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The Police Spy System

The Porto Ricans who complain that they were inveigled into a gambling game by a police employe who wanted to make a successful raid upon them, furnish an illustration of the evils of the police spy system as used here, and in some other places. Many trial judges habitually instruct juries to accept the testimony of police informers only with the greatest care, and in some places such an instruction is actually required by law. In Honolulu today, some of the lowest dregs of humanity are in the business of detecting crime for the police. One set of drunks, gamblers, loafers and pimps is helped to live by public money paid out by police in order that they may spy upon and catch another set. As a rule, the lot of authority or power one worthless vagabond of this sort gets by reason of his being a police informer only adds to his chances for safety in crime and consequently to the amount of wrongdoing he achieves. When one of the unworthies of Iwilei, for example, is picked out to be used by the police as an employe, he is simply in a position to levy heavier and more constant tribute from the unfortunate women who are supporting most of the gang—and he does it.

Probably no police force of any importance gets along without spies and informers who are themselves of the criminal class, but it is doubtful whether there are many communities where such degraded specimens of humanity are in use as here. This is possibly due in large measure to the character of our population. But when the system leads, as in the reported case of some Porto Ricans, to deliberate fostering of crime in order that it may be detected,—when the police indirectly start and encourage a gambling game in order to win the glory of raiding it, the time has come to exercise more care. There was a Chinese case very recently, similar to that of the Porto Ricans. The victim declared that an acquaintance left a package in his store, asking that it be cared for. An hour later he returned, took the package and handed it to an officer outside who was watching. The man with the package was an informer, the package contained beer, and he had nicely "proved" to the officer that the storekeeper sold him beer.

Crime must be detected and a close watch must be kept on suspicious localities and persons. But crime which needs such devices as these to bring it into court is better left alone. A few Porto Ricans who play cards for money in such privacy of home that the police have to take a hand in the game to detect it are not as much violating gambling laws as are often the respectable gentlemen, and ladies as well, at comparatively public social functions. If a locality is well policed and watched and illicit liquor selling is so small and secret that the police have to be parties to the crime in order to learn about it,—have to tempt their prospective victim into his offense,—it is less harmful than the spy system itself. Governor Carter's liquor bill contained a clause making the purchaser of liquor sold illicitly criminally responsible with the seller. This is as the federal law stands now with regard to the sale of liquor made in violation of federal statutes. It recognizes the principle that the buyer, if aware that the seller has no right to sell, is offending against the law equally with the seller.

The spy business should be discouraged. It adds to and helps to support the criminal classes. Public money has no business to find its way into the hands of professional criminals as a reward for telling of crimes which they help to foster for the sake of such reward.

Make Up Of The New Commission

The cable dispatches at the time gave the names of the new Panama Canal Commissioners, but the files brought by the mail give much that is interesting concerning the commission and its personnel. The new commission is composed as follows, the first three named being the executive committee: Theodore P. Shonts, president of the "Clover Leaf" railroad system, chairman; Charles E. Magoon, who was general counsel of the recent Commission, governor of the canal zone; John F. Wallace, retained as chief engineer; Rear-Admiral M. T. Endicott, U. S. N.; Brig.-Gen. Peter C. Hains, U. S. A., retired; Col. Oswald H. Ernst, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.; and Benjamin M. Harrod, reappointed from the late Commission. According to President Roosevelt's letter of instruction to the members, Mr. Shonts is to be general manager with supreme authority; Mr. Wallace will plan and execute the engineering features, and Mr. Magoon will direct the civil affairs of the canal zone and serve as legal adviser for the Commission. Mr. Shonts' salary will be \$30,000, that of Mr. Wallace \$25,000, and that of Judge Magoon \$17,500. The other four members will receive \$7,500 each. "In selecting the new Panama Commission," says the New York Evening Post (Ind.), "the President has radically departed from the theory which guided him in choosing the first. For engineering experts, it is evident that he has determined to substitute driving men of business."

The President has arranged for the Commission to meet four times a year on the isthmus to adopt plans and transact business, but when not in session all its powers shall be invested in the executive committee. The engineering reports and plans bearing on the question of a lock canal or sea-level canal are to be submitted to a board of consulting engineers composed of nine civil engineers, who are to be appointed by the President. Mr. Shonts, Mr. Wallace, and Judge Magoon must live on the isthmus, and are required to hold regular meetings each week throughout the year.

The only criticism of the President's reorganized Panama Canal Commission, says the Literary Digest, comes from a few of the newspapers that have been denouncing, all along, his usurpation of power; but it is the method of the President, not the personnel of the commission, that brings out these objections. In fact, the selections are so good that many of the papers can almost see the dirt flying on the isthmus even now. "In the reorganization of the Panama Canal Commission President Roosevelt has shown himself an adept in the art of twisting an inconvenient law, which Congress refused to repeal at his request, so as to attain the ends which he has in view," remarks the Philadelphia Record (Ind. Dem.); and the Providence Journal (Ind.) thinks that "it must grate sadly on the sensibilities of Congressmen to observe the cool self-sufficiency with which President Roosevelt is proceeding to accomplish, as near as may be, by executive order what they failed to provide by legislative process." Mr. Roosevelt had for a long time looked on the recent Canal Commission as a cumbersome affair, and it has been known that he desired a commission of only three men. The law provided for seven, and he was, therefore, required to appoint that number. But after looking over the appointees and their instructions, the New Orleans Times-Democrat (Dem.) declares that though he acted within the law he has practically made a commission of three. The Philadelphia Inquirer (Rep.) remarks that "four of these seven will be little more than figureheads, and the substantial responsibility for the construction of the canal will be imposed upon the other three, each of whom will be the head of one of the three executive departments which the President has directed to be organized."

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They say that the Russian peasant thinks his dreams reality and his reality a horrible nightmare. He seems to be waking to a realization that he has been mistaken.

Who could possibly wish any French naval plans? Certainly not Great Britain.

That Congressman who was killed at a mass meeting where the local option was being advocated, should not have signed the pledge until after that meeting.

"Get out and mingle" is the burden of that political advice to the High Sheriff by one Mikasobe.

Recommendations to mercy are very common with local juries, and it is often difficult to understand them. In the latest case the criminal recommended to mercy had, if the verdict of guilty is correct at all, added perjury to his other crime and had added to both these an unmanly attempt to besmirch the character of his former office associates by casting suspicion on them. This makes a truly excellent subject for mercy.

Sheriff "Hi" Henry is the recipient of a letter of advice from J. W. Mikasobe, telling him how to play his cards for sheriff of Oahu, the principal point of which is to be easy on Hawaiians who get into the meshes of the police, but are willing to vote for him for sheriff. After all the advice is as good as that the High Sheriff seems to have been following.

Judge Dunne, the newly elected Mayor of Chicago, has a family of ten children. There doesn't seem to be any race suicide in his makeup.

Mere technicalities raised in regard to Hawaiian law and the Organic Act, do not seem to get very cordial treatment by the supreme court of the United States.

Judging from the speed limits of street railways in other cities and towns it would seem as if we in Honolulu did not know what rapid transit is. Our maximum is the minimum of most other places.

This is the fifty-ninth day of the session of the legislature. Whatever short-

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The Manchuria still remains outside the harbor when calling at this port. But with that appropriation for dredging the harbor and entrance which congress made, it is to be hoped that this state of affairs will not last long.

There will be very strong objection to removing Lahainaluna school from its present and historic location to Kona, if the proposition is ever seriously broached.

Yesterday's rain was probably worth thousands and thousands of dollars.

The dispatch stating that some of the French naval plans have been stolen suggests the possibility of preparation for another Dreyfus case.

SANTO DOMINGO.

But a little thing like lack of funds will not be permitted to spoil a revolution in Santo Domingo.—Detroit Free Press.

Why not allow the seal brown republics to the south of us do their own rat-killing?—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Christopher Columbus is responsible for the troubles in Santo Domingo, for he discovered it.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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