

PUZZLE EXPERTS FAIL TO SOLVE N. Y. MYSTERY

National Leagues Swear Off Holding Convention In City of Subways and Traffic.

TWO ARE FOUND STARVING

Told to 'Follow the Green Line,' They Are Lost for Two Days in Maze.

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NEW YORK, July 8.—The ordinary puzzles of the average New Yorker's daily life were too much for the members of the national puzzlers' league. They are returning home with a resolve to hold their next convention far from the city of intersecting subway stations and modern traffic signals. Not only were some of the out-of-town puzzlers stumped time and again in their efforts to get about town, but the vanquishment of two Western puzzle experts is said to have brought them close to tragic consequences.

Lost in Subway

The two Westerners arrived at the Grand Central station and confidently plunged into the maze of the subway station there for the five-minute ride to the hotel McAlpin, where the convention was in session on the missing word phase of this subtle science. They were found in a starving condition by a party of guides just in time to be put on the train for home.

"There's some trick in it," one of them gasped. "The sign said: 'Follow the green line' and we walked two days and nights without finding our way out. Then everything went dark before my eyes. Where am I?"

"Why didn't you ask somebody?" the guide inquired gently.

Don't Speak Yiddish

"We did," the exhausted puzzle experts panted. "We did ask but it was no use. We don't speak Yiddish."

Joshua Price of Bangor, Pa., tax collector of his own home town and a wizard with numerical puzzles, reported inventor of the Government's income tax questionnaire, is said to have missed the league's luncheon because he couldn't make out when the traffic policeman on Fifth Ave. meant "stop" and when he meant "come ahead." Mr. Price finally took a taxi.

There is no known key to these traffic signals and that is where Mr. Price fell down. As a matter of fact they aren't so much a puzzle as a game. You just rush across the street and if you're hit you're sent to Bellevue and if you get across you win.

Labor on Flatbush Map

It was during a business session of the league that Dr. A. T. Kleykamp of St. Louis was stumped, for the first time in his long career. As to his expertise in solving puzzles it need only be said of Dr. Kleykamp he long since discovered what struck Billy Patterson and what is so rare as a day in June. Finding a sort of chart on the table before him he thought he had happened on an intricate elaboration of the famous pigs in clover puzzle. He withdrew to his suite and was still working on it late at night when William Delaney, treasurer of the Puzzlers' League, burst into the room greatly upset.

"I shall have to stay in town over night; I can't get home to Brooklyn," he cried. "Some one has stolen my map of Flatbush."

Trys Hash Enigma

E. E. St. Germain of New York, president of a chain of popular priced luncheons, mixed business with pleasure by inviting his colleagues of the Puzzlers' League to try their wits on the missing word in his alphabetical menu and that was too easy, to undertake a solution of the hash mystery. New Yorkers have long known the missing word "e-u-u" but the hash master is regarded as one of those insolubles like Lewis Carroll's famous riddle of the monkey, the pulley and the horse-weight.

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Farmers in Need of More Turkeys to Reduce Pest.

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According to Alfred Eastgate, engaged in grasshopper control work here for the United States Government, one turkey will consume seven bushels of grasshoppers during a season, and he is urging farmers to increase their flocks.

More than six tons of poison, including arsenic and amyl acetate, mixed with bran and molasses, has been used in Sheridan County during the past month in the fight against grasshoppers, which threaten ranges and farms with greater destruction than for many years.

USE PLANES TO REFOREST

Air Service Offers Equipment to Hawaiian Staff.

HONOLULU, T. H., July 8.—Army airplanes have been pressed into service here to assist the territorial department of forestry in the reforestation of certain inaccessible districts in the mountainous county back of the United States military reservation at Schofield Barracks.

The mountain districts which are being reforested are so precipitous that the foresters have been unable to get in to do their work. An appeal made to the head of the Air Service forces on Oahu resulted in the loan of several planes, which in favorable weather fly over the steeper gorges, where tree seeds are dropped by members of the forestry staff, who are taken along as passengers.

Thrown From Train

CHICAGO, July 8.—Miss Sarah Hinohoff was thrown from a rapidly moving suburban train by a man who tried to force his attentions on her.

Tornado Sweeps Canada Town



Here is a part of the wreckage left in the wake of a tornado that swept through central Manitoba (Canada) killing five, injuring a dozen seriously and doing damage estimated at \$2,000,000. This shows the unroofed Presbyterian Church. Portions of the organ can be seen in the basement among the wreckage. Portage La Prairie, a town of 5,000, was left a huddle of ruins.

Russian Baths Priced at Three Million Rubles

MOSCOW, July 8.—I have just paid three million rubles for a bath. Cleanliness comes high in Moscow. Everything else does, too; everything costs regular New York prices and then some.

After all, three million rubles is only 75 cents, not too much to pay in America. But I have been spoiled by my year in Europe. Everything in Germany is cheap as dirt, if you know the language and where to buy. Moscow is the most expensive capital in Europe.

It is expensive even for foreigners with good American dollars. We folk have been accustomed since the war to exchanging our good money for a lot of paper money in Germany, or Austria, or Italy, and just buying up the country. Russia isn't going to do that now. There are quite a lot of old New Yorkers who have got into the government of Russia, and they don't intend to be held up by any one. They intend to do the holding up!

I told a commissar at Minsk how the cheap everything was in Germany in comparison to Russia, and he replied dryly: "But that is just selling Germany away. Germany has to be accounted for the reparations. But we do not have to sell out Russia."

Flays Communism

Russia tried first to offer communism to the world—a system in which everyone would work hard and be given free of charge whatever he needed. She couldn't make her industries run on that basis. Partly this is because there were not enough honest people in Russia—not enough people who would refuse to accept from society more than they returned. We must train up the next generation.

"State Capitalism"

So Russia has now retreated to what she calls "state capitalism." Every one is free to go out and make money, to produce goods and sell them, to charge as much as they can and make any fortunes they can pile up. But let no one believe that this is capitalism as we have it in America. For the government runs the key industries and the biggest factories all over Russia; it runs them to make money, it sells the product for the market price and pays the workers according to what they produce. It intends to make all the money it can, to build up its surplus and to use that surplus for developing Russia.

Defines Purposes

The government hopes to develop Russia toward communism, that depends on what happens in the rest of the world. As long as the rest of the world is on a capitalist basis and money is the standard in foreign trade, Russia intends to have money, to drain the speculators and the financial world and if that is not too easy, to undertake a solution of the hash mystery. New Yorkers have long known the missing word "e-u-u" but the hash master is regarded as one of those insolubles like Lewis Carroll's famous riddle of the monkey, the pulley and the horse-weight.

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COAL OFFICIALS CLAIM MINERS ARE UNDERPAID

Should Eliminate Periodical Shutdowns, Is Belief of Herbert Hoover.

MUST REMOVE UNCERTAINTY

Authorities See Intervention on Part of Government as a Last Resort.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Coal miners are paid cheaply for their labor, considering the hazards of their work and other factors, Government officials are convinced, after a study of the miners' side of the controversy with the operators.

The human element in coal production at last is recognized by the Government as the chief thing to be weighed in coal strike settlements.

One of the chief spokesmen for the Administration in coal problems—Secretary Hoover—declared emphatically that permanent settlement of coal strike troubles, present or future, can only be possible by removing from coal production the ever-present danger of intermittency.

Mines Stagger

As long as the industry is so constituted that coal mines are allowed to stagger along, working two or three days a week and keeping men employed only part of the time, strikes are inevitable.

This element of "intermittency," Mr. Hoover is convinced, has led to much of the trouble which now confronts the country by a tie-up of most of the coal shafts. In other words, the coal mine laborer is worthy of his hire and should be assured reasonable wage and reasonable periods of employment.

Besides doing the most undesirable form of labor, the miner works at the whim of a system which may or may not so manipulate the production strings—and in turn production prices.

That the average worker gambles on the size of his pay envelope from week to week.

Wages Lowest

OTTAWA, Ont., July 8.—Canada has a larger percentage of home owners in its population than any other nation, according to recently compiled figures of the census department.

London, Ont., leads among Canadian cities with 80 per cent of its inhabitants owning their own homes. Hamilton and Calgary have 60 per cent home owners, Toronto 55 per cent, Halifax 51 per cent, Vancouver 45 per cent, Edmonton 45 per cent, Winnipeg 44 per cent, Ottawa 40 per cent, Montreal 5 per cent.

Montreal, the largest city in Canada, pulls down the general average to 35 per cent for the ten cities. Taking into consideration the country districts, it is believed by the census experts that nearly 50 per cent of the people of Canada own their own homes. If he has a family his risks are even greater. There still is lacking that assurance which ultimately must be given the miner, of reasonable certainty of length of employment.

Just how the element of intermittency employment can best be overcome is not yet clearly indicated.

Some suggestions have been made that the operators themselves must take the lead and reform their own industry. If they do not, say some Government observers, the Government may in the end be forced to take a hand and attempt a solution of what is now regarded on all sides as a major problem, along with the railroad problem.

SWEDISH SINGERS MEET

Denver Convention Will Hold Musical Festival.

DENVER, July 8.—An "orgy of Orpheus" will be staged in Denver from July 19 to 22, when the quadrennial convention of the American Union of Swedish Singers will be held here.

The convention will be featured by one of the greatest musical festivals ever held in the United States.

Male singers of Swedish choruses from all parts of the country will unite in a chorus of more than 400 voices.

Soloists for the occasion include Mme. Marie Sundelin, soprano, and William Gustafson, both of the Metropolitan Grand Opera Company.

Delegations from New York, Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Moline, Ill.; Rock Island, Ill.; Omaha, Neb.; Jamestown, N. Y.; Kansas City, Mo.; St. Louis; Wash.; Los Angeles and San Francisco are expected to participate in the great musical event.

There it is, a tale told in the Los Angeles jail—one to intrigue the successors of Edgar Allan Poe as well as to interest the jaw.

At the time he was unfrocked

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Governor Shoup of Colorado will deliver an address of welcome at the opening session Wednesday, July 19, to which Hjalmar Nilsson of Minneapolis, national president of the organization, will probably respond.

DOGS 'TREE' BOOZE CACHE

Find Still Hidden in Mountains of West Virginia.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., July 8.—Bleedinghounds owned by Thomas Eversen, deputy sheriff, are now known as "hootch hounds." Put on the trail of robbers who pilfered the apartment of C. W. B. Chapman, general claim agent of the Monongahela Power and Traction Company, they followed a scent to a vacant house, in upstairs rooms of which officers found a complete distillery, one of the largest yet found in the country, and hundreds of bottles lying around.

KAIER SUES HUMORIST

Charges Satirist With Libelous Statements of Him.

BERLIN, July 8.—The ex-Kaiser's lawyer in Berlin has filed suit for libel against the well known satirist, Carl Sternberg, for poking fun at the ex-Kaiser in his latest book, "Lubussa," in which the ex-warlord's charger Lubussa "knocks" its memoirs on the floor of the stable. It is a sharp satire on the role the ex-Kaiser played in politics at Petrograd, London and Berlin while he was in power.

PREACHER IS POLICEMAN

Makes Seven Arrests First Day on Force.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., July 8.—The Rev. M. J. Pritchard, a Methodist Episcopal minister, temporarily without a charge, has been appointed, at his own request, a member of the Fairmont police force. He is now serving successfully as a traffic officer. His first day's duty resulted in the arrest of seven traffic violators.

Buddies Talk Over Old Days



Lord Julian Byng, hero of Vimy Ridge and now governor general of Canada, exchanges reminiscences with a company sergeant-major of the Princess Pats. Proving a lord a good fellow.

JAP-AMERICANS REFUSE TO SERVE OWN COUNTRY

Declare Selves to Be American Citizens Not Subject to Conscription.

PRIESTS DELIVER SUMMONS

Said to Be Drifting From Insular Traditions in New Attitude.

HONOLULU, T. H., July 8.—Breaking precedents of long standing by openly and defiantly refusing to obey an army conscription summons issued by the Japanese government, two American-born Japanese living on the Island of Kauai have declared themselves to be American citizens and not subject to orders of the Japanese government, according to a story published in Kauai Shimpou, a Japanese-language paper, of the district in which the two Japanese live.

The conscription summons was served on the two Japanese by a Buddhist priest, acting as agent for the Japanese Consulate at Honolulu. One of the men told the priest that he was "an American citizen and not subject to serve in the Japanese army." The other simply tore up the summons.

The incident is looked upon as significant of the attitude being taken by the younger generation of Japanese in the islands, who are thought to be drifting away from the influences of their government owing to Americanizing influences with which they are surrounded.

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