

GREAT CITIES HELL WITH THE LID OFF

So Declares Dr. Frank Bohn, Eminent Publicist and Writer.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Chicago and New York are suffering from elephantiasis—they are so populous the people step on one another's heels. They are hell with the lid off.

That is the opinion of Dr. Frank Bohn, eminent publicist and writer, as expressed to the annual convention of the Wisconsin federation of Women's clubs.

What is the matter with Chicago? Dr. Bohn asked. "I suppose that question affects and afflicts the people of Milwaukee more than anybody else in the United States. There is just one trouble with Chicago like New York, it is too big. You can't huddle three millions of people together and have them healthy or happy. They step on one another's toes in Chicago. Yesterday I went into a Chicago cafeteria, thinking I could help my coffee and get away quickly. All sorts of people stood five deep in front of the food counter.

It is the same everywhere. New York and Chicago are afflicted with themselves. They are a curse to the whole country. Of course such conditions breed crime. How could it be otherwise? There are no homes in these cities. As soon as the children are big enough to run around they forget they have any parents, they have a million people living as closely crowded as modern industrial communities force them to be—there you have a human hell. Three millions in Chicago, six millions in New York make it hell with the lid off. It isn't the fault of the people. Fundamental conditions naturally produce the results we see.

What shall we do with Chicago? There is only one answer to this question. Modern power production gives the answer. Smash Chicago to bits and spread it around the Lake from Milwaukee to Grand Haven. Let it extend twenty miles back into the country. What a city that would be! Crime would be practically abolished as soon as we could bring up a generation of young folks in real homes.

For three hundred years in the history of Western civilization the great cry of humanity has been for human liberty. That demand now goes way to the mighty slogans of our generation. Write them where all can read. Say them over to yourselves every day in the week. "Bath-tubs and hot water for everybody. A modern kitchen for every woman who does her own work. A garden for every family of growing children of this country.

It's homes we want. New clean homes for everybody. We want homes for the common people which are brought up to the last minute of elegance and comfort. The job of fighting for freedom during the past centuries has been a man's job. The new job of creating the new homes and through them the new civilization, is a woman's job."

Failure Of Boris To Get Queen Is Regret To People

(By International News Service.) Sofia—Some disquietude is being felt among the Bulgarian peasant population over the fact that although King Boris has now been traveling abroad for some months, believed in search of a wife to share his lonely throne, he has shown no signs of acquiring a fiancée in any of the countries he has visited during his tour.

In his various messages to his people from abroad Boris has never given a hint regarding his matrimonial intentions, and great disappointment is felt, especially among the peasantry, who do not believe in a man spending his life unwedded.

According to Bulgarian peasant standards, Boris is already an old bachelor. Boris is now thirty-three while in the Bulgarian villages the marriageable age is in the teens. The worst of it all is that this delay and procrastination on the part of Boris is interpreted among the simple folk as a snub by the various European princesses to whom Boris is said to have offered his throne.

Storekeeper In Iowa Has Been Named As Typical "Average" Man In America

New York.—The proprietor of a one-man clothing store in Fort Madison, Iowa, has been chosen as America's "average man" by William S. Dutton, writing in the American Magazine.

Neither a leader nor laggard in the affairs of his town, Roy L. Gray, the "average" nominee, has an average education, lives in an average home on an average street, drives an average car and is the head of a family of four, which is the average used by the census bureau.

He is a church member who does not attend services regularly. His tastes in radio music run from current jazz to light classical compositions, and he believes the movies to be not so bad as they are reputed to be. The younger generation does not alarm him. He has an average interest in matters which do not directly affect his home or his business.

A party man in national politics, he is independent on local issues. His attitude on prohibition is non-committal because he believes neither wets nor dries are giving him accurate information on the issue. He is a member of the chamber of commerce, the Rotary club, the Elks and the Odd Fellows.

"Most of all," he says, "I am interested in my home. And next comes my business because my home depends upon it." He likes to read the current magazines better than anything else, but he reads the advertisements first because "they keep me in touch with the latest developments."

In the newspapers he reads with interest about new inventions, then about great disasters or unusual crimes. Foreign news has no appeal for him, but the speeches of the president or of the governor of Iowa he will read from beginning to end.

Displaying the Flag

The Shemandoah method of displaying the American flag is as follows: A hole is placed in the curb and plugged when not in use. A flagstaff is erected 14 feet 6 inches and the diameter at the base is 1 1/2 inches. A weather-proof American flag, size 4 by 6 feet, is put up. These flagstaffs are always placed near the curb line near the pavement and the gutter and are 122 feet apart.

Report of the Condition of THE BANK OF GROVER

At Grover in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, October 10, 1927.

Resources	
Loans and discounts	\$90,900.22
Overdrafts, unsecured	133.98
U. S. bonds and Liberty bonds	100.00
Banking houses	\$964.55
Furniture and fixtures	\$1843.13
Cash in vault and net amounts due from banks, bankers, and trust companies	35,593.67
Outside collection	5,925.01
Total	\$135,460.56
Liabilities	
Capital stock paid in	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	556.06
Deposits subject to check, individual	70,585.36
Cashier's checks outstanding	6,268.57
Time certificates of deposit, due on or after 30 days	48,050.57
Total	\$135,460.56

State of North Carolina, county of Cleveland, October 18, 1927.

I, J. B. ELLIS, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. B. ELLIS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19 day of Oct., 1927.

E. C. TATE, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: J. D. HERNDON, CARLEY MARTIN, Directors.

Report of the Condition of THE UNION TRUST COMPANY

At Shelby, N. C. in the state of North Carolina, at the close of business, 10th October, 1927.

Resources	
Loans and discounts	\$695,702.40
Demand loans	42,313.79
Overdrafts, unsecured	31.21
All other stocks, bonds, and mortgages	30,400.00
Banking houses \$4,000; Furniture and fixtures, \$5,000	9,000.00
All other real estate	1,000.00
Cash in vault and net amounts due from banks, bankers and trust Co.	229,923.95
Cash items held over 24 hours	15.04
Checks for clearing	1,874.16
Total	\$1,000,060.53
Liabilities	
Capital stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus fund	65,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	6,894.41
Unearned discount	7,539.69
Deposits due banks, bankers, and trust companies	50,833.35
Deposits subject to check, individual	312,663.37
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,854.41
Time certificates of deposit, due on or after 30 days	386,739.26
Savings deposits	10,285.59
Trust deposits (net)	37,680.46
Accrued interest due depositors	19,000.00
Domestic and foreign acceptances	1,500.00
Total	\$1,000,060.53

State of North Carolina, county of Cleveland, Oct. 21th, 1927.

I, Forrest Eskridge, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FORREST ESKRIDGE, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22nd day of October, 1927.

LEE B. WEATHERS, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: CHAS. H. SHULL, CHAS. C. BLANTON, J. T. BOWMAN, Directors.

Experiment Shows Brain Makes Light

(By International News Service.) Laboratory experiments proving that the human brain radiates light and that when exposed to sunshine or to the rays of a quartz lamp the brain increases its radiant activity have been completed and the results published by Dr. Max de Crinis, professor of Neurology in the University of Graz.

The Grazer professor's experiments have incited a violent debate among the scientists of Central Europe over the practical application of the discovery. On the one hand it declared that obvious application is that sunshine on the skull should accelerate the mental process. On the other hand it is pointed out that should this be true, then the progress of Central Africa ought to possess the most brilliant intellects of the human species.

Professor de Crinis made his experiments from recently dead men. In a series of cases he laid the brains upon photographic plates placed in dark rooms. After a number of hours the influence of light rays proceeding chiefly from the interior of the brains.

Brains taken from their owners at various seasons of the year showed various degrees of radiant activity. The radiation was greatest in midsummer. It was least in midwinter.

Superintendent Walsh declared the Pittsburgh police already have used the sanity test in this manner. An ex-convict, arrested on a charge of writing threatening letters to his former superiors, was held for mental observation in the city hospital to thwart efforts of the prisoner's attorney to release him under bond pending a hearing.

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Pittsburg May Adopt Sanity Test To Curb Underworld Crime Wave

(By Regis Curran, INS Staff Correspondent.)

Pittsburg.—The underworld of Pittsburg today faces the possibility of a sanity test inquisition similar to that instituted by Chicago authorities against the criminal fraternity of the middle-west metropolises.

Events of crime have established Pittsburg's notoriety as a "tough" city. Murders, gang warfare, vendettas, bootleggers' feuds, bombings—Pittsburg has experienced them all, and the police record reveal the proof.

Police Chief Michael Hughes of Chicago, has ordered all gangsters, gunmen, and bootleggers picked up by the police, to be examined as to their mental soundness.

Superintendent of Police Peter P. Walsh of Pittsburgh thoroughly approved of Hughes' plan, and if it proves successful in Chicago, Walsh said he would not hesitate to proceed similarly against the law-breakers of the steel city.

"We hope to defeat the misuse of the habeas corpus writ," Chief Hughes of Chicago, has been quoted as saying in regard to the mental tests.

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bombed an armored paycar and escaped with \$100,000 payroll. The gang "planted" explosive in the road and set it off just as the pay car and its armored escort were passing the spot. Miraculously, all in the armored cars escaped death.

From time to time during the past year, houses and buildings in the city proper have been damaged by bombs and explosions attributed sometimes to vendettas of secret organizations, and other times to exploding stiffs.

Several persons have been killed by unknown assailants who speeded away in an automobile after emptying the deadly spray from a sewed-off shotgun into the body of the victim.

These are only some of the crime-chapters that occurred. In the future, however, if the mental tests prove a success, the annals of criminals here may not be filled with so many daring and dangerous exploits.

Roosevelt Junior Is 'Making Faces'

Charlotte News.

The Republicans know what they are doing in getting Colonel Roosevelt to stage an attack upon Al Smith.

They hope thoroughly to encompass the political downfall of the New York governor for the reason that they are very much frightened by the spectacle of his shadow falling across the 1928 presidential campaign.

Knowing, as they do, the severe opposition to Governor Smith as a presidential candidate which he must overcome within the ranks of his own party, they are intending to pile burdens upon him from all sides to the end that he may be buried under an avalanche of opposition both from within and from without.

Governor Smith has many liabilities and it looks now as if the opposing wing within his own party will do its best to inform the country about them that he may not be further enthroned.

But, as one is saying, after a man has ruled a great state for many years and proved his worth to the general satisfaction, it seems too bad that an old and illustrious party of the opposition can hit upon no other form of comment than to send a bad boy like the colonel around making faces.

Well Foretells Weather

In eastern Oregon is an interesting well that not only gives supplies of good water, but acts as a sort of barometer to tell the approach of storms or changes in the weather. From 12 to 24 hours before a storm, it "exhales" a current of air. The draft increases as the storm approaches, sometimes reaching the intensity of a whistling, roaring jet and shooting up a mist of water with it.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Pedestrians Can Help

Salisbury Post. The Winston-Salem Sentinel, like the rest of us, thinks that the pedestrians can help out much in the traffic problems by helping to avoid accidents. The Sentinel takes the recent accident at Balsam as a case in the point and adds this comment:

"Public highways are dangerous places on which to walk, especially at night. Some pedestrians are inclined to take up as much of the road as possible. It being no unusual experience to see a foot traveler walking several feet inside the edge of the pavement. What motorist but that has tooted his horn to warn a pedestrian, who apparently was deaf, and then had to swing away over to the left to avoid hitting the nonchalant stroller? Pedestrians can help by exercising care when walking on the highways.

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