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DAUGHERTY ON THE JOB

GEORGE REMUS, of Cincinnati and occasionally of Indianapolis, bootleg king, has given Attorney General Stone something to think about.

Remus is now doing time in the Atlanta Penitentiary for bootlegging. At his own solicitation he appeared before the Brookhart-Wheeler Senate committee, when it was investigating the Department of Justice, and testified that he had paid Jess Smith many thousands of dollars to get liquor permits and protection. Some of the money, he testified, changed hands while Smith and Daugherty were in Indianapolis.

Now Remus makes affidavit that he gave this testimony in exchange for a promise from Brookhart and Wheeler for a pardon.

Several interesting facts develop. The warden of the Atlanta penitentiary is A. E. Sartain, who proudly boasts that: "Harry Daugherty has been my friend for thirty years and I am proud of it."

Warden Sartain also admits that the affidavit made by the bootleg king in the penitentiary was made with his knowledge and sworn to before his private secretary, who is a notary.

Remus is a liar either way you take it. He either lied when he testified under oath before the Brookhart-Wheeler committee, or he is lying now when he says he never met Jess Smith in his life.

If this is another frame-up on Senator Wheeler, it is a clumsy one. Nobody could pardon Remus except President Coolidge. There was no chance for a presidential pardon except on the recommendation of the Attorney General, and Daugherty occupied that office most of the time Wheeler was investigating Daugherty and Stone has occupied it since Daugherty was fired.

And nobody in the Senate was less likely to have influence enough with the Administration to procure a pardon than Senator Wheeler; and Senator Brookhart, although a Republican, wasn't much more popular at the White House than Wheeler.

To say now that he perjured himself before the committee in expectation of a pardon from President Coolidge procured by Senators Wheeler and Brookhart is idiotic. It is almost as idiotic to expect that Daugherty's friends can now procure for him a pardon through Attorney General Stone for making the affidavit swearing he lied before the committee.

Attorney General Stone can do no less than accept Senator Wheeler's suggestion that he investigate Bootlegger Remus, Warden Sartain and the penitentiary affidavit.

The next thing in order would be for Stone to clear out the entire Daugherty gang, fumigate the Department of Justice and start out with an organization of his own.

BUTCHERING AND SKINNING

THE meat packing concern of Wilson & Co. has been placed in the hands of a receiver.

Thus another chapter is written in the never-ending story of high finance.

Nineteen years ago what is now known as Wilson & Co. was called Schwarzschild & Sulzberger. It was one of the "big five" meat packers and the Swifts were secretly trying to secure control of it.

Five years later the struggle was compromised by "reorganizing" and high finance appeared in the meat packing business. High finance and endless tribute to bankers pools and to dividends on watered stocks and bonds.

This company is but an example of why producers (such as farmers) get less than a fair price for their produce and why consumers pay more than a fair price for the same produce.

The difference between the low reward for labor and the high cost of living goes to feed the insatiable maw of high finance.

Handicapped by its first injection of water the Sulzberger outfit staggered on until 1916, when a group of Wall St. bankers gave the company a real water cure. Again the company was "reorganized."

Millions of bonds were issued. Millions of stock was issued. The banks paid around \$5 a share for the stock and the profit on the bonds was actually more than the stock cost.

Then, for years, the dropscial securities were fed out of the public. Little of it went for less than \$50 per share and much of it for much more.

The banks made their millions and millions of profit while the innocent stockholders, the farmers, who raise cattle and hogs, and the public, which eats meat, have each been contributing to make up those millions.

Whether the receivership is justified only a court hearing will show. But, judging from the past, the most likely thing now is a new "reorganization." That will mean that Wall St. will gorge itself again and the investing public, the producing farmer and the consuming public will come in for another skinning.

IF CORN is listening to wheat, it is getting an earful.

THE FAIR Isle of Jersey has no tax system. Only the cows are milked over there.

THE PICTURE of the late Salmon P. Chase has been placed on the new \$10,000 bill, where, it is certain, few dirty hands may defile it.

THE REMARKABLE thing about that harnessmakers' convention in Iowa was that there were enough of the gentry left to make a quorum.

SCREEN and stage folks have organized a \$5,000,000 corporation, the idea being, of course, to have money enough for one "star," at least.

BEAUTY DOCTORS say bobbed hair is a thing of the past. Thus, the "woman with a past," instead of being an exception, is now the rule.

THE OLD WEST is gone for a fact—ditched, dumped and disgraced. Those cow buckaroos, who went over to punch cattle for British edification, are returning all dressed up in spats and monocles. Only blood will wipe out that sort of thing.

HE DOESN'T KNOW CODE OF MARTIANS

Strange Messages Recorded on New Photographic Machine.

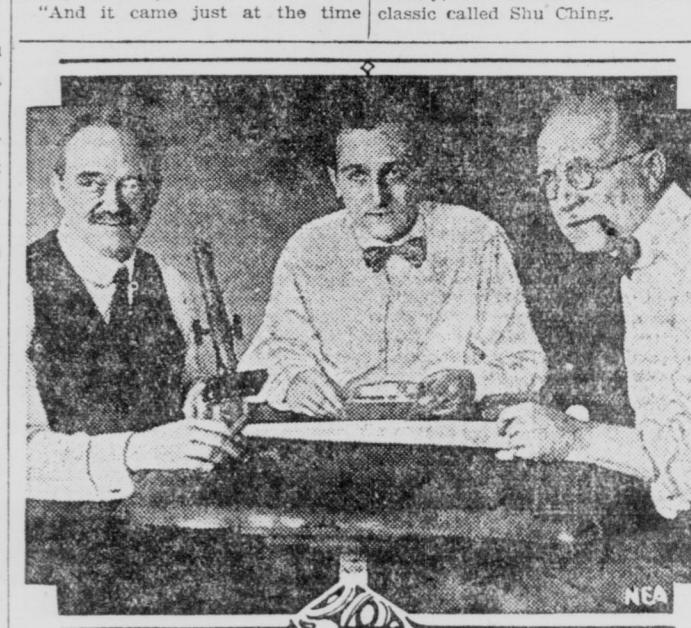
By NEA Service

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—"It may not be a message from Mars," Dr. David Todd admits, "but if it isn't from Mars, where is it from?"

It's a simple enough process of elimination.

Inventor C. Francis Jenkins' automatic radio photographing machine certainly did catch a message—or something. Whence? You can't tell, can you? Then it came from Mars, naturally.

"And it came just at the time



EXAMINING THE FILM CARRYING IMPRESSIONS OF RADIO SIGNALS. LEFT TO RIGHT: PROFESSOR C. FRANCIS JENKINS, WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN, AND DR. DAVID TODD.

Mars was nearest to us," adds Dr. Todd.

Dr. Todd is an eminent astronomer and professor emeritus of Amherst.

Washington being a center of political campaign activity just now, the very place Mars would be easiest to want to get in radio communication with—hither came Dr. Todd, to be on hand to case anything should be heard, from there during the neighbor planet's well-known opposition.

Delicate Machine

The doctor and inventor Jenkins got together on a plan to catch any message the Martians might try to broadcast.

The automatic radio photographing machine is too delicate and complicated to go into details about, but Jenkins invented it. They shut it up in a box, tight locked, and set it going, to record whatever the Martians had to offer.

Aug. 26 they opened the box and there was a record.

Cubist Figures

It was supposed to be in dots and dashes, but it wasn't—not exactly. "As a lady said, who looked at it," remarked Dr. Todd, "these look like cubist figures."

At any rate, Dr. Todd and Inventor Jenkins turned the film over to an army expert to be decoded.

The expert is still decoding it. He admits he's slow, but, unfortunately, he isn't a cubist.

"The signals," says Dr. F. E. Fowle, Smithsonian Institution sun and star expert, "are just disturbances introduced by solar or terrestrial causes not yet understood, and not the work of intelligent beings."

Tom Sims Says

A British woman writer says women can't understand men. Well, we say this is lucky for both sides.

The first sign of fall is when milk begins to taste like the cow has been eating old straw hats.

New York artist left his wife and ran away with a model, but we'll bet she won't be a model wife.

Autos may take the place of street cars some day. They are trying to do it now by knocking them out of the way.

In St. Louis a drug clerk shot a man, and if the man asked the price of postage stamps we hope the clerk goes.

A little grease on the top of a pond kills mosquitoes, and yet the darn things seem to thrive on fat people.

Politics makes strange bedfellows, and also strange fellows, but many a dark horse has a bright future.

"Winter lingers in the lap of spring," wrote the other poet, and we write, "Summer loaf in the lap of the kitchen stove."

With only a few more months of Leap Year left, some are desperate.

Soon be time for the annual coal shortage to see its shadow.

The chief wonder of the presidential race is it is struggling along without a cow-milking or hay-pitch contest.

The chief trouble with money is it is never quite enough.

Los Angeles girl who drank iodine was saved and now she can claim she thought it was restaurant coffee.

An optimist is a man who buys a summer suit now.

People who sleep on the sleeping porches should get up first.

Money makes the mare go. It also comes to make the hair go.

The man who doesn't have to work might as well collect his life insurance.

Our great objection to living in the country is you have to go to town for your vacation.

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Science

The ancient priests were introduced to the study of astronomy by eclipses of the sun. These rulers of the people saw in this awesome event of nature great opportunities to mystify and frighten their followers.

The eclipse in addition to starting the study of astronomy—then astrology—also had more to do with the development of religion than any other force. The eclipse was a practical demonstration. It gave the priests the right to claim that gods lived in the skies and that the heavenly bodies were their tools or playthings. Among the savage and uneducated people an eclipse of the sun always has been an event causing terror and panic. This fact has been used many times in fiction, the most noteworthy being the incident in Mark Twain's "Connecticut Yankee at King Arthur's Court."

The oldest recorded eclipse was the one of Oct. 22, 2137 B. C. This was visible in China and, fortunately for Mars, naturally.

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WILL PRICES REMAIN AT FIXED SUM?

Quick Asks Question as Result of Standardization.

By HERBERT QUICK

ONE of my brother writers has told us of the progress made by the division of simplified practice of the Department of Commerce in the standardization of manufactured articles in the United States.

That progress is very creditable to the department. It is well to have hotel chinaware simplified from 700 items to 160. It ought to make hotel expenses less. I hope it will make hotel bills less for guests. I hope that the simplification of "grades, sizes and nomenclature for soft woods" will really save \$250,000,000 annually, as is stated.

But I should like to know who will profit by the saving. Will the soft wood articles we have to buy,

will lumber be cheaper to the extent of anything like \$250,000,000 a year—for the people?

Many Articles Included

Metal lath, forged tools, paper, blackboards, states, woven wire fencing, milk bottles, milk caps, hollow building tile, brass sink traps, bolts and nuts, hospital beds, automotive parts, gas waterheaters, screw drivers, pocket knives, dental supplies, cotton, fabric colors, wood handles for tools—all these, and in fact, manufacturing in general, is to be given plans for simplification which, if one may judge from the economies claimed for the soft-wood industry, ought to save billions and billions of wasted costs on manufacturing in the United States.

Saved for whom? It would seem that the saving would make living cheaper for all of us. But will it? Look over the list, and see how many of the things included are monopolized by trusts as to manufacturing. Taken woven wire fencing, for one thing. The present writer has been waiting for a long time for this article to fall in price so that he could afford to fence a lot of rather low-priced land for pasture. But it has Pittsburgh plussed along at a prohibitive price. Will this simplification make it cheaper?

Combine Fixes Price

Why should it? The combine controls the price. It charges what the traffic will bear. It could sell a lot more fencing by reducing the prices. It is the same with so much of the manufacturing of the United States that the excellent work of the department promises to make greater the profits of concerns already enormously profitable, and to relieve very little, if at all, the people suffering from high prices.

Of course, if foreign manufacturers were not shut out by our tariff walls, foreign competition would force many of these manufacturers to pass some of these savings down to the rest of us. But being a nation of prize hawks, we shall probably fall for the old hokum of the protectionists as we have usually done. If it turns out so, the Department of Commerce will have done a great piece of work for the monopolists.

Shanty

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