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TEN-DOLLAR fines will not keep drunken automobile drivers off of the streets

BUST of the ex-kaiser sold for \$825, but a bust at the ex-kaiser would bring a fortune.

WHEN a married man eats breakfast at a restaurant, you know who is boss at his house.

THAT DAILY slate of automobile offenders at the police station should reveal some interesting names.

IT COST Senator New \$24,000 to carry Marion County, while it only cost Mr. Beveridge \$10,000 to carry the entire State of Indiana.

THOSE who believe Albert J. Beveridge would have stood an even chance with Senator New under the convention system should have heard those Republican delegates cheer the senior Senator yesterday afternoon in Tomlinson Hall.

PROBABLY Mr. Beveridge's long political experience has prompted him to conserve his strength by letting Clarence Martin do his handshaking this early in the campaign.

"I SHALL exert every energy at my command to secure the election of Albert J. Beveridge," says Senator Watson. Perhaps it will be the same tireless energy he put forth for Senator New.

The Old Guard Recruit

Albert J. Beveridge, Republican nominee for United States Senator, walked into the State convention at Tomlinson Hall yesterday, threw off the mantle of Roosevelt that many had professed to see draped about his shoulders, and capitulated to the Old Guard in control of that important assemblage. He gathered not unto himself those to whom his nomination was expected to bring a new light, but permitted himself to be gathered unto their reactionary bosoms as is gathered the rose that flourishes for all too short a space.

It was a scene far removed from the "woodbine twineth" period, painted in the days of his youthful statesmanship endeavors, and when he declared "united we stand" the delegates knew, and the leaders breathed deep sighs of relief, that the hosts that once struggled at Armageddon had succumbed to the backward sweep of standpatism.

Yet Mr. Beveridge's surrender, complete as it seemed, was not unconditional. He still has a card or two up his sleeve, and demonstrated that he is practiced sufficiently in the art of political ledgermain to worry the lives out of the leaders who are permitting congratulatory pats on each others' backs over the astuteness they exhibited in "taking him into camp."

In an oration replete with burnished adjectives, he pledged his unswerving allegiance "to that noble leader of our party, the President," yet the "monumental achievement" of the Administration, the four-power pact, went unsung. Mr. Beveridge has persistently declined to comment upon the consummation of the Pacific treaties, and doubtless sent a shiver down the spines of the delegates when he followed on the platform "Indiana's own gifted son, statesman and matchless orator," and completely ignored Watson's glowing indorsement of the Washington conference.

In another place, too, the two leaders are at variance on a vital question. Mr. Beveridge has urged the repeal of the Sherman anti-trust law, while Mr. Watson keynoted to a powerful peroration in favor of the retention of that statute. But perhaps these matters were fully discussed at that little dinner attended by Mr. Watson and Mr. Beveridge Tuesday night, while Senator New paced the corridors of the Hotel Severin and Governor McCray looked at blank wall spaces in a room above and wondered, we suspect, whether politics is worth while after all.

After all is said and done, however, Mr. Beveridge was not at the convention to discuss issues nor to sound platform principles. He was there to plead for harmony—G. O. P. harmony. In other words, he was there to appeal for orthodox Republican votes. And he did.

Next Comes Railroad Wages

The reduction in freight rates ordered by the interstate commerce commission will be welcomed in business circles, which long have declared that excessive transportation costs have retarded "the ingress of normalcy." It is to be hoped, and we have been led to believe this is true, that it will have not only an important bearing on the revival of business conditions, but that it will be reflected by material declines in the cost of living.

It certainly was not prophetic visioning that prompted Senator Watson to predict on the very day it happened that an order would be issued cutting transportation costs. By the same token, it is hardly possible that he was talking through his hat when he told the delegates assembled at the Republican convention that "railroad rates must be reduced, and before rates can be reduced there must be a further reduction in railroad wages."

It should be remembered also that Senator Watson's keynote address in which that statement appeared was approved by President Harding and Senator Lodge, and presumably by Mr. Beveridge. The latter holds similar views, declaring in an address before the New York State Chamber of Commerce last November that "most rates must come down, and especially and farthest those on basic necessities like fuel and foodstuffs, and, therefore, since wages and rates are inseparable, wages must also come down."

The next step on the road to "normalcy," reduction of wages paid railway workers, which the Administration leaders and the railroads seemingly are determined upon, will not come so easily, nor will the attempt meet with the approval that greeted the interstate commerce commission's decree of yesterday.

Where the Blame Rests

National Administration leaders, thunderstruck by the extent in which Attorney General Daugherty has become involved in the scandal connected with Charles W. Morse's release from Federal prison, are attempting to detract public attention from the Cabinet member by injecting other names into the unsavory mess. Whether they succeed or not, it is becoming increasingly apparent that Mr. Daugherty, if not guilty of a violation of the actual statutes, transgressed the ethical code and imposed grievously upon a credulous and tender-hearted President, William Howard Taft.

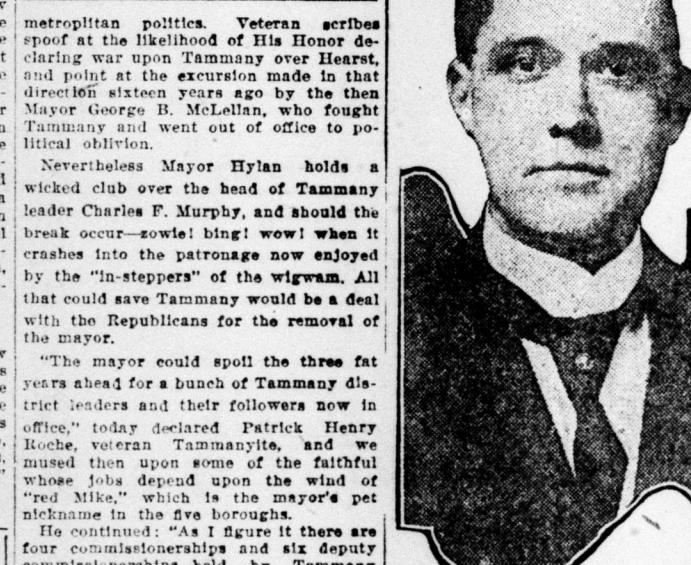
This paper holds no brief for any of the men mentioned in the scandal and feels that in the interests of public decency all angles of the affair should be bared, irrespective of whom it hits. Back of the mad endeavor of the Republicans to link leading Democrats with the affair, however, stands the fact that had it not been for the efforts of Mr. Daugherty and Mr. Felder—encouraged, no doubt, by the \$25,000 fee—an amicable and good-natured President and a physician who could already see the hand of death upon the prisoner, Charles W. Morse would not have been at Taft to make more trouble.

The blame for his release must rest with Republicans, one of whom is now chief justice of the United States and the other attorney general. The former seemingly acted in good faith and even complained in a magazine article in 1914 that the Morse case was one of those things that "shake one's faith in expert examinations." The latter has had nothing to say concerning the revelations made by Senator Caraway, save through his friend, Senator Watson. It would seem in the light of subsequent developments that Mr. Daugherty owes an explanation to Senator Watson and Senator Watson owes one to the Senate and the country. Yet Mr. Watson is "not sufficiently interested to comment."

APOLLO THEATER TO BE OPENED SATURDAY

With Thomas Meighan's Latest Movie Featured on Bill

CONCERT TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY NIGHT



Upper—Miss Jessamine Barkley one of the artists who will appear in a concert to be given Friday night by the choir of the Central Avenue M. E. Church.

Lower—Franklin N. Taylor who will direct a chorus of forty-five voices at the Friday night concert.

Unusual Folk

MONDAY, May 25.—Berkeley Basil Moreton was the Earl of Ducie's younger son. Sixty-seven years ago he came to Blackwell's Island, with indeterminate sentences ranging from one to three years; nineteen to the workhouse on Blackwell's Island with sentences of less than a year; fifty-two to the Elmira State Reformatory; fifteen to the New York City Reformatory and nine to the city prison, or Tombs. It is estimated that only one man has lived in jail longer than he, awarded in this period of special effort for convicts, in order to be free now, he would have had to enter prison 1,250 years before Christopher Columbus discovered America. In addition, since April 17, 150 convicted of crime have received suspended sentences as first offenders and seventy-five fines. The grand total of cases disposed of to 1,000,000,000 lire by Mr. Banton into his crime jacket, and vacation plans of the convicted.

Mind you, District Attorney Banton looks after the prosecution of evil doers in only one of the five boroughs of New York, namely, Manhattan. He has about sixty assistants, distributed through the various magistrate courts, special session and general sessions, and criminal branch of the Supreme Court. The man in command of the mounting caravan of crime he had to ask the State Legislature for two extra general session courts, and Governor Miller allowed him two extra Supreme Courts for criminal case, and as I write this the district attorney of New York county is directing trials for criminal offenses in eleven courts of major rank. Awaiting disposition are still 1,555 cases, which gives some idea of the girth of the trials of justice that grind and grind in the great metropolis.

If Mayor Hylan in his support of the gubernatorial candidacy of William Randolph Hearst should become hostile to Tammany Hall, how much damage can he do to "the organization?" That is the question under gaze in the crystal ball of

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