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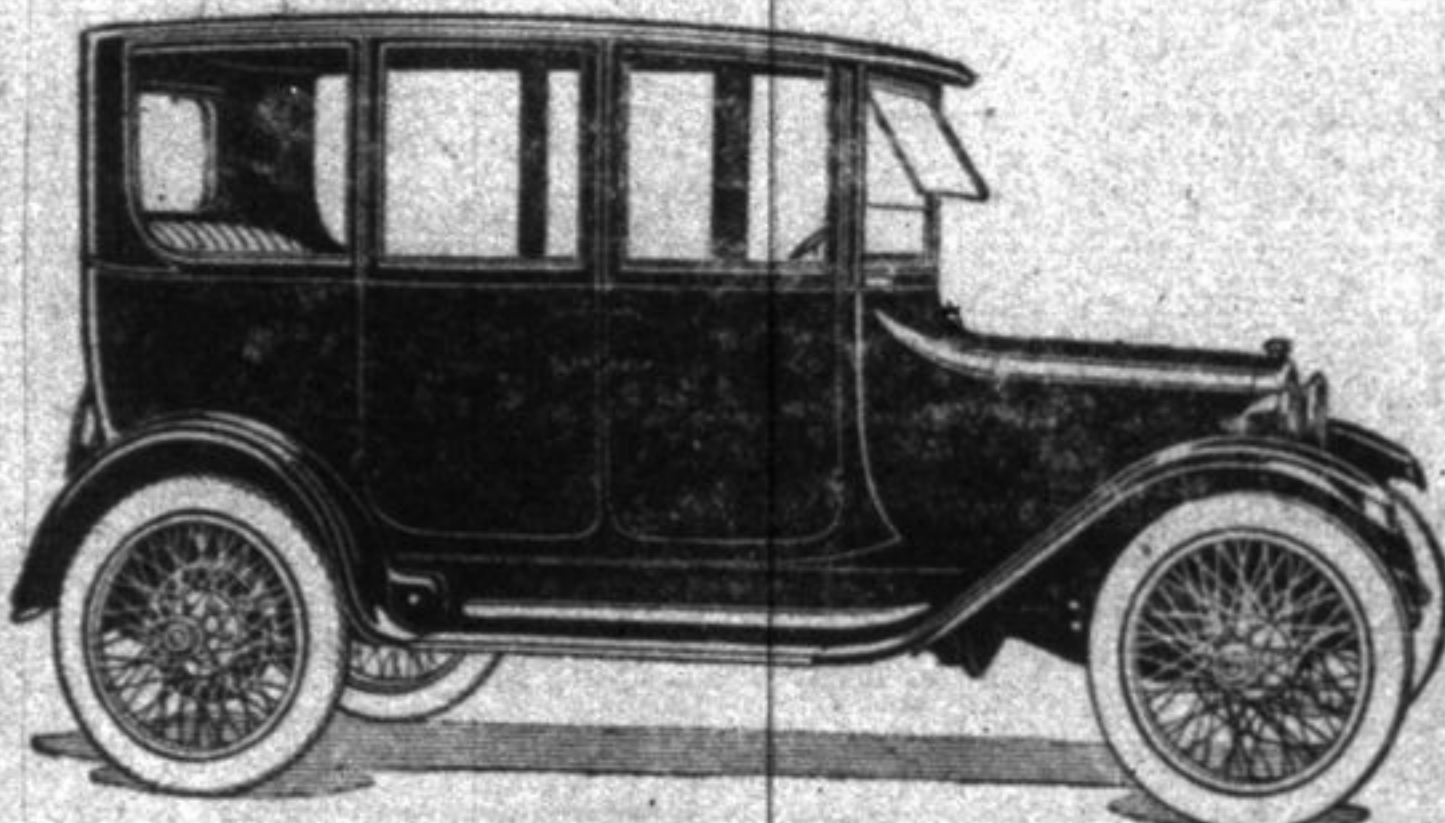
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**COUNTRYMAN SHOOTS  
SELF IN COURTROOM**

**FACED SERIOUS CHARGES**

Sensational Climax to \$100,000 Bull Project Occurs at the Lee County Courthouse

Elmer J. Countryman, former cashier of the Union State bank at Dixon, which failed some weeks ago and also a petitioner in bankruptcy, ended his life with a bullet through his brain last Friday in the Lee county courthouse, as the court was waiting for him to enter his plea to thirteen indictments returned against him, charging forgery, embezzlement and larceny.

The bank's liabilities were upward of \$600,000.

Countryman had tried in vain to secure bail. As the sheriff led him to the courtroom he asked to step into the washroom, and a moment later a sharp report started the large crowd assembled in the court. Judge Harry Edwards and court attaches ran to the room and found Countryman lying on the floor dead, with a pistol clamped in his hand. His wife and sister-in-law were in an adjoining room.

**\$100,000 Bull Blamed**  
The purchase of a notorious bull, Rag Apple Thorndyke VIII, figured as a strange factor in the events leading to the death of Countryman.

The transaction also made a bankrupt of Edwin Depeweller, one of the most prosperous farmers and stockmen in the vicinity of Rockford.

The price set for purchase was \$100,000 and the two men formed a partnership and paid \$50,000 on the purchase price, to recoup nearly \$100,000 lost in cattle which failed to stand the tuberculosis test and were sold for soap grease.

The bull came into great demand after the milk of his mother had been tested and proved 200 per cent above par, but the bull became an automatic liability when a creamery employe confessed that he had squirted cream from a rubber hose into the test pail.

The home of the famous bull was just east of Volo, Lake county and the big barns still have large and glaring advertisements all over them telling of the merits of the bull that wasn't.

**UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

J. H. Keagle, Pastor

Friday night at 7:45 the Rev. H. H. Thoren, presiding elder, will be present and preach, and at the close of the sermon will preside at the quarterly conference. This is the last session of this body for this conference year and every member should be present with a written report.

Dr. Thoren will preach morning and evening on Jan. 23. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in connection with the morning sermon.

Endeavor societies meet at 6:45. The subject will be "Missionary Results in Asia." Clyde Haefele, leader.

The Bible classes on Monday evening are proving to be interesting and profitable. There is room for a few more who may be interested in the study of the Bible.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to all of these meetings.

**COKE GAS KILLED MAN IN WAUKEGAN**

Laundryman Found the Body Two Days After Horvat Was Asphyxiated

Death of Joseph Horvat, 678 S. Sheridan road, who was found dead at his home, Waukegan, Friday morning by J. W. Homac, laundryman, was caused by accidental asphyxiation, it was found Saturday, when Coroner J. L. Taylor, assisted by Dr. C. J. Foley, held an autopsy, the condition of the lungs showing the cause.

Horvat had been burning coke, which produces much gas, and it was found the drafts of the stove were completely closed, causing the gas to escape into the room. Neighbors testified they saw Horvat enter his home Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. That was the last time he was seen alive.

The inquest was held at 9 o'clock Saturday morning at the Petroschious undertaking parlors. Mike Horvat, of Kenosha, a brother, took charge of the body.

Funeral was Monday morning at 11 o'clock at Mother of God church. Burial in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

The foxy American people who that they had done a smart thing in selling tax exempt bonds at a high price are now suddenly discovering that the rich folks aren't contributing to the cost of government.

**WANTS RE-HEARING IN \$23,000.00 TAX CASES**

County Collector Bracher Asks the Supreme Court to Reverse Its Decision

County Collector Bracher of Lake county has filed notice in the office of the clerk of the supreme court at Springfield that he would ask for a re-hearing in his case against Roger S. Vail and apparently others decided by the supreme court against him.

Lake county officials do not intend to sit back and allow some two hundred residents of Highland Park and Lake county to escape payment of some \$23,000 in taxes if it is possible to win a favorable decision. The board of review raised the taxes for last year about 18 per cent to provide additional revenue. All but 200 taxpayers paid the increase. The 200, however, went to court and won a favorable decision on a technicality. Attorney Arthur Bulkeley, representing the county of Lake, took an appeal to the supreme court. The decision of the lower court was affirmed. Mr. Bulkeley now is endeavoring to get a rehearing of the case before the supreme court. He is hopeful of getting the supreme court to reverse its decision and hold that the 200 objectors must pay.

**MAY NOT MAKE WINE FOR PRIVATE USE**

State's Attorney Denies Right of People to Make Liquors for Own Consumption

Relative to the report that a man under the Federal law can manufacture 200 gallons of wine for his own use, State's Attorney A. V. Smith says that it is all wrong, according to the Waukegan Sun.

Col. Smith says that the Federal and state laws simply say that a person may NOT manufacture wine or any other kind of liquor. They say that it does not indicate that it is merely a sale which constitutes an offense but it covers the manufacture absolutely.

The point was put to Col. Smith that in the case of one raid on Market street an Italian family had 30 gallons of wine which was seized. This wine, it was explained, had been made by them for use as a food product. In short this family had been reared in Italy where they drank wine extensively and in this particular case they used the wine to dip their bread in and oftentimes because they were so poor they made a real meal out of bread and wine. It was argued that in this case it would seem as though the family should have their wine returned.

Col. Smith came back very quickly and said "They had no right to manufacture that wine and nothing under the Federal law will give them the right."

"I did not make the law and while it may be wrong to issue in many respects that is not a fault of our office. If the law is wrong it should be revised but as long as it is a law it should be enforced to the limit and not partially. The law distinctly says that nobody has a right to manufacture liquor of any sort for any purpose."

**WARRANT OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO FORT**

Twenty-five to be Stationed There; Rank Above Enlisted Men

Twenty-five "warrant" officers—a new rank in the United States army—were assigned to duty at Fort Sheridan Friday. The new officers rank above non-commissioned officers and below West Point cadets. They are entitled to the allowances and privileges of a second lieutenant. Most of those at Fort Sheridan were commissioned officers during the world war.

It is wonderful what a philanthropic spirit the get rich quick promoters display, as they could become millionaires by hanging on to these wonderful propositions instead of kindly letting other people have them.

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Highland Park East Park District until 8:00 o'clock p. m. January 24th, 1921, for the furnishing of all labor, tools and materials required in the construction of a Pile Elevation one (100) hundred feet long for the protection of the Public Beach north of Park avenue.

Detailed information of the work to be done may be had by an examination of the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Secretary in the City Hall. All proposals must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the Treasurer of the Highland Park East Park District for the sum of not less than ten (10) per cent of the aggregate of the proposal. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

E. A. WARREN, Secretary.



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