

# Enright's Telling The World Cops Are Cat's Whiskers

Idea Is by Praise of Their Good Work and Good Qualities  
to Offset Effect of Newspaper Stories of  
Daylight Murders and Robberies

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New York, Oct. 25.—Here's a brand new wrinkle in the radio. The police of the city of New York are using it to make almost daily reports of their activities and their aims to the people.

"Taking the police to the home and fireside" they call it, and the idea is to offset all that the people read in the papers about hold-ups and daylight robberies and the murder of bank messengers with payrolls in their possession.

The commissioner of police, Mr. Enright, "the best commissioner New York ever had," his friends say, has been doing most of the radio talking and there is no denying he is some advocate for his department. The commissioner believes his idea will spread to other big cities and that through it the people will get an entire different perspective on their police departments.

They are also going to have in New York a series of mass meetings devoted to "praise the police." The coppers have been asked to distribute tickets to the meetings, but when you talk to them on the subject they laconically say it is the "bunk." The ordinary cop does not feel that he needs any praise. It is the "higher ups" who feel the sting of public criticism and are endeavoring to start the backfire. Everyone admits that it is easy to praise the police and they also admit that it is feared that if there is too much praise it will spur the critics on to greater efforts and the police may get the worst of it in the end.

Some of the recent robberies in the metropolis have been startling affairs. There was, for instance, the pillaging of a big wholesale fur concern. The robbers chartered a heavy motor truck for their work. They walked into the loft building, tied up the lone watchman and then proceeded to load the truck. Four times they loaded the truck and drove it away. The "job" continued for four hours. Where the robbers stored their rich haul no one seems to know. The radio has not revealed the cache. But in some of the out-of-the-way streets down town you can find rough looking men offering to sell you neck pieces and the like at virtually your own price. They do not have the goods with them and few "customers" apparently care to risk a trip to their den.

A big silk robbery recently was followed by a display advertisement in the trade papers offering \$25,000 reward for information leading to the recovery of the property, and "no questions asked"; meaning that the police were not being relied upon in the matter.

Commissioner Enright's latest talk on the radio is likely to cause him some trouble. He dealt a crushing blow at the hopes of the very wets by saying that he was convinced the eighteenth amendment would be never repealed in "our life time." It is not to be denied that there are plenty of deluded persons living in the damp atmosphere of Greater New York who have believed that a revolutionary sentiment against the prohibition amendment was sweeping the country. Commissioner Enright has been beyond the Harlem River, however, and knows that no such sentiment can be marshalled into effective action.

The commissioner softened his blow as best he could by saying he also thought there should be a modification of the Volstead act to permit a liberal amount of alcoholic content in beers and wines.

Then he took a new tack and said that by now all the saloons selling liquor in New York City would have been wiped out of existence if it had not been for the repeal of the state enforcement act, signed by Governor Al Smith. To many politicians this statement by the commissioner smacks of lese majeste to the boy who went from the Bowery to the governor's chair. Perhaps the commissioner thought that on the radio there were no reporters present.

But here again he was wrong. His broadcasting has been watched by the vigilant "press boys," showing that nowadays a man cannot use the thin ether without having the record pulled on him when he least expects it.

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The program is now being prepared and will be furnished to the press and members within the next few days. Non-members interested in the industry are also invited to attend. There will be an attractive program for the entertainment of the members and those who attend, consisting of music and several prominent men will deliver addresses at the meeting. The annual election of officers will take place and the next matter of importance will be largely to exchange ideas and discuss various subjects connected with the industry in the hope of helping one another and of rendering better service to the profession and to the public whom they serve.

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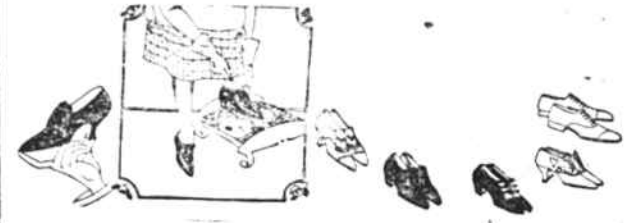
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