ANARCHY STALKS IN VOLSTEAD'S WAKE

Herrin, Illinois, is a town that has made the front page of the newspaper oftener in the past few years than any other town of corresponding size in the United States with, of course, the exception of Dayton, Tennessee. For generations it has been known as a hardboiled community, and it is not long ago since it shocked the world by the brutal murder of a dozen or more strike breakers in the bituminous mines in the district. Later on there broke out a war between wet and dry, Ku Klux Klan and its opponents that destroyed even more lives. At the present time it is the scene of anarchy such as has probably never been witnessed in an American community in time of peace since Columbus somewhat impulsively discovered this continent. There is proceeding an unparalleled fight between rival gangs of bootleggers for the business of the neighborhood. We have been in possesion of the facts for some days. but have withheld publication until now so that we might not be suspected of trying to influence public opinion for Government Control.

Bootlegger: War

Herrin is the chief town in a district known generally locally as "Egypt" and which comprises Franklin, Salina and "Bloody Williamson" counties. In these counties there is a monthly payroll of some \$2,000,000. This, or as much of it as can be diverted to the purchase of whiskey, gin and beer, is the stake for which the rival bootleggers are struggling. The leaders of these gangs are well known to the police. They both have criminal records, but they do not fear arrest. Their only peril comes from each other. Either of them is likely to be shot down at any moment. It was one of them, Carl Shelton, a gangster from East St. Louis, who hired an airplane not leng ago to drop bombs upon his rival. The bombs exploded but they missed Charles "Limpy" Birger, who announced immediately that if necessary he would rent a whole fleet of airplanes to drive out the Shelton gang. Formerly these scoundrels worked together.. They had a falling out over a woman and now the whole comunity is convulsed and terrorized as a result of their dispusting feud. When they fought side by side they drove the local Klan into the ground. Now the only hope of Egypt is that by and by they will exterminate eath other. No other authority seems compe-

Justice Paralyzed

We find in official documents a statement of affairs. On November 15. Mayor Marshall McCormack of Herrin addressed the following communication to Governor Small:

"The gangs have reached such the conditions The prosecution of could never convict them of anyas no citizens will produce evidence while these gangs are at large for fear of their own lives being taken. and no prosecuting attorney could lown in which armored cars move Kilkenny cats. five who attempted it. I have tried slowly through the streets, with Southern Illinois have put their watching for a chance to murder The Chronicle. efforts into it only to find it lost in other outlaws?. Officials look on in dismal failure. There is no man in helpless amazement, while the or-Williamson County who believes civil authorities can ever meet the existing conditions. I. knowing state, am frank to tell you that the only solution so far as I can see is and East St. Louis after the notorthe setting up of a military court. so arrests may be made, that evidence may be submitted without witnesses being intimidated."

On the day the letter was written Governor Small issued a statement on the situation in-Egypt:

"The people of Southern Illinois the roadhouses and saloons that cannot expect protection unless handle it are not interfered with. they are prepared to give protection. It is not interference by the police We have spent several hundreds of that they fear,, for there is no inthousands of dollars in that sec- terference of that kind. It is intertion in the last few years trying to ference by rival gangs of rum-runmaintain the law. The murders ners. Scores of these men have; there would have happened regard- long criminal records in Chicago less of whether or not the state but it is not the business of Chicago militia were present."

"God Help Herrin!"

Charles Givens, who writes under the heading "God Help Herrin" to the New York Herald-Tribune, tells of driving out to a roadhouse in company with Sheriff Oren Campbell. Four or five big automobiles were parked in the yard, and in them lolled hard faced men of the flashily dressed thug type. The Sheriff explained that they were Birger guards ready to fight off an expected raid. Then Mr. Givens said, "Are these men armed?"

"Oh. yes. They've probably got a machine gun or two about, and all of them carry 'gats'."

"Then why don't you arrest

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ARTICLE No. 5

What are the requirements for a trick values. sound no-trump bid by dealer? Practically all of the authorities agree that one no-trump may be bid by dealer if he holds two or more sure tricks divided that suit in sure tricks: among three suits. There isn't much difference of opinion as to these requirements but there is considerable difference of opinion as to how these requirements should be applied. As an example of the difficulty, a correspondent has just written for enlightenment as to the meaning of "two tricks divided among three suits." In order to make this phrase perfectly clear, an analysis of card valuation is necessary.

The only cards sure of taking tricks are the four aces. A guarded king, i. e., a king and one or more of a suit, takes a trick just half the time, so is clearly worth one-half the value of an ace. A guarded queen, i. e., a queen and two or more of a suit, will take a trick about half as often as a king, so is worth one quarter trick. There are four aces, four kings and four queens. Each player is entitled to one-fourth of these cards, or to one ace, one king, and one queen, the least required being one queen more pass. than average, or two tricks. If these may be bid. It should be noted that if article. two honors are held in sequence, the lower honor takes the value of the higher. Thus, an ace and king in one suit is !: Y: valued at two tricks; a king, queen at |: A B: Diamonds - J, 10, 7 one trick; a queen, jack at one-half : Z : trick. An ace, queen, jack combination, or so-called "Sure tricks;" that is, their | open?

Hand No. 1 Hearts - A. K., 7, 6, 2 Clubs - 10, 8, 6 Diamonds - J, 8, 7, 6 Spades - 8 Hand No. 2 Hearts -- A, K, 4, 2 Clubs — J, 10, 7, 4 Diamonds - A. 7 Spades -- 7, 6, 4 Hand No. 3 Hearts -- K, 10, 8, 3 Clubs -- K, 7, 4 Diamonds — Q, J, 7, 2 Spades - J, 9 Hand No. 4 Hearts - K, Q, J, 7 Clubs — 0, 7, 6 Diamonds - K, J, 4, 2 (1/2) Spades — A, 4 When the trick strength is confined

to one suit, bid the suit, as one heart in which is called an average hand. An Hand No. 1. Where the sure tricks are average hand, therefore, containing one divided among three or sore suits, as one and three-quarter tricks. These trump. Where the sure trick strength is values are not enough to warrant a bid, less than two tricks, as in Hand No. 3,

Here is a hand in which the proper values are divided among at least three lead is a very doubtful question. Think suits, a no trump may be bid; if the it over and compare results with the values are confined to one suit, the suit analysis that will be given in the next

Problem No. 5 Hearts - K, 9, 7, 3, 2 Clubs - 8, 7, 3

and a king, queen, jack combination No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid are each worth two sure tricks. Please one heart, A passed, and Y bid two dianote that these values are all defensive monds. If all passed, what should B

values as trick takers when the oppo- Here is a problem hand that involves nents are playing the hand. Their value | a principle that comes up very frequentin support of their own or partner's best | ly. It is tricky but easy if you just think

bid is approximately double their sure it over carefully. Problem No. 6

Hearts - none

Diamonds - Q, J, 5

Clubs — none

Spades — 8, 3

Hearts — none Clubs — 10 Diamonds — A, K, 7, 2 Spades — none

Hearts - none Clubs — none Diamonds — 10, 4

Spades — 10, 7, 2 Spades are trump and Z is in the lead. How can Y-Z win every trick against any defense? Solution in the next article.

Hearts - 9

Clubs - none

Spades — none

Diamonds — 9, 8, 6, 3

the cars crowded with outlaws

dinary citizen remains indoors. Murderers' Paradise

In the three counties mentioned today are literally hundreds of gunmen, many of them foreigners and all of them driven out of Chicago ious Genna brothers, who boasted that they were "lords of vice in all Chicago" were either murdered or forced to flee from the country. It is said that these men are ready to kill or maim for as low as \$15. Their business is to supply the district with illicit booze and see that police to follow and apprehend them. They are only too well pleas-ed that the thugs should have left

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their own precincts. That the com- away from an abundant supply of "You don't know much about bined forces of Egypt seem helpless air. (3) Avoid piling potatoes to proportions that no sheriff, re- Herrin, do you?" he said. "You see, does not concern Chicago. It does greater depth than three feets when the storage temperature ranges from gardless of his efforts, can relieve the conditions. The prosecution of the conditions of the prosecution of the conditions. The prosecution of the conditions of the conditions. If martial law is not the conditions the conditions of the conditions of the conditions of the conditions. If martial law is not the conditions the conditions of the conditions of the conditions of the conditions are consistent to concern General Small, the storage temperature ranges from the conditions. If martial law is not concern General Small, the storage temperature ranges from the conditions of the conditions of the conditions are consistent to the conditions. If martial law is not concern General Small, the storage temperature ranges from the conditions are consistent to concern General Small, the conditions are consistent to concern General Small the conditions are consistent to concern General Small the conditions are consistent to concern General Small the conditions are consistent these outlaws is equally impossible, thing—and anyway, I don't want to established and justice thus protected, the only remedy seems to be month. the extermination of the gangs after Can a Canadian understand a the well-known precedent of the

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SHOULD NOT OVERHEAT STORED POTATOES

Recommendations for the Elimination of Blackheart of Patotoes Given by Experimental Farms Professor.

D. J. McLeod, Laboratory of Plant Pathology, Fredericton, N.B., which certain injurious influences arising from improper storage practices. Abnormalties are thus created within the tuber itself which impair its vitality and disfigure its appearance. thereby rendering it unfit for seed purposes as well as undesirable for table use. Among the abnormalities occurring from time to time is that commonly known as blackheart, an undesirable condition which appears as a dark-brown or blackened irregularly shaped areas in the in-ternal tissues of the tuber, particularly in the central region. While affected, tubers may appear quite normal externally, an examination of the interior will immediately reveal characteristic dark areas. Blackheart is caused by exposure of tubers to two extreme, yet different sets of conditions. When potato tubers are stored for prolonged periods at extreme temperatures ranging from 95°F. to 110°F. changes occur wthin the tuber resulting in the death of tissues in the central area, thereby producing what has already been described as blackheart. Secondly, the subjection of tubers (at high or low temperatures) to conditions where the necessary amount of oxygen required for respiration is lacking also produces typical blackheart. In the first case mentioned, conditions might easily arise through storage cellar or heated car (intended for the conveyance of potatoes' being equipped with an improperly controlled source of heat. This would tend to produce extreme temperatures throughout the main storage room or body of the car. The second cause is brought about by storing potatoes in improperly ventilated pits and heated cars, or piling in ordinary bins to depths unsuitable for adequate crculation of

Strict observance of the following recommendations by the Division of Botany, of the Dominion Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, will, in a large measure, prevent the occurrence of blackheart. (1) Avoid overheating a storage cellar or heated car, by using a properly controlled source of heat from which the proper amount of warmth can be distributed and maintained with greatest safety. In the case of the cellar, the source of heat should be situated preferably in an adjoining chamber to the main storage room. (2) Provide adequate means of ventilation, particularly if potatoes are stored in large pits or bins at greater depths than five feet, by placing ventilators so arranged that no tubers will be more than five feet

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