

## GOBBLING UP ALL OF U. S.

STANDING on a bluff overlooking the Pacific, Upton Sinclair, author and reformer, read as follows from the amendments to the Constitution of the United States:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

At that point, Sinclair was nabbed and hustled off to jail by the police, acting under order from Louis D. Oaks, who is chief of police in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, we should assert here, was a little adobe village on the dry plains of Southern California a few years ago, but it had a marvelous Chamber of Commerce and Merchants and Manufacturers Association, both of which showered their blessings on the little adobe village until it grew and it grew into a great city.

In fact, it grew so fast that the town had to reach out and annex other little neighboring villages and pieces of acreage, all of which were swallowed into the expanding city of Los Angeles. That explains how it happened that Chief Oaks in Los Angeles could arrest folks for reading the Constitution in San Pedro, twenty-five miles away.

It is no concern of ours, of course, if Los Angeles is more interested in land values and population figures than in rights guaranteed by the Constitution. When in Los Angeles, do as the Chamber of Commerce does. Nor are we concerned for San Pedro. Serves San Pedro right for listening to the siren songs of Los Angeles boosters!

Finally, we hold no brief for Upton Sinclair, who will get his money's worth in publicity from this affair. What does call for alarm is the fact that Sinclair, acting as representative for the American Civil Liberties Union, was denied the right to read from the Constitution the clause which guaranteed the right to assemble folks and to read to them in peace.

Los Angeles has set out to annex not only the acreage surrounding it, but the United States as a whole, Constitution and all, and that is going a little too far, even for Los Angeles.

## BOOZE AND SCHOOL

A WRITER in a popular magazine, after "covering" fourteen middle Western States, says drinking is a common practice at some high school dances. He then proceeds to plea for better enforcement of our prohibition laws!

Which makes us tired. What are parents for?

We knew a boy once in a village back home who stole money from his father's cash drawer. The father caught the boy, who was 10 years old, and said to him: "If you ever do that again, I'll have you arrested."

The boy did and was led off by a policeman while the rest of us kids looked on.

Then the boy grew up, got a job as railroad conductor, stole again and was sent to the penitentiary!

If the time has come when we've got to call on Roy Haynes at Washington to keep fifteen-year-old daughters from drinking gin at a high school dance, we'd better give up the job of being parents once and for all!

## 'NOTHER SWAT AT CONSUMER

FOR the first time since 1914 the United States during the early months of 1923 has an adverse trade balance. Instead of keeping out merchandise the Fordney-McCumber tariff merely has led to such extensive price boosting within this country that it is by far the best market the world offers.

Manufacturers, American and foreign, are pleased with the new developments. The only people who are displeased are the consumers.

Are the tariff makers abashed at this result?

By no means. They say the situation is exactly as they desired. Now they say they wanted America to have an adverse trade balance in order that some excuse might be found for the exportation of gold. In other words, they weren't particularly interested so much in the welfare of American consumers as in the need of foreign government for gold.

## Questions ASK THE TIMES Answers

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When was the first radio message sent from Arlington? December, 1912.

To what uses is jute mostly put? Carpets, bagging, canvas and mats.

How much does it cost to make a sixteen-inch shell? One thousand one hundred dollars.

What is the normal blood pressure? It varies somewhat with age, increasing slightly with advancing years. Between ages 15 to 20 the average is 120, from 20 to 30 it is 135. Intervening ages show corresponding gradations. Blood pressure is not constant even in healthy individuals, but has a tendency to rise moderately with physical exercise or marked nervous tension, and to fall with rest or sleep.

Which is the longest railroad tunnel in North America? At Rogers Pass, on the Canadian Pacific Railroad, five and one-half miles long.

Is ivory made of milk? Genuine ivory is the tusks of elephants. Since 1903 casein (an ingredient of milk) has been used for making galalith, an important substitute for ivory, celluloid, ebonite, etc. Galalith is made by treating pure casein under pressure with formaldehyde.

How many Chinamen return to China from the United States each year? In 1922, approximately 14,000 returned. That is about the average each year.

What can I do to prevent my hair from falling out? Use your face placid. Do not comb your brows, or frown. Take your hair rest; avoid eye strain; keep your hair clean and free from fire.

When and where did the idea of a Forest Protection Week originate? What is its purpose? In the Pacific Northwest in 1920. In 1921 it was made a national affair by proclamation issued by President Harding. State and private forestry associations, and local clubs of all kinds, join with the Federal authorities in making an intensive campaign to educate the people about their forests and the necessity of protecting the Nation's timber from fire.

## German Princess to Wed Schoolmaster



Berlin now learns Maria Rosa, princess of Hohenzollern-Bartenstein, is to marry Joseph Hugo Waldenmaier, a village schoolmaster. He is the son of a factory worker and formerly tutored the princess.

## INJUNCTIONS ARE PROVEN PLAIN FRAUD

Action Is Legal Step Usurped as Power of Court Judges.

By GILSON GARDNER

One was sought against the speculative sugar prices. While the judge was deciding very deliberately whether or not he would grant it, sugar prices remained speculatively high. Finally, he refused it, and prices remained high.

There is an injunction against the railroad mechanics who are striking. But they still strike.

An injunction was obtained in the Northern Securities case during Roosevelt's administration forbidding the two great northwest railroads uniting to suppress competition. But they are still united and competition is still suppressed.

Again Process Fails

And there was an injunction issued in Chicago at the request of Attorney General Moody some eighteen years ago, against the continuation of mutual buying or selling understandings by the beef trust.

What is an injunction anyway? Lawyers will tell you it is the direct command issued by a court of equity enforceable on all within the court's jurisdiction by "direct process" that is, by the arrest of the offender by the court's marshals and his imprisonment at the discretion of the judge. There are no juries, no trials—just a hearing before the judge who has issued the command.

Suppose Judge Slumbers

But suppose the judge goes to sleep and never orders anybody arrested. What happens then to the injunction? Just what happened to the injunction against the beef trust officials.

Suppose the injunction is so worded that the supposed purpose of its issue is not served. What is what happened in the Standard Oil case and the tobacco trust case. The injunctions are just plain frauds. It is like shooting a blank cartridge when pretending to shoot to kill.

The injunction is not really a legal method. It was never created or authorized by law. It is not law as made by the people's representatives. The injunction is part of the usurped power of judges. It is like the veto power exercised by the United States Supreme Court, when it declares "unconstitutional" acts of Congress, like the minimum wage and child labor laws.

Honest Chinese

You hear a mighty lot about Chinese bandits these days. But did you know the Chinese, taken as a whole—and there are some 400,000,000 of them—are perhaps the most honest people in the world?

Business merchants, bankers and business men generally dominate the field in Dutch East Indies, British Malaya and the whole of that archipelago. This is also largely true of native trade in the Philippines. And in all their dealings the guiding principle is honesty. They belong to "guilds" or "exchange-bankers" guilds, rice guilds, silk guilds, etc., and to be dishonest means to "lose face" with, and to be ostracized by, their fellows. To "lose face" is the greatest disgrace that can befall a Chinese and suicide frequently follows.

Written contracts are just beginning to become known among the Chinese, their word being as good as their bond. But contact with crooked occidentals is making the Chinese wary. It is a sad commentary on our westerners that we not only introduced the Bible into China but also the gold brick.

Air Passengers

Paris and Constantinople, via Vienna, Budapest, Belgrade and Sofia, are now linked together by the airplane. So are Paris and Warsaw and London and Berlin. Paris to Constantinople is \$85, while Paris to London is \$35, and London to Constantinople is \$50. It is cheaper than it can be done by train or boat. Yes, you can carry your trunk along with you, checked in the baggage compartment. Hand baggage you take with you in the drawing room.

## GREAT BRITAIN FACES DIFFICULT TASK IN STRAIGHTENING INDIAN GRIEVANCES

Irish Question Small Compared to Issue in Hindu Land.

By MILTON BRONNER  
NEA Service Writer

LONDON, May 22.—Is India another Ireland in the British empire, made far worse for the British government by reason of its huge size and population? Thus here in London tell me "Yes."

British administrators tell me "No."

And I think the "noes" are probably right, because all the keen London reporters who a little over a year ago had packed their grips ready to take the first boat for India, have unpacked them four days ago and are pursuing their ordinary London jobs.

Get a picture of India's vast size. Ireland is as big as South Carolina. India is three-fifths the size of the United States. Ireland doesn't contain as many people as New York City. India contains three times as many people as the entire United States.

The main grievance of the Irish was that they wanted to be masters in their own house. They wanted home rule; they didn't want to be governed and taxed from London. The main grievance of Indians is the same thing. Only it is enhanced by comparison with the Irish.

Race, Creed Differ

Irish and English are both white races. They are both Christian nations. The majority of Indians are brown men and very few are Christians. The vast majority are Hindus in religion. The next sect is the Moslems with over 20,000,000.

The Irish are one race. The Indians are many races. In Ireland there were practically only two classes—the gentry and the peasantry. In India there are a myriad of classes, set off in iron-bound partitions called castes. A man is born, lives and dies in his caste.

In Ireland during the fight with the British many Irishmen were executed and the jails were filled with prisoners. Hindus here tell me of many executions in India and talk of 40,000 persons locked up because of alleged political offenses. The British at the India office here elicited the information that nineteen persons had been sentenced to death and 110 to life terms for riots at Chauri Chaur, which resulted in twenty-two policemen being killed. They told me there are not to exceed 3,000 political prisoners in a country with 320,000,000 inhabitants.

Causes Listed

A diary of the causes which almost led India to the boiling point and which brought about a condition ready to burst into something far worse than the famous Sepoy rebellion would read something like this:

First—Amritsar cast its shadow over the memories of all the people. Here on April 13, 1919, British troops fired upon 10,000 unarmed natives, killing 379 and wounding 1,200, on the ground that they were holding an unlawful assembly.

Second—In Malabar the wild Mohammedan Moplahs broke loose in open rebellion in 1921. Killing and wounding many and destroying millions of property. Three thousand Moplahs were killed by the British troops. And once again India was horrified, because seventy unfortunate prisoners, being shipped away by train, were smashed to their ears.

Shrinis Cause Row

Third—In the Punjab there is a constant disorder concerning the possession of the Sikh shrines. The incumbent priests are supported by the government. The Sikhs, one of the most warlike races in India and hitherto staunch supporters of British rule, are in almost open rebellion. Their battle cry is—"Sat Sri Akal"—"God is immortal."

Fourth—The non-cooperative movement started by Mahatma Gandhi. He preached that the Indians should have nothing to do with the foreigners. They were not to send their children to government schools. They were not to buy British goods. They were not to pay taxes. In many places his followers refused to pay taxes.

Fifth—The Khilafat movement, started very largely by Mahomed and Shaukat Ali. They appealed to the Mohammedan brothers by passionate denunciation of the alleged plan of Britain to break up the Ottoman empire and take away from Moslem rulers the holy places in Palestine, Turkey and elsewhere.

Racial Hatreds

Sixth—Racial discrimination against Indians in the Indian army and the British empire government has now provided eight regiments in which Indians may attain any rank, their talents entitle them to. Before, they could only fill minor commissioned ranks. But the greatest bitterness is caused by refusal of citizenship and free emigration to Australia, Canada and South Africa.

Seventh—Agitation for full home rule, only partially allayed by admitting Indians to partial rule.

Since the leaders of the Mohammedan and the Hindu movements are both in jail, things have become more quiet in India and more moderate leaders are coming to the front.

Bronner tells of Ghandi, Hindu Nationalist leader, in his next article.

"I"

By BERTON BRALLEY

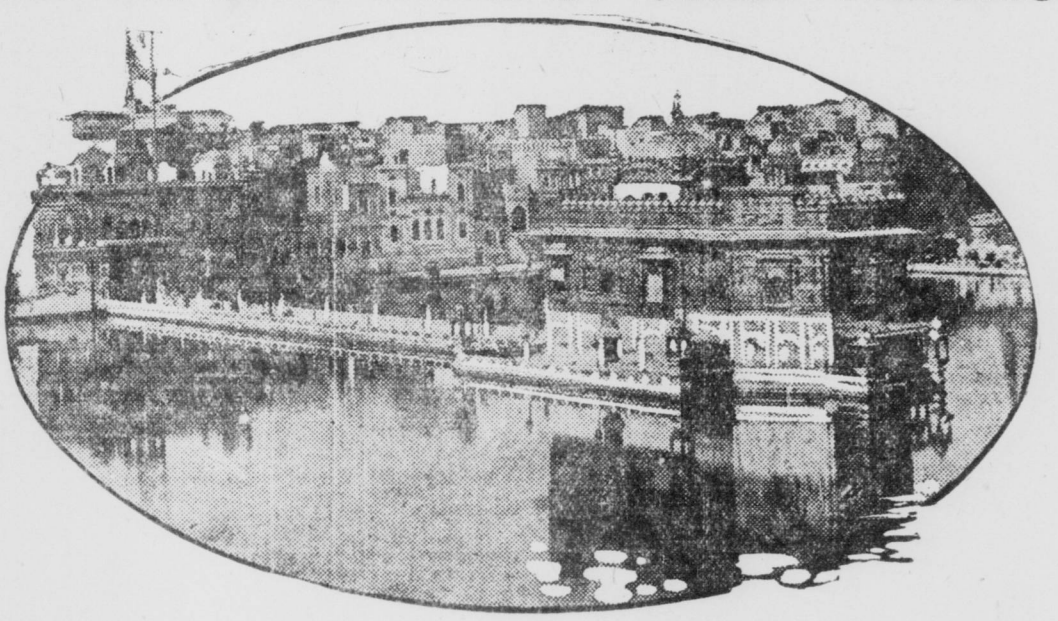
Of all the words in the dictionary, "I" is the most important and very sort.

Succinct and simple and brief and short; a word compressing our high ambitions. The things we seek and the reasons why. The master word under all conditions. The Periphrastic Pronoun, "I."

SOME of us use the word so seldom, some of us use it right and day. Are we aware of the word in the affairs of war? And whether we're selfish or self-denying. Deep in our souls we know just why. For each in his way is studying "The Periphrastic Pronoun, 'I'."

"I" is the word—but you can restrain it. From making an egotist out of you. It is the word that you ought to use. Your will can soften its harsh demanding. And hold it down, if you only try. But the boss of the world is notwithstanding. The Periphrastic Pronoun, "I."

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GOLD TOWER OF AMRITSAR. SCENE OF RIOTING IN 1919 RESULTING IN BRITISH TROOPS FIRING UPON 10,000 NATIVES, KILLING NUMBERS.

## Grist O'Gotham

Weekly Letter Written from Point of View of Man From Out of Town.

By CASUAL STROLLER

NEW YORK, May 22.—Beware of the Dark Lady of the Subway Station when you come to New York. Men, take notice.

She's one of those damsel in distress who if afraid to go home in the dark. She picks out a nice dark night, a late hour, and a dark and lonely spot near one of the numerous isolated subway stations in Brooklyn. She waits until a prosperous looking male gets off a train. She robs softly in a dark corner, snuffing just loud enough to attract this lone man's attention.

Gallantly he inquires the trouble (you would too, wouldn't you, if you saw a pretty girl weeping on the sidewalk?). She tells him there have been so many hold-ups lately that she's afraid to go home in the dark, and just look at those gloomy blocks ahead! Would he mind seeing her home?

Off they go together. She keeps talking about hold-ups, and wonders if he isn't afraid to go around at night with his pockets full of money. And nine times out of ten he says: "Well, maybe I ought not to be out with as much as \$100 or maybe it's \$50 or \$200 or more! But I guess we're safe enough."

And just about then they come to a boulevard where the houses are few and the shadows are long and black.

And silent, and suddenly an automobile appears out of nowhere and the damsel in distress cries out: "Come and get him, boys! He's got it!" And two buccies tumble out of the machine, waving guns, and the poor gallant is trimmed, while the damsel in distress sits in the bandit car and gives him the laugh.

It happened the other night to a newspaper man. One of those quick thinkers, you know! And when the girl asked him if he wasn't afraid to carry a lot of money at night, he said promptly: "The joke's on the bandits if I'm held up tonight. I've been playing poker, and I haven't got a dime!"

Just then the bandit car slid out of the night. And the girl waved to it and cried disgustedly: "Pass up this bozo. I picked a piker!"

She climbed into the car without saying good night. And the near victim went home with a healthy bankroll intact.

REMEMBERS continue that the Hippodrome, one of the largest theaters in the country and known from coast to coast, is to be torn down to make way for a hotel. Another story is that Max Reinhardt, German Impresario, is to save it and produce swatches backed by Otto Kahn and Morris Gest.

The Hippodrome seats 4,651 people. New York has more than 300 theaters, nine of them seating more than 3,000 and six less than 500 each. The smallest is the Bramhall Playhouse in E. Twenty-Seventh St., seating 268.

POLICE PROBE ROBBERY AT NEIGHBORING HOUSES

Windows Forced Open at Homes in Bellefontaine St.

Burglars entered two houses in Bellefontaine St. late Monday night. Detectives were investigating today. At the home of J. B. Vandewerke, 2915 Bellefontaine St., the thief took an alligator traveling bag containing some keys, saxophone reeds and handkerchiefs, all valued at \$40, two suits of clothes valued at \$140, and a \$100 Government bond. The rear windows in both houses were forced open.

The home of Frank Chance, 2921 Bellefontaine St., was robbed of two suits of clothes and a pair of trousers, with a total value of \$60.

McCray to Sell Cattle

Sixty-five descendants of the famous Perfection Fairfax herd of Hereford cattle will go to the auction block when Governor McCray bids his fourteenth annual sale Thursday at his Orchard Lake farm near Kentland.

McCray left today to take charge of the sale. Indications are that the attendance will be unusually large this year.

## TOM SIMS SAYS:

A WOMAN may marry a man to mend his ways; a man may marry a woman to mend his clothes.

They are trying to find what make sugar go up instead of what will make it come down.

We don't know where winter goes, but we hope the last one went where it is hot.

Our rural population fell off 460,000 last year. Back to the farm is the way too many are turned instead of headed.

A good man is one who loses a dollar and hopes some poor widow will find it.

Before proposing, see how she looks in a kitchen. Before accepting, see how he looks before shaving.

What could be worse than having the house burn just after finishing spring cleaning?

While trying to impress people, you are liable to depress people.

A stumbling block is a stepping stone you tripped over.

Many a man spends all day getting out of a morning's work.

A boy usually grows up to be a man, while a man usually grows up to be a boy.

People are smoking so much now it is hard to tell when to call the fire department.

WHAT VETERANS' BUREAU WILL DO FOR YOU

If you are a World War veteran, relative or friend of a veteran, and want to know where and how to apply for veterans' relief of any kind, The Veterans' Bureau is prepared to help you. Any ex-service man or other person interested may obtain a free copy of this bulletin by filling out the coupon below and mailing to the Washington Bureau of The Indianapolis Times with a 2-cent postage stamp.

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U. S. Constitution Is in Need of Careful, Able Revision

BY HERBERT QUICK

WORSHIPERS of the letter of the Constitution of the United States are always telling what Gladstone said about it.

And in nine cases out of ten, they misstate what Gladstone said. To be sure, it ought not to be very important. Gladstone may have said things. He began as a Tory—a despised Tory as you can find in the ranks of our reactionaries. Later he became a leader of the liberals.

But when he is quoted, he should be quoted correctly. I have before me such a quotation by one of our most eminent literary men. "Gladstone said," runs this statement, "that the Constitution of the United States is the greatest work of the human mind."

Statement Limited

What did he say? He said that the Constitution of the United States is the greatest work of constructive statesmanship ever struck off in one act by the human mind. Note the limitation. "Ever struck off in one act," Gladstone, a Britisher, would not for a moment have admitted that our Constitution is as good a form of Government as that of Great Britain.

But the British "constitution" was not struck off by the human mind in one act. It grew through the centuries, "brooding down from precedent to precedent." So that what Gladstone said may be conceded to be true without meaning that our Constitution was in his opinion better than that of any other highly civilized country. What it means is, considering how it was made, it is a wonder. You might say that about a clock made with a jackknife. It might not keep very good time, but it is a wonder that it runs at all!

Gave Us Union

The Constitution was a wonderful thing. It gave us that precious thing which Europe lacks—union—when we bitterly needed it, and when it seemed to be out of reach. Until 1861 it kept us from internecine war—and that was a long time. Then we had to amend it by a dreadful war.

But good as it has been it has its faults. Among those faults is the difficulty of amending it. The man who sets it up as something not to be criticized is not its true friend. It is an able human document, most of it over a hundred years old, and in need of careful and statesmanlike revision from time to time. This is true, no matter what Gladstone said.

Cape Taken From Car

Wallace Lee, 3926 Graceland Ave., today told police a thief took a \$25 black bolivia cape from his automobile Monday night while the car was parked at 916 Hovey St.

Paul Basso, 29, of 2052 S. Meridian St., was ill in the city hospital today. Basso was found unconscious on the lawn of the Statehouse, George Sluder, Capitol Hotel, saw Basso and called the police. Basso had been missing since Saturday. The nature of Basso's illness puzzled physicians, but his condition was not serious.

MAN IS FOUND ILL ON STATEHOUSE LAWN

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The Wedding Ring: Token of Happiness

You can't express the things a wedding ring stands for in mere terms of money—even the poorest of bands can mean much to a husband and wife. Nevertheless, no man can wish otherwise than that his bride should have wedding ring worthy of the happiness for which it stands.

Mullally's wedding rings reflect quality, yet cost but little. Of White Gold, Engraved, \$9.00 Upward. Of Platinum, Engraved, \$17.00 Upward. Of Platinum, Set With Diamonds, \$42.00 Up.

—Ayres—Mullally's Diamonds, street floor.

## 'ECONOMY' OF MELLON CRITISED

Surplus of \$125,000,000 Should Have Been Used on War Debt.

BY JOHN CARSON  
(Times Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, May 22.—President Harding has intimated the next Congress will be asked to reduce taxes, especially taxes on large incomes. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has supported this with a statement that the Government would have a surplus of \$125,000,000 this year instead of a deficit.

Practical politicians are already talking of the "economy" indicated by this report.

Revenue Shown

The Treasury statement for the fiscal year up to May 4 includes the following revenues:

Sale of railroad and other securities and collections on foreign debts, \$294,626,526.34; revenue from the sale of surplus property, most of it war property, \$68,283,340.91. The Budget Bureau has estimated the Government saved \$25,000,000 by using war goods instead of selling and buying anew.

The net balance which the Treasury made through borrowing money, selling property and collecting from foreign governments was \$331,400,215.09. Conservative estimates are this amount will be \$400,000,000 before the year ends.

"Does this indicate economy?" is a widely heard question.

Critics Are Skeptical

The critics are skeptical. They say the government purchased this property—desks, typewriters, filing cabinets, war camps, foreign bonds—through borrowing money on Liberty bonds and Victory notes. They should have been used to pay off the war debt instead of going into "receipts" to meet the running expenses of the Government, it is contended.

They further predict the "economy" will not show much reduction in actual government expense, or in number of job-holders or salaries paid. The "economy," they contend, will be shown in the fact that the railroads have not taken as much money as was expected, that the shipping board has reduced its operations and expenses or that some rivers and harbors have not been improved.

Tariff Yields Huge Sum

In this connection one other point is made. The tariff is producing more than one-half billion dollars, about \$176,000,000 on sugar, and that is a tariff tax of almost \$100,000,000 more than was expected. The income tax this year will yield \$100,000,000 more than was expected. These items added to the revenue from sales of war property and other securities make a total of \$600,000,000.

And so the critics refuse to concede Secretary Mellon has made any tremendous record for economy in showing a surplus of \$125,000,000.

JURY TO INVESTIGATE WRECKING OF TRAINS

Detectives Say They Have Confession From Laborer.

By Times Special

GOSHEN, Ind., May 22.—The grand jury will be called Monday to investigate alleged wrecking of Wabash freight trains, and robbing of the Big Four freighthouse, by two section laborers.

Detectives said they have a confession from one man admitting thefts and stating he gave switch keys to the other. According to detectives, one man said they made a mistake in not wrecking a west-bound freight, as it would have yielded more loot.

TAXI DRIVER'S QUESTION CAUSES FOUR-CAR CRASH

Automobiles Damaged in Accident at Meridian and Eleventh.

Four automobiles were damaged at Meridian and Eleventh Sts. late Monday, because, it was said, a taxi driver turned