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BY WILLIAMS

PUBLIC OPINION.



THE SHERIFF'S PLUM BEWILDERED! FUST, SMOKEY GETS SHOT, THEN THEM TWO BANK HOLDUPS IS KILLED AN THEN SOMEBODY HOLDS UP TH' SHERIFF AN TAKES A PRISONER AWAY FROM HIM.

KILLIN' TWO O' THEM AN TELLIN' TH' OTHERN T' BEAT IT IS WHAT I CAIN'T GIT. WAL, WHO EVER HE IS, HE SHORE HAD NERVE AN SPEED T' STAND UP AN SMOKE IT OUT WITH THEM TWO.

FINDIN' THAT LETTER O' SMOKEY'S IN TH' BANK POINTS ONE WAY BUT ACOURSE EF HE'S SICK WHY-UH-A-WAL HE'S SOME FAST WITH A GUN I HEAR—JEST HOW SICK IS THIS HERE SMOKEY?

JR WILLIAMS 12-18 1925 BY NEA SERVICE, INC.

MOM'N POP

BY TAYLOR



AND YOU SAY CHICK HAS SENT THE DOWN-PAYMENT TO THAT MAIL-ORDER JEWELRY HOUSE FOR A DIAMOND RING? ON HOW FOOLISH!

BASHY MOM—EASY—IT GIVES ME A FINE IDEA—ALREADY DO I SEE THE BEGINNING OF THE END TO HIS SILLY ROMANCE

YES—YES GO ON—

HE'S SENT THE INITIAL PAYMENT ALRIGHT, BUT HE HAIN'T QUITE FIGURED OUT JUST HOW HE'S GOING TO MEET THE INSTALLMENTS—HE'S GIVEN LORETTA THE RING AND I'VE REFUSED TO RAISE HIS SALARY



OH SPLENDID BRILLIANT!

BELIEVE ME, HE'S ONLY GOT TO MISS ONE PAYMENT AND THOSE MAIL ORDER DOLLAR DINNERS WILL SWOOP DOWN—WHEN THEY MAKE HIM GIVE BACK THE RING IT'S GOODBYE ROMEO

HOT BOWSER!—NOTHIN' LIKE HAVING AN OUTSIDE INCOME—AND FIFTY CENTS FOR EVERY HUNDRED I ADDRESS!—OM GAWD, UNLESS I GET WRITER'S CRAMP I'LL SOON BE THE BIG JINGLE ON EASY STREET

Stewart's WASHINGTON LETTER

BY CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer

Washington, Dec. 17.—The fact that Vice President Dawes has to depend on a Democrat—Senator Underwood—to lead his fight for changes in the rules of the upper house of Congress tells its own story of the administration's attitude toward the proposition—and toward Dawes also. Yet it doesn't follow, just because one of them sponsors the resolution, that the Democrats favor gag-rule in the Senate. It doesn't even follow that Underwood does.

It simply splits Democratic purposes to have a Republican vice president whooping 'er up for something a Republican administration doesn't want, since naturally, this creates a disagreeable Republican situation. But when it comes actually to changing the rules, that'll be different.

Dawes undoubtedly is due to be unmercifully razed if he sticks to his present Senate policy.

The Democrats evidently have made up their minds that he'll be good raw material to work on. Senator Pat Harrison began it, even before Congress convened, with his reference to him as "the Mussolini of American politics."

And the Republicans, unless he cuts out the "Hell's March" stuff right speedily, are going to let the Democrats have their own sweet will with him, possibly even taking a hand in the sport semi-occasionally.

The gist of it is that the administration and the Republican organization suspect Dawes of having undertaken to work up a boom for himself independently of their plans and wishes. They don't propose to let him get away with it.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Friday, December 18, 1925

Only one week to Christmas! Annual observance of Arbor Day in Georgia.

Ten years ago today took place the marriage of President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt.

Sixty years ago today the Thirteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution (abolishing slavery) came into effect.

Seven of the largest asbestos companies of Canada are to vote today on a proposal to consolidate into one corporation.

An effort to revive the Non-Partisan League movement in North Dakota is said to be the purpose of a third-party mass convention which has been called to meet today at Bismarck.

Following the recent conference of the powers on the question of tariff autonomy for China, a second conference is to assemble in Peking today to consider the subject of extra territoriality.

Under the direction of the Maryland cancer committee and the American Society for the control of cancer, an important gathering of medical experts will meet at Johns Hopkins medical school today to discuss the latest developments in cancer research.

SCHOOL BOARD DENIES STORY OF WHIPPINGS

Say Only One Whipping Was Administered—Correspondent Maintains There Were 66 in Day.

Salisbury, Dec. 17.—A report sent out under a Spencer date line several days ago telling how a school teacher in the East Spencer school had administered 66 whippings in her room in one day has aroused the ire of members of the school board and they were in Salisbury today securing legal advice as to what could be done about it. They stated that at a meeting of the school board held last night they found as a fact that only one child was whipped on the day in question.

It is said tonight the correspondent will be given an opportunity to retract the statement. The correspondent, however, contends that leading citizens of East Spencer gave him the information about the affair, claiming that one child was whipped as many as nine times and that this citizen states that the story as it appeared in the papers was correct in spite of the denial on the part of the school board. The affair has stirred up quite a little flurry in East Spencer.

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Vincent Astor Says Allowance as a Child Was 35 Cents a Week

New York World.

The young men and women of what is known as New York society are continuing to air their opinions in the magazines.

The latest recruit is Vincent Astor, who inherited \$67,000,000 from John Jacob Astor. Unlike Miss-Ellin Mackay, daughter of Clarence H. Mackay, and William T. Adey, who have written from the New Yorker, Mr. Astor's opinions are in the form of an interview. They are published in the current issue of Collier's Weekly.

Mr. Mackay and Mr. Adey, who replied to her opinions about the stag line, write their own stuff.

Among the revelations by Mr. Astor is that he did not have an automobile while at Harvard and, on an allowance of \$2,000 a year, had to exercise considerable economy to get a motorcycle. He says he was "reared with far less extravagance than many young men of the so-called wealthy class."

Rockefellers Bearded.

"When I went to boarding school," he said, "I was given no more pocket money than my schoolmates—35 or 30 cents a week, to be exact."

With respect to this point, it may be recalled that in The World last February John D. Rockefeller, Jr., disclosed that his children had started at eight years with an allowance of 30 cents a week and none of them received more than \$2 a week until they were fifteen. All were trained to keep accounts.

Mr. Astor, in Collier's, denies there is any longer such a thing as "high society." The notion, he said, was "ridiculous," based on "Hollywood interpretations of the luxurious laziness of the so-called Four Hundred."

Measured by Headline.

"True," he is quoted as saying, "rich people sometime display their wealth in a vulgar way, but the society people I am privileged to know—I so call them because that is the popular tag—are folks with usual American tastes and usual American jobs."

Exactly Right.

Winston-Salem Sentinel.

President R. W. H. Stone, of the North Carolina Farmers' Union, is exactly right in his contention that the pay of members of the North Carolina legislature is entirely too small.

He says, and he is right, too, that a man who holds a legislative position at Raleigh gets less than it costs him to live in the Capital City.

He holds that the present pay makes it impossible for men of small means to aspire to legislative offices.

This matter ought to be corrected. Of course, the proposition to correct it would be opposed, just as the proposed constitutional amendment to give legislators more pay was opposed in the last election.

Some people are just constitutionally against decent salaries for public officials, anyway.

But that kind of spirit must not prevail.

We do not advocate a legislative salary so large that people would be inclined to seek such positions for the salary, but we feel that it is less than right and just to expect a man to make a financial sacrifice in order to serve his county in the legislature.

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Mysterious Assault Made in Asheville.

Asheville, Dec. 17.—Mystery surrounding the assault on John Lail, of Andrews, by an unidentified man on the corner of Church Street and Southside Avenue Saturday night, had not been solved by the police here.

Lail was standing near the intersection and received a heavy blow on the head. The assailant escaped in the darkness, and no motive for the attack has been established.

The police were not notified of the case until twelve hours after the affair, and then by newspaper men who had learned of Lail's condition in a local hospital. Investigation by officers since the report made little headway.

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