THE THIRD DEGREE HORROR

Hideously Brutal Case in Newark Calls Out Indignant Rebuke from Reformer Whitlock, Who Says: "Crime Will Cease When Justice Is Done."

ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF NEWARK'S "THIRD DEGREE" OUTRAGE AND PORTRAIT OF MRS. WILHELM.

Once in awhile a conspicuous case of police brutality, called the "third degree," is exposed in the newspapers. The most recent instance had its place in Newark, N. J., a city of 246,070, with public schools, splendid churches and a society which seeks to prevent inhumanity to animals.

The place, however, has little to do with the practice, for the police of almost every city in the country apply the "third degree" when they choose to.

In Newark, Frank Wilhelm was found murdered. The police placed the nude, disfigured body upon a slab in the morgue. Then, thinking the man's wife might be able to throw some light on the tragedy, the police took her from her bed at midnight and dragged her to the morgue.

The stage was set to frighten the woman. The morgue was dark and cold. "Now, you," said one of the brutal cops, "I've got something to show you." He led the trembling and mystified wife to the ice chest and pulled out the slab.

"God, in heaven, my husband!"

This was the first notification this woman had had, she says, of her husband's death. The police believed that she had plotted with a man named Sicca and had murdered Wilhelm.

Anyway, the police held this woman by the side of the stark and staring corpse of the man she had loved, until she fell to her knees screaming in frightened terror, her breast heaving with a widow's first great sorrow.

The police mocked her. "You did it, didn't you?" they repeated over and over again. "Did you kill him? Did you kill him?"

"Oh, no! no! no! My poor, poor husband. Frank, come back to me. If you could only speak."

And so, for two hours, this hideous thing went on, until the woman's brain whirled, her hand released the dead flesh she was embracing and she fell senseless. She was taken to a hospital. It remains to be seen whether the police suspicion of her had any ground.

Is this right, even if she is guilty?

The Star asked this question of Brand Whitlock, mayor of Toledo, author of the prison expose book, "The Turn of the Balance," and famous as a social reformer.

Here is his answer:

"Such things as the New Jersey case happen every day all over the United States, and other cruelties and barbarities are committed in all the prisons of the country. Last winter The Star published articles telling of the cruelties practiced in the Ohio penitentiary and exposing similar conditions in prisons in Kansas, Illinois, California, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York and other states.

"These things are done every day, over and over and over again, and the stories of them are told and the exposures are made over and over and over again—the story of the hounding of the poor and the unfortunate and the outcast by the police, then the brutality of the prison, the bull rings, the paddle, the water cure, and all that. And yet nothing is ever done about it by anybody, and if anything is even proposed, it is simply more cruelty, more barbarity, more inhumanity. And why? Because they tell you that only in this way, by all this cruelty and wickedness and shame and sin, can good be brought into the world. What hypocrisy, what blasphemy!

"Yes, the incidents are indefinately multiplied and repeated, over and over again; everybody knows all about it. The principle is that society imagines that certain persons are bad, and that to keep the good from catching their badness it is necessary to lock those bad persons up, and for this purpose it maintains, at enormous expense, whole armies of policemen and sheriffs, and deputy sheriffs and jailers, and turnkeys, and wardens, and deputy wardens—ah! especially deputy wardens—to torment and torture and ill-treat these bad ones they have penned up, in order to make them good, and at the same time set such an example to the good people outside that none of them will wish to become bad, lest they, too, be thus abused, but on the contrary, will wish to be good or pretend to be good.

"The thing for society to do is to learn, if it is at all possible for it to learn anything so simple, that this theory is not only wicked but that it is stupid.

"After having been tried for thousands and thousands of years with the result that crimes are still being committed in about the same proportion, it should begin to occur to society that the scheme is no good, that it does not work, and that society should try to get another one. There is another one, which is very simple and is the one upon which all noble religions of the world are founded, namely, that hatred cannot be taken out of the heart of a man by treating him hatefully, but that hatred can only be taken out of the heart of a man by treating him with love.

"When I say that they should be treated with love, I use the word love in the sense of justice. Crimes will cease when justice is done, but we must not wait until the crime is committed before we begin to do what we call justice. Justice must not only be kept in the court house, but it must permeate our society everywhere, and we must build up a system that will give men equal chances to be good, and only after we have given them equal chances to be good can we complain of them for being bad."

CAPT. HARVEY IS THE HERO

The identity of the unknown man, first supposed to be a negro who swam to the assistance of Conductor Waldron, who was attempting to swim inshore with J. Lenehan, the injured engineer of the Owl train which exploded Wednesday morning near Mukilteo, has been discovered. He is Captain G. C. Harvey.

At the time of the tragedy the thought of finding out who the rescuer was never occurred to the passengers and he slipped away without giving his name.

The best city real estate bargains in the Northwest, on page 6. ***

OLD SONG PROVEN TO BE TRUE BY THE COUNTY JAIL RECORD

"Fifteen men on a dead man's chest,
Yo, yo, yo and a bottle of rum;
Drink and the devil will care for the rest,
Yo, yo yo and a bottle of rum."

"Drink and the devil will care for the rest," as taken from the old song of the sailor, has proved there is more truth than poetry in that assertion.

From records of the county jail and the King county courts it has been proven that in 75 per cent of the cases cared for by the authorities, drink has been the primary cause or figured in some manner with the unfortunate's plight.

But let crime alone and take the records of those taken into custody since January 1, 1909, on charges of insanity.

Thirty-eight Become Insane.

During the 43 days of the new year 38 cases of insanity have been brought into the county jail. Of this number there was about an equal distribution of male and female. In almost every case, when traced by the authorities, drink was the primary cause of these people going insane.

Protracted jags on the part of men have sent them home raving and threatening to kill their wives; others run home shaking and trembling with fear of some mysterious pursuer seeking to destroy them. Fully a dozen cases of insanity were cared for during the past month wherein the unfortunates entertained a haunting dread of stealthy assassins intent on slaughtering them.

One man was found crouching in the corner of a fence begging his wife to save him from his enemies. Another conjured up in his mind that he ran 400 miles with seven men in pursuit. Still another informed Jailer Roberts that for three days he had seen people following him with knives in their hands. And all produced in brains addled by booze.

Steilacoom Is Crowded.

Intemperance also figures in cases where women have been driven insane. Drink does not figure so strongly in their intemperate habits as with the men, but intemperance in other things, sometimes religion, again incessant worrying over something trivial in itself, has at last landed her in a padded cell.

Inherent weakness also figures among the cases of female insanity. Today Mrs. Jacobs, assistant head nurse at Steilacoom, came to the King county jail to take charge of Eva Watkins, whom, when a child, was stricken with paralysis.

Mrs. Jacobs stated that the asylum was unusually crowded with the insane, and that subjects were increasing at an alarming rate.

Newspapers in War.

TSINGTAU, China, Feb. 13.—A newspaper war has broken out here between the German Klautschou Post and the Chinese Public Opinion over the recent trial of the Krupp gun at Peking. The Chinese paper calls the report in the German paper of the trial a swindle.

A VALENTINE FROM HUBBY TO WIFEY.

This day recalls that I won thee
By sending a valentine;
Since which you have almost undone me,
With those home-made doughnuts of thine.

Bartender Is Guilty.

WENATCHEE, Feb. 13.—The trial of Arthur Floyd, a bartender arrested recently, charged with giving liquor to a minor, was held before Judge Flisher at Monitor, where the case had been transferred, and resulted in a verdict of guilty. Floyd was fined $25 and costs, the costs amounting to about $75.

Cheap Colonist Tickets

Will be sold again this spring, westbound, via Oregon R. R. & Navigation Company's picturesque line, during March and April. From Chicago, $33.00; St. Louis, $30.50; Omaha, Kansas City, St. Paul and all Missouri river points, $25.00. Deposits taken at Union Ticket Office, No. 608 First Ave. E. E. Ellis, Gen. Agt. ***

WILL SOON BE GIVING FLOR DE ROPES AWAY

INTERESTING PRICE WAR BETWEEN CIGAR DEALERS IS NOW IN PROGRESS.

Retail tobacco dealers are smoking 'em up lately, and if the present price-cutting continues, it won't be long until they will be sending out invitations asking you to please come in and accept a box of our Flor de Rope with the compliments of the season.

It began some weeks ago. Some one got sore at the trust, as the association of retailers are known, and started advertising seven 5-cent cigars for a quarter. Today there are five alleged "independent" shops where you can buy your favorite brands at almost your own price.

Standard nickel cigars go regularly at eight for a quarter and if you casually remark that the man around the corner is going that deal one better the clerk will slip one or two extra cigars in the envelope.

Saturday is bargain day for the price-cutters. Then they sell 10 nickel cigars for a quarter, only one package to one customer.

As for the nickel brands of smoking tobacco you can get anywhere from six to eight packages for a quarter.

Bit cigars are marked down to 12 for a dollar in several places, and so on ad lib. down the entire list of tobacco, rough and prepared, wrapped and rolled, packed or loose.

Like all good things, however, this is bound to come to an end soon, for it is whispered about that the big middle men who have the exclusive agency for the standard brands of tobacco and cigars in this city have been notified by the retailers in the association to stop selling goods to the price-cutters, or an injunction will be procured through the federal court.

But while it lasts it's a merry chance for the small-salaried man who likes his smoke to lay in a supply against the time when prices are restored.

STRICT SUNDAY CLOSING AS VIEWED IN OREGON

The following editorial from the Portland Oregonian of February 10 is considered to be responsible for the refusal of the Oregon legislature to pass what was generally known as the "Sunday lid law." It is a well written argument from the viewpoint of those who are opposed to the strict Sabbatarian observance.

Most people agree that it is a good thing all around to have one day of rest in seven. Just which day it should be depends upon circumstances. Clergymen as a class take their day of rest on Monday. On Sunday their hardest work is done. It is then that they earn their salaries. Where an industry must be carried on every day in the week, if employes have 24 hours of continuous rest it must be on some other day than Sunday for at least a part of them. Not all of them can lay off at the same time. In advocating the cessation of all occupations called "secular," and in particular of all amusements, on the first day of the week, clergymen and others assume a position which is not justifiable from any point of view. Theologically they have not a leg to stand on, because the first day of the week is not the Sabbath. There is not an iota of justification in the Scriptures for making the first day of the week more sacred than any other day.

Good morals require that persons who must toil throughout six days should be at liberty to devote the seventh to recreation. To sit in idleness is not sufficient for their moral welfare. Neither is it sufficient to go to church and listen to a sermon. What all persons need is some recuperating influence, to breathe fresh air, to take part in a lively game of ball or at least witness one, to see an amusing play at the theatre, to go off on an excursion. Those who wish to go to church on Sunday should of course be permitted to do so, but to compel those to go who wish to do something else is not only a grievous infringement of their liberty but it may result in a positive deterioration of their physical and moral being. Man is a creature who can not thrive without change of scene and occupation. The monotony of the weekly routine must be decidedly broken on one day out of seven or he will pine. Hence the immeasurable moral value of Sunday baseball games, the Sunday theatre and excursions which take people away from the scene of their work into the healthful air of the country.

Economically the advocates of "first day observance" are worse off than they are ethically and theologically. The argument for closing saloons on Sunday is sound because on that day working people have more opportunity than at any other time to squander their earnings in drink. But if all other recreations are cut off, closing the saloons will not prevent them from drinking. They will simply buy the liquor in jugs and guzzle it at home. The ministers who say that the Sunday baseball game and Sunday theatre are allies of the saloon are seriously misinformed. The saloon has no worse foe than the Sunday baseball game. The man who has passed an afternoon in wholesome recreation in the open air goes home tired and disposed to sleep. His body is invigorated and his character elevated. He may possibly take a drink or two on the way home if the saloons are open, but he does not sit down and systematically befuddle himself as he will if he has no outdoor recreation or other hygienic amusement. The part of the Sunday theatre is similar. It is a foe to the saloon, not a friend. It induces men, especially young men, to spend their time in good company and under comparatively good influences instead of definitely bad ones. The conventional cry that the theatre is immoral is nonsense. The ministers who reiterate it simply prove how little they know of the world they seek to reform. In the main the theatre, even the melodrama, is deeply moral.

It is an ethical and economic calamity of the first rank to close libraries, art museums, theatres or other places of information and proper amusement on Sunday. Every such place should be kept open on Sunday even if on other days it were closed. The argument that places of secular resort keep people away from church is not worth considering. If the churches cannot compete with libraries, excursions and museums of art, there is something wrong with them and the sooner they find out what it is and reform it the sooner they will cease to clamor for the law to help them where they ought to help themselves. John Wesley would not have feared the competition of a baseball game; neither would St. Patrick. The truth of the matter is that any minister who has a genuine message to deliver never lacks an audience to listen to it. He needs no laws to herd the multitude into his auditorium. They come of themselves and they come gladly. There is plenty of time on Sunday for a sermon of reasonable length and for a game of baseball also. Persons who have lived in rural districts where the Catholic church is popular have often seen the young men meet on the green after mass and run races, wrestle and play ball. Why not? What is there in religion that is necessarily opposed to sanity and health of mind and body? The extravagance of Puritanism, the dire tyranny which the relentless Sabbatarians would impose upon us, are not inventions of the Deity but of poor foolish man himself, or of some worse character who is laboring to lead man astray.

Manuel Greets Alfonso.

VILLA VICOA, Portugal, Feb. 13.—By U. P.—King Alfonso, of Spain, arrived here yesterday afternoon and was greeted at the railroad station by King Manuel. It is announced that King Alfonso on Feb. 19 will proceed to Pau, France.

A VALENTINE TO HIM WHO WON'T PROPOSE.

Perfidious brute, tongue-tied and mute,
You daily in courtship's parlor;
It's to be hoped that you will be roped
By some girl who'll prove a snarler!

ESTABLISH HIGH POWER WIRELESS STATION AT KETCHIKAN

A wireless telegraph station is to be established at Ketchikan, Alaska, the first stopping place in Alaska. The station will be of high enough power to take and receive messages from stations down the coast.

At present there are stations at Cordova and Catalla, but of such low power as to be almost unusable in picking up from Washington stations. These stations are used principally to communicate with the ships which pass there equipped with wireless. By the establishment of this station wireless messages can be received from as far north as the Aleutian islands.

Engineer Copper of the United Wireless company has gone to Ketchikan with three tons of material for the station.

Lumbermen Make Protest.

HOQUIAM, Feb. 13.—The Grays Harbor Lumber Manufacturers' association has mailed resolutions of protest to the quartermaster's department for the alleged discrimination against Grays Harbor in allowing the millmen of this section a chance to bid on lumber shipments.

Father Injures Son.

CHEWELAH, Feb. 13.—Charles H. Day, aged 17 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Day, residing 12 miles northeast of Chewelah homestead, while helping his father fell a tree was fatally injured when the father accidentally struck him in the back part of the knee with the ax, severing large blood vessels.

Moral Wave at Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Feb. 13.—A mass meeting has been called to meet in the city hall on Sunday afternoon for the purpose of formulating plans for the civic and moral improvement of this city.

Peach Crop Not Killed.

WENATCHEE, Feb. 13.—A careful examination of the peach trees in this valley disposes of all rumor that the peach crop for the coming season was killed by the recent cold weather.

Fight Sunday Theatres.

BREMERTON, Feb. 13.—The members of the Methodist church have started a crusade against Sunday theatres in Bremerton.

Want a house built? Find the architect on page 6. ***

CARE OF INSANE IS PERILOUS WORK

HEAD WOMAN NURSE AT STEILACOOM TELLS OF BASELESS CHARGES MADE BY OUTSIDERS.

"People who criticise us nurses of the state insane asylum for what they are pleased to term 'cruel treatment' of patients have not given much thought to the responsibility which rests upon us."

The above statement was made yesterday by Mrs. Jacobs, head nurse of the Steilacoom insane asylum, while she was waiting in the county courthouse to take charge of Eva Watkins, recently adjudged insane. Mrs. Jacobs says that while traveling about the country on boats and trains in charge of the insane she has been compelled at times to strap the hands of violent patients, and at times tie them down. For this not only she, but others of the asylum, have been criticised.

Responsibility Is Great.

"Our responsibility lies not only in preventing the prisoner from escaping. It is our duty to protect the traveling public from harm. One can never tell what an insane patient will do. Take for instance, in a railroad train, wherein are women with little children in their arms.

"Suppose I am guarding a woman patient who has gone insane over the loss of a child, or who, in her disordered brain, fancies she has lost a little one. There is danger then for any little child. Sometimes insane patients develop an inherent desire to kill. These are serious things and ones which we must take into consideration. We are but human beings, we nurses, possessed of what strength God has given us.

"Just recently I was guarding an insane patient on a railroad train. It was a journey of several hours. For three hours I had at intervals been compelled to struggle and use every bit of strength to quiet my charge. I felt myself growing weak with the struggle, and, fearing lest she should get away from me, I strapped her wrists. My idea was to prevent the woman from doing possible harm to other pasengers. A lady behind me, noticing that I was becoming tired, kindly offered to help me, saying: 'If you need any help, call on me.'"

Charges Lack Foundation.

Mrs. Jacobs says that often such cases as that are reported to the authorities and by people who evidently do not thoroughly understand the situation to which they refer. "In just such cases we are reported for cruelty to patients. I think that before people make such charges they should at least take the trouble to investigate the matter. I would not for a moment countenance cruel treatment toward an insane patient and would be among the first to see that punishment was administered to any guilty of such acts. Strenuous methods, which to the uninitiated may seem cruel, are often necessary, but what would the censure be if an insane patient were to inflict lasting injury or death to some citizen or child?"

WILL FIGHT HIGHER COLLECTOR'S PAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—By U. P.—The senate has passed the bill providing for immediate transportation for the ports of Blaine and Sumas, with the further provision that the secretary of the treasury may at his discretion increase the salaries of the deputy collectors of the ports of Tacoma and Seattle to an amount not exceeding that received by the same official at San Francisco.

The house would not permit a bill bearing the latter provision to pass, and it is understood that the senate bill will be bitterly opposed when it is taken up in conference.

Police Chief Involved.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 13.—The police commission, which yesterday, after inquiry, took under advisement the case of the release of Jean Dubois, a white slave dealer, today unanimously reported, requesting Chief of Police Wynne to prefer formal charges against City Detective Bates, who allowed Dubois to go.

Railway Employe Killed.

TACOMA, Feb. 13.—Henry H. Gehing, a Northern Pacific light tender, was run over and killed by a switching engine at the 19th st. depot late yesterday afternoon. Gehing was middle-aged and leaves a wife and four children.

Peach Crop Killed.

ST. CATHERINES, Ont., Feb. 13.—J. L. Housberger, of Jordan, a prominent fruit grower, made the statement today that fully 90 per cent of the peach crop of 1909 is already killed by alternate frosts and mild weather.

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HUMAN BEINGS BAKED IN OVEN

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