "a Democrat without a brass collar," was cashier and director of the First National bank of Midland many years and later was an active member of the Palo Verde county bar and a leader in church and civic affairs.

His Masonic honors also included a term as grand high priest, grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons in 1909 and as grand master of the grand council in 1915. He was made a 33 degree honorand inspector general of the Scottish Rite in 1915.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church, Mineral Wells, at 4 o'clock. Surviving are his wife, one daughter, Miss Lillian Bryan of Mineral Wells, and two brothers, George C. Bryan of Odessa and L. J. Bryan of Fort Morgan, Colo.

### TEN BILLION TO NIP DEPRESSIONS AT OUTSET URGED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (AP)—A ten billion dollar federal public works fund to battle future depressions at the outset was recommended to President Roosevelt by the national resources board today.

The board said there are many useful projects on which \$150,000,000,000 might be spent to advantage in the next twenty or thirty years.

Conservation of oil resources was urged by the board which said substitutes for oil will be available when it is exhausted but at prices that would handicap national economy. Unitary development in oil fields in the future was recommended.

### PLAN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROJECT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (AP)—President Roosevelt's committee on economic security will receive recommendations from its advisory council this week suggesting a federal-state unemployment insurance system financed by a three per cent payroll tax. Under the plan, the employees would contribute nothing, on the theory that the employers pass on the tax to the consumer and the employees pay their share as consumers.

### MIDLAND HIGH IS ON SOUTHERN LIST

Official notice from the Southern Association of high schools and colleges has been received by local school authorities, stating that the association, in its annual meeting at Atlanta, Ga., last week "voted without reservation to retain the Midland high school on the 'accredited' list, the association for one more year," it being the practice of the association to review member schools annually and to issue membership certificates by year.

An unofficial report to the Midland superintendent from the chairman of the Texas committee, states that the Texas high schools were dropped from the list this year, and that forty other Texas high schools were "warned." The names of these forty schools will appear in the Texas bulletin on affiliated high schools during the current year.

Low salaries, lack of library facilities and equipment, and too heavy teaching load for high school teachers, it was stated, were among the reasons given as grounds for "warning." High school authorities are usually "warned" before the school is dropped from the list, and are given one year of grace to meet standard requirements.

It is worthy of mention that the Midland high school has never lost any affiliation, has never failed to secure credit when applied for, and holds the maximum affiliation in every subject taught.

### Freighter Labors As Tanks Leaking

SEATTLE, Dec. 17. (AP)—The lumber carrier Cape Henry, with forty men aboard, was limping slowly to Seattle today after an exciting night at sea.

An SOS sent said that the cargo had shifted, the ship was listing badly, and the ballast tanks were leaking.

Ben Hedges, who has spent several months at a CCC camp at Tucson, Ariz., is here for a visit with his mother.

RULING PROMISED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (AP)—An immediate ruling on the constitutionality of the railroad retirement act was promised by the supreme court today.

Ft. Worth Woman Killed in Crash

HARLINGEN, Dec. 17. (AP)—Mrs. Beryl Coleman, 24, of Fort Worth was killed when three automobiles crashed west of here about midnight. Two others were injured.

Legislative Session Expected to Be Controversial; Conflicts Carried Over

BY CHARLES E. SIMONS

AUSTIN, Dec. 17. (AP)—That the regular session of the Texas legislature, which will convene Jan. 8, will be filled with controversy, is indicated in pre-session discussion and confirmed by a perusal of the list of topics that will be considered.

The house session will be started with a contest, the reverberations of which will be felt throughout the session. On the first day members will choose between Coker Stevenson of Junction and Rep. Robert W. Calvert of Hillsboro for speaker.

The campaign for this office has been hot and bitter, and will have scars long in healing. It will have an effect on the course of legislation and the type of laws that will be enacted since the speakership is one of the most powerful offices in the state, second only to that of the governor.

The enemies that marked the campaign between Stevenson and Rep. A. P. Johnson of Carrizo Springs for speaker of the 43rd legislature never quite died out although the bitterness was lessened to some degree by Stevenson's overtures to his opposition. The Ferguson influence was a dominant factor in bringing Stevenson's first campaign for the speakership to a successful conclusion and it will be felt, to a lesser degree, in the current fight.

Ferguson recently said he favored re-election of Stevenson as speaker. Ferguson's power is on the wane, however, and Stevenson will be forced to depend on his own resources for the most part.

Governor-elect James V. Alfred, apprehensive that election of a speaker whose views might be contrary to his own would be detrimental to his legislative program, is expected to throw the full force of his administration behind Calvert. It is known that Calvert's ideals on legislation dovetail into Alfred's program.

Should Calvert be elected, Alfred would be assured of sympathetic cooperation from the house leader.

### Slayer, Detective and House of Murder



Detective William King (left above) climaxed his career on the New York police force in solving the mystery of Grace Budd's disappearance with the arrest of Albert H. Fish (right above), 65 years old, who confessed that he deliberately murdered the girl the day he abducted her in 1928. King traced writing on a telegram blank that provided the clue to Fish's arrest after six years, a feat for which the detective delayed his retirement three years. This old house (right) in a remote section of Westchester County, New York, where he took her on the pretext of going to a party, was the scene of the murder, Fish said.

### ATTORNEYS FOR KIDNAPERS OF URSHEL BILLED

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 17. (AP)—Ben B. Laska of Denver and James C. Mathers of Oklahoma City, attorneys who defended the accused kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel, were indicted here today by a grand jury.

It was charged that the two attorneys accepted \$8,000 of the \$200,000 ransom paid in 1933 for release of the millionaire from the Harvey Bailey gang.

### Drizzling Rains Fall Over State

Intermittent drizzling rain began here today after cloudiness which had prevailed the latter part of last week. The territory to the east was reported to have had light drizzling rain yesterday.

Low-hanging clouds and a fine mist of rain caused most of the airlines to cancel out their late scheduled last night or hold planes up until the weather cleared.

Sto heavy rain was reported. At Fort Worth the Missouri-Kansas-Texas reported light drizzle from Denison south to Waco and from Denison west to Wichita Falls.

Southern Pacific reported similar light rain all along its line. Texas and Pacific reported intermittent shower from Fort Worth as far west as Ranger.

### WHEN NUMBER 22 MENTIONED, GANG LEADERS THINK OF MELVIN PURVIS, AGENT WHO HUNTS DOWN "BIG ONES"

BY EVERETT HOLLES

United Press Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO (AP)—Every time the number 22 of the month rolls around, Melvin H. Purvis, soft-spoken young chief of the Department of Justice forces here, wonders what's going to happen.

For Number 22 is an ominous one for this shy Southerner who hunted down the most murderous outlaws of the times—John Dillinger, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and George (Baby Face) Nelson.

Last April 22 his men ambushed Dillinger and four companions at Little Bohemia, a resort in the Wisconsin north woods. The outlaws shot their way out, killing Federal Agent W. Carter Baum.

Killed Dillinger

On July 22 Purvis and a detail of men shot Dillinger to death in an alley on Chicago's near North Side.

He led a group of his men into Ohio on Oct. 22 when a rain of bullets from the officers' guns ended the bloody career of Pretty Boy Floyd.

On Nov. 22 he received his first definite information as to the Wisconsin hideout of Nelson. Five days later two of his men engaged the little machine-gunner in a fight at Barrington, Ill. The federal agents were killed, but not before they had fatally wounded Nelson.

Purvis Superstitious

Purvis, with a grin of embarrassment, admits he's superstitious. He hates black cats and the tales of superstitions that abound in his native South Carolina hills are fresh in his memory.

A man of silence—when he talks it's in a mellow, Southern drawl—Purvis cringes from publicity.

"To be in the limelight ruins people," he told a group of newspaper men seeking an interview recently.

Some of his reticence probably can be attributed to the stringent code of silence of the Department of Justice. The quiet manner in which he operates was exemplified when, on Dec. 4, it was revealed that the widow of Baby Face Nelson had been his captive since Thanksgiving Day, for six days.

Tore Up Offer

Recently the maker of a nationally advertised nerve sedative offered him a large sum for a testimonial. He tore up the letter and tossed it into the waste basket.

Persons who have heard of Purvis' exploits are surprised when they walk into his office in a "Loopy" office building. He's not brawny; he doesn't have hands like hams and he doesn't scowl.

Melvin Horace Purvis is a slim youth of 31 who weighs 127 pounds and looks distinctly pale. His hands might be called delicate.

He represents to the highest degree the new type of detective which the federal government has found so effective since it went into the crime-chasing business in a big way—a college trained man, grounded in law and one who depends upon brains more than brawn.

Straight Shooters

But if the occasion demands these "new era" detectives can shoot straight and hard. They've shown that, with a resultant shortening of the Public Enemy list tacked to the wall in every police station across the nation.

Purvis himself is an expert marksman. He used to shoot squirrels as a lad around his home in Timmonsville, S. C. Now he collects firearms as a hobby, his prize being an old-time Texas ranger revolver. He didn't keep Dillinger's gun, or Pretty Boy Floyd's. The Department of Justice has them.

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### POLICE BELIEVE "SOCIETY GANG" IS RESPONSIBLE

Youth's Body Found In Ditch Near Tulsa Today

TULSA, Dec. 17. (AP)—The body of a well dressed man, about 18, was found face down in the water in a ditch northeast of Tulsa today.

Authorities were checking information that youths were terrorized last week by the death of Sidney Born Jr., who had given information on the "society gang" investigation growing out of the fatal shooting of John Gorrell, dental college student.

### KENAMER BOUND TO DISTRICT COURT

TULSA, Dec. 17. (AP)—Phillip Kenamer was bound over today for district court trial on charges of murdering John Gorrell, youthful dental college student.

### SALES TAX WON'T RELIEVE BURDEN, SAYS S. HUGHES

AUSTIN, Dec. 17. (AP)—Opposition to the sales tax was voiced before the senate tax research committee today by Rep. Sarah Hughes of Dallas.

She said persons who figure to pay less tax under the sales tax system are in error. The sales tax, would take the place of only a small part of the tax burden.

Senator T. J. Holbrook of Galveston suggested a state board to pass on the ability of counties to issue future bonds.

### MUSSOLINI WON'T SUBMIT DISPUTE

ROME, Dec. 17. (AP)—Mussolini today presented the League of Nations with a new troublesome problem by refusing to submit a dispute with Abyssinia over the frontier of Italian Somaliland to League arbitration. He insisted that Abyssinia pay reparations at once.

### Marksman Tough; Legion Is Loser

Marksman are getting so good that the American Legion shooting range operated at a loss Sunday.

Jack Wilson opened a barrage by killing a turkey his first shot Saturday afternoon.

Then on Sunday Jess Woody got two turkeys out of four shots, using first his right hand and then his left, with a pistol.

C. C. Wilson and E. F. Adams got a turkey each on the third shot. E. V. Evans got one with a pistol and B. H. Spaw killed one.

Woody wants to bring a three-man team here next Sunday to contest a Midland team of the same number. W. V. Bennett, legion commander said today.

High score cards have arrived for target shooting and a prize of one turkey will be given the high scorer for each day if eight have competed. If less than that number, the prize will be \$1.00 cash, Bennett said.

The legion committee announced this morning that they will not make good bruises on turkeys killed. They buy the birds sound but if bruises are sustained in the coops or at the range the killer gets them "as they are."

### FLAPPER FANNY SAYS:



After a hard snow, boys make the snow hard.



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THE BIG ISSUE AT WASHINGTON

Broadly speaking, three possible approaches to the next phase of recovery now are under debate in Washington. They are:

1. A new program of government spending, so directed as to give the maximum stimulus to private business.
2. Contraction of government spending to the lowest possible point, with a correspondingly larger reliance on private business to go it alone.
3. Inflation.

The proponents of these various methods are aiming, in general, at exactly the same goal. They agree almost unanimously that two things are needed—revival of production in the basic industries, and a higher velocity in the circulation of money.

A reopening of mills and factories, it is felt, would relieve unemployment, while a more rapid turnover of currency—more buying and selling—would accelerate generally the life-stream of economic activity.

The argument is over the method, not the end.

Only the first two of these possibilities appear to be taken seriously within the administration. Agitation for the third—inflation—centers for the time being, at least, in Congress.

If more and cheaper dollars were put into circulation, argue the congressional inflationists, buying and selling would increase automatically, production would be pulled out of the doldrums, and unemployment would disappear.

Administration economists say it wouldn't work that way. They insist that, instead, most of the new money simply would pile up in hoarded surpluses.

So inflation stays more or less in the background. One of the other methods will be tried first. If it fails, congressional pressure for inflation may become irresistible.

Those who favor a new spending campaign on the part of the government itself base their case on a ground slightly different from that upon which such spending has rested in the past.

They concede that heretofore too much money has gone either into direct relief, where it merely kept people alive but did not stimulate buying, or into enterprises which may actually have hampered business by competing with it.

The new idea is to take the relief money—which, it is argued, must be spent anyway—and put people to work on permanent construction projects. That would mean, presumably, that they would have enough to do some spending, while at the same time the heavy industries would be revived by the increased demand for construction materials.

What this would amount to, in short, would be an expanded application of the public works theory of depression relief.

The other school of thought replies that large-scale government spending simply is defeating its own purpose by keeping private business hesitant and worried about the budget and future taxation.

It is argued that, relieved of those worries, business would step out, bottle-up reserves would be released, buying and selling would revive, and production would increase to meet the demand.

That, it is added, would mean a real, rather than an artificial, business boom.

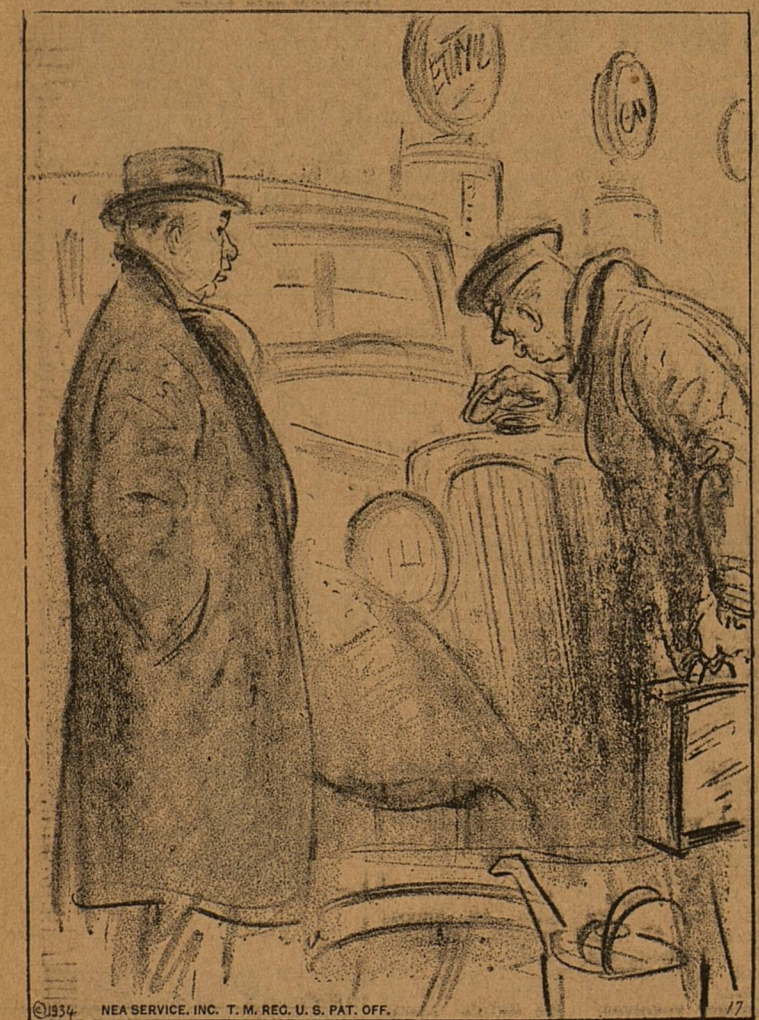
In the end, the debate narrows down largely to a direct question of fact: Is private business now willing and able to take over the bulk of the recovery burden?

That is what Mr. Roosevelt and his advisers, in their recent conferences, have been trying to find out.

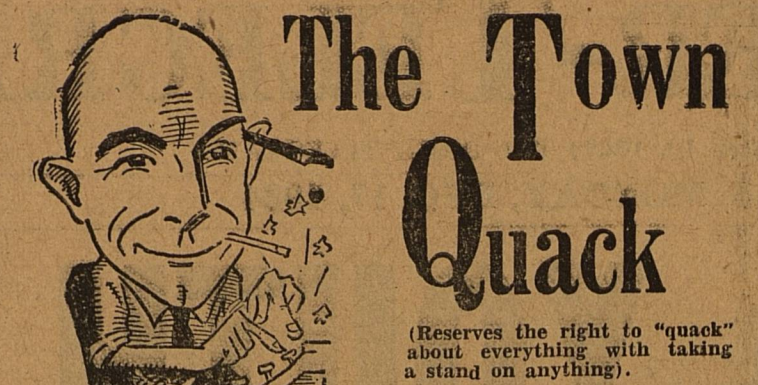
Norma Talmadge says she's too busy being married to stay in films. That's funny, because so many others are too busy acting in films to stay married.

New York State Liquor Commissioner says gin parties have died out. Of course, since scotch and rye have become legal.

Side Glances . . . . . by Clark



"Probably won't need much. I never got around to draining last year's alcohol."



The Town Quack

(Reserves the right to "quack" about everything with taking a stand on anything.)

concern of the burglar for the health of his victim. He climbed to the porch roof to find the window down and locked.

"An idea of sleepin' wit' his window shut; I gotta mind to write the board of health," he mumbled to himself.

An old, old story that someone has sent in:

A man in a law suit was called away just as the case went to the jury. He asked his lawyer to wire him the next morning.

"Right has triumphed," the lawyer wired him.

"Appeal immediately," the man wired back.

Someone has sent this in:

You cannot go to the store my son.

The rain has changed to snow. The weather ain't fit for a dog. I'll have your father go.

Another sent in:

"I'm just past 80 but give me a bottle of Sloan's Liniment and a drink of gin and I am just as good a man as I ever was."

His concern for me is like the

"Merry Widow"

Stars Dance in Mirthful Movie

"The Gay Bride"

Is Smart Satire On Racketeers

Gay Viennese music, continental joyousness, Parisian revels and charming old world romance blend with massive spectacle and glamorous locales in "The Merry Widow," Ernst Lubitsch's production of the Franz Lehár masterpiece, which ends a two day run at the Yucca Theatre today.

Reuniting the triumvirate of Lubitsch, Maurice Chevalier, and Jeanette MacDonald, the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture is staged on a spectacular scale, its whimsical comedy, gay humor and charming romance being backgrounded by gorgeous settings and hundreds of beautifully costumed players. The world-beating picture is presented on a scale never possible on the stage. The picture is in every way what might be termed a super-production.

The last laugh on America's racketeers provides rib-tickling comedy in "The Gay Bride," fastest moving farce of the year recently completed by the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios with Carole Lombard and Chester Morris featured. It opened Sunday at the Ritz Theatre.

Carole Lombard gives sparkle and zest to her role as Blondie Mary, who knows from whence the gold can be dug. Chester Morris, as an ambitious young man who attends to clerical duties in a racketeer's "hangout" while saving money to set up a garage, is a powerful male lead.

Other notable in the supporting cast are Zasu Pitts, Leo Carillo and Nat Pendleton.

SHERIFF'S SALE No. 2108-B

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, on the 26th day of November, 1934, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred and 49/100 (\$2,999.49)—Dollars and cents of suit, under a judgment, in favor of the Abilene Building & Loan Association, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 2108-B and styled Abilene Building & Loan Association, a corporation, vs. Clint E. Vaughan and T. D. Kimbrough, placed in my hands for service, I, A. C. Francis, as Sheriff of Midland County, Texas, did on the 26th day of November, 1934, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Midland County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lot No. 11, in Block No. 3, Country Club Heights, an addition to the town of Midland, Midland County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Clint E. Vaughan, T. D. Kimbrough, J. O. Garlington and Fred Flournoy, and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1935, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the Court House door, of Midland County, in the City of Midland, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Clint E. Vaughan, T. D. Kimbrough, J. O. Garlington and Fred Flournoy.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Midland Reporter-Telegram, a newspaper published in Midland County.

Witness my hand, this 15th day of November, 1934.

A. C. FRANCIS, Sheriff, Midland County, Texas.

By Fisher Pollard, Deputy. Dec. 10-17-34.

SHERIFF'S SALE No. 2655

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Midland County, on the 15th day of November, 1934, by Nettie C. Homer, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of Five Hundred Six and No/100—(\$506.00)—Dollars and cents of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Magnolia Petroleum Company in a certain cause in said Court, No. 2655 and styled Magnolia Petroleum Company vs. H. B. Dunagan, placed in my hands for service, I, A. C. Francis, as Sheriff of Midland County, Texas, did, on the 15th day of November, 1934, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Midland County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, in Block 90 of the Original Town of Midland, Midland County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of H. B. Dunagan and Mary Jane Dunagan and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1935, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the Court House door, of Midland County, in the City of Midland, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said H. B. Dunagan and Mary Jane Dunagan.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Midland Reporter-Telegram, a newspaper published in Midland County.

Witness my hand, this 15th day of November, 1934.

A. C. FRANCIS, Sheriff, Midland County, Texas.

By Fisher Pollard, Deputy. Dec. 10-17-34.

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Russian peasant children dress as animals and dance on Christmas day

7 shopping days to Christmas

RUSSIA

In Russia under the Czars one had to go to the provinces to see a genuine Russian Christmas party of the old style. In some districts peasant boys dressed themselves as animals and knocked at the doors of the houses. It was etiquette to express great fear at their terrible appearance. Then they were invited in, the host expressing his relief at the gentle manner of these bloodthirsty beasts. The boys danced and sang and were given pennies and cakes.

Personal

Mrs. John E. Adams is ill at her home, 909-A W. College, with an attack of the influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Millholland of Stanton were in town this morning.

Miss Drotha Johnson visited friends in Odessa Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ode Hazlewood of Marlin county were in Midland Sunday.

Dr. O. W. Orson visited relatives here over the weekend. He is working for the government out of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hodges of Crane visited friends here over the week end.

A. B. Coleman and family visited Mrs. Mary S. Ray here Sunday.

Unique Christmas Display at Wadleys

One of the most unique Christmas window displays seen here in years is now being shown at Wadley's Department store.

A mountain village depicting real winter, with lighted houses, and an electric train look realistic. Children and adults will be treated to an electrical display in this window tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

The display was made possible through the courtesy of the Fred S. Wrights, and Sam Ashley in conjunction with Wadley's.

Got His Elk Without Shooting

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FEMININE FANCIES

BY KATHLEEN EILAND

Miss Roberts Is Hostess To Anti Club

Entertaining with two tables of bridge, Miss Maedee Roberts was hostess Thursday night to the Anti Club.

Miss Thalia Howell won high score and Mrs. Olin Fryar low score in bridge games.

Guests for the evening were: Misses Lois McWilliams and Josephine Sken and Mrs. Bill Bauer.

Club members present were: Misses Margaret Bivens, Lucille McMullan, Thalia Howell, and the hostess; Mmes. John B. Mills and Olin Fryar.

Announcements

Tuesday

The World Friendship club will hold a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Pittman, 511 N. Marlenfeld, Tuesday night at 7:30.

Wednesday

The Mothers Self Culture club will meet with Mrs. Fred Thier for a Christmas program Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Play Readers club will meet with Mrs. Wade Heath, 213 S. Big Spring, Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. Mrs. Bryan Henderson will read "The Distaff Side."

The Wednesday club will meet with Mrs. Jno. P. Butler, 308 S. Marlenfeld, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Thursday

The Friendly Builders Bible class of the Methodist church will hold a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Iva M. Noyes Thursday evening at 7:30.

The Robyn club of the Watson schools of music will meet with Lois Guffy, 916 W. Missouri, as hostess Thursday afternoon at 3:30.

The Naomi class, through the membership courtesy of Mrs. W. P. Knight, will entertain with a Christmas party at the country club Thursday evening at 7:30.

The Evangels class of the Baptist church will entertain with a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Winston Borum, Thursday evening at 7:30.

Friday

The Belmont Bible class will hold a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. T. O. Midkiff, 1002 S. Marlenfeld, at 3:30 Friday afternoon. The group headed by Mrs. A. E. Stuckney will be hostesses.

The 1928 club will meet with Mrs. Joe Crump for a Christmas party Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The Eastern Star will be entertained with a Christmas buffet supper and party at the home of Mrs. H. E. Baves, 106 W. Kansas, Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

The Loyal Workers BYPU will be entertained with a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Brock, 1310 S. Main Friday evening at 7:45.

Saturday

A program will be given in the children's room of the county library Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Representatives from the different schools throughout the county will take part.

Life in the time of Abraham has been brought to light through excavations at Ur, Mesopotamia, carried on by the British Museum and the University of Pennsylvania.

Midland CIA Girls Home for Holidays

DENTON.—With the approach of the holiday season, three Midland girls attending Texas State College for Women (CIA) will begin the year trek homeward when classes close Dec. 20 in celebration of Christmas.

Additions in the younger set to participate in holiday festivities include Misses Kathleen Scruggs, Walter Cowden, Olga Trammell, who plan to spend the Christmas season in Midland. The holidays continue through Jan. 1.

Christmas Music Special Number on Naomi Program

Special Christmas music in the form of a "Medley of Songs" was a feature of the program for the Naomi meeting Sunday.

The medley was directed by Mrs. A. P. Baker. Miss Lydia G. Watson was accompanist. Those taking part were: Mmes. J. M. White, J. S. Schow, Don Quarles, W. B. Chapman, R. T. McAden, Butler Hurley, Fletcher Currie, Misses Drotha Johnson, Hester Williams, Mamie Bell McKee, Lottie Esies.

The lesson reading was given by Miss Alice Powell and the devotional for the day by Miss Lois McWilliams.

Mrs. O. H. Lamar played the offertory. The lesson was taught by Mrs. J. M. White.

Miss Myrtle Miller dismissed the class at the end of the hour.

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### Bicycle Used to Smuggle Liquor

EL PASO (UP)—Liquor smugglers' latest vehicle for bringing contraband across the now dry Rio Grande has been 100 per cent successful—so far.

Watching for Christmas liquor, two customs inspectors saw an unusual object ambling across the dry river bed. When it got closer they decided that it was a bicycle, and gave chase.

The smuggler out-pedaled them. Heretofore smugglers have used men, automobiles, wagons and burros, but this is the first attempt with a bicycle, officers said.

### Salinity Fatal to Laguna Madre Fish

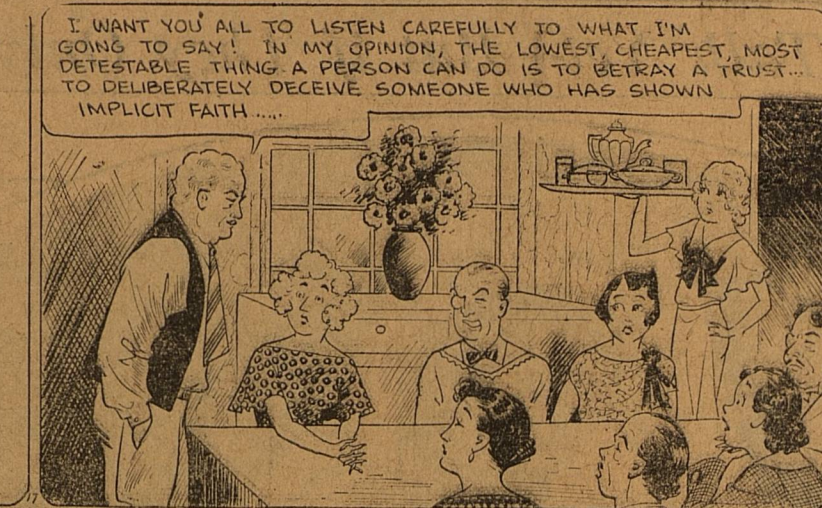
ROBUSTOWN (UP)—The extreme salinity of the water in Laguna Madre causes the death of hundreds of thousands of edible fish annually, W. A. Scrivner, Robstown, declared in a report to the State Fishing commission.

"One can sometimes literally walk almost to Port Isabel, more than 100 miles from Corpus Christi, on the carcasses of edible fish," Scrivner said.

To prevent this loss, Scrivner advocated dredging cuts across Padre Island to let Gulf water through to freshen the water in the lagoon.

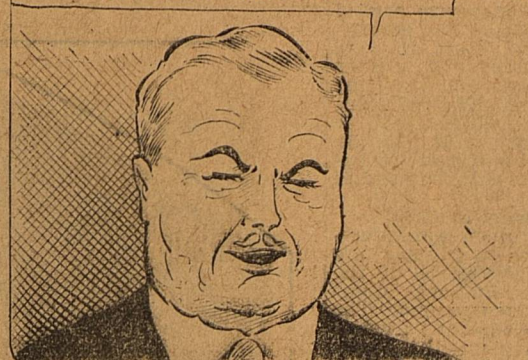
### BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

MONA AND HER GANG HAD NO SUSPICION OF ANY CHANGE OF FEELING ON BILLY'S PART... BUT NO SOONER HAD THEY SAT DOWN TO BREAKFAST THE FOLLOWING MORNING, THAN EVERYONE REALIZED THAT "SOMETHING WAS UP."



### Walking Papers!

A DOG—EVEN A MANGY, FILTHY, HALF-BREED ALLEY SCROOT WOULDN'T DO SUCH A THING! THERE'S NO NEED TO GO INTO DETAILS... I WON'T LOWER MYSELF! BESIDES, I'M QUITE SURE YOU ALL UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY WHAT I MEAN!



STRANGE TO SAY... I'M NOT ANGRY... ONLY HURT, AND DISGUSTED... WITH MYSELF AS MUCH AS YOU! NOW, GET OUT... THE WHOLE BATCH OF YOU... AND I HOPE I NEVER LAY EYES ON ANY OF YOU AGAIN, AS LONG AS I LIVE—DO YOU HEAR?? GET OUT! GET OUT!



By MARTIN

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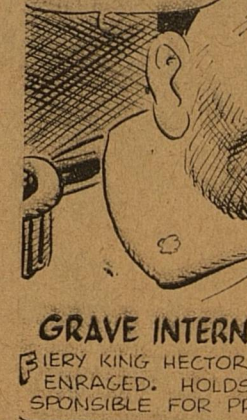
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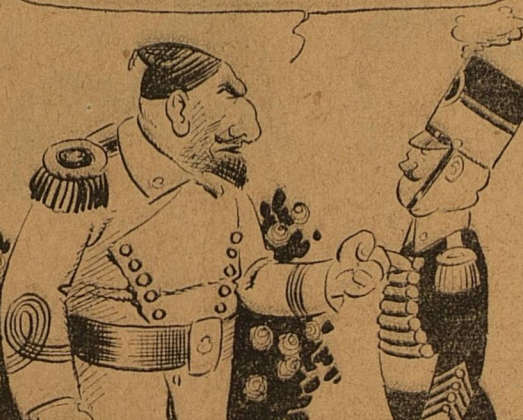
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WHAT! MY SON'S BEEN KIDNAPED IN KANDELABRA?



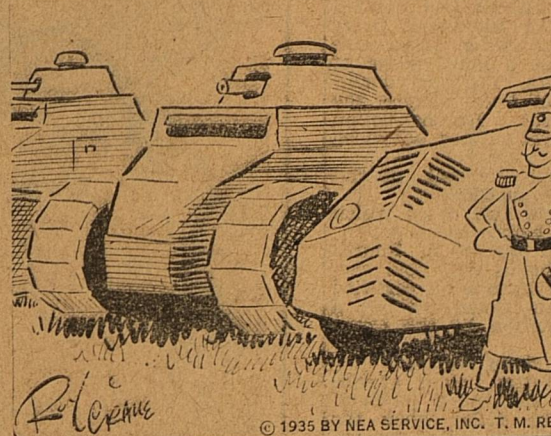
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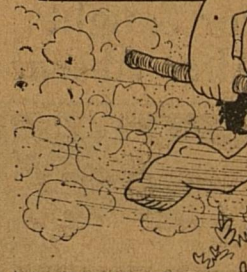
### By CRANE



TINY PRINCIPALITY ALARMED. PRINCESS JADA FRANTIC. KANDELABRA UNPREPARED. HER ARMY OUTNUMBERED TEN TO ONE.

### ALLEY OOP

ALLEY OOP CAUGHT DOOTSY BOBO AND HIS FOLLOWERS FLAT-FOOTED RESCUED THE FAIR OOLA, AND DISAPPEARED WITH HER INTO THE JUNGLE BEFORE THE RENEGADES COULD REALIZE WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT.



KEEP GOIN', OOLA—I LEFT OL DINNY TIED TO A TREE A LITTLE WAYS UP AHEAD!



WHY—DINNY'S GONE! ARE YOU SURE THIS IS WHERE YOU LEFT HIM TIED?



HOWAWOW! WHAT TH—? OH! ALLEY—WHAT'S THAT?



### Disturbing Noises!

AWNK POOOOOO! YUNK! WUNK!



QUICK! UP IN TH' TREES, KID! IF WE'RE GONNA FIND OUT WHAT IT IS, I WANT A LOTTA SPACE BETWEEN US AN' IT WHEN WE DO!



AWNK POOOOOO! WUGGLE WUNK!



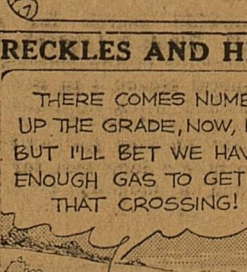
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### By HAMLIN

### SALESMAN SAM

SAY, SAM, YOU'VE SPREAD EVERYTHING ELSE AROUND TH' STORE DURING THE YEAR! NOW SEE IF YA CAN SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS ATMOSPHERE! GET BUSY AN' DECORATE THAT TREE!



OKAY, DUTZ, BUT I HOPE I DON'T GET TINSELITIS, DOIN' IT!



OH, THEY CUT DOWN THE OL' PINE TREE, AN' IT MEANS A LOTTA WORK FOR ME!



WHOOPS



### A Slight Mistake!

SAY! YOU CLUMSY OX, I SAID DECORATE TH' TREE!



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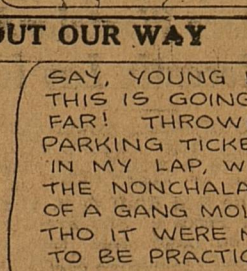
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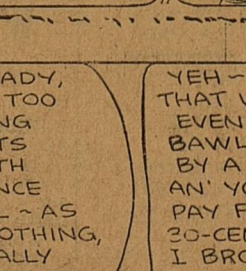
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### FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

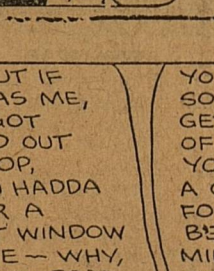
THERE COMES NUMBER SIX UP THE GRADE, NOW, FRECKLES! BUT I'LL BET WE HAVEN'T ENOUGH GAS TO GET US TO THAT CROSSING!



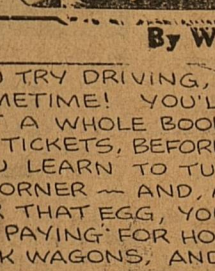
KICK IT OUT OF GEAR, NOW, FRECKLES! BUT WHAT CAN WE DO WHEN WE GET THERE?



YOU'LL FIND OUT! LISTEN, WE'LL HAVE TO JUMP... I'M GONNA DRIVE RIGHT UP THE TRACKS!!



OKAY! I'LL BE READY!!

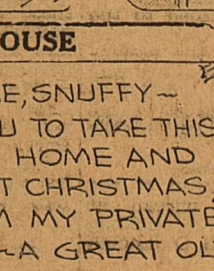


### The Only Chance!

WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT, WITHOUT A FOOT TO SPARE! JUMP!!



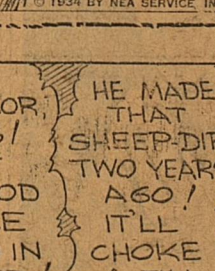
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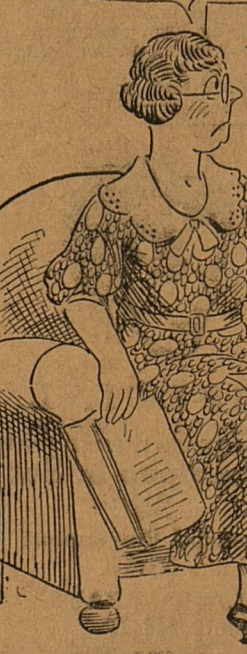
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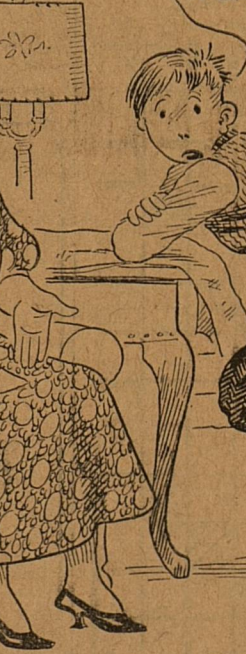
### By BLOSSER

### OUT OUR WAY

SAY, YOUNG LADY, THIS IS GOING TOO FAR! THROWING PARKING TICKETS IN MY LAP, WITH THE NONCHALANCE OF A GANG MOLL—AS THO IT WERE NOTHING, TO BE PRACTICALLY ARRESTED, AN' AS THO WE WERE MILLIONAIRES



YEH—BUT IF THAT WAS ME, EVEN GOT BAWLED OUT BY A COP, AN' YOU HADDA PAY FOR A 30-CENT WINDOW I BROKE—WHY, I'M ON TH' ROAD TO RUIN—TO TH' PENITENTIARY—A GANG LEADER!



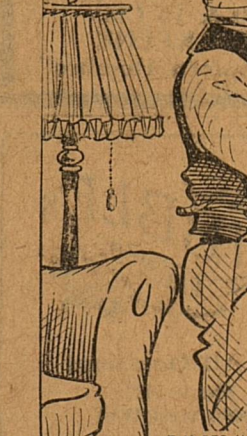
YOU TRY DRIVING, SOMETIME! YOU'LL GET A WHOLE BOOK OF TICKETS, BEFORE YOU LEARN TO TURN A CORNER—AND AS FOR THAT EGG, YOU'LL BE PAYING FOR HORSES, MILK WAGONS, AND STREET CAR STEPS, WHEN HE'S OLD ENOUGH TO DRIVE!



### By WILLIAMS

### OUR BOARDING HOUSE

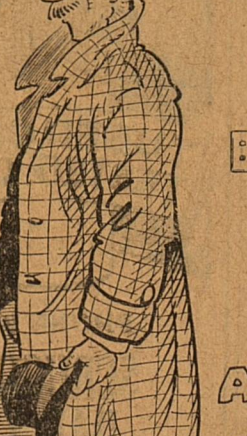
—AND, HERE, SNUFFY— I WANT YOU TO TAKE THIS TREASURE HOME AND SERVE IT AT CHRISTMAS! —IT'S FROM MY PRIVATE CELLAR—A GREAT OLD BURGUNDY—COTE DE LARTEUX 1900!—THIS FINE WINE WAS BOTTLED ESPECIALLY FOR ME, BY MY OLD FRIEND, THE MARQUIS DE MOREAU-FAYETTE! —THAT IS WHY THERE IS NO COMMERCIAL LABEL ON THE BOTTLE!



GOSH MAJOR, THANKS! I HAVEN'T TASTED GOOD WINE SINCE I WORKED IN A SHIPYARD! —CAUGHT A SPLASH OF IT WITH MY MOUTH, ONCE, WHEN A BOAT WAS LAUNCHED



HE MADE THAT SHEEP-DIP OF IT TWO YEARS AGO! —LIKE TURNING AN EGG BEATER IN YOUR MOUTH!



I TOOK A GULP OF IT ONCE! —LIKE TURNING AN EGG BEATER IN YOUR MOUTH!



### By AHERN

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WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY.

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE

A QUART OF CHATEAU DE HOOPLE

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# NEW DEAL'S MONETARY PROBLEMS TO COME BEFORE U. S. SUPREME COURT

By JOHN R. REICHMANN  
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, (U.P.)—The New Deal's monetary policies involving billions of dollars in governmental and private debts will face the scrutiny of the Supreme Court early in the new year when the tribunal will hear argument on the validity of devaluation.

Four cases have been submitted to the court attacking devaluation and the outlaying of the gold clause in all private and public contracts. Each presents a different phase of the important question, but the fundamental questions involved are identical.

**Here Are the Questions**  
Briefly expressed they are:  
Are the laws of Congress regulating the use of gold and establishing a new gold content for the dollar valid?

Can debts carrying a clause providing for payment in gold coin of the weight and fineness prevailing before devaluation be paid in lawful currency of the United States dollar?

An estimate of the importance of the answers to these questions as far as they involve the Administration's fight on the depression can be gleaned from the fact that the government alone on Mar. 1, 1934, had outstanding more than \$21,000,000,000 of obligations carrying the gold clause.

Responsible authorities believe that private obligations, such as mortgages on homes and industrial properties, frequently represented by bond issues, carry the gold clause to the extent of \$90,000,000 to \$125,000,000.

**Burden to Population**  
When devaluation was undertaken and these gold clauses condemned it was on the belief that the increased value of the gold dollar had burdened the population beyond economic endurance.

The explanation given was that the debts, on the whole, were contracted at a time when the dollar was of less value than it is today. In other words, measured in terms of the goods which the public must purchase, or in terms of the labor which must be performed to earn a dollar, the debts were far harder to meet than they had been under the dollar value at the time of the contract.

Devaluation was undertaken to help remedy this condition. Should the court hold that the devaluation law was invalid and that the gold clause of extant contracts is still binding on the contracting parties, it will mean that for every dollar of debt contracted for the debtor must pay \$1.69.

**Started in New York**  
The question was first carried to the court by Norman, a resident of New York City in a case involving a \$1,000 bond of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Norman demanded payment of the bond in gold. Failing in that, because gold had been impounded by the government, he demanded that the currency equivalent to the amount of gold called for in the contract be paid him. This would have required the road to pay \$38.10 on the interest coupon with an original gold face value of \$22.50.

When the payment requested was not made, Norman brought suit to compel payment under the letter of the contract. The New York Supreme Court ruled against him upholding the right of Congress to alter the gold content of the dollar.

Soon after the case was carried to the Supreme Court the government induced the court to take under consideration two cases arising in St. Louis and involving the same questions. The St. Louis case involved the gold clause in 30 year mortgage bonds of the St. Louis Iron Mountain and Southern Railway Company, river and Gulf divisions.

**Trust Company in Case**  
The properties which were mortgaged under the bond issue are now a part of the estate of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, now being reorganized. The Bankers Trust Company, trustees under the bond issue, have demanded fulfillment of the gold clause, a demand that would require the Missouri Pacific to pay \$700,000,000 on a mortgage debt of \$430,000,000 if enforced against all its outstanding obligations.

The United States has entered the case as an interested party because such a ruling would give prior obligations a lion's share of the road's assets. The government has a claim for taxes against the road and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has advanced it \$23,134,800.

The St. Louis federal district court upheld devaluation. The remaining two cases which will be argued before the court involve the gold clause in Fourth Liberty Loan bonds and gold certificates. They have been certified to the Supreme Court without a preliminary decision by the Court of Claims.

**Liberty Bond Holder**  
In one case the holder of the Liberty bonds demanded payment at \$1.69 on the dollar when the bonds were recently called for redemption. In the other the holder of gold certificates demanded that the treasury pay him on a corresponding scale.

The government will contend on argument of the case that the power of Congress to regulate the currency is a paramount power which belongs to every sovereign and that the power would be meaningless if it were found it could not impose it on every phase of commerce where money is used.

Specific provision is made in the Constitution that Congress shall provide for the general welfare of the people and shall have the power to "coin money, regulate the value thereof and of foreign coin, and fix the standards of weights and measures."

**Claim Congress Lacked Power**  
Against this argument those demanding exact fulfillment of the contract will contend that alteration of a private, or governmental contract with private citizens is beyond the power of Congress.

It will be recalled in this connection, however, that the same argument was raised during Senate debate. Constitutional authorities there met it with the answer that the 14th Amendment, relied on by the opponents, does NOT prohibit the federal government from altering a contract but does prohibit the states from doing so.

## Purvis--

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He has then in Washington.

**South Carolinian**  
He was born in Timmonsfield, S. C., in 1893, and was a debater and football player in high school. But he dropped both activities when he entered the University of South Carolina law school in 1920 and came to his way working as a claim adjuster.

His father owned a tobacco and cotton plantation and young Melvin used to go off on long horse-back rides, usually with a horse and the saddle bag. He had a strong affection for horses and dogs and today, in his small bachelor apartment on the north side, is "Traveller," a dainty cocker spaniel.

When he came north he brought two negroes with him. One serves as his chauffeur, the other as his cook and housekeeper.

His apartment is cluttered with books, mostly biographies, and you won't find a single volume on criminology among the lot.

Purvis received his law degree from South Carolina U. in 1925 and hung up his law shingle at Florence, S. C. But the weary and meager existence of a young barrister palled on him and in 1928 he went to Washington.

J. Edgar Hoover, the chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, gave him a job. He sized up the young Southerner and made his decision during the first interview.

Because the new recruit was a Southerner he was assigned to the Texas territory. His work was drab in comparison to the assignments that were to come his way a few years later but he "delivered the goods" promptly. Most of the time he was chasing automobile thieves.

**Held Many Posts**  
In 1931 he became head of the Department of Justice bureau at Birmingham, Ala., after holding posts at Cincinnati and Oklahoma City.

Two years later the government began its investigation of the de-

# They Can't Talk Yet—But if They Only Could!



Ten bright eyes, half-revealing the thought behind the wise-looking baby heads of the six-month-old Dionne quintuplets, make one wish they could talk. Let's guess what's going on behind those bright eyes. Marie: "Aw, nurse, can't we go to sleep now? I've had enough of this!" Yvonne: "Not such a good manner to put before a camera! Fingers are funny things, anyway, aren't they?" Annette: "You can't take this one at all unless it's going to be good!" Cecile: "I don't want to pose. Let me crawl under the warm covers!" Emile: "Well, go ahead and shoot if you must! I'm getting used to this!" And the patient Nurse De Kirtling, Stockholm Nurses' College graduate, who has been with the famous quintuplets almost since their birth, just smiles and says nothing at all.

## Minimum of 1,500 Expected Attend Christmas Party

Committees working on the Lions-Rotary-Yucca Christmas party for children of Midland and surrounding territory next Saturday reported this morning that there was "nothing new to announce but we want to bring every child within a radius of 50 to 100 miles of Midland knows he is invited."

A minimum of 1,500 boys and girls was predicted by members of the committee. Candy, fruit and toys were being purchased for distribution to those who attend. J. Howard Hodge, manager of the Yucca theatre, announced that the program of special films for the party, consist of comedies and short features which are sure to please the youngsters.

The party will be at 10:30 o'clock on the morning of Saturday, December 22, and will be free to all children. The Rotary and Lions clubs are cooperating with Manager Hodge in giving the free show and party.

## STANTON VISITORS

A number of Stanton people are in town today. Included in the group are Mrs. J. E. Kelly, Mrs. Noble Hamilton and daughter Miss Lela Hamilton, Mrs. Walter Zimmerman and Mrs. Eleanor Merle Zimmerman and Mrs. J. R. Sales.

Use the classifieds!

## Cotton Authorities Called to Session

HOUSTON, Dec. 17, (U.P.)—A conference of 15 cotton men to consider methods to aid the industry has been called for Tuesday by W. A. Paddock, chairman of the cotton committee of the Gulf Coast Council of Agriculture.

Paddock was instructed at a mass meeting of farmers, cotton brokers and shippers to appoint a committee to recommend legislation to replace present federal control.

Those appointed and who will attend Tuesday's meeting include: R. B. Boettcher, East Bernard banker and farmer; Dr. A. B. Cox, University of Texas economist; Dr. T. L. Davidson, Wharton farmer; P. B. Doty, Beaumont banker; L. V. Duncan, Eagle Lake; Glenn A. Egan, executive vice president, First Texas Joint Stock Land bank, Houston; J. W. Evans and J. W. Garrow, Houston.

Dean E. J. Kyle, Texas A. & M. College; T. N. Mauritz, Ganado, Leon Mott, Federal Land bank, Houston; Abe Robinson, Rosenberg; John D. Rogers, Navasota; A. L. Ward, Dallas, Texas Cotton Crushers Association, and J. I. McGregor, manager of the Agricultural Department, Houston Chamber of Commerce.

Another mass meeting will be called to discuss recommendations of the committee, it was announced.

\*Natives still practice a systematized exchange of wives in Tahiti, largest of the French Society Islands.

## Doctor Sought After Absence

A nationwide search for Dr. George H. Bigelow (above), executive director of the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, was launched when he failed to make his whereabouts known after a week's absence. He had been urged to take a long rest for his health and a memory lapse is feared.



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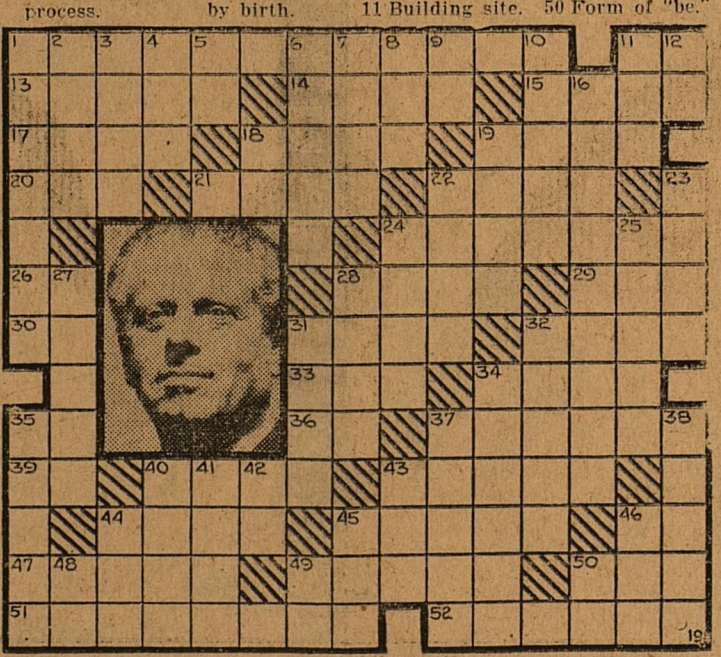
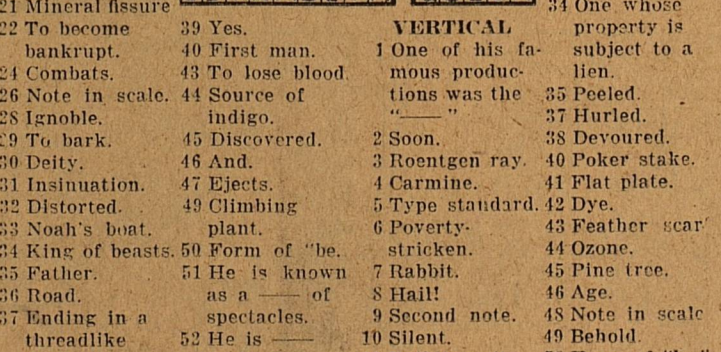
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## Power in the Theater

Answer to Previous Puzzle

**HORIZONTAL**  
1 Artistic producer from Europe.  
11 Pound.  
13 In a thing.  
14 Edge of a roof.  
15 Nautical halling term.  
17 Street.  
18 Withered.  
19 Mule.  
20 Some.  
21 Mineral fissure.  
22 To become bankrupt.  
24 Combats.  
26 Note in scale.  
28 Ignoble.  
29 To bark.  
30 Delity.  
31 Insinuation.  
32 Distorted.  
33 Noah's boat.  
34 King of beasts.  
35 Road.  
37 Winding in a threadlike process.  
**VERTICAL**  
1 One of his famous productions was the "indigo."  
2 Soon.  
3 Roasted ray.  
4 Carmine.  
5 Type standard.  
6 Poverty.  
7 Rabbit.  
8 Hall!  
9 Second note.  
10 Silent.  
11 Building site.  
12 Per.  
16 He is now p. ducing in California.  
18 Therefore.  
19 To surfeit.  
22 Swift.  
23 To discern.  
24 Edge of a river.  
25 Merits.  
27 To appease.  
28 Wren.  
31 Injury.  
32 Was sick.  
34 One whose property is subject to a lien.  
35 Peeled.  
37 Hurlid.  
38 Devoured.  
39 Poked stake.  
41 Flat plate.  
42 Dye.  
43 Feather scar.  
44 Ozon.  
45 Pine tree.  
46 Age.  
48 Note in scale.  
49 Behold.  
50 Form of "be."



## Hitler Battles Sex Abnormality

BERLIN, Dec. 17, (U.P.)—Adolf Hitler's secret police, aided by Elite guards, today initiated a nation wide drive to purge the Reich of sexual abnormality. They jailed between 500 and 700 men accused of perversion.

## Industry Rampant Where Wastelands Recently Lay Idle

PECOS (P)—Four power shovels are biting huge chunks of earth from where a month ago was a wasteland of sand dunes at the site of the Red Bluff dam, 45 miles north of Pecos on the Pecos river.

Work on large scale has commenced at the damsite although the peak of employment will not be reached for 60 days or more.

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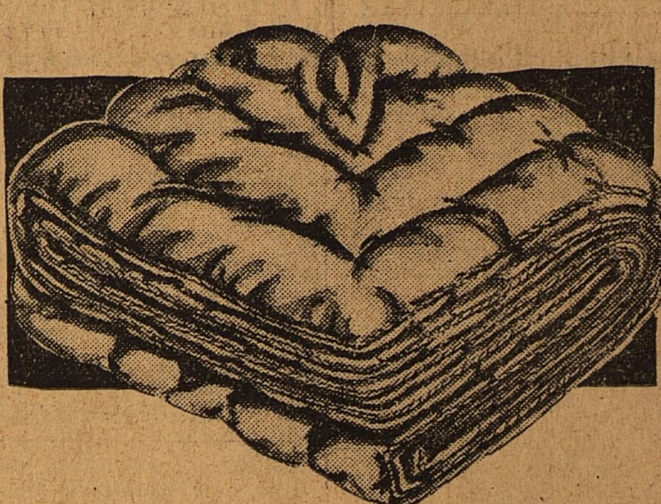
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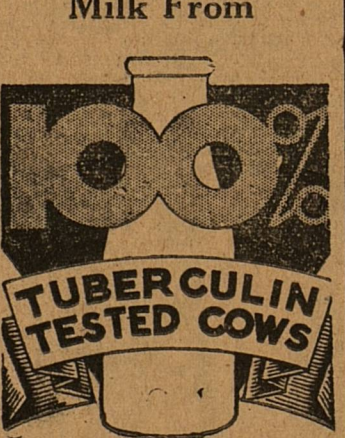
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