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### Police Without Leadership

Declares Crooks Get More Protection Than Honest Citizens; Vice Rampant

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"I believe," said the preacher, "the time has come when the Mayor ought to listen to frank and friendly advice, and as one who hopes even yet to see his administration vindicated I wish to suggest to him that his administration is in danger of coming to such final wreck and ruin that it will discount the good work he has accomplished; and this danger arises, I believe, from some of those he has called into his official family."

"The trouble with the police force today is not among the rank and file. The great majority of patrolmen and officers will do their duty efficiently if only they are led right from above. The present leadership in the department, however, has had warnings of its own in the past months and indications enough of the rising tide of sound judgment and public indignation against it to heed and remedy wrong conditions if there had been even the ability to desire so to do."

### Big Man Needed at Helm

"Mayor Hylan now has one last chance to redeem himself before an outraged people and to save his administration in the esteem of many thousands by reorganizing the Police Department and putting it under the capable leadership, about which there will be no question marks and in which the people of New York will have confidence, of a man who will be put at the helm and we will see the same happy results here as have recently been brought to pass in Chicago."

"Some months ago I ventured to give the Mayor some advice in connection with these matters, but he did not take it. Now I would point out to him that the charges I made at that time have been amply proven true. "On the night of another murder has been succeeded by another and another, and robberies and hold-ups have become such a common occurrence that the police commission cannot unless a miracle occurs with them, ever be brought to book. There were conditions in connection with this outrage leading to the conclusion that, with a police force of this size, it is not a highly paid and elaborate detective force, the guilty parties might have been found out."

### Morale Shaken by Favoritism

"In this city of great multitudes I believe the opinion of the majority were not appreciated because the efficiency of our police and detective departments has been almost completely undermined. "The morale of the men has been shaken by favoritism, politics, the discharge of true and tried officers and a seeming lack of confidence on the part of the men in either the competence or the character of those at the top."

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### Sighted Lost Balloon, Ottawa Residents Say

Ice-Sheeted Object Seen Drifting Over Town May Have Been Missing Naval Craft

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—Canadian naval authorities today are investigating the report that the aerial object reported by residents here to have been seen drifting over the outskirts of the city December 15 may have been the United States naval balloon A-5938, missing from the Rockaway, N. Y., naval air station since December 18.

The object, sheeted with ice, was sighted by residents here early on the morning of the 15th pursuing a northerly westerly course. It was not reported until press notices were sent telling of the missing aircraft, in which three American officers were passengers.

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### Guffey Will Urge Early Recognition of Mexico

Business Brisk and Industry Thriving, Declares Pennsylvanian on Return

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 26.—"The change that has come over Mexico in a year, or from last January to the present, is unbelievable, almost, to any one who has not witnessed the transformation," said Joseph F. Guffey, holder of extensive oil interests south of the Rio Grande, and who has returned from Mexico City and the inauguration of General Obregon as President of Mexico.

Business is brisk and industry thriving, Mr. Guffey said today. He declared Mexico is one of the few countries in the world now on a gold and silver basis, most exchanges being made in gold.

Mr. Guffey, with his sisters, the Misses Ida and Pauletta Guffey, attended the inauguration and the festivities incident thereto as guests of Mexico, as did 3,000 other Americans, including the Governors of a number of states.

One of the little attentions the Mexican government gave the Americans was to install electric heaters in the rooms they occupied.

In the next week or ten days, Mr. Guffey said, he will again visit Washington to urge early recognition of the Mexican government. In this connection he said:

"General Obregon is the first man elected President of Mexico to typify the ideas of the forward-looking Mexican who, nearly twenty years ago, started to a better and greater Mexico. "I am confident the many problems confronting Mexico will be solved under the leadership of the strong Cabinet chosen with him in a manner just and fair alike to the people of Mexico and foreign interests."

### Five Hurt as 200 Flee Fire in Apartment House

Flames Arouse Patients in Beth David Hospital

Five persons were slightly injured and 200 tenants were compelled to flee over the roof to adjoining buildings when fire started in an old-fashioned apartment house at 2137 Broadway, between Seventy-seventh and Seventy-eighth streets, early yesterday morning.

Policemen Balligan and Hardman, of the West Sixty-eighth Street station, ran to the fourth floor in the thickest of the smoke and led out George Made, his wife and their two children. Mrs. Mary Pelt, living on the fifth floor, also was assisted to safety. Julia M. Gorman, who lived in the third apartment, was overcome by smoke, but soon revived. None of the injured went to a hospital.

A small fire in a store room adjoining the Beth David Hospital, at 1824 Lexington Avenue, caused some alarm yesterday morning. Alexander Niddy, night clerk at the hospital, discovered the fire, turned in the alarm and helped reassure the patients, who manifested little alarm, though the corridors were filled with smoke.

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## Crafts Turns Puritan Guns On Newspapers

Enrolls Reformation of Press Among 44 Other Things To Be Accomplished by the Blue Law Program

### Calls Editors Ignorant

New York Is Classed as Least American of All U. S. Cities in Forum Talk

The Rev. Wilbur Fisk Crafts, Superintendent of the International Reform Bureau, of Washington, addressed a forum at the West Fifty-seventh Street Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon on the subject of Sunday blue laws, enactment of which the bureau advocates.

"If we array on one side the half of the people who turn aside from money-making one day a week to promote love of God and love to man, and on the other side those who have deserted synagogue or church to devote every day to the selfishness of money-making or pleasure making, on which side would you find the crime wave and the equally dangerous vice wave?" he asked.

"I was present at the dedication of the Pilgrim monument in Central Park in 1914. All through the exercises it was the Puritan, not the Pilgrim, who was recalled and extolled. Every class the Puritan had antagonized was represented on the program and each vied with the other in eulogy.

"Not a speaker on the program, nor an editor reporting it, spoke of the mythical blue laws written not as history, but as satire by a man named Peters, expelled from Connecticut for his part in the open shop fight."

"It is a national peril that so many people go so constantly to see movie fiction that they know nothing of American history, as is evinced by the great number who talk as if a mild law to give the National Capital such Sunday observance as all the states except California, have is an alarming novelty."

"The New York Evening Post, which assumes to be the very soul of the metropolitan press, speaks editorially of a law which has been before Congress for the past two years, as a 'trial balloon'—that is, as a new restrictive bill suggested by the triumph of prohibition."

"This is but one of a thousand examples of press ignorance of facts that should be in the files of every newspaper, if not in the heads of the editors. Newspaper reform is in my opinion the big four and forty reforms that are needed to give the press a new life."

"It is ominous for democracy that the press of the whole nation should be led into a crusade against all laws that make hard to do wrong. The anti-prohibition world and The Tribune, of New York, assisted by promoters of five great money-making industries, are doing this."

### Guinea Pig as a Whisky Tester Has Dark Future

If He Drinks It and Lives It's Good; If He Dies It's Bad; Demand for Him Jumps

The smooth-coated cavy, or, as it is known in professional circles, the guinea pig, seems in for extinction now that it has been discovered it affords an infallible guide to the purity of whisky.

If a whisky drinks a few drops of suspected whisky and does not die, then the human being, who is standing breathlessly expectant in the office, may also drink and be confident of living. But if the cavy gets so much as a drop of wood alcohol the life of the animal is the forfeit, and his owner, before arranging for the guinea pig's funeral, destroys the deign liquid.

There will be cavies on exhibition at the Madison Square Garden Poultry Show, Inc., from January 18 to 22, but they will be closely guarded. From the press department of the show comes the information that the price of a whisky-testing cavy has risen from \$3 to \$15 since the information leaked out that they are mighty handy beasts to carry in one's coat pocket. It is further given out that since November not fewer than 450 cavies have died of wood alcohol poisoning and that the disappearance of the cavy will be nothing but the saddest of the blotting out of the cavy, kind unless there are ringing resolutions by various chambers of commerce, followed by protective legislation at Washington.

Incidentally, don't be swindled into buying a rough-coated cavy. It is only the smooth-coated ones who have the rosy, rosy instinct sufficiently developed to make them infallible as Nixon guides.

### Nixons Receive in Brussels

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## Arkansas Mob Hangs Slayer of Policeman

Negro Is Taken From Jail and Paraded Through Streets Before Lynching

JONESBORO, Ark., Dec. 26.—Wade Thomas, a negro who last night shot and killed Eimer Ragland, a policeman, during a raid on a dice game here, was taken from the jail to-night by a mob of about 400 citizens, and after being paraded through the business streets of the town was hanged to a telegraph pole near the scene of his crime.

Thomas was arrested early today at Hoxie, Ark., and brought to the jail here.

The mob went about its work quietly, the leaders demanding admission from the jailer, who, after urging that the law be allowed to take its course, turned over the keys. After the lynching the mob dispersed and the town is quiet. A number of other negroes held in the jail in connection with the shooting of Ragland were not molested.

Before being taken from the jail Thomas admitted shooting the policeman, but claimed self-defense, saying the officer was firing at him.

## Drys Accused of Refusing Aid in Tightening Lid

Civil Service Reform League Charges Anti-Saloon Force Withholds Support From Tinkham Civil Service Bill

The Anti-Saloon League has refused to support the Tinkham bill now before Congress, which would bring the appointment of prohibition enforcement agents under Federal civil service regulations, the National Civil Service Reform League declared in a statement yesterday.

Supplanting of "the present inefficient, grafting and chair-warming" dry agents with "competent and honest" officials is the object of the measure, according to the statement.

The bill, which was introduced by Representative George H. Tinkham, of Massachusetts, would not only subject candidates for appointments to civil service rules, but would require all those now holding such jobs to qualify to keep them by taking open competitive examinations within three months after passage of the act.

Provisions of the proposed law would apply to all executive officers authorized to be named by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the United States Attorney General to all persons empowered to issue permits, to agents and inspectors in the field service of the Internal Revenue Bureau and similar employees of the Attorney General appointed under the Volstead act.

"The statement of the National Civil Service Reform League follows in part: "The employees under the Volstead act have been secured during the last year under the spoils system, in accordance with a provision in that act which exempts them from civil service examination. During this time the enforcement unit has fallen into such utter disrepute as to become a mockery among not only the enemies of prohibition, but also among its friends."

"As a demonstration of the practicability of selection of enforcement agents through competitive examination, it is only necessary to compare the force of employees under the Volstead act with the government agents employed to enforce the Harrison anti-narcotic law of 1915. Under the provisions of the Harrison act there are employed in the Bureau of Internal Revenue nearly 2,000 men throughout the country who work quietly and effectively with violators of the anti-narcotic act. All of the anti-narcotic agents and inspectors are selected through civil service examination. The chief of the anti-narcotic force, Colonel L. G. Nutt, says that he would not like to select his employees in any other manner than through civil service examination."

"In making appointments to the prohibition enforcement unit, the Prohibition Commissioner is forced to accept the recommendations of Congressmen and other powerful representatives of his own political party."

"The National Civil Service Reform League is secured this much-needed legislation in spite of the fact that the Anti-Saloon League, so far, has refused to lend its support, although it has been urged on numerous occasions to do what it could to provide for the competitive classification of these positions."

While cities are not hampered now

## Miller Takes Up Task of Saving State's Money

Governor-Elect to Reach Albany Friday for Conference; Would Hold Budget to \$142,000,000

### Millions More Requested

Retrenchment in Expenses to Have Stellar Place in Message to Legislature

Special Dispatch to The Tribune ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Albany will once more become the center of political affairs of the state on Friday, when Governor-elect Nathan L. Miller will begin a series of conferences with legislative leaders and representative citizens on the state budget problem and other questions to be brought before the 1921 Legislature, in the Governor's annual message.

Mr. Miller and his family are expected to arrive in Albany either Thursday night or Friday morning and will take possession of the Executive Mansion, which Governor Smith vacated last Monday. Leading members of the Legislature are expected to arrive in Albany within forty-eight hours to attend pre-session conferences and advise with the Governor-elect.

State officials who attended the Syracuse conference last week said the question foremost in the Governor-elect's mind is the annual appropriation bill. They feel that nothing has swayed Judge Miller from his determination that the state budget must be reduced within the \$142,000,000 available for next year.

The appropriation requests submitted total \$201,000,000. This does not include \$4,000,000 as the first annual increase on the \$45,000,000 soldier bonus bond issue, nor the score of million dollars sought by the department of public works for large canal purposes.

While the state's finance question is expected to be given stellar position in the message, this document also will deal with other important subjects, among them reorganization of the state government, including possibly recommendations for the return of the 1st District Public Service Commission to its old status, consolidation of the state's tax collecting agencies, recommendations for focusing legislation and suggestions for the amendment of the direct primary law so as to pave the way, at least, for the reestablishing of official nominating conventions for state and judicial officers. Prohibition enforcement also will have a place, and primary law-making.

One of the first acts to pass the Legislature probably will be the bill creating a commission for the distribution of the soldier bonus.

Another important measure for early consideration will be the Robinson-Steinberg resolution creating a commission to investigate the municipal affairs of New York City and county.

## Mayors Oppose Laws Increasing City Expenses

Conference Advises Miller and Legislature to Defeat Bills Creating New Tax Burdens

ALBANY, Dec. 26.—An appeal to enact no laws which will compel cities to spend more public funds was contained in a statement sent to Governor-elect Miller and the members of the incoming Legislature by the officers and advisory committee of the New York State conference of mayors and other city officials, made public tonight.

"We wish to emphasize," said the statement, "the importance of placing on the statute books this year only such general laws affecting cities as will permit local administrators to reduce tax burdens either by economizing or by increasing their efficiency."

Retrenchment, it was said, was as necessary in city as in state or Federal government. Appropriations were said to be larger this year than last in most cases, while the cities were facing a reduction in revenue from indirect taxation.

"We are informed that certain organizations and groups of municipal employees are preparing to urge upon the Legislature the enactment of certain mandatory laws affecting their employment and salaries, which will involve increased taxation," the statement continued.

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Two Washington Hostels Close Reservations and All Have Doubled Prices

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—So great has grown the demand for rooms for the week of March 4, thousands of would-be visitors to Washington for the days of the inauguration of President Harding are already faced with the prospect of sleeping in Pullman berths and other makeshift quarters.

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