

# Scientific Police Chief Likely To Lose His Job

### Politicians Could Not Combat His Crime Detection Staff but When He Showed by Test That Los Angeles Police Were Lovely Morons They Nailed Him

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Berkeley, Calif., June 11.—August Vollmer, who first won fame as Berkeley's scientific chief of police, and who later, answering the same call of fame, went to Los Angeles to become chief of police there, has just discovered that scientific methods of crime detection, coupled with equally scientific ways of acting front page publicity, cannot cope with insidious, if somewhat less scientific, "home-town" politics.

As a result of this discovery, Chief Vollmer, who holds the chair of criminology at the University of California here, and who has introduced such learned things as applied psychology, arterial reactions, spasmometers and amnesia-hypnosis into the business of catching criminals, is expected to resign his Los Angeles police job August 1.

After that date, it is reliably said, he will return to his old job at Berkeley where he will be more appreciated. Word that the scientific chief is not averse to being "re-called" to Berkeley leaked out Tuesday. Berkeley city officials, in sympathy with his desires and also appreciative of his learned contributions to crime detection, already are said to have decided upon ways and means of bringing him back.

Chief Vollmer was "loaned" by Berkeley to Los Angeles almost a year ago. His job was to put a scientific crusher on a lot of less erudite bank bandits, yeggmen, stickups and two gun movie maids, who were shooting up that popular tourist center.

From the very outset, however, the scientific chief encountered strong opposition. The Los Angeles chieftainship was a big political plum and never before had an "outlander" been brought in to usurp the job. Home guard politicians were both jealous and mad. Chief Vollmer went on the new job August 1, 1923. Political enemies gave him just 30 days tenure. Their choicest quip at that time was that "September morn will see the last of August."

Vollmer met his enemies more than half way. He hired a first-class publicity man as chief aide. Then he proceeded to whittle down Los Angeles' climbing crime statistics by getting out and doing a little scientific crime detecting of his own. Every time the scientific chief made a scientific catch of some underworld denizen, his trained publicity agent saw that he had the proper front page space in Los Angeles newspapers. Occasionally the chief gave lectures to women's clubs and other citizens' organizations on scientific criminology, with a few intimate side lights thrown in regarding the political affiliations of some of his aides.

For a time, scientific police methods plus publicity more than held their own. Then the chief ordered a scientific examination to determine with scientific exactness the degree of intelligence possessed by every man in the Los Angeles police department. The results were somewhat startling even to Chief Vollmer. Some of the tests showed that even among captains and lieutenants the degree of mental development was akin to that of a 12-year-old child.

The aftermath has been that the scientific chief's scientific publicity agent hasn't been getting so much favorable publicity for his principal. Such a blow at the intelligence of its police department also was a blow at Los Angeles civic pride.

Since then the Los Angeles "home guard" politicians have gradually been gaining ground in their opposition to the imported chief. They have finally got him to the point, it is reliably said here, where he longs for his old job at Berkeley. At the same time, he does not want to undergo the ignominy of "quitting" under fire of the Los Angeles politicians.

So, according to information available here, the Berkeley city council which really appreciates Chief Vollmer and the fame his scientific methods have brought the college city, will shortly notify him that the leave of absence under which he went to Los Angeles will not be renewed; that the period for which he

## HOW OVERCOME ELECTRIC SHOCK

### Representative of Electric Light Association Gives Rules for Resuscitation of Patients in Such Cases.

Chicago, June 11.—The rules for first aid in cases of high voltage shock are based on the fact that the victim's lungs become paralyzed, and success in saving life depends upon keeping up artificial respiration until normal breathing is resumed. Willis MacLachlan of the National Electric Light Association, told the American Medical Association's convention today.

"Since cases are on record of lives saved after three and one-half hours of artificial respiration, four hours of effort are recommended before artificial respiration is given up," he said. "The rules are as follows:

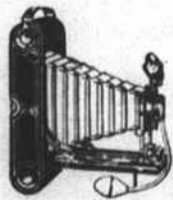
"The victim is cleared from the current, either by shutting off the current, or pulling him away with the aid of rubber gloves, dry clothing or sticks of wood, to serve as non-conductors. If it is necessary to cut the wire, a hatchet or implement with a wooden handle should be used and the operator should turn his face away to avoid the flash. The patient is then laid face down, with one arm up and the other supporting his face so that the mouth and nose are free for breathing to be begun at once, while an assistant loosens the clothing necessary, holds ammonia to the victim's nose and keeps him as warm as possible. If the victim must be moved, this should be done in a reclining position, and the artificial respiration should be kept up. After he resumes breathing, he should be watched, and if he stops, artificial respiration should be resumed. The prone pressure method is that in which the man applying first aid straddles the patient and presses both hands on the small of the victim's back, releasing the pressure rhythmically every two or three seconds, and imitating his own breathing as much as possible."

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### TWENTY-SIXTH ARTICLE New Enterprises

Every new enterprise carries a business risk. Bear this in mind when you are asked to invest in the securities of a company just organized. The only way you can judge of the future is by the past. When a company has no record it is invariably true that a certain amount of speculation is involved. One of the commonest tricks of the promoter is to compare stock of a new corporation which he is selling with that of some outstanding success in that particular field. If, for instance, he is selling shares in a new automobile company he will dwell upon the great success of Henry Ford and give an alluring estimate of the amount of money might have been made if you had only been fortunate enough to obtain an interest in Ford's enterprise at the beginning. The same argument is worked by sellers of promotion stocks of rubber and tire and of motion picture companies. They do not, however, point out that the successes in any new business are far out-numbered by the failures and while it is perfectly true that you might be lucky enough to pick a winner this is not investment in any sense but at the best speculation and at the worst gambling. Insist then if investment is your object upon a record of earnings over a series of years before you entrust your hard earned cash to someone's else's keeping. If that is not available exercise caution and then more caution. Unless you have money the loss of which will not seriously inconvenience you do not take speculative risks in new enterprises. The exception to this rule is when the enterprise is a strictly local one and you are in a position to keep in

touch with its progress and to know personally the men who are at the head of the management. Even then remember that if you want to dispose of your interest, that is, sell your stock, you may have to shop around until you find someone situated like yourself with knowledge sufficient to justify him in taking up the risk you wish to shift. It is easy to sell even a speculative stock when all the facts about the company are obtainable by investors generally but shares in a sound and profitable enterprise where the facts are not generally known are not so easy to dispose of.

(Mr. Hughes' twenty-seventh article will appear in this newspaper at an early date.)

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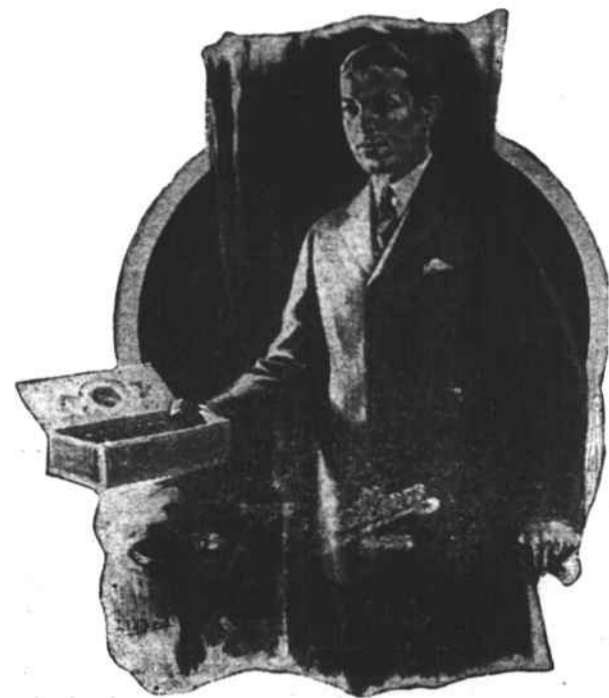
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