

# 'Is There a Soul?' 'Yes,' Declares Famous Surgeon

## LOAN COMPANIES THREATEN JOBS OF BORROWERS

Firms Under Indictment  
Send Out Letters to Rail-  
road Employees.

Loan companies, whose officers are under indictment in Criminal Court on usury charges, it was learned today, are threatening persons who have borrowed money and refused to repay it with the enormous interest charged.

Several persons have come to the prosecutor's office in regard to the matter. Deputy Prosecutor John L. Niblack announced that none of the persons will be required to pay the loans until the charges are disposed of in court.

### Send Out Letters

According to borrowers, the companies first threatened legal action to obtain the money and now have sent letters declaring that the company will notify employers and see that the borrowers, all railroad employees, are discharged.

Indictments have been returned against the following: Walter E. Payton, Indiana Purchasing Company; Wayne W. Ayres, 120 Arcade Bldg.; Irvin Miller and Kenneth Cox, 23 N. Pennsylvania St., and R. De Witt King and C. Spurgeon King, Atlanta, Ga., represented here by Miller and Cox; the Central Purchasing Company, 46 N. Pennsylvania St., and Leo Moore and J. Binkley of the Marion Brokerage Company. The law firm of Robinson, Symmes and Nelson is representing the loan men.

Indictments charge that usury was committed when interest as high as 240 per cent a year was asked.

"The loan companies have no recourse in the law under the law to collect the money," Niblack stated. "They have loaned the money without the signatures of wives of the men. The State law requires the wives' signatures on any loan."

Niblack said the companies were threatening the men's jobs under the order enforced by all railroads, that none of their employees can borrow from "loan sharks." The railroad companies here, however, have assured the prosecutor's office that none of the men will be discharged.

The Russell Sage Foundation of New York has been probing the Marion County situation and will aid in the fight against usury.

## RAT GIVES CUE IN DUAL DEATH ROLE

Man and Wife Found Dead  
—Accident and Grief  
Motives.

By United Press  
MATTAPoisETT, Mass., Nov. 27.—A barnyard rat was the indirect cause of a double tragedy in which a former Harvard football star killed both his wife and himself here.

The incident occurred last yesterday at the Mattapoisett home of J. E. Norton Shaw, New Bedford attorney and Harvard graduate, class of '98.

According to Mrs. Catherine Sherman, housekeeper, Shaw loaded an old-fashioned 12-gauge shotgun and started for his barn, telling Mrs. Shaw he was going to kill a rat.

Shortly after he returned to the house, Mrs. Sherman said she heard a gun's report. She hurried to Mrs. Shaw's bedroom and found the latter on the floor with Shaw standing over her, gun in hand.

"My God," Shaw exclaimed. "I've shot my wife. Go get a doctor."

Mrs. Sherman went downstairs. While she was telephoning she again heard the gun explode.

When Dr. I. N. Tilden arrived both Shaw and his wife were dead. Police believe Shaw killed his wife accidentally and, overcome by grief, took his own life.

### Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen to police belong to:

Austin Hyatt, Falmouth, Ind.; Ford, from New York and Meridian Sts.

H. B. Kenworthy, 615 Murphy Bldg.; Ford, from Delaware and Ohio Sts.

Eugene Schmidt, 2347 N. Alabama St.; Ford, from Capitol Ave. and Ohio Sts.

J. M. Loftis, 402 W. Twenty-Ninth St.; Chevrolet (546-231), from Twenty-Fifth St. and Fall Creek Blvd.

Darrell D. Davis, 721 E. Eleventh St.; Chevrolet (551-670), from Maryland and Illinois Sts.

Frank Hart, Y. M. C. A.; Ford (536-755), from New York and Illinois Sts.

### BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:

Marcus Wyant, Noblesville, Ind.; Ford, found at 530 S. West St.

Leslie Manlove, 650 Arbor Ave.; Ford, found at Louisiana and East Sts.

Electric steaming irons, with a water reservoir and tiny holes in the ironing surface for the emergence of steam are now being produced.

It is said this device obviates the need of dampening clothes before ironing.



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## Dr. William J. Mayo, Who Knows Most About Human Body, Strongly Asserts Belief in Religion.

By NEA Service  
ROCHESTER, Minn., Nov. 27.—Is there a soul?

"Yes," says Dr. William J. Mayo, who knows more about man's material make-up than perhaps any other living person.

Dr. Mayo is a world-famous surgeon, senior of the two equally distinguished Mayo brothers and chief of staff of the Mayo clinic here. The keen blade of his scalpel may never have disclosed the soul as a tangible part of the mystery called man, but he knows it is there.

He is as confident of its presence as he is of the most elemental truth to which his own medical science adheres.

Humanity, too, sadly needs fuller acceptance of the spiritual teaching from which the concept of a soul arises, Dr. Mayo believes.

### Religion—Not Creeds

"The world needs religion," he put it. "It needs religion as distinguished from creeds born of theologians' disputes."

"If the world is bettered by disputes over creeds, I can not see it." There is nothing of dogma in the opinions as to the importance of the spiritual that he voices. There is little, if any, theorizing. His beliefs are of simpler origin.

"The surgeon and physician of experience realize quickly that they need religion to help them," he said. "I do not mean the personal religion of the surgeon and physician—I mean the personal religion of the patient."

"I have seen a minister come to the bedside of my patient and do for that patient what I could not do, though I had done everything in my professional power."

### Sees Truth in Sermon on Mount

There was no hedging as this master of medical science subscribed to religion.

"No thinking, reverent man can read the Sermon on the Mount or the life of Christ without knowing that here is truth," he said.

Dr. Mayo was born an Episcopalian, and is a member of the Episcopal church. But he has not attended a service of his church in twenty years.

He subscribes to the spiritual, but not to spiritualism.

"Fraud," he said of "psychic phenomena," such as dark room seances.

"Ninety-five per cent of our knowledge comes through the eye. In a darkened room, the faker has but 5 per cent of our intelligence to combat."

"If men like Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle fail to smell out the fraud—well, when a man goes into dark places, deprived of his chief means of obtaining information, the scientist is as likely to be led astray as any one else."

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## WATSON'S ANGER OVER KOKOMO'S SNUB IS SEEN

Believe Brown, ex-Chairman,  
Forced to Resign Plum in  
Justice Bureau.

### By Times Special

KOKOMO, Ind., Nov. 27.—An inkling of the displeasure of Senator James E. Watson over losing Howard County both in the election and last spring's primary, was seen today in the announcement from Washington that Omar Brown, former Republican county chairman, had resigned his place in the investigation bureau of the Department of Justice at Chicago, effective next Tuesday night.

It was believed here that Watson had forced Brown to resign. Under Sentence Now Brown has been in disfavor with many Republican voters, especially the women, since his arrest and conviction on charges of operating gambling devices in the county. He was sentenced and his case is now pending appeal before the Supreme Court.

As a result, Howard County went for Claris Adams in last spring's primary, the only county in the State Watson lost. The battle cry was "Beat the Watson-Brown machine."

Promised Postoffice Watson, it is said, had promised Brown the postmastership of Kokomo. Following Brown's rebuke at the primary, Watson compromised by getting Brown appointed last July to the Department of Justice at Chicago at a salary said to exceed that of the Kokomo postoffice and Morton Lamb was named county chairman.

Now that the election is over, politicians believe that Watson, angered at losing Howard county, ordinarily strongly Republican, in two tests at the polls, has ditched Brown for good, forcing him to resign his Department of Justice job.

IMPLEMENT MEN TO MEET Members of the Indiana Implement Dealers' Association will gather at the Claypool, Wednesday, for a three-day session, the tenth annual convention of the organization.

Among the speakers will be President Floyd Grannon, D. M. Bortoff, Columbus, Ohio; Paul E. Herschel, Jasper, Ind.; John W. Gamble, Omaha, Neb.; and Dr. W. E. Taylor, Moline, Ill.

Eighteen regular landing fields and more than ninety emergency fields are maintained by the government on the transcontinental air mail route.

Believe Boy-Victim in Auto Crash May Live.

By United Press  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Nov. 27.—John Hensley, 9, believed fatally injured in an automobile crash Thanksgiving day that instantly killed his mother, is fighting for his life in a hospital here. Young Hensley's pulse was stronger today and it was believed he has a chance to recover. He has not yet regained consciousness. He is suffering from a fractured skull.

DEDICATE WITH DINNER Christamore Settlement to Mark Opening of Martha Carey House.

Four hundred persons will attend the dedication dinner of the recently completed \$160,000 Martha Carey house of Christamore Settlement, 2400 W. Michigan St., the evening of Dec. 10, Mrs. O. D. Edwards, director of the settlement, has announced.

John L. Elliott, president of the National Federation of Settlements and director of the Hudson Guild of New York, will speak on "Contributions to the Settlement to the American City." A Cinderella festival will be presented by children in the school classes the afternoon of Dec. 11, together with a program by the children's chorus.

Boots and Her Buddies



## Death Reaches for Scepter



King Ferdinand of Roumania, who is reported dying as Queen Marie speeds home from America.

## MAINE'S G. O. P. FIGHT BEARS ON SENATE CONTROL

Tie of 47-47 at Present  
Would Make Democratic  
Victory Important.

### By United Press

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The special senatorial election in Maine, originally only a mere formality to confirm the Republican plurality of one one in the next United States Senate, has now developed a significance which may determine the fate of national legislation for the next two years.

As the new Senate now stands there are forty-seven Republicans, forty-seven Democrats and one Farmer-Laborite, with a Republican vacancy to be filled in Maine Monday.

Since 1856, Maine has gone Democratic only once, and Republican leaders here had presumed that the Republican would be elected to succeed the late Senator Bert M. Forbush, who died recently.

Ralph O. Brewster, popular Republican Governor of the State has "upset the dope" with a manifesto urging Republicans to support the Democratic candidate Fulton J. Redman against Arthur R. Gould, Republican nominee.

Charges have been made that Gould made improper campaign expenditures, but these charges were not sustained.

In the belief of Republican leaders here Gould's chances of election have been considerably reduced by the Brewster bolt.

If the Democrats should win, the Democrats would control a plurality of the Senate by one vote. The Farmer-Laborite is expected to vote with Republicans upon organization matters, however, to bring about a 48-48 tie, which would enable Vice President Dawes to cast the deciding vote for Republicans.

But the situation is further complicated by the series of election contests being threatened against Republican Senators-elect. Notice has been served that a fight will be made to keep Senators Vane (Rep.), Pennsylvania, and Smith (Rep.), Illinois, from taking their seats. If they are not permitted to vote the Democrats would hold full sway.

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### OIL FOR PLANES

WASHINGTON.—Future seaplanes, with a gross weight of 30,000 pounds, burning oil, are a possibility of the future, according to Commander H. C. Richardson, one of the foremost authorities on airplane design. Multiple engines will be used because of the difficulty of getting power in a single unit. Air-cooled engines will gradually displace the water-cooled type, and the fuel will gradually change from gasoline to heavy oil, reducing fire hazards.

Miscellaneous booth, Mrs. W. E. Kyle; apron booth, Mrs. Lewis F. Mole; towel booth, Mrs. Harvey J. Pier; junior booth, Mrs. Edgar Davis; food booth, Mrs. Fred Buskirk; candy booth, Mrs. Charles Mann; white elephant booth, Mrs. Walter Moore; fish pond, Mrs. Daniel Bradshaw; balloons, Miss Virginia Foster; dining room, Mrs. E. Rowland Murray; kitchen, Mrs. Harry Boetche.

Mrs. C. S. Armstrong, Mrs. Charles Sellars, Mrs. D. W. Foster and Mrs. Binkley as hostesses for the day.

BAZAAR IS PLANNED Grace Ransford Chapter, O. E. S., to Hold Affair Tuesday.

Tuesday, the Grace Ransford Chapter, O. E. S., will hold a Christmas bazaar on the second floor of Calvin Prather Temple, College Ave. and Ford-Second St., from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30. Mrs. Charles E. Binkley, worthy matron, has appointed the following chairman:

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By Martin

## INTANGIBLE POINTS INTENSIFY ROW OF U. S. AND MEXICO

Factors Beneath Surface  
More Powerful Than  
Patent Ones.

By William Philip Simms,  
Times Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The

quarrel between the United States and Mexico over American oil and other interests south of the Rio Grande is far more serious than appears on the surface.

Powerful forces, more intangible than tangible, are at work, both in Mexico and on this side of the border, militating against a peaceful solution.

This is the opinion of one of the most prominent international oil men in the country, one whose name is known the world over wherever there are petroleum deposits, as given to the writer.

The Mexicans, he says, have no intention of confiscating oil lands or any other property belonging to Americans. But there is "state of mind" both in Mexico and in this country greatly hampering to a calm, dispassionate adjustment of tangible difficulties.

The tangible difficulties—the Mexican land laws, which Americans charge are confiscatory—are largely the result of ambiguities—laws not clearly drawn or well expressed, the speaker said. They could be given an interpretation by succeeding Mexican administrations or courts, which would amount to confiscation.

Arrogant Americans

The intangible difficulties are by far the more sinister. Many Americans in Mexico are arrogant, and Mexicans are proud and super-sensitive. Thus should President Calles and the other Mexicans allow it to appear that they are accepting any dictation from the American Government they would not only lose all popularity, but would risk their political lives.

Furthermore, the Mexican government is in hot water over religious issues. It is regarded as quite possible that a quarrel with the much-hated United States might cause the many divergent factions to rally to the aid of President Calles.

Washington is accustomed to dealing firmly, to put it mildly, with Latin-American republics. The State Department holds that the Mexican land laws are inadequate and want them changed. And powerful American interests, used to having everything their own way in the oil fields of the United States—the Fall-Doheny oil episode is cited by Mexico as an example—are pressing claims in every way they know how.

Sheffield Disliked Further complicating the situation for the American Government is the presence in Mexico City of Ambassador James Rockwell Sheffield, undoubtedly a high-class man, but, apparently, to get along with the Mexicans. Rightly or wrongly, Mexican officials feel he has carried on a campaign of nagging ever since he landed in Mexico City, in September two years ago. They believe he is keeping Washington stirred up.

Under the new Mexican laws those claiming title to oil lands must apply before Jan. 1 for a concession over a period of years. In lieu of the title they now claim. The State Department here insists that even if new concessions are granted, such limited concessions are tantamount at least to partial confiscation.

It is regarded as significant, however, both here and in Mexico, that a number of foreign concerns, including the powerful British Agula Company and the subsidiaries of the Royal Dutch Oil, as well as a number of American companies, have already complied with the law.

Admittedly, the situation is full of dangerous complexities, calling for the utmost diplomatic skill and mutual good will on both sides if it is to be set right short of an eventual smash-up.

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