

MULE HOLDS HIS OWN IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY

Refuses To Be Replaced by Motor—Attention Now Turned to Raising Purebred Livestock.

The automobile, truck and tractor has not replaced the horse and mule in Buncombe county...

In 1918 there were 3,858 horses in the county, estimated to be worth \$298,221...

The sturdy old mule has also held his own in this county. In 1918 there were 2,546 mules...

One reason for the increased value of the live stock in this county is said to be that the people are disposing of their grade stock...

is especially true that the farmers are turning their attention to the raising of pure bred cattle...

W. L. BUTTS HURT IN COLLISION LAST NIGHT

Arrested After Accident, Charged With Driving Auto in Intoxicated Condition—in Hospital.

W. L. Butts was hurt last evening about eight o'clock in an auto and street car accident at the intersection of Biltmore avenue and the Kenilworth road.

Butts was coming toward Pack square and collided with the street car which was near the intersection of the two streets...

Considerable damage was done to the automobile which he was driving and it is understood that the street car was taken to the shop for repairs.

THREE MEN ENLISTED IN ARMY YESTERDAY

Three men enlisted at the army recruiting station yesterday, two in the cavalry and one in Coast Artillery corps.

CONVERSE TEACHER HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Dr. and Mrs. Martin Guests in City for Few Days.

AGED CONFEDERATE DIED WEDNESDAY

Well Known Citizen of Reems' Creek Ill Long Time.

FIRE YESTERDAY DID DAMAGE OF \$500

The fire department had two calls yesterday, the first one was at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning...

GAVE BOXES OF CANDY TO CITIZEN

The editorial rooms, business office and mechanical departments of The Citizen were treated yesterday to large boxes of Whitman's Sampler...

THURSTON B. PRICE SPEAKS HERE SUNDAY

Noted Evangelist and Lecturer to Appear at Sunday Afternoon Men's Meeting at Y. M. C. A.

Thurston B. Price, evangelist, lecturer and editor of the American Evangelist, who has held evangelistic meetings in all the larger cities of the country...

Mr. Price first studied to become a lawyer but about the time he was ready to stand the examination for admission to the bar he decided to enter the ministry...

For the past two years he has been engaged exclusively in evangelistic work and has conducted some of the most successful meetings ever held in such cities as St. Louis, Salt Lake and Memphis.

It is certain that a large number of people will attend the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon in order to hear Evangelist Price.

1,500 STEEL MEN TO CONTINUE STRIKE

Reach Decision After Hearing Report on Foster Conference.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—Fifteen hundred steel men voted unanimously tonight to continue on strike and to remain away from their former employment until the strike is won or officially declared off by the national officers.

When the strike was called 20,000 men quit work here. Many of these have found employment in other callings and some are said to have returned to work in the steel mills.

In the illness of some of the plants, officials claim, is due more to a shortage of coal than to a lack of men.

MRS. RUTH P. BROWN HELD AS WITNESS

MT. CLEMENS, Mich., Dec. 26.—County authorities investigating the killing last Wednesday of J. Stanley Brown, son of a millionaire Detroit manufacturer, today detained as material witnesses Mrs. Ruth Provost Brown, the slain man's young widow, and Lloyd Prevost, her cousin.

Decision to hold them as witnesses was reached after three hours interrogation of Prevost.

A safety deposit vault containing Brown's papers, was opened this afternoon and found to contain securities worth \$16,000. This, according to William T. Kelley as attorney who acted as financial adviser for Brown, is \$12,000 short of the amount of securities his client was understood to have in his possession.

125 GALLONS OF LIQUOR SEIZED

AMERICUS, Ga., Dec. 26.—In the seizure here today of 125 gallons of rye whiskey valued at "blind tiger" rates at about \$12,500, local officers said they believed they had run into an organized traffic in liquor between Georgia and Illinois cities.

Harris Jones, a Pullman porter, on the Seminole Limited, a Central of Georgia train, who has been running between Columbus, Ga., and Chicago for some 12 years, pleaded guilty to possession of the liquor and was fined \$500. He promptly paid the fine, according to railroad detectives, the porter obtained the whiskey here, drank some of it and then in the dark loaded it on the wrong train, which caused him to be apprehended.

HARVARD FOOTBALL TEAM ARRIVES AT LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—The Harvard football squad arrived here today from San Francisco, where the players spent Christmas. Automobiles conveyed the players to a Pasadena hotel, where quarters have been set aside for them.

Word was given out that all the players were well, had stood the change of climate incident to the trip without hurt to their condition and would commence training this afternoon. The practice would be open to newspapermen and tournament officials, it was said.

5,000 BARRELS OF LIQUOR LOADED AT PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 26.—Five thousand barrels of whiskey were being loaded here tonight in the hope that it might reach the seaboard in time to be shipped abroad before national prohibition becomes an accomplished fact January 16.

Distillers said it was the first of a large amount of liquor held in this district which had been sold in Europe but they had little hope of getting more than one-tenth out of the country. More than ten million gallons, it was said, were still in warehouses in this vicinity.

BANDHOLTZ'S WITHDRAWAL AROUSES PRESS COMMENT

BUDAPEST, Thursday, Dec. 25.—The withdrawal of Brigadier-General Harry H. Bandholtz as American representative on the inter-allied military commission to Budapest has provoked lengthy newspaper comment.

The principal note of the writers is that the withdrawal was net proof of the dissolution of the agreement between the allied and associated government.

All the newspapers praise General Bandholtz for this courageous attitude during the occupation of Budapest by the Roumanians and express the hope of strengthening the friendly attitude of the United States toward Hungary.

HEAD OF POLISH WOMAN'S BODY STARTS TWO SUITS

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Miss Emily Napieralski, president of the Polish women's union, today started two suits for \$500,000 each, alleging libel against the Polish National Publishing company and the Polish National Alliance and officials of the organization. It was alleged that an article in the publications named Miss Napieralski as being instrumental in

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obtaining a contract from the Polish minister of finance for an American corporation to raise \$250,000,000 for use in Poland and that the company was profiting unduly.

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TODAY Wm. S. HART

"KNIGHT OF THE TRAIL"

"Fatal Fortune" Episode 6

Comedy

"OH, SUSIE BE CAREFUL"

WINIFRED BLACK WRITES ABOUT A Great Swindler

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HIS gone to the poorhouse, the great swindler. Went there the other day, and asked very humbly to be admitted.

Twenty years ago he was known to every chief of police in this and every other country well-regulated enough to have a police system at all.

He was what is known as a "confidence man."

He sold stock in mines—gold mines, and silver mines, and copper mines, and diamond mines—mines in Brazil and mines in California and mines in Africa. He didn't care where they were or whether they were anywhere. He just got some engraved paper and a few new adjectives, and a silk hat and a diamond stickpin, and went out and sold the stock—that's all.

Sometimes he wore rough clothes like a miner, and pretended to be down and out and ready to die—but hanging on to his mining stock with the courage of desperation, and then he'd get so near to death that he would be persuaded to sell at a terrible sacrifice. When he had the money in his pocket he would rise, take up his bed and walk—or more likely, call a taxi and ride—for he was not really ill at all, but just "fishing for suckers," as he called it.

Sometimes he sold rubber plantations or mahogany forests—always something very far away and very alluring.

Sometimes he went to new communities and opened a bank, or started a factory and let the citizens in on the ground floor—and went out over the roof himself.

He made a million dollars and he was always held up in the underworld to prove that honesty is not always the best policy after all.

Every crook and thief, and gambler and confidence man in the country knew him and admired him and tried to imitate him.

"Here's a man," they said, "that's a thief, but he keeps out of jail, all right. He has money to spend and he goes the pace. Who says that a dishonest man is always a failure, sooner or later?"

And now, here he is, in the poorhouse—after all. Old and spent, and broken and friendless—what does he think about all day long when he sits out in the sun on the poorhouse porch, and sees winter coming on, without a friend to help him bear the solitude of age?



Alone—with his memories, what memories he has for company! Do they haunt him, I wonder—the faces of the poor school teachers he robbed of their savings?

Does he ever remember the look in the eyes of the lone, consumptive boy he cheated out of his last dollar with tales of wondrous wealth?

Does it ring in his ears, the voice of the struggling man who thought he saw a way to get a little extra money to send his invalid child to a sanatorium?

Money, success, cleverness—what a price to pay for these things—what a hideous price!

Where are they all today, the women who laughed with him when the wine bubbled cold upon the rim of the glass? What did they do with the money he gave them? Where are the diamonds and the emeralds he paid them for their kisses?

Where are the boon companions, what's happened to his crowd of flattering followers, how long did they stick to him when his money and his power of making it was gone?

What a lot of folly we hear about the honor among thieves, and the love and real friendship among pals of the underworld.

I have known these people by the hundreds all over the world—the men and women who make their living out of the weakness and folly of their fellow-human beings, and I never knew one of them who had not the heart of a wolf and the soul of a hyena.

Outcasts, every one of them, wolves, hyenas, cruel, remorseless, selfish egotists, with never a thought for another living creature but themselves.

"I never knew a thief who wouldn't betray his pal," said a chief of police to me one time years ago.

I didn't believe him then. I believed the stories I had read and the plays I had seen. But now, after experience, I know that he spoke the truth.

The same quirk in the brain which makes a man a thief, makes him an ingrate and a traitor to his own.

Over the hills to the poorhouse. So that's where you went after all, you poor, twisted soul.

I'd rather have been the poorest laborer, digging in a ditch for my daily bread, than to have been you.

WHAT? WHO? WHERE? WHEN? 'THE WESTERNERS' ROY STEWART GALAX TODAY ONLY LARRY SEMON

A good program for the United States this winter: Export—import—deport—Seattle Times.

Who's Who In the Presidential Race

So many good Americans have never before aspired to the Presidency at this early stage of the campaign, we are assured by competent authorities on things political. As the Baltimore Sun (Ind.) remarks: "Democrats and Republicans have been popping up all over the country, stretching themselves to their greatest height and craning their necks with the hope that the Presidential lightning may hit them."

This very fact enables THE LITERARY DIGEST to present to its readers, in this week's number, and well in advance of the primaries, the chief merits and demerits of the principal contestants for the Presidential nominations as seen by the men themselves, by their friends, or by the newspapers most familiar with their records.

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