

MURDER SENTENCES TOTAL 1,808 YEARS

FOR 1926 CONVICTIONS

Those Found Guilty in Illinois In That Year and Sent To Pen Given Terms Huge In Aggregate

Serving complete the sentences imposed by the convicting courts, and without allowance of good time under the statutes, murderers sentenced to penal institutions of Illinois during 1926 will forfeit 1,808 years, according to survey of the Department of Public Welfare.

Ninety-six individuals were sentenced for this crime, six of whom were women. Sentences ranged from fourteen years, the minimum penalty possible under the law, to thirty-one receiving life sentences, two of whom were women.

Thirty Receive Minimum

Thirty of those sentenced received the minimum possible under the law, fourteen years. Eleven are serving sentences of twenty years; eight terms of twenty-five years; four each fifteen and thirty years and two each thirty-five and ninety-nine years, while one each was sentenced to sixteen, eighteen and forty years. Two women received life sentences; three twenty years each and one thirty-five years.

Under the custom of one serving a life sentence being eligible to definite sentence parols at the end of twenty years, this will make a maximum of 1,808 years to be served by the ninety-six sentenced for murder during the fiscal year of 1926. With each serving the maximum sentence, an average of eighteen years and ten months will be completed behind the walls of the prison.

Economic Loss Is \$3,354,400

Estimating the average earning capacity of each of the convicted slayers at \$1,500 per annum, if employed in gainful pursuits, the monetary loss represented by the 1,808 years is \$2,714,000. The approximate cost to the state for support of inmates of the state institutions is \$300 a year, making an additional expense to the state during the period of incarceration of \$642,400, or a total economic loss of \$3,354,400. This estimate makes no consideration of earning capacity of the victims of the murderers.

Some of these days that boy Lindy will be finding out whether Mars really is inhabited or not.

HISTORIES SHOULD TEACH PATRIOTISM

NOT INTERNATIONALISM

Country Must Not Be Allowed to Forget Great Sacrifices of Founders; Too Criticism

The American Historical association seems to be agitated with the fear that American histories may become so patriotic they will not follow the truth. A resolution adopted at a recent meeting of the association in Washington, after denouncing the action of newspapers and patriotic societies in condemning certain text books as patriotic holds that "criticism of history books should therefore be based not on grounds of patriotism but only on faithfulness of fact as determined by specialists and that attempts to foster national arrogance and boastfulness and indiscriminate worship of national heroes can only lead to promote a harmful pseudo-patriotism."

Should Be Considered

The great majority of our people however are still of the opinion that patriotism should at least be considered in the writing of our text books. Facts we want to have of course, and if they are facts it will make little difference, whether they are given to us by specialists or not, says the National Republic. But the trouble with some historic specialists at this time is that they are not so much interested in facts unless these facts can be twisted in such a way as to dim the prestige of the founders of the country and promote the worship of internationalism rather than Americanism. What the specialists want to do is to prove their super-smartness and they think that the easiest way to do this is to re-write the early history of America in such a way as to show that we would now be much better off if we were adjuncts of some European aristocracy rather than Americans.

See Nothing Good

Internationalism and anti-patriotism form the new cult of the so-called intelligentsia. They can see nothing good in American traditions or American institutions.

Of course any danger of fostering national arrogance or boastfulness by venerating the founders of the Republic is pure bunk. The greater danger in America is that we will lose sight of the fundamental principles of the republic and forget the great sacrifices which were necessary to

bring them into being. If the American Historical Society is really worried lest real American history will not be taught to American children it ought to turn its attention from the patriotic societies of America to the long-haired and neurotic professors who are trying to prove that America is all a mistake and that the only way this mistake can be rectified is to crawl back under the European tent after first leaving all of our money in the hand-wagon, says the article.

SNOWSTORM EXPENSE TO CHICAGO RAILWAYS

Cost Surface Lines More Than \$100,000 in Two Days in December

The heavy snow which blanketed Illinois December 30 and 31 caused the Chicago Surface lines to expend in excess of \$100,000 to maintain transportation service for the people of Chicago.

As soon as the quantity of snow became a threat to transportation the Surface lines waged war to keep

their thousand miles of track open. In addition to 100 snow sweepers and 150 snow plows which were placed in continuous operation on the tracks, 1,300 extra men were employed to shovel and sweep snow along the right-of-way. Three hundred extra employes were placed at strategic points to watch for break-downs and to aid in restoring service.

The Chicago Surface lines, under the terms of their franchise, not only clear snow from their tracks but from a space several feet outside of the portion of the street used for street car operation. Automobile drivers naturally prefer this clear part of the street and their cars added to the additional burden placed on the car lines by the increased traffic caused by owners of automobiles utilizing the common carrier to move to and from their work.

It's a wonder there are any Indians left in the country. We have seen about three thousand wild western films and the redskins got wiped out in every one of 'em.

The most pathetic thing we knew of is a boyish bob on a grandmotherish head.

GREAT SALTON SEA SLOWLY EVAPORATING

But Inflow of Natural Drainage Likely to Maintain Lower Level

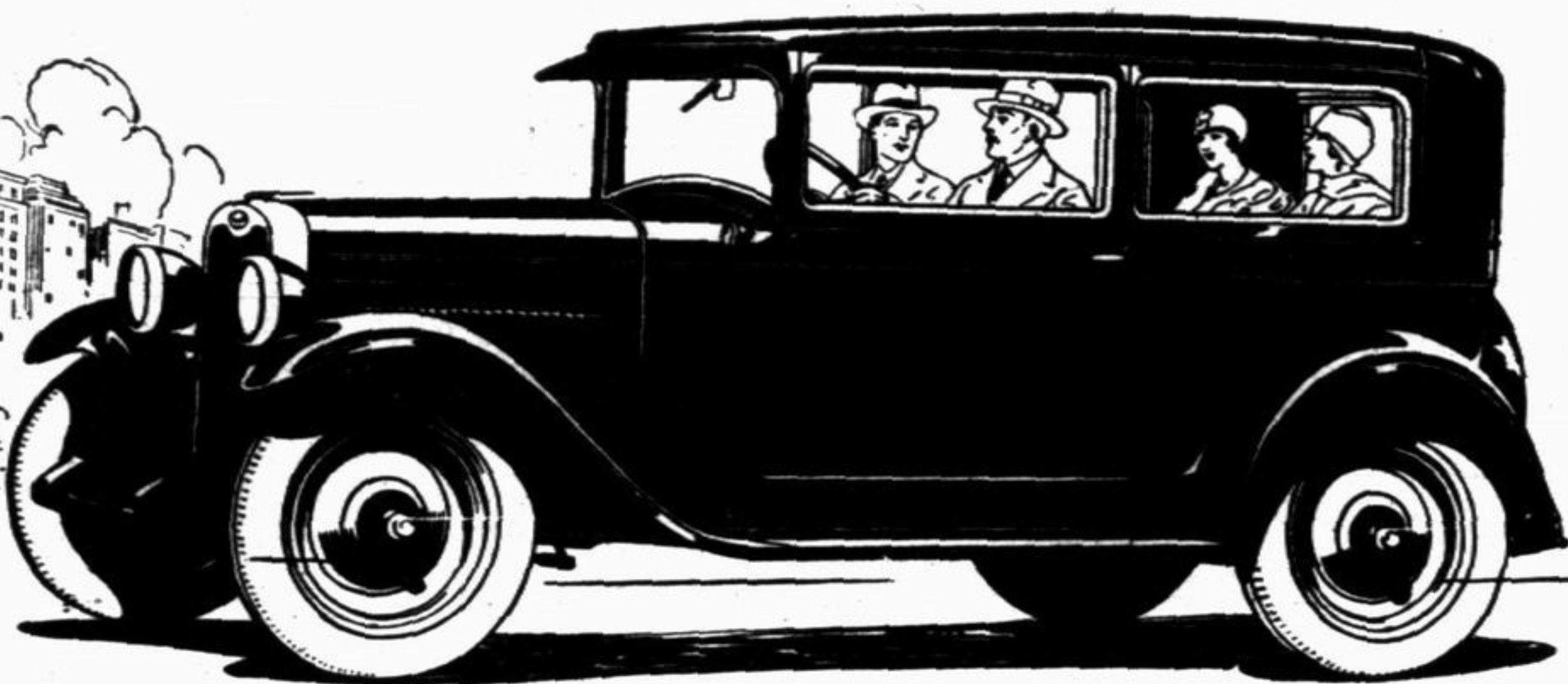
Lands which have been flooded during periods of high water may usually expect quick relief when the rivers recede. However, where the flooded lands are below sea level a most unusual condition is created.

During 1907 heroic measures finally stopped the overflow of the Colorado river into Imperial valley, California, but not until a lake, known as Salton Sea, had been formed covering 330,000 acres to a maximum depth of 79 feet, containing enough water to cover 16,000,000 acres to a depth of one foot. As the surface of this lake was 194 feet below sea level there was no place to which the water could drain, and were it not for nature's pump—evaporation—the lake would probably be nearly the same today as it was in 1907. As a result of evaporation, however, the lake receded until by 1920 it covered only 170,000 acres. Since 1920 the

lake has been fairly stable, due to inflow of natural drainage and a large volume of seepage and waste water from irrigated lands in Imperial valley, but what of the future? As the lands under and around the lake have economic value it has seemed advisable to make some sort of a prophecy as to what future conditions are likely to be.

During 1925 the Interior Department, through the Geological Survey, made a topographic survey of the Salton Sea, and during 1927 a study of the problem. A report has recently been prepared by George F. Holbrook, an assistant engineer of the Geological Survey, which contains a brief history of Salton Sea, describes the conditions which surround the lake, and concludes that in order to evaporate the amount of water that may be wasted into Salton Sea under conditions of ultimate irrigation development an average water surface area of 239,000 acres will be necessary. This corresponds to a lake surface. The report will not be published but, with the maps, may be examined in manuscript form at the main office of the Geological Survey in Washington, D. C., or at its branch office at 303 Custom House, San Francisco, California.

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