

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 mazes 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 expert 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, reputed 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.

The sign was a key to the 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 caught you are sent back; if you're not you're sent to Bellevue and if you get across you win.

Laborers on Flatbush Map

It was during a business session of the league that Dr. A. T. Kieckhefer of St. Louis, stumped, at the first time in his long career. As to his expertise in solving puzzles, it need only be said of Dr. Kieckhefer he long since discovered who struck Billy Patterson and what is so rare as a day in June. Finding a sort of chart on the table before him he began to elaborate the famous puzzle 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 overnight," he said, "I can't get home to Brooklyn," he cried. "Someone has stolen my map of Flatbush."

Trys Hain Enigma

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

Most of the puzzle-makers have entrusted for home, but not a few were reported to be still in their rooms at the hotel trying to make sense out of the railroad time-tables.

GRASSHOPPERS THREATEN

Farmers in Need of More Turkeys to
Reduce Pest.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., July 8.—"More turkeys" is the cry of the Sheridan County farmers in their battle against the grasshopper pest which has been very destructive in this vicinity recently.

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 amy 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.

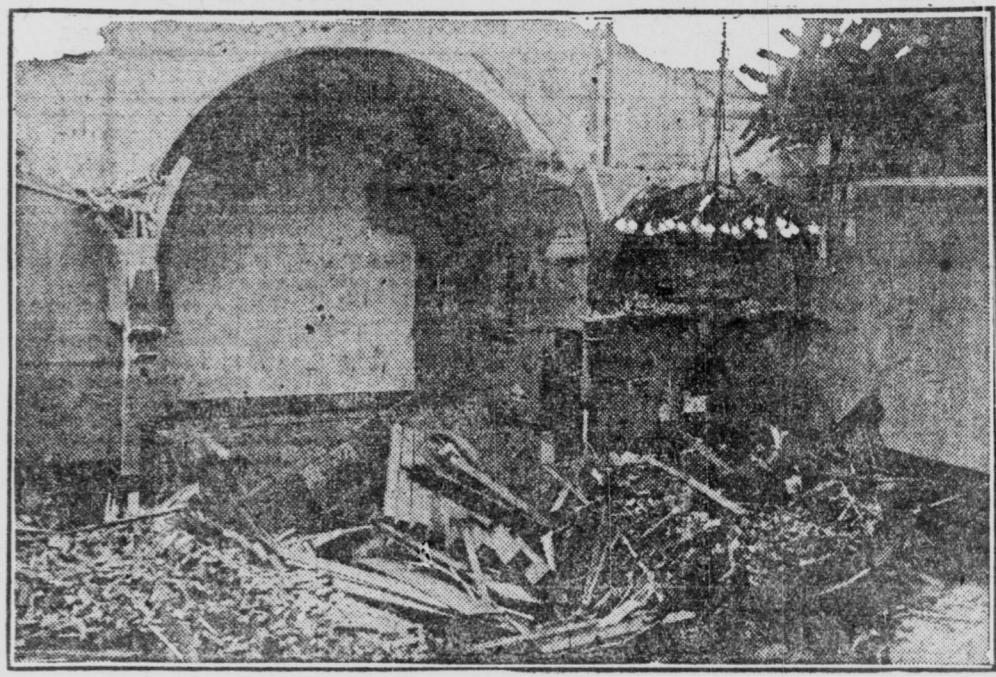
HONOLULU, T. H., July 8.—Army airplanes have been pressed into service here to assist the territorial department of forestry in the reforestation of certain inaccessible districts in the mountainous county back of the Schofield Barracks.

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, while tree seeds are dropped by members of the forestry staff, who are taken along as passengers.

Thrown From Train

CHICAGO, July 8.—Miss Sarah Hinoholife 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 roofed 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 let us do it. 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 cheap everything was in Germany in comparison to Russia, and he replied dryly: "But that is just selling Germany away. Germany has to be on account of the reparations. But we do not have to sell out Russia."

Plays Communism

Russia tried first to offer communism to the world—a system in which every one would work hard and be given free of charge whatever he needed. She couldn't make her industries run on that basis. Partly this can be blamed on the war, the blockade and the famine and partly, as the communists themselves say: "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 capitalistic basis and money is the standard in foreign trade, Russia intends to have money and pay her own way.

Meantime she keeps up a running fight with the speculators. The speculators had the best of it during the winter, for the government's resources were drained to fight the famine. The speculators hoarded grain in hope of a rise; they speculated wildly in rubles, which sank every few days to

half their previous value. Everything was tumbling.

Advertises Bread Loan

Then suddenly, observing the chance of a good harvest, the government advertised a ten-million-dollar bread loan, selling at a low price flour to be delivered next winter. It suddenly made the paper ruble good, since you could pay paper rubles for food seven months ahead; it cut the price of flour and forced the speculators to unload. The bread loan shows every sign of being oversubscribed, which is quite a mark of confidence of the people in the financial power of their government.

But how can the Russians themselves pay the high prices charged for everything? Germany has to keep her railroads bankrupt, because if she charged enough to run them the Germans could not afford to ride. All 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!

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Russia Venturesome

But Russia can dare do things which the other countries cannot because all her essential workers are on government rations and have practically free lodgings and free transportation when on public business. They should worry about rising prices. Let foreigners and speculators make money and pay money, there is another and a safer standard in Russia, along with this money standard.

A girl I know works as Government stenographer; she got \$9 last month in wages. She refused an offer of five times that sum to work for a private concern; she preferred the security of rations and lodging. Incidentally, she believed in her job.

BRITAIN AIDS CANADA

Farm Loan Planned to Stimulate Colonization.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 8.—The empire settlement bill recently passed by the British House of Commons makes available 15,000,000 pounds sterling annually for fifteen years for the purpose of financing British colonists who desire to settle in overseas dominions of the empire.

The bill, it is believed, will prove a great impetus to immigration to Canada from the British Isles. The bill provides that one-half of the sum made available shall be devoted to paying the passage of settlers to the dominions they select as their future home and the other half is to be used to make loans to them after they have gone upon the land. The maximum loan to each settler is reckoned at \$1,500 by the government.

Arrest Trails Legacy.

OLDHAM, England, July 8.—Returning after an absence of three years to claim a legacy of \$35,000, Frederick Bancroft was arrested for neglecting his children.

Cockroach Racing.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 8.—Cockroach racing is the favorite sport here now. In some events the tiny insects are painted different colors.

CANADA LEADS IN HOMES OWNED BY RESIDENTS

Eighty Per Cent of Ontario
Townsmen Are Rated
Freeholders.

MONTREAL RATED LOWEST

Two United States Cities Compare With Average of
Neighbors.

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 35 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. Canada is a land of farm owners where the tenant farmer is almost unknown. No better proof of Canada's basis prosperity, it is pointed out, is to be found than this large percentage of home owners among its citizens.

The ten cities covered by the figures range in number of residences from 9,000 to 134,000. Of seventy-two cities in the United States with a population of 100,000 or more, only two—Des Moines and Grand Rapids—its declared, have a 50 per cent population of home owners. Des Moines tops the list with 51.1 per cent, while Grand Rapids has only a shade fewer. Recent government statistics in the United States show that 45.5 per cent of the people of the United States own their own homes and 54.4 per cent live in rented quarters.

BURGLAR STEALS BATH, TOO

Flees in the Nude, Leaving Jewels
When Discovered.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., July 8.—Hearing the water in the bath tub running late at night, and finding all members of the family asleep, Mrs. David Marehand took a peek in the bathroom and then screamed for the police. The bath was a burglar who apparently thought the household was absent. He gathered his garments and fled through the window, leaving on the floor several hundred dollars in jewelry he had gathered from bureau drawers to take away.

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 the 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 soft coal mines. In other words, the coal mine laborer is worthy of his hire and should be assured reasonable wage and reasonable periods of employment.

Perpetuating 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

Government records now show that the coal miner receives a lower annual wage than workers in most other industries. It is the time out of work that puts a crimp in his wallet and leaves him owing the grocer and the landlord. 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 intermittent 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 Mrs. Marie Sundelius, 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.; Seattle, Wash.; Los Angeles and San Francisco are expected to participate in the great musical event.

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.—Bloodhounds owned by Thomas Eversen, deputy sheriff, are now known as "hooch 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.

KAISER SUES HUMORIST

Charges Satirist With Libelous Statements of Him.

BERLIN, July 7.—The ex-Kaiser's lawyer in Berlin has filed suit for libel against the well known satirist, Carl Sternheim, for poking fun at the ex-Kaiser in his latest book "Libussa," in which the ex-warlord's charger Libussa "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. Petichard, 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.

Vampire Ghost Drives Ex-Pastor Into Bigamy

LOS ANGELES, July 8.—Courtied by the dead.

Beleagued day and night by the phantom of a matron who had killed herself for love of him—a posthumous love more powerful than the lure of living women.

Desperate efforts through drugs and amours to shake off the ghastly infatuation.

This is the weird defense Donald D. Stewart, one-time clergyman and prominent moral crusader of California, will make when he is brought to trial in Boston on charges of bigamy, grand larceny and conspiracy.

Stewart and one of his alleged wives, Mrs. Ethel Osbaldeston Stewart, were arrested near Los Angeles by Pinkerton detectives on Eastern warrants.

The woman, while proclaiming him a Jekyll-Hyde, is standing loyally by the former pastor, corroborating his tale of occult terror and saying, "His last three marriages all were performed while he was under the influence of drugs."

Haunted by Lovelorn Ghost

For seven years, Stewart asserts, he has been haunted by Mrs. Maud Hendricks, Hayward, Cal., who he declares committed suicide because of unrequited love for him.

Explanatory notes were left, and the scandal that ensued resulted in the then fighting pastor being dismissed by the Presbyterian Church.

"Her spirit has flitted between me and happiness," explains the cultured, fascinating heartbreaker, as he is pictured by those making the charges.

"Every night since that tragedy the woman's wraith has trooped with stealthy, accusing footsteps outside my door."

Was Favorite.

"Women used to say I had fascinating ways. They were the ways of desperation. Anything to counteract that creeping presence. It followed me everywhere. There was no peace. It was while so haunted that I went from bad to worse in marriage ventures."

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

At the time he was unfrocked

REWARD DUMAS' ASSISTANT

Co-Writer of "Three Musketeers"
Offered Royalty.

PARIS, July 8.—By Alexandre Dumas will remain the only indication of authorship on the title page of "The Three Musketeers" and companion romances. Decision to this effect was announced by the local Civil Court following trial of the suit brought by Auguste Maquet, member of Dumas' famous "fiction factory," for the right to appear as co-creator of Athos, Porthos and Aramis.

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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 Kaula 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 influence of their government owing to Americanizing influences with which they are surrounded.

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