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WHY keep Partlow in prison when Denny Bush can keep out?

CHICAGO JURISTS have agreed to try men who kill policemen within thirty days of the commission of the offense. A rule of that kind applied to blind tiger appeal cases in the Marion Criminal Court would deprive Judge Collins of any opportunity to run for mayor.

The Abuses of Lenity

For nearly two years this newspaper has been persistent in laying before its readers instances of inefficiency, laxity and political interference in the administration by courts of justice to convicted felons and misdemeanants.

Repeatedly it has called to public attention the open defiance of law and the transparent subterfuges by which criminals escaped prison when the welfare of society required their imprisonment.

Time and time again it has shown how political influence has brought about abuse of the pardoning power and the power of the Criminal Court to suspend sentences.

In some instances it has shown how money has been spent to buy influence that was exercised under the guise of appeals for leniency.

Throughout much of this period these exposures were received by the people of Indianapolis with indignation by a few, disbelief by others and indifference by many.

Today, the people are paying the penalty of their indifference.

Every hour some citizen is a victim of a criminal.

Nearly every hour some citizen is a victim of a criminal for whose liberty either the judge of the Criminal Court or the Governor of the State or the prison parole boards are responsible.

These criminals have not been reformed by convictions.

They have merely been taught that there are ways to circumvent the statutes, that a sentence to prison does not necessarily mean anything more serious than the invention of a fantastic tale on which a willing official may be induced, by one means or another, to upset a trial judgment.

These criminals go forth encouraged in their crime by the many demonstrations of the unwillingness of law enforcement officials to punish them.

They rob and steal and attempt to kill because they know that the very officials who ought to be beyond any influences that they can exert are, in reality, susceptible to the influences which even the least of them may invoke.

This deplorable condition has finally reached a point where the people of Indianapolis are finding the burden of it irksome.

Mr. Taggart, of the board of safety, finds that without cooperation of the courts and the prosecuting attorney, the best efforts of the police are without avail in protecting the citizen against the criminal.

The burden of defending officials who yield repeatedly to the pressure brought by criminals has become too great even for the political machines that sponsored them, as is demonstrated by the belated references in the Indianapolis News to the well-known fact that publicly announced judgments by Judge James A. Collins are frequently many more times severe than the actual judgments spread on the court records.

These things are, indeed, no cause for surprise to readers of the Times.

Repeatedly, this newspaper has disclosed the Criminal Court's habit of setting aside a publicly announced judgment with an unannounced order that freed some criminal from a richly deserved punishment.

The mere fact that the interference with the judgment was concealed is sufficient evidence of its impropriety. But back of the concealment lies evidence of a much more serious nature that could and should be brought forth.

Summed up, it is now becoming apparent to the apathetic citizens of Indianapolis that we have hold-ups and burglaries and thefts and worse crimes because:

1. We have grand juries on which court attaches and lawyers impose with impunity.

2. We have a criminal judge who makes a loud noise about sending criminals to prison and in the secrecy of his chambers writes orders and recommendations that release them.

3. We have a Governor who, without justification and even without the knowledge of a prisoner, hands out paroles that can neither be explained nor condoned.

4. We have in Marion County a wholly inefficient prosecutor whose inability to "see criminal intent" is only matched by his wonderful ability so to manipulate prosecutions as to obtain thousands of dollars in fees.

5. We have all these conditions because we have not yet awakened to the fact that it is our business and our safety which these officials are neglecting.

With the coming of the new year we will be mercifully relieved of the pardoning Governor and the fee-seeking prosecutor.

But the same court attaches and the same lawyers who impose on our grand juries will remain to continue their nefarious practices.

The same criminal judge will occupy the bench from which he makes public sentences and the same chambers from which he recommends their overthrow.

Wherefore, it ought to be plain to everyone that the only real relief from conditions that are fast becoming intolerable lies in an aroused public sentiment which must replace the public indifference to official neglect that is responsible for all these things.

McClure Must Now Be Speaker

The lines of demarcation between Goodrichism and the coming administration of Warren T. McCray are being drawn earlier than was anticipated.

The avowed purpose of the Goodrich element of the Republican party to elect Jacob Miltenberger of Muncie Speaker of the House, as against John F. McClure of Anderson, the choice of Mr. McCray, precipitates a fight in the Legislature, the outcome of which will be of great importance to the State of Indiana.

Mr. McCray early took the position that he would not attempt to interfere with the Legislature in its course of action.

He has been compelled, in defense of his prospective administration to recede from this position to the extent of openly endorsing the candidacy of Mr. McClure.

The Governor-elect may be forced to go even further and exert the whole of his influence in support of his choice.

He should have no hesitancy in so doing under the circumstances. While it would be most desirable for the Legislature to organize without outside pressure or assistance, such a reality seems impossible.

No sooner had Mr. McCray announced his willingness to allow the Legislature to proceed without reference to the administrative branch of the State government, than the cohorts of Goodrichism united to take advantage of him.

First, they started a propaganda that Mr. McClure was the tool of certain "utility interests."

When this propaganda was well under way they formed a combination with the Indianapolis News, the State Republican organization and themselves for the purpose of "putting over" Mr. Miltenberger.

They were not moved by a love of Mr. Miltenberger but by a desire to have a Speaker through whom they could embarrass Mr. McCray and out of the embarrassment obtain the retention in office of such Goodrich appointees as Phil Zoercher, L. H. Wright and other incompetents.

As their efforts proceeded, they formed a clean-cut issue for the incoming Governor.

They forced him to take a hand in the speakership fight when he wished to keep out of it.

Now, it is up to Mr. McCray to make Mr. McClure the Speaker of the House.

If he does not, he will find his hands tied for two years of his administration, the years in which he undoubtedly hopes to eradicate the poisonous influences of the Goodrich regime.

It is now to the best interests of the people of Indiana that Mr. McClure be elected Speaker—if for no other reason than the necessity of making it plain to Jim Goodrich that the sooner he returns to Winchester, or Russia, the better will be the State's chances of a proper administration of its affairs.

'EAST LYNNE' TO BE A BIG MOVIE

Constance Binney Has a Revolution of Her Own

When that classic "East Lynne" is done for the screen by Hugo Ballin, his wife, Mabel Ballin, will have the leading role. Miss Ballin has just come to prominence through her sympathetic performance in "Pagan Love." You may have seen her opposite Sessue Hayakawa in "The Illusion."



MABEL BALLIN.

trious Prince" or with Elmo Lincoln in "Under Crimson Skies."

Miss Ballin was born in Philadelphia and, like Hugo Ballin, her artist husband, determined to wield the brush and pencil. She studied illustrating at the School of Industrial Art, and later in her career she had chosen, an opportunity presented itself to appear on the stage in musical comedy. She could not resist. Then came other opportunities of the same kind, and before she knew it Mabel had the right to call herself an actress. Since that time she has drawn, painted and decorated only as a diversion from her other work.

Musical comedy, under the management of Charles Dillingham mostly claimed her, with an appearance in something more serious—such as "Raffles"—now and then. Mabel Ballin's first screen appearance was with Vitaphone. She has since played in Triangle, Goldwyn and Universal pictures. Her acting in "East Lynne" should be a treat.

CONSTANCE BINNEY AT THE ALHAMBRA.

There may be nothing new under the sun, but there is something different. At least, that is what the heroine of "Something Different" found. The "something different" was found in Central America by a New York girl who had tired of society and sought adventure and novelty in a Latin republic.

Miss Constance Binney plays the society girl. She runs into a revolution that is being engineered by her host, and she is implicated in the plots of the leaders. She aids the revolutionists unknowingly, and is captured by the federal army.

There is a man in the case, of course. In this instance the general of the governmental army and brother of the president.

dent. There is plenty of action, with the undercurrent of revolt and war. At times it is very serious, but not enough to spoil the love story which runs through the play.

Most of the action takes place in the little republic. There is not too much of a plot, and there is no confusion in the sequence. Miss Binney plays well and is charming as a young American heiress.

The cast is adequate. Miss Binney's setting gives the play most of its appeal. The play as a whole is pleasing and entertaining and worth-while. Will be shown at the Alhambra today and Saturday.

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NEW MOVIE BOOKED AT ISIS.

"Up in Mary's Attic," a new comedy movie, will open a week's engagement at the Isis Sunday. Of course, one expects to find strange people in strange places and in this movie there are numerous bathing girls.

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ON VIEW TODAY.

"The Marcus Show of 1920" is at English's today. "The Charm School" is being presented at the Murat; the Santos and Hayes Revue is packing them in at Keith's; musical extravaganza is at the Park, and musical comedy at the Rialto; popular vaudeville is on view at the Lyric and the Broadway; "Command in Quest of His Youth" is at the Ohio; the Colonial is offering "Dolly With a Past"; "Help Yourself" is at Mister Smith's; "Dinky" is at the Circle; "The Life of the Party" is at the Isis, and "Prairie Trails" at the Regent.

PUSS IN BOOTS JR.

By David Cory.

You remember in the last story that the Fairy of the Rainbow left the pot of gold with Little Puss Junior. Well, the first thing he did was to fill his pockets with the bright gold pieces, because the pot was a big brass one, you know, and too heavy to carry, and then he started off again on his journey of adventure, and by and by, after awhile, he came to a great forest where lived the Little Men of the Wood.

Now, you remember, a long time ago, Puss had met a Little Dwarf who had charge of a castle, and that this Little Dwarf had carried off the queen's child because he thought it was one of his own people. Now, this child had grown up to be a big boy and the Little Men of the Wood had made him their king and had called him King Blue Eyes. But as he grew taller they became afraid of him, and one night as he lay asleep they stole up and bound him to a tree just the way the Lilliputians fastened Gulliver.

And when Little Blue Eyes awoke in the morning he found he could not move. Across his body were stretched hempen cords and fastened to hundreds of stakes driven into the ground.

"What have I done that you should treat me so?" he asked, as the Little Men of the Wood gathered around. And just then Puss came up, but he didn't let them see him, but hid behind a tree. And the dwarf who had brought the little boy to the forest felt dreadfully sorry for him, but he didn't dare do anything for fear of the other little men.

Then some of the dwarfs came nearer and some of them stood upon the boy's chest, while others walked along his legs and arms.

And by and by they said to him that if he would promise to leave the forest and return to his own country, they would release him. So he swore a solemn oath that he would never harm

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them, and after that they cut the cords and set him free. But he was very unhappy to think that he must leave them, even though he had been so badly treated. And his little dwarf friend was very sad to think that King Blue Eyes was forced to return to his own country and he with them no more.

"Harm no one who is smaller and weaker than you," said the little dwarf, as the boy started off for his own country. And after he had gone a little way Puss followed and said to him: "Let me go with you, King Blue Eyes, for perhaps I may help you in the hour of need."

"Who are you?" asked the boy, for he had never seen a cat before, for he had lived alone with the Little Men of the Wood all his life, you know.

"I am Puss in Boots Junior," replied the dwarf, "and only a few days ago I promised the Fairy of the Rainbow that I would help any one who needed aid."

And next time you shall hear what happened after that. —Copyright, 1920.

(To Be Continued.)

Flying Geese Broil Selves at Flight End

PASCOAG, R. I., Dec. 31.—Never in the memory of the oldest citizen have wild geese performed such stunts as they did during the recent southeast gale.

Under the magnificence of an irresponsible leader the geese wrecked the telegraph and telephone lines in Marion.

The leader flew for a pond beside the railroad track. His followers landed against the wires with a force that swept telephone and telegraph wires from the cross-arms and of the poles into contact with the high voltage electric light wires.

Confusion and a large quantity of broiled geese was the result. The contact of the telephone and telegraph wires with the lighting wires set all the telegraph and telephone instruments on the branch lines a sputtering.

WHEN A GIRL MARRIES

A New Serial of Young Married Life

By Ann Lisle

CHAPTER XXVII.

"Oh, I won't sleep. I'll sit up and wait for Jim. In fact, I think I'll sit up till about 10 a. m. and wait for you to phone and tell me that the Department for Vocational Education reports Mrs. Bryce in Scranton, Pa., or Ft. Wayne, Ind., or Houston, Tex., and safe on the job." I said, with an effort to simulate lightness of spirit such as I by no means felt. "Jim said he'd be in by 11 surely," I added. Terry looked at his wrist-watch and then at me. Curiously enough there was pity in his eyes. In the midst of his own agony I could see that he was sorry for me.

"It is later than that, Anne. Nearer twelve."

Then Jim walked in. On the very threshold he stopped, threw back his head and laughed—a little coarsely, it seemed to my over-sensitive nerves. After a minute he spoke:

"Well, by Jove, Princess Anne—you're a winner. No loneliness in yours, girls—oh, what? So it's Terry now—good old Terry."

"Then he went off into another gale of good-natured but offensive laughter. Terry crossed the room and seized him by the laughing shoulders.

"Mimic—old top—I'm in trouble," he said gravely.

Jim's face sobered and his eyes darkened with feeling.

"I'm here, Terry—and the little girl there—she's been your friend from the first. We'll stand by, whatever it is. Went we, Anne?"

"Jim! My Jim!" I cried exultantly. "I knew it! I knew you'd stand by Terry—that he could count on you to the last."

"Thanks," said Terry briefly. "It's Betty—Jim, she's gone."

"Gone? Gone where?" asked Jim curiously. "In a businesslike tone."

"We don't know."

Jim looked from one to the other of us, as Terry and I fairly choked our answer.

"Well, where would she be but on her job—making the country up to the needs of its crippled men—Jobs, not bouquets; as my own father tersely put it?" he asked impatiently.

"But don't you see, Jim, Betty was back in town last night, came back mysteriously, had dinner with Anne and Norry, neither of whom got a thing out of her—and then disappears this morning."

"Terry," Jim interrupted, "for the love of common sense, don't babble like an

old woman. Call up Washington in the morning—and you'll find Betty all right—Was there a letter for me, Anne—anything letter? I was looking for something important. If you'll excuse me for a second, Terry, briefly. Give full name and address and enclose 2 cents in stamps for return postage. All replies are sent direct to the inquirer.)

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BILL OF RIGHTS EXPLAINED.

Q. What is meant by the Bill of Rights of the Constitution? A. Amendments I-X of the Constitution are often referred to in this way. In some of the States dissatisfaction was expressed at the absence of anything resembling a Bill of Rights in the Constitution, and after its adoption, the first Congress proposed a series of amendments which were promptly ratified by the States as Articles I-X of the amendments as they now appear.

ONE OF COOPER'S HEROES.

Q. Who was known as "Leatherstocking"? A. This is the most familiar of the names given to Natty Bumppo, the hero of Cooper's pioneer romances, hence called the Leatherstocking Tales.

STANDARD RAILROAD GAUGE.

Q. What is standard gauge on railroads? A. T. A. A. The gauge of the track, namely, the distance apart of the rails, measured between the inner edges of their heads, is 4 feet 8 1/2 inches. This standard became general in England and America and is referred to universally as "standard gauge." Narrow gauge, a width of

POOR TO DINE IN LOS ANGELES

Humble Cobbler Will Be Host at Annual Event.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—In his humble little cobbler's shop where he was surrounded by the broken and worn old shoes which he skillfully mends for the destitute free of all recompense, "Uncle Mose" Lowenstein today completed his plans for his great New Year party for the Los Angeles poor tomorrow.

Three thousand persons, including the lame, the halt and the blind, are expected this year by this genial patron of the penniless, 2,500 having responded to the 1919 invitation to his generous board.

One hundred and twenty-five turkeys, hundreds of mince pies, gallons of cranberry sauce and thousands of holiday cakes have been ordered by this unique philanthropist for tomorrow's event which will mark the thirtieth anniversary of Uncle Mose's annual feast for the hungry of Los Angeles.

"Free burial, free doctors, free lawyers, free food and plenty of clothes and your shoes mended for nothing—that's the motto of the Sunshine Helping Hand Club which I founded thirteen years ago," said "Uncle Mose."

"Nobody draws a salary and the headquarters of the organization is here in my home. Anyone who wants to help the poor can become a member by paying one dollar."

"The organization is endorsed by Governor Stephens of California and other prominent executives. There are from 25 to 30 appeals for help each day, so there are plenty of uses to which to put the money."

Six men well known in Los Angeles philanthropic circles are associated with "Uncle Mose" as directors of the club.

2 feet 8 1/2 inches, is used to some extent in the United States, especially in mountainous districts.

BROWN SUGAR.

Q. Is brown sugar refined or unbleached white sugar? A. H. A. Brown sugar is a crude cane sugar.

DISCHARGE PAPERS LOST.

Q. I have lost a copy of my discharge paper for Army service. Can it be replaced? A. The War Department says that anyone who has lost the original copy of his Army discharge may obtain another copy of the same by writing to the Adjutant General's office, War Department, Washington, D. C., stating the details of his service in full.

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