

GOTHAM COPS CLEAN UP PARKS

Wearry Willie, Dusty Dan and Others Move on to More Profitable Fields.
New York, Dec. 2.—Wearry Willie, BY LEO T. HEATLEY, International News Service Staff Correspondent.
Wearry Willie and other knights of the road who have found this city prime for a migration back to Fertile Fields, Dallas and Los Angeles, according to a survey of conditions made by the Public Welfare Commission of the city of New York, are being driven from the parks and other "hang-outs" by the police department.
Repeated warnings in newspapers against having money to street panhandlers, increased police activity in the city of undesirable and vagrant elements, and the discontinuance of feeding tramps by charitable organizations have operated to drive professional tramps from the parks and other "hang-outs" in the city.
With the first chill of winter there came a noticeable decrease in the number of tramps in Bryant, City Hall, and other parks which have been their favorite camping grounds. The ragged, worn-out work dod-

BOYS' PARENTS ARE TO CONFER

Faculty Members of High School Will Meet With Them at 2:20 O'clock.
A meeting between faculty members and parents of some of the six upper-classmen who were sent from the Alexander Graham high school after they were alleged to have placed "devil caps" in the school corridors will be held Friday afternoon at 2:20 o'clock at the school building.
Robert Walker, Morgan Speir, Paul Whitlock, and Nelson Jones, seniors, and Garrett Morehead, a junior, accepted the alternative of Dr. E. H. Garinger, principal, of being sent home or staying and being punished, by leaving the auditorium where the student body was in session Wednesday morning. Douglas Schiltz, a senior, decided to remain and receive punishment.
The meeting Friday will be for the purpose of threshing out the question in its entirety. Some of the parents are said to have taken exception to the proposition of Dr. Garinger yet they are also said to refuse to condone any breach of discipline on the part of their children.
The five students sent home Wednesday were dismissed pending the confirmation of their expulsion by the school board, as explained in Thursday's edition of The News. The action of the principal in sending the students home must be confirmed or rejected by the school board within two weeks.
The five boys involved in the affair were not in school Friday morning, it was said.
Reports of a new oil belt in Mexico indicate she is not yet ready for recognition.

NOT CONCERNED ABOUT ECLIPSE

Discounts Recent Disquieting Reports About the Moon's Actions.
BY ABBE TH. MOREUX, Director of the Observatory of Bourges, Written for the International News Service and Petit Journal.
Paris, Dec. 2.—A recent statement by the English astronomer, Crommelin, seems to have caused considerable emotion in the public mind. The last eclipse of the moon, he believes, proves some of our theories false. Our satellite, he says, is disobeying the universal laws of gravitation, and if the phenomenon continues we shall be condemned some day to have the moon fall on our heads.
The fears inspired by such a pronouncement have caused many of my friends to write and demand my views.
In the first place I must reassure them. The problem is not new, because it was raised very clearly by Halley (the discoverer of Halley's comet) in 1683. At that time astron-

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LAWS OF MECHANICS

At first it seemed simple enough that the acceleration would continue and that one day the moon really would fall upon the earth. But such a problem tempted the genius of Laplace, and that skilled mathematician proved in 1787 that the phenomenon explained itself easily by the laws of celestial mechanics.
We know that the earth describes around the sun in the course of a year, not a circle, but an ellipse. Laplace demonstrated that this ellipse does not always have the same form. We can compare it to a hoop upon which one exercises a lateral pressure, and which, in consequence, is flattened a little.
At present this ellipse becomes year by year more circular and in 24,000 years it will be nearly circular. After

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WORK OF GET OUT

The police department hastened this measure by an ultimatum to tramps that they must go to work or leave the city. The alternative to these two courses was an offer of workhouse quarters such as are meted out to vagrants. The result is that the thousands of professional panhandlers who came here to take advantage of the comparatively lenient situation have been driven from two to a dozen times

FEW REGULARS LEFT

A few of the regular tramps still linger about the parks. In front of the cheaper restaurants, where scores congregated a few months ago, one may now see two or three tramps and no more. Some of the tramps have obeyed the police order to go to work. But most of them have "moved on."
Discussing the situation, Commissioner Coler said:
"A good part of the remainder of the persons who beg on the streets will be removed by plans now under way. Application will be made to Washington either for authorization to take care of or for provisions to deport aliens now stranded in this city. Many of these men were stranded here by the inactivity of the American merchant marine. Some steps should be taken to care for these helpless men for there are thousands of them in New York, all unable to find work. The city is taking steps to deal with the underserving. Some of the tramps who came here to beg, not to work, have gone to Blackwell's Island for terms in the workhouse. The city found this an effective way to warn them that panhandling had to stop. Few of these men took advantage of legitimate charity. At one time they became angered at the city and picketed the municipal lodging house in the manner strikers and held up men going there for the night."

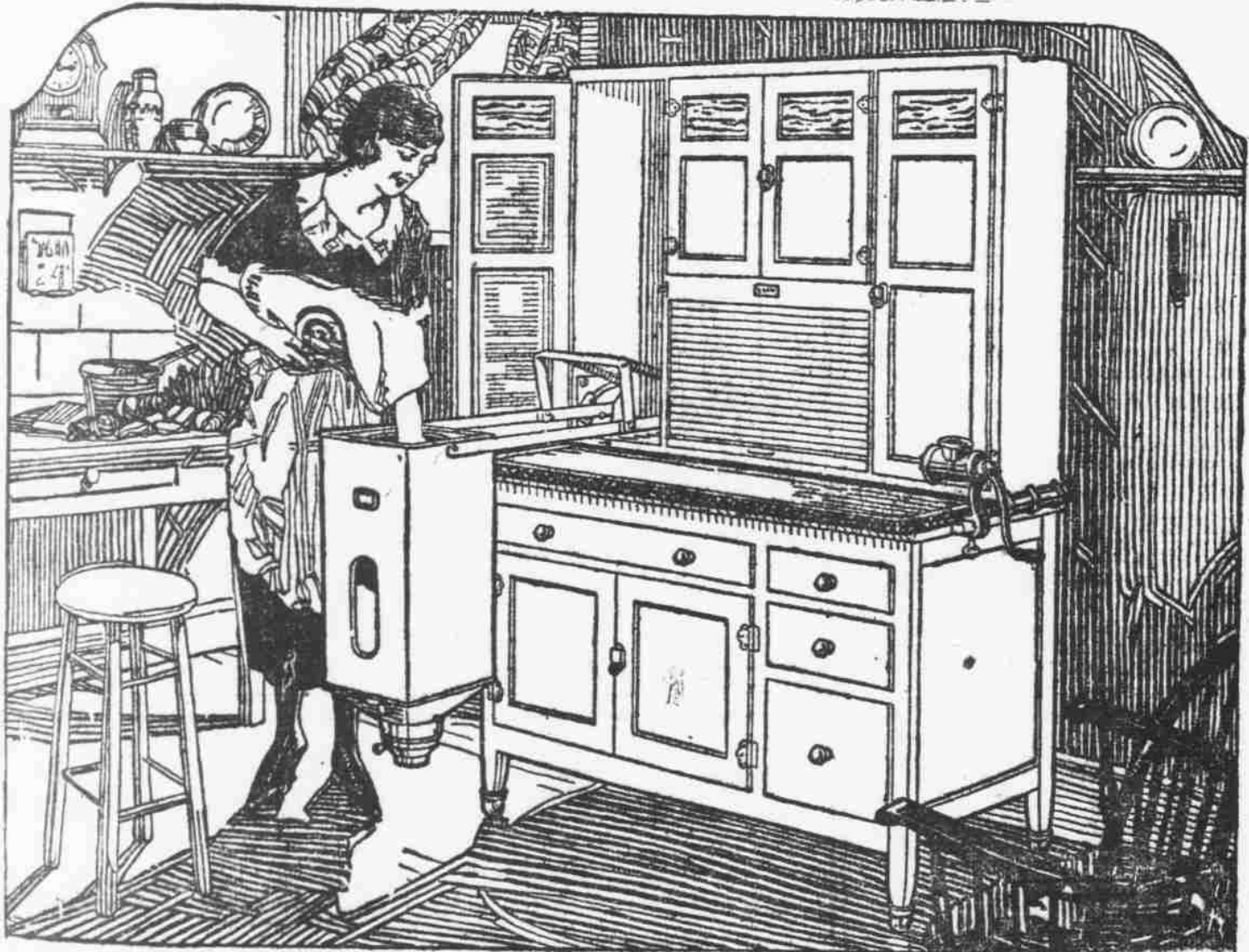
DRUG STORE GETS VISIT FROM THIEF

The Stonewall Pharmacy on West Trade street in the Stonewall Hotel building was burglarized Wednesday night by burglars who showed both cleverness in effecting an entrance to the store and fastidious taste in selecting goods after they entered.
The store was entered from the rear. The burglars did not awkwardly break a window or door to get in but used an auger to bore a number of neat holes in the wooden panel of the door around the lock. After this was done, it was an easy matter to take out the lock.
Once inside the store, the burglars evidently took plenty of time to make a careful selection of goods. They showed a preference for the finest grades of candies in the store, taking a large quantity of such goods. Many kodaks were also taken, along with a quantity of other goods.
The theft was reported to the police department.

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