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VICE COMMISSION URGES ABOLITION OF CABARET EVIL

Dance Halls Where Liquor is Sold Prolific Source of Vice Finds Investigating Board—Recommends Drive Against So-Called Private Dining Room—Little Immorality in Shops and Department Stores of Cities.

The report of the Bridgeport Vice Commission, a body created by Mayor Wilson, after Zenas L. Potter, of the Russell Sage Foundation, had threatened to expose conditions here, was given to the public today.

It contains a thorough-going consideration of the phenomena of social evil, with a large number of recommendations for the improvement of conditions.

It is shown conclusively that the cabarets and dance halls where liquor is sold are a prolific source of evil. The abolition of the private dining room is advised.

It is shown that the department stores and industrial establishments of Bridgeport are not primarily the source of social vice.

Many facts are given regarding the presence of diseases induced by sex immorality. It appears that the cost of treating charity cases, afflicted with these diseases, during six months in 1915, was over \$1,700.

With respect to a class of persons who are abnormal, the commission says:

"In every community are a group of degenerate or sexually insane persons of both sexes who make a prey of society and who stop at nothing to gratify their unnatural lusts. We recommend that such persons be treated as abnormal and anti-social members of society, and their cases disposed of by the courts in accordance with the law after diagnosis and recommendation of the psychopathic board, which we hereafter recommend."

The conclusions of the commission are summed in the following pages:

"We have tried to give clear of the sentimental view that the wrong of sex relations can be definitely placed on one sex only, that the one sex is culpable and that the other is victimized. All thorough investigation has shown this to be totally untrue."

"We have faced the problem of the vice of the city with open minds. Because we had a definite investigation to make and workable recommendations to form, we have kept rigorously to the one problem of commercialized vice and its crop of evils."

So far as our own city is concerned we have discovered that it is a manifold problem, physiological, social, economic, social, recreational, educational, social hygiene, legal, moral and religious. Our recommendations, therefore, follow in the order of the facts of the problem.

The Physiological Facts
There are standards of public decency and health which make the sex life subject to a multitude of restrictions and regulations. As these are the slow growth of centuries and represent the sense of self-respect and self-preservation of all civilized communities, they cannot be ignored by any modern group without peril to its health and future.

The laws of the state define the period of marriage and intercourse; forbid cohabitation outside the marriage bond; furnish penalties for fornication and adultery; and particularly guard against all perversion and bestiality. It is these aberrations of the instinct against which society must fight constantly.

We find that the provocatives in our city of unnatural, immoral, and unhealthy sex-life are degeneracy, morbidity, and calculated stimulation.

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CROSSLEY, FACING MANY SUITS, GOES OUT OF BUSINESS

Real Estate Operator Disposes of Interests to Land and Title Co.

CONSIDERATIONS IN DEAL KEPT SECRET

Clerk Says Employer Will Return Soon to Straighten Out Affairs.

James Harry Crossley, prominent real estate and insurance man, whose affairs have recently become seriously involved, has disposed of his insurance business to the Bridgeport Land & Title Co. This firm has taken the agencies of the firms Mr. Crossley formerly represented and in the future will look after the interests of Mr. Crossley's clients.

The transaction took place several days ago. Officials of the Bridgeport Land & Title Co. admitted the transfer today, but would not say how much was paid for this part of Mr. Crossley's business.

Mr. Crossley has offices in the Security building, but it is some time since he has been in them on any week day. Raymond W. Case, clerk and bookkeeper for Mr. Crossley, said today that his employer was in New York, but was expected to return to this city on Sunday.

Deputy Sheriff Thomas Cunningham has papers in an action for \$10,000 damages in a suit brought by Harvey & Lewis, Hartford opticians. The sheriff will serve these papers on Mr. Crossley if he can find him on any week day. The papers cannot be served on Sunday.

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Besides the papers which Sheriff Cunningham has to serve there are lawsuits for \$15,000 damages pending against Mr. Crossley. The first suit was brought by Alderman Robert N. Blakeslee to recover \$1,500 on a note which Mr. Crossley gave him and which he failed to make good. Equity in the property at 704-706-724-725-724 and Hancock avenue, 784 Fairfield avenue, at Waterman court and at Connecticut and Hollister avenues was attached in this suit.

This same property has been attached in a \$5,000 suit brought by Arthur Lieberman. The latter claims he loaned Mr. Crossley that amount, taking as security a mortgage on property which Mr. Crossley has bought as broker for the Bridgeport Brass Co. but which he did not own. In connection with this same transaction the Brass company has also brought suit for \$10,000 and attached the property.

E. P. BULLARD INSTITUTES NEW WAGE SYSTEM

No Maximum To Be Placed on Amount Capable Man May Earn at Any Job.

PLAN TO KEEP GOOD EMPLOYEES WITH FIRM

Head of Concern Believes Arrangement Will Work For Efficiency.

In the belief that the longer employees are with the company, the more is the chance that they will become of great value to the company, the Bullard Machine Tool Co. has instituted a wage plan that is expected to be a great success.

No maximum will be placed on the wages that may be earned by good men, according to the statement of the company, which follows:

"Skill and proficiency are the actual foundations of low costs of production—not a low hourly wage rate."

"Skill at the machinists' trade may be acquired by years of application in any of a thousand shops, but proficiency in the construction of a highly specialized product, like ours, is gained only by long association with that product, through which may be developed a knowledge of its workings and an appreciation of the exacting requirements of the construction of the various details which enter into it."

"The longer a man is with us the better is his work because of his development in skill and his greater knowledge of the special needs in the holding of our machines and, in the final analysis, that man's work costs less, even though his hourly wage be considered high, because of its superior quality and the greater efficiency with which it has been produced."

"Our Maximum Wage Plan has been developed from these basic facts. It recognizes the value of skill and proficiency and provides suitable reward for their attainment. It presents a high mark for the good man to aim at and opens the doors of opportunity for advancement to all in our employ—even to those who are now unskilled."

By close personal study of the individuals in our organization, and a careful checking of their records, E. P. Bullard, Jr., our president, in conference with the shop executives and foremen has grouped the men in six classes, each of which covers the mechanics, the apprentices, and one the non-mechanical and unskilled members of our force. Future advancements will be made the subject of equally careful and fair consideration.

"In Class AA, from which will be recruited our future shop executives and foremen, are grouped the superior individuals in our organization, and a working gang of mechanics. The maximum wage rate is limited only by ability, proficiency and occupation while a high minimum of 55 cents per hour is guaranteed."

Class A, comprised of mechanics of highest skill, forms the basis of promotion to Class AA and, like it, (Continued on Page 10.)

LAWYER WEEPS WHEN CLIENT'S STORY IS TOLD

Whole Courtroom Affected By Mrs. Papp's Tale Before Coroner Phelan.

PLANNED FIRST TO KILL HERSELF ONLY

Brother of Dead Man Charges She Twice Deserted Him and Took Cash.

Pathetic sights and sensational assertions marked the coroner's inquiry this morning into the murder of Nicholas Papp, by his young wife in the shop of the Bridgeport Metal Goods Co.

That Mrs. Papp first intended to kill only and then her reflection decided to kill her husband also was admitted by the prisoner today who told how she ransacked her boarding mistress' house in an effort to find a revolver.

A sister of the accused woman arrived from Canada at 2 o'clock this morning having aided a step-brother of the dead man in passing the incendiary boundary line. The police at once took statements from the man that tend to show that Mrs. Papp twice ran away from her husband, once having taken a considerable amount of money from her husband and step-brother. It is asserted that she was brought back to Canada by police who located her in Buffalo, N. Y.

When Mrs. Papp heard of the accusation she rushed wildly to the chair in which the dead man's brother was seated and demanded in the Hungarian language to know if he intended giving such testimony before the local authorities. She also asked him how he could do so. Detectives James Bray, in charge of the prisoner was compelled to separate them.

Affecting scenes were staged throughout this morning's hearings when said court attendants and even Attorney Jacob Klein, whose defense of many murderers has hardened him to pathos, broke down and tears dimmed the eyes of all.

When Miss Rose Szabo entered the courtroom her sister's back was turned. As the unmarried girl laid her hand on Mrs. Papp's shoulders the latter swung quickly around and the two embraced.

"Why did you do it? Oh! why did you do it?" questioned the sister.

"I could not help it," said the accused woman and her further answers came unintelligible because of her sobs.

Funeral Coroner John Phelan, Mrs. Papp told the same story as previously related to the police, stating further that she and her husband had worked in the ammunition shops of Columbus, Kan. She was married to Papp against parental objection. Here she had been cruelly treated because of his meeting with other associates. She had left the factory with the intention of killing herself alone, but ransacked the bedroom of her boarding mistress, Mrs. Bessie Bozso, at 357 Spruce street and falling to find a revolver, had gone out to purchase one.

George Kererel, a step-brother of Nicholas Papp, a witness for the state obtained by Sergeant John O'Connell, will be heard at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon before Coroner Phelan. Further inquiry by the police into statements made by him, today will be made.

Mrs. Papp has demanded that she be permitted to attend the funeral of her husband. She has ordered the bed room from the undertaking parlors of Frank Polks to the home of Mrs. Bozso and has pleaded that the step-brother not be allowed near the body. "I love him yet and I want him myself. I do not want anybody to touch him," she said today.

Mrs. Joseph Szabo, mother of Mary Papp, has long been ill in Welland, N. Y. News of her daughter's act has prostrated her and it is not expected that she will recover.

BURNS FROM OIL PROVE FATAL TO MRS. COTTRELL

Ogden Street Woman Was Stricken With Attack While Carrying Lamp.

Mrs. Nettie Knight Cottrell of 1134 Ogden street extension, who suffered an attack of heart failure while carrying a lighted kerosene lamp to her bedroom, April 11, died in the Bridgeport hospital this morning as a result of the burns received when she dropped the lamp and her clothes caught fire. Mrs. Cottrell's 15-year-old daughter went to her aid, but the woman was severely burned. It was not at first thought, however, that the burns would prove fatal.

Mrs. Cottrell was born in Germany 54 years ago, but resided in Bridgeport for a long time. She was the wife of Edwin Dwight Cottrell and is survived by her husband, a daughter, Ethel, and a son, Earle Cottrell.

LUSITANIA SUIT BROUGHT

Boston, May 13—The loss of Henry J. Salt, who went down with the Cunard liner Lusitania, was the basis of a suit for \$500,000 filed in the Federal court today. The suit is brought by Mrs. F. E. Salt, of Needham, the widow, against the Cunard Steamship Co., Ltd.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Sunday; gentle to moderate northwest to north winds.

PEACE STRENGTH OF U.S. ARMY TO BE 206,000 MEN

Congressional Conferees Agree on Compromise Measure Between Senate and House Bills—Will Allow For Easy Expansion to 254,000 Men in Time of War—Report To Go To Congress Next Week, is Belief.

Washington, May 13—A regular army of 206,000 men at peace strength, capable of expansion to 254,000 men in time of war, was agreed upon today by House and Senate conferees on the army reorganization bill, first of the big national defense measures.

The report will be submitted to both branches of Congress for ratification next week.

The conference report represents a compromise between the original Senate plan of 250,000 and the House proposal of 143,000.

The conferees have adopted the essentials of the Senate army plan. This provides machinery with which the regular army may easily be expanded in time of war to approximately 254,000 men. The Senate volunteer army plan has been discarded. In its place has been substituted a section giving the effect of law to the Plattsbury plan of instruction.

The Lodge amendment providing that those who undergo such instruction shall have all expenses paid by the government has been agreed to.

The report authorizes the construction of a nitrate plant along the lines of the amendment adopted by the House. It provides an appropriation of \$20,000,000 for this plant and leaves the selection of a site to the President.

EIGHTH CAVALRY DASHES ACROSS MEXICAN PLAINS TO SURPRISE VILLISTAS

Marathon, Tex., May 13—Major George T. Langhorne, and his flying squadron of the 8th cavalry, are dashing over the white sand hills in Mexico today in a supreme effort to surprise the Mexican raiders of Glenn Springs and Boquillas.

A party of coast artillery arrived here from San Antonio, Tex., today. Part of it will go south to join Col. Sibley's expeditionary force. The remainder will help Garrison Marathon, Col. Sibley expects to have direct communication between Boquillas and Marathon by Sunday night.

RAID RUMORS FALSE.

Del Rio, May 13—There is no truth in reports of a raid by Mexicans yesterday on the town of Anderson, Mex. It was learned here today. The report said Mexicans killed a score of Americans.

Recruiting State Troops

Columbus, N. M., May 13—Mobilization of the one thousand men of the New Mexican national guard was completed here with the arrival early today of additional companies, including a battery of artillery. Recruiting to bring the men to war strength is progressing rapidly throughout the state, according to reports to H. T. Herring, adjutant general.

FREIGHT EMBARGO TIGHTENED HERE; NO RELIEF SEEN

All Less Than Carload Commitments Come Under New Orders.

New Haven, May 13—The following statement on the embargo was given out at the offices of the New Haven Railroad today:

"The embargo committee of the eastern freight accumulation conference has placed an embargo on all less than carload freight except perishables and food for human consumption, originating at stations on the New Haven and Central New England Railways, when destined to or to be transferred at Bridgeport, New Haven, Waterbury, Plainville, Conn., and Providence, R. I. This embargo is necessitated by the accumulation of freight at these points. It becomes effective midnight, Saturday, May 13."

"The embargo against these consignees, who have been having difficulty unloading their shipments promptly but who have since taken away all freight placed for them, has been lifted."

L. E. Nickerson, local freight agent for the New Haven road, said today that the first embargo order was made necessary by accumulation of freight due to strikes of the freight handlers. He said the present accumulation of freight and consequent embargo is due to the difficulty in securing freight handlers and the inefficiency of those employed. He said the company is making an effort to induce laborers to accept employment by arranging a lodging house for them and seeing to it that they obtain proper rest and have food and housing conditions. He would not attempt to predict how long the embargo will last but said the same conditions exist at all railroad centers in the country.

Clara Kellogg, Prima Donna, is Dead at 74

New Hartford, Conn., May 13—Clara Louise Kellogg, who was a prima donna of the American Operatic stage prior to her marriage to Carl Strachouse in 1882, died at her home, Elipstone, this noon after a year's illness.

She was born in Sumterville, S. C., on July 31, 1842. Mrs. Strachouse suffered from cancer.

FATE OF THOUSANDS UNKNOWN

Berlin, May 13—The Chronicle, of the Christian world, a religious weekly, says that during the second Russian invasion of East Prussia, 15,000 women, children and old men were carried off to Russia and that the fate of most of them is unknown, says the Overseas News Agency.

WORKMAN, CARRIED THROUGH COAL CHUTE, LIVES DESPITE BURIAL UNDER TONS OF FUEL

Shot through a coal hopper, far above the ground and covered by four tons of soft coal, Arthur Lockwood, of 2377 Main street, though having suffered a fractured left leg, is alive in St. Vincent's hospital.

It is due to the quick shovelling of half a dozen fellow laborers, according to witnesses, that Lockwood was not suffocated. He was working on the high treadmill which coal was being poured into a big bin.

Through the sudden opening of a coal-car bottom he was precipitated into the hopper with the coal. His right leg caught in the narrow hopper aperture and part of the coal slid by him.

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DOOLAN A HERO AS HIS HORSES CAUSE RUNAWAY CRUEL BOARDER BEAT CHILDREN, THEY COMPLAIN

Team Affrighted Starts Carriage Horse and Two Women Are Injured.

Mary Imhoff, aged 15 years and her mother, Margaret Imhoff of Hull's Farms, were injured in a double runaway on Middle street this morning in which Patrick Doolan, 135 East avenue, a truckman was both the culprit and the hero.

Doolan had left his double team unhitched. The team walked away and collided with a runaway driven by Mrs. Imhoff, whose horse took fright and dashed down Middle street towards Gold street beyond control. At the corner of Gold street the runaway was upset throwing woman and child upon the sidewalk. Doolan who happened to be in advance of the women's runaway horse stepped into the street and stopped it. The Imhoffs were treated for cuts and bruises and general shock at the emergency hospital. Doolan was arrested charged with violation of the city ordinance. The women later drove to their home.

GREEK ISLAND IN DISORDER.

Athens, May 13—Renewed disorders on the Greek island of Samos, off the west coast of Asia Minor, have assumed a serious aspect. The government is taking vigorous measures to meet the situation.

BRADHURST DEATH ACCIDENT

Coroner John J. Phelan finds that the killing of three-year-old Frederick Bradhurst of New Canaan by a railroad train Tuesday was an accident. He holds no one criminally responsible.

GRADY, HIT BY MINISTER'S CAR, DIES OF INJURY

Police Hold Demonstrator Instead of Clergyman Driver, For Manslaughter.

As a result of the death in St. Vincent's hospital this morning of George Grady, of 525 Water street, who was knocked down and run over by an automobile at Water street and Fairfield avenue last Monday, the New York Times has reported that the driver of the car that struck Grady was a minister, however, the license for the car that was being demonstrated to Rev. Henry Faversham of Monroe, who was driving. The law is said to make the licensed driver of the car responsible for the acts of his pupil.

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