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**WHO IS TO BLAME?**

If crime is increasing in this country at an alarming rate the general public may reserve for itself a large share of the blame. Why wonder at the number of suicides, murders, and robberies when youngsters are being daily instructed in the art of crime through cheap motion pictures and newspapers of a decided yellow tinge. The power of suggestion is strong in all of us, and the continual presentation of the horrible details of various crimes to the immature mind is bound to have some effect, especially if that mind is not any too strong.

The American public has many traces of chicken-heartedness. It likes to avoid putting a man to death for murder; and would rather set him free to put others to death. Jurymen who dislike to assume the responsibility for the hanging of a murderer fail to see that they are indirectly responsible for the death of others in sparing the criminal.

Then, too, there is a tendency to paint an outlaw in romantic colors. The school boy's hero is a pirate, and something of this admiration for rascality seems to persist in adulthood. When Harvey Church was hanged a few days ago, Chicago papers published large pictures of the murderer's sorrowing mother and other mourners. It is a good psychological move for friends of a criminal to stir up public pity by showing the sorrow brought upon innocent and grief-stricken relatives. But if the papers had to broadcast stuff of this sort, why didn't they publish pictures of the mothers of the salesmen for whose foul and cold-blooded murder Church was hanged.

**THE GULLIBLE PUBLIC**

Isn't it about time that people should turn from the bunk man to the bank; from the glittering prospectus of the unknown to the gilt-edged paper of Uncle Sam; from the glib-talking promoter with his brilliant sheaf of stock certificates to the sounder propositions of ordinary well-grounded business concerns, or to the United States government with its safe investment in Treasury Savings Certificates?

Within a year Ponzi of Boston, Bischoff of Chicago, and Linsay of New York have worked a gullible public for millions of dollars. Men and women of apparent good sense have handed over their money to these swindlers without inquiry as to the financial responsibility of the men, or without knowledge as to their antecedents, their business ability, or the manner in which their money was to be used to secure the large returns promised. All these swindlers have been exposed by the widest publicity possible, and yet it is to be feared that thousands of people will fall victim to the next clever group that begins operations and presents fascinating schemes for rapid money making.

Of course it is well understood that most of the people who have been swindled wanted to get big returns and get them quick; they wanted to double or quadruple their fortunes. At the same time a great many others of small means are among the victims. This class consists of those who do not know better, and are duped through their ignorance. In the recent collapse of "Ponzi" operators in Chicago many of the poorer residents of Waukegan and North Chicago lost their entire savings. Most of these were foreigners, who were easily talked into the alluring web by glib-tongued promoters.

If these people of modest means could be induced to invest their money in government securities they would not be deceived, and they would gain a greater respect for the country of which they are part. This applies especially to foreigners, who generally have a tendency to hoard what little savings they accumulate and to shun banking institutions and safe investments.

Of course it is impossible to save all the foolish people from ruin, and especially those whose cupidity constantly overreaches their judgment, but with painstaking efforts it may be possible to educate the foolish ones to a point where they will see the logic of safe and sound investments.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS**

A bicycle belonging to Johnson Clark was stolen Monday from the Chase drug store.

Roscoe Cosarvelli was fined \$15 in police court last week for driving with his cut-out open.

Marion Garling entertained four friends at luncheon yesterday in honor of her birthday anniversary.

Miss Alice Duffy was the Sunday guest of Miss Elizabeth Mumper of Lake Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Van Arsdale are the happy parents of a son born Thursday at the Highland Park Hospital.

Mr. Charles Eichler of Chicago, and Mr. Louis Eichler of Arlington Heights spent Sunday with their father Mr. Edward Eichler.

Mrs. M. Warner spent Tuesday in Oak Park visiting her mother-in-law Mrs. Mary A. Warner.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest D. Rose are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Friday.

Mrs. A. G. Erickson had as their guests on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Malone of Chicago.

Mrs. C. H. Doyle of Olney, Ill., was the guest of Mrs. William Guyot last week.

Mrs. A. M. Zahle spent Friday in Hinsdale as the guest of Mrs. Conway.

Mrs. D. F. Kelly and Miss Eileen Kelly of the Hotel Ambassador, Chicago, left yesterday for New York, from where they will sail on Saturday for Europe.

Mrs. Frank Fitt and her small daughter Mary, left on Tuesday for a three weeks trip, visiting friends in St. Louis, Dayton and Cleveland, Ohio.

Campbell Chapter O. E. S. will meet next Wednesday evening in Masonic hall. There will be initiation.

Miss Marion Hicks, who has been confined to her home for the past three weeks with influenza, returned Monday to St. Charles, Ill., where she teaches school.

Mrs. Trigg Waller is in Philadelphia, Pa., visiting her sister Mrs. Charles C. Bacon. She is expected home the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Fred Zahle entertained the Larkin club at her home yesterday afternoon.

Miss Marion Moore left Saturday for St. Petersburg, Fla., where she will remain several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. O'Connor of Chicago were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Winter over the week-end.

Mrs. Harold F. Smith and small son of Des Plaines, spent several days last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Julius Zimmer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kleiner of New London, Wis., are moving to Highland Park to make their future home.

Mrs. J. L. Miller, who has been confined to her home for the past week with bronchitis, is very much improved and able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Alexander have left Miami, Fla., for Belleaire where they will spend several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. William Guyot and family spent Sunday in Waukegan with Dr. and Mrs. Meyers.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the United Evangelical church will meet today at the home of Mrs. Henry Maechtle on Homewood ave.

Last Thursday evening word was received by Mrs. William G. Obee, who for nearly fifty years was a resident of Green Bay road of this city, of the accidental death of her granddaughter, Mrs. Frederick L. Devereux of Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Devereux was the daughter of Col. and Mrs. Edward B. Clark of Washington, D. C. Services were held on Sunday in Omaha at the chapel, conducted by Dean McGinley of the Cathedral. Interment was Tuesday in Rock Creek cemetery Washington, D. C. Besides her husband and two small children Mrs. Devereux leaves to mourn her death a host of relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Le Fevre of Green Bay, Wis., spent last week visiting Mrs. George Pritchard.

Mrs. J. Sherrell, Menasha, Wis., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lloyd Sheahan for two weeks.

Mrs. Frank W. Van Dusen will open her home Tuesday, March 14th at 2:30 p. m. for the D. A. R. regents of Chicago and suburbs, and the executive board of the New America shop to meet the foreign language women.

**FAILED TO APPEAR; DETECTIVES GET HIM**

William Brandon, colored, was arrested in Chicago, Tuesday, by detectives, and brought to Highland Park. He had been arrested here last week and was held under bond of \$300. Unable to furnish the bond, he was freed upon his promise to return Tuesday. He failed to show up, and the Chicago Detective Bureau was notified.

Teach children what to put in their stomachs rather than where the stomach is, and how to keep the skin clean rather than how many bones they have in their bodies, says a well-known physician.

**HUMAN HAND IS FOUND ON TRAIN**

Passenger Makes Gruesome Discovery; Officials Suspect Medical Students Prank

Anyone lost his hand?

Passengers on a north bound North Shore electric car near Highwood last Saturday, dropped their evening newspaper, hesitated, and then began a hurried inventory of their anatomy after Conductor Jesse Helton flashed that cry. One commuter, so they say, delayed his report of "all's well" long enough to pull off his leather mittens and look for himself.

It's this way. Someone digging nervously under a seat pulled out a human hand, according to reports emanating today from headquarters of the railway where such commonplace things are reported. And, after recovering from the shock this Christopher Columbus, hunted up the conductor and whispered into his ear about the find.

Then followed the "has everybody got their own hands?" appeal.

Those with gloves on removed them and saw that they were still altogether, while others examined the one-time meat hook with astonishment, wondering who could have been so bold as to carry away the hand of another.

Before knowing that it was the hand of a man, someone suggested that it might be a flapper's hand that some gallant young fellow had won during the evening and while riding home after his victory had met another fair maiden and thrown it away.

Chief Dispatcher G. C. Kenry notified Coroner J. L. Taylor of Libertyville, who instructed the dispatcher to bury it and mark the spot so that is anyone claims it the hand can be returned.

It is believed the hand was placed there by some medical student as a joke. It was bloodless.

According to Chief Dispatcher Kenry the hand was somewhat shriveled and may have been in preservation. The manner in which it was carried into the car is a mystery as there were no indications that it had been wrapped. It have dropped out of a suitcase.

**COUNTY'S OLDEST WOMAN IS DEAD**

"Grandma" King, Zion Resident at End of Life; Staunch Dowie Follower

Mrs. Dillah King, aged 104 years, and widely known throughout Lake county as "Grandma" King, died at the Bethel Home in Zion early Saturday morning.

"Grandma" King has been a resident of Lake county since the early eighties, and has been a staunch member of the Christian Catholic Apostolic church in Zion. She was made a deaconess by John Alexander Dowie, founder of Zion, and has always led the procession into the tabernacle. She wore long white flowing robes, and had never been seen in ordinary street wear.

"Grandma" King has always claimed that she would live until the coming of Jesus, at which time John Alexander Dowie has promised that he will come to life and lead his followers once more.

Mrs. King was born Jan. 23, 1818, and has lived her long pious life in Lake county. When she became a resident of Zion she made her home in the Zion home, but recently had been moved to the Bethel home, the Zion poor institution. It is not definitely known in what country she was born, but it is believed that she was a native of England and came to this country while very young.

**CANDIDATES LINEUP FOR PRIMARY VOTE**

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In the case of Mr. Hendee for re-election it is probably the first time there has not been opposition for county clerk. The office of probate clerk is a newly created one.

The hottest fight promises to center in the race for sheriff and county treasurer. Ed. Ahlstrom, former service man, and Mr. Grimm, present deputy sheriff, are picked to run neck and neck into the last lap. The competition for that office grew even more close a few days ago when T. J. Stahl, realty man, who had been urged by his hundreds of friends to enter the race, formally withdrew. In so doing he explained that when Mr. Ahlstrom entered the field, he conceded that he was a former service man and was naturally the more logical contender for the county police job.

The race between Mr. Pearsall and Mr. Obee for treasurer, promises to wax exceedingly warm before the home stretch arrives. Old heads aver that they are fairly evenly matched and with both working every minute the vote will be well divided.

**PERMITS ISSUED TO MAX E. BOYER**

In last week's issue of the Press it was stated that permits had been issued to Max E. Boyer to erect two \$9,000 houses in Ravinia Woods. It has been called to the attention of the Press that the permits were issued to Max E. Boyer.

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