

Book Reviews

By John Philip Morris

Katherine Mayo is the Pollyanna of the Pennsylvania mounted police. MOUNTED JUSTICE, her third glad book, deals like the early two with the exploits and deeds of daring of this really fine body. Miss Mayo writes under the spell of the demi-urge and finds romance in a charge sheet and bliss in a baton.

MOUNTED JUSTICE is a fascinating collection to the lovers of the heroic and the mysterious.

I never doubt a fellow author's word—except in regard to the number of copies sold of his books—and I, therefore, accept absolutely this author's statement that these tales are the absolute truth.

As detective stories they are honestly more interesting than those of that famous but passe dope fiend and as tales of moviesque fights they are thrillers. They cover the whole range of police activity from kidnaping to the putting down of mobs.

They picture the P. M. P. as a body of men combining all the worthwhile qualities of Holmes, Galahad, Samson and Ghandi, and Miss Mayo shows clearly how taking their oath of office changes a man into a demigod.

However, there is one of their activities that Miss Mayo has overlooked. To them, orders are orders and a mob's a mob. In one story Miss Mayo tells how they took, justly, I mean legally, of course, the possession of a church away from the ignorant, foolish, foreign folk who had built it out of their gold and blood and sweat and who resented the unknown law that gave it and its power to their unknown bishop. By dwelling on the gentleness and bravery of the police in the fight against heavy odds Miss Mayo enlists our sympathy in the police and makes the mob defeat a just victory.

This is the only one of the stories that deals with mobs and nowhere in the book is there any paean based on the short and ugly words, coal and steel.

And yet though the author may not know it, not the least of the activities of her heroic riders are their daring deeds against starving strikers. If, after MOUNTED POLICE we read the writings of Mr. Z. Foster we will find these same splendid sherlocks riding over and terrorizing those whose only crimes are that they are foreigners and strikers. It is the glory of the force that they obey orders whether or not they lead to the mouth

of hell or to a vacant lot where are gathered together a few protestants. This is their glory and their duty and the shame, if there be any shame, must fall elsewhere. Nor is it far to seek.

Given a state that is an absolute oligarchy of the barons of coal and steel, and given an armed force that knows no will and is responsible to no authority that can be reached by the people, and you will have a feudalistic body of men, loyal, brave and devoted to the interest of their overlords. And this is the case in Pennsylvania.

The idea of a state police is spreading and if every state is to have such a force and if they are to be policemen guarding the public interest and not fascisti, they must be a weapon dedicated to common justice and not to class war.

But always duty before decency and it is not Miss Mayo's fault. She has shown us only the sunrise on the peaks, but it is a brilliant spectacle and it is worth sitting up all night with MOUNTED JUSTICE or THE STANDARD BEARERS to see the sight. And maybe Pinchot will lead the way to justice for those on foot who now limp hopelessly forward in Pennsylvania.

Winnetka Business Leader at Big Masonic Conclave

Alva Lee Adams, proprietor of the Adams Pharmacy, Winnetka, was at Peoria, Illinois, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in attendance upon the State Conclave of the Knights Templar.

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BY A. J. WOODCOCK

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Because of the strike, or some other stall.

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The particular lot that you're trying to sell.

We are approaching a panic, he suggests with a frown,

But not till he's seen every lot in the town,

Though you still hope to sell him, should the day ever come

When they give lots away with a package of gum,

For he comes to your office if your ad. strikes his eye

And you naturally think he is going to buy,

But don't be deceived, for the time's never ripe

To buy Real Estate in the eyes of old Tight,

For he'll find something wrong with each lot that you show

And you'll find the main fault is his shortness of "dough."

—A. J. Woodcock.

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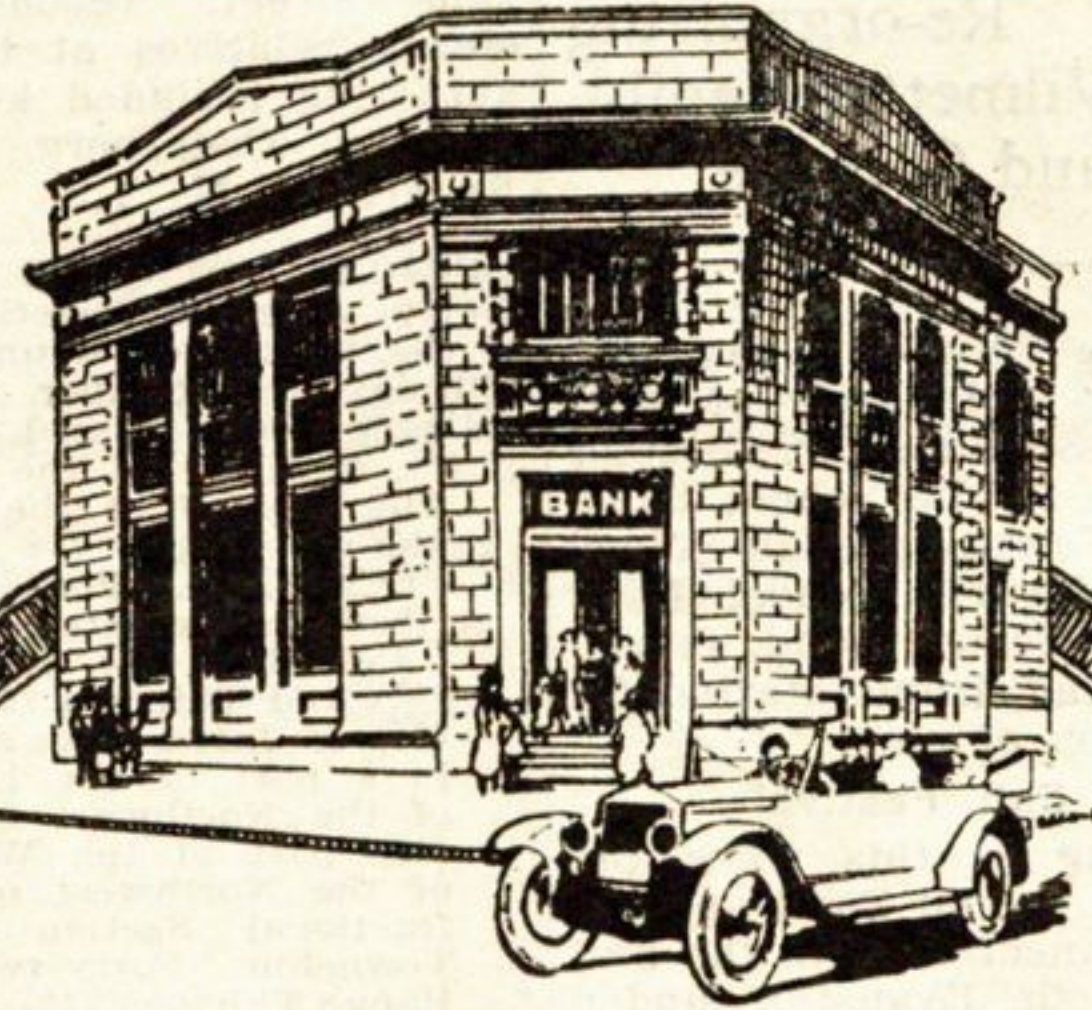
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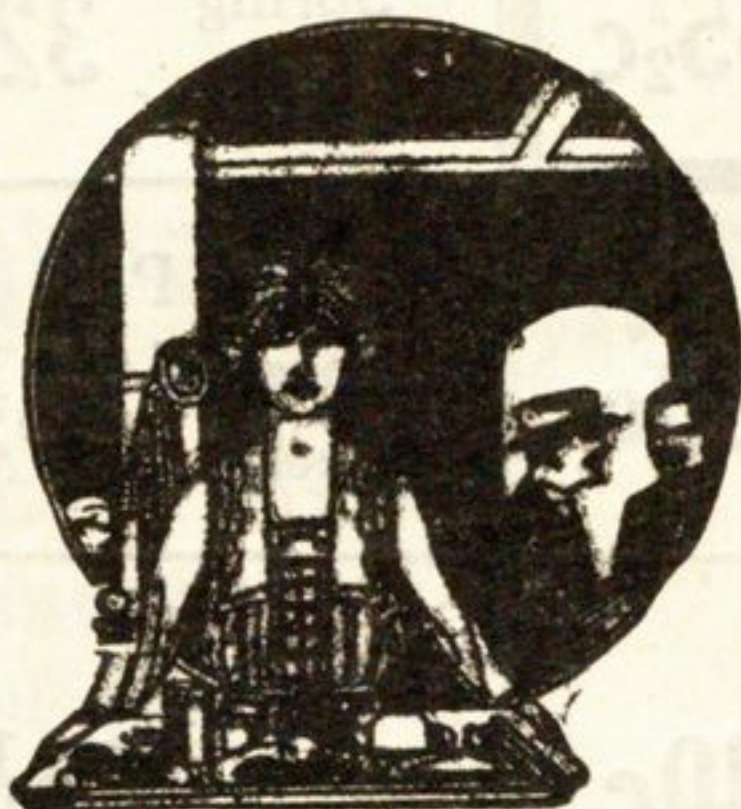
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