

Law Faces New Tussle With Crime

Wave of Kidnaping Raises Issue Regarding Paying of Ransom.

BY GRETTA PALMER

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—Kidnapers are the racketeers of emotion. Where the gunman makes his money from the victim's normal tendency to quail at the point of a gun, where the bootlegger cashes in on the human desire to have a drink, the kidnaper takes advantage of the family affections of those who are rich enough to seem worth his while.

And there is very little that they can do about it as individuals, except to meet the ransom demands of the kidnappers and keep faith with them until the victim is returned.

There is very little they can do as individuals, because they are acting too late. By the time that their son or daughter has been taken away they are in no strategic position to argue with the criminals. Their natural impulse is to pay.

This tendency the law soon will attempt to curb, we hear. For the family to bargain with kidnappers, without the co-operation of the police, will, perhaps, be made a jail offense. But the question of the effectiveness of such a measure is very strong.

Flouting of Law Certain

What father is going to be deterred by the fear of a possible jail sentence when his child's welfare and even life may be at stake?

If our respectable citizens are willing to turn a cold shoulder to the police when their thirst, how much more apt they would be to try to hoodwink them in a matter as vital as this?

There is a grave possibility, if such a law goes through, that we shall have cases of kidnapping which never reach the ears of the police at all, and another curious entente between the upper classes and the underworld may be set up, just as the years of prohibition seemed to be bringing an end to the public condonation of lawbreaking.

Equal Arming a Way Out

Has society no recourse but to arm itself with the same weapons which the underworld has chosen? It is a grim possibility—but far less grisly than that of having one member of a prominent family after another terrorized and bought back from the criminals, while the prestige of the law necessarily wanes and the kidnaper becomes bolder at every coup.

When armored trucks first appeared on our city streets, and with their guards and arsenals, we shuddered to think that such drastic protection might be needed for moving money about "in times of peace."

But the armored trucks have become a common-place today, and money which is moved in this manner is secure from the most foolhardy criminal.

The "peace" it seems, was largely illusory. There is warfare between society and the gangsters—and if we leave all the drastic weapons in their hands, we can hardly expect to win.

Personals

Mrs. Guy L. Stayman, Miss Muriel Adams, and Miss Marie S. Parks have been visiting in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

Mrs. Evelyn Jessup of Chicago has returned home after several days' visit with Mrs. Harrison Dake, 338 East Hanna road.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bookwalter and son Charles, 2614 Sutherland avenue, have returned from New York where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Sherman at their summer home in the Adirondacks.

Mrs. Harry Kimber and daughter, Rebecca, have come from East Lansing, Mich., for a visit with her mother Mrs. Florence Schultz, 2121 North Alabama street, and with Dr. Kimber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Kimber, 5471 Pleasant Run parkway. Dr. Kimber sailed Wednesday night from New York on the Deutschland for a two-month stay in Germany and England.

Miss Doris Scripture of Greensburg is the house guest of Miss De-light Morrison. Miss Scripture and Miss Morrison were roommates at Indiana university last year.

Misses Martha Pittenger, Margaret Barlet, C. Mari de Schipper, Messrs. Dick Hoover, Francis Sonday, Hale MacKeen and Tom Long have returned from Chicago, where they attended a house party given by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight C. Muir.

Daily Recipe

LIVER AND SPAGHETTI

1-2 pound of beef, pork or calf liver

1 tablespoon fat

1-2 cup tomato pulp

3 cups water

1-2 cup uncooked spaghetti

1-4 cup chopped onion

1-2 teaspoon salt, pepper to taste

2 tablespoons grated cheese

Brown the onion in the fat, add the liver which has been cut into small cubes, and the seasoning. Cook slowly for twenty minutes. Cook the spaghetti in salted water, drain, and place on a platter. Pour over it the liver mixture, sprinkle with cheese and serve.

Leaf-Dotted Suit Is Smart, Correct

BY JOAN SAVOY

NEA Service Writer



IT is the right clothes that give a girl that enviable, cool, aloof look in midsummer. Necktie silk suits are in high style right this minute. They have a sleek, well-bred look and they do not muss the way many silks do. Just a little different from the ubiquitous polka dotted suits, a leaf dotted one is bound to attract envious eyes. Get it in the new autumn rust color, with white leaves.

THIS suit is a little daisy. The dress has a slightly formal air that will stand you in good stead when you accept a last-minute invitation to stay in town for supper. It has cap sleeves and an adjustable scarf neckline that dresses you up a bit.

Then over it you put the cute little jacket that gives you that different-from-others look, because of its padded shoulders, fitted lines and removable white linen collar and cuffs.

The skirt of the dress has inverted box pleats which give it delightful, restrained fullness. The sleeves of the jacket get that way at the top by a couple of well-cut box pleats, too.

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Manners and Morals

BY JANE JORDAN

The answers in this column are not based on conventional ideas of what is right and wrong, but on sound psychological truths. What is your problem? Write your letter now!

Dear Jane Jordan—All my life I have believed in chastity. I am not bragging because I believe that right and wrong is all in your viewpoint. I have been going with a young man for eighteen months. He is ideal in every way. We both are in a position where we can not marry because of large family responsibilities.

He wants me terribly. Such a feeling has been with him a long time, but he has restrained because it went against my convictions. I hesitate in a decision that I never had any doubts about before. I don't want to hurt him.

He respects my ideas and is very gentle and kind to me. I am not afraid that he will ruin my life. He is much too fine for that. I don't think I am a plaster saint, and if I should give in, my only regret will be that I have lost part of the reverence he has for me. Perhaps something you can say will help me to decide.

MADAME X.

Answer—Judge Ben Lindsay, who is the most ardent defender of youth we have, says that it is very dangerous for any person to defy his traditional upbringing. It results in serious psychological conflicts which frequently get out of control.

Every person has an unconscious conscience which has been built upon the things he learned in his youth. To this is added a conscious conscience, which is the result of the conscious acts and unconscious desires of the individual.

When a person violates the standards of the super-ego, even with his own full conscious approval, the unconscious conscience protests. Secret guilt feelings arise which frequently result in abnormal behavior.

Self-appointed martyrs, for example, who succeed in making every one about them so thoroughly miserable, are thought by psychoanalysts to be atoning either for some conscious act or some buried desire which the stern super-ego condemns. They seek to silence its secret nagging by the most painful self-abasement.

Reformers, too, who are not satisfied with cleaning up their own conduct, but who insist upon forcing their moral absolutes down the throat of the whole unwilling world, are thought to be fighting down a secret sense of guilt.

"But," I hear you say, "some people violate the conventions and get by with it." Yes, but only when they have failed to build up such a rock-ribbed super-ego, or when they have been liberated from its attacks by a thorough psychological understanding of themselves. You will see from this that there is a sound psychological foundation for the trite admonition, "Let your conscience be your guide."

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Report Heard on Aid Given Sick in Need

Work among needy tubercular sufferers was reported upon at the monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Indianapolis Flower Mission, held Thursday in the Architects and Builders building.

Mrs. Fred Noerr, district visitor, gave a monthly report, and plans were discussed for future activities. Mrs. Noerr reported 107 case visits during July, and said that 4133 quarts of milk went into needy homes. Mrs. Rose Hill and Mrs. Webster Wright recently made donations of clothing, and Mrs. Noerr stressed the existing demand for more articles of wearing apparel.

Mrs. David Ross, Flower Mission president, named Mrs. James H. Lowes and Mrs. Robert Geddes to act as hostesses for the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the city hospital school of nursing, scheduled for Sept. 1. Mrs. P. H. Cheyne and Mrs. C. M. Turner will assist with the serving.

Other reports were given by Mrs. James D. Ermonston, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Turner, recording secretary.

CHEER CLUB WILL SPONSOR PROGRAM

Mrs. Elsie Brubaker is chairman of hostesses for the dinner and program to be given tonight at Municipal gardens by the Cheer Broadcasters Club. A board meeting at 4 preceded the evening entertainment.

The program will include songs by Jack Tilson, accompanied by Harry Bacon; vocal and saxophone numbers by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dorsey; accordion duet by Mrs. George Lantz and William Lantz Jr., accompanied by Miss Anna Lantz. M. H. Norris will play piano selections and Mrs. M. Earl Robbins will give a specialty number.

Assisting Mrs. Brubaker will be Mesdames George Barcus, reservations; Mrs. Robbins, dinner; Mrs. Max H. Neils and Mrs. L. R. Mottern, program.

other woman, not love. The best way for him to prove his love for you is to provide more rest for you so that you will be a better play fellow.

Answer—I believe that your husband told you the literal truth. Biological tension took him to the

Middle Age Bars Woman Job Hunter

Forty and Beyond Means Work Quest Nearly Hopeless.

BY ELIZABETH CARR

Times Staff Writer

"Life begins at 40," according to Walter Pitkin, the novelist, but life at 40 holds little illusion for the jobless.

They're little to offer and are grateful for what they get. Hope springs eternal, in spite of the odds, for morning finds them in line—rather grim, quite solemn, but hopeful. But the drama of closed doors has left its mark.

A mother and her daughter are in line today—they must have come early for they are at the head of the crowd. Maybe that will bring them luck, for they look as if they need it.

In appearance they are drab and coarse, undoubtedly unaccustomed to luxuries of life, but surely entitled to the necessities.

Faces Mask Feelings

The mother is tired and worn. Her countenance is masklike—she knows better than to wear her feelings on her sleeves. They stand, both of them, making no attempt to talk to their neighbors. A picture of utter dejection.

They were greeted by a friend, who asks breathlessly:

"Have they taken on any yet? I went over to that other factory that Henry told me about—they took seven. Mabel got in and Jennie, of course. Mabel used to work there and I think they remembered her. They called her in by name. How's Jim? Hurt bad?"

"Oh, he'll be all right." This from the mother.

"He doesn't care if he misses work—ain't that the way? I get awful mad at him, even if he is my own boy. Those who have jobs make them for granted. They wouldn't if they know how hard they were to get."

"If I only could get part-time work—just for a few dollars a week—it sure would help out plenty. You know, my husband lost his job last week—the factory where he was working closed down."

Pride Vanishes

"Remember when we was too proud to take just any kind of work? I've sure done plenty of different kinds since then. I guess I ain't so proud—it don't pay. Not when you've got a family and grandchildren. Ever seen Marty? Looks just like his paw, doesn't he, Min?"

Min, the daughter, nods assent. Some just stand—without pretense of success, shorn of hope, and dejected.

Do some of these jobless women deserve work? We have seen hundreds, willing and anxious to work long and hard for a few cents an hour. A few are chosen, but there are hundreds left.

Another Hopeless Day

Discordant, "That's all for today" and "No more help needed today" send them back into the streets looking for any kind of work.

Unfavorable conditions have subjected women to terms of long unemployment. Existing conditions of the economic machine have been forcing down the standards in the scale of social and industrial values.

And for what result? "Casual employment"—application for any job, no matter how far down in the scale of unskilled labor. Why should women do menial work, why should women take on any kind of a job, and for any price?

The flapper would say, "Have you ever been hungry?"

THE END

MISS STEWART TO BE HONOR GUEST

Mrs. C. D. Hunter entertained Thursday night at her home, 5515 Allisonville road, for Miss Mary Stewart, bride-elect. The marriage of Miss Stewart will take place Aug. 22.

Guests included Mesdames Wendell Phillips, William Williams, Delbert Raesner and Misses Helen Riedy, Pauline Muench, Irma Lloyd, Alice Jones, Irene Jean Sommers, Mildred McCartney, Helen Brannan, Hazel Jordan, Gladys Welch, Pearl Neff, Frieda Hopfinger and Clementine Eades.

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