

# THE CITY OF SPOKANE IS NO LONGER A PARTNER TO CRIME

Last Friday The Press, in a news story, stated: "Women of the underworld, operating under permission from the police department, paid into the city treasury in monthly fines since July 1, the sum of \$1305. If resorts of this character are to be permitted, there is no moral reason why the city of Spokane should become the partner in the business and profit by the shame of these unfortunate women."

This week the city officials decided to stop this fining practice, and deal with the unfortunates in other ways. For 30 years Spokane has been made partner to crime by wringing money from these women. There was no excuse whatever for it. They were not licensed. And the fining system was only a method of collecting tribute from them. If the authorities were attempting to eliminate the evil by enforcing fines, it was of course shown to be a farce. It simply made the evil all the greater, and built up an awful system, whereby city lodging houses and various individuals crushed the poor outcasts down with an overpowering burden of tribute.

The frightful wrong of this system apparently was not given a moment's thought until The Press began its campaign for the bettering of Spokane police conditions. And no action was taken until The Press last week showed just how much money the city was forcing these unfortunates to pay—and nothing was said of the fortunes in private tribute. Then action quickly followed The Press' expose, and as a result the city will no longer be a partner to crime in this respect.

The Press doesn't like to handle these and kindred subjects. There are much pleasanter things to talk about. But it is a thousand times better to do so, no matter at what expense, and in the doing to better civic conditions and help improve the hard lot of humanity, than to sit with folded hands and murmur: "We're very comfortable and well provided for; let's not worry about the other fellow."

## FATAL FIRE IS BEYOND CONTROL

(By United Press Leased Wire.) ALBANY, Or., July 21.—Seventy men are fighting a forest fire along the North Santiam river, at the terminus of the Corvallis & Eastern railway, that has taken a toll of three lives already. The fire is reported to be beyond control, and rain is the only hope of the fire fighters.

Undertakers left Albany today for the scene of the fire to bring back the bodies of three men who were burned to death Tuesday.

The dead are: Philip Richmond of Salem, Ore.; Jay M. Brooks of Crawfordsville, Ore., and Frank McGoy of Clearfield, Pa.

All are employees of the Hoover Lumber Co.

The timber which was destroyed was on the government forest reserves on property owned by the Hoover company.

When the fire threatened the

mill Tuesday night the three victims of the fire climbed a hill to secure some tools that they had left exposed. At the time the wind was blowing the fire away from the hillside. They had hardly started on their way, however, before the wind shifted and the flames started to eat through the timber and brush at race horse speed. The men were overtaken before they could reach the summit of the hill. Their bodies were recovered late yesterday afternoon. Until then it was believed they had escaped.

Early today the fire had burned over an area of more than two square miles. There is a quantity of valuable timber directly in its path.

Another fire is reported to be doing much damage in the Cascade mountains north of Mount Jefferson. Owing to the inaccessibility of the district but little is known regarding the extent of the blaze.

## WHY NO DECISION ON DOWNEY?

MATTER BEING KEPT IN "COLD STORAGE" UNTIL PUBLIC OPINION COOLS.

Policeman Lee Downey will not have to quit the force.

The commissioners are still dilly-dallying over their decision in the case—they don't intend to announce it until public sentiment, which was so thoroughly aroused by the inexcusable shooting, has had a chance to die down—but The Press learned on good authority from a prominent official today that the decision will be practically a whitewash. Downey has too much pull. It's two weeks and more since the testimony in the Downey case was completed and the commissioners, one and all, agree that there is "nothing ready to announce yet."

Why this procrastination? Joe Curry was hot while running away from the officer; a young man, slight of frame was the victim. For days he lay in the hospital, hovering between life and death. A few days ago he was declared convalescent. Still the commissioners have nothing to say.

"How about that Downey decision?" is a daily question, which has long since become a force, which not only The Press reporter but representatives of all the other papers have asked Police Commissioner Mudgett.

"We have done nothing in that yet," is the invariable reply.

Grant, for the sake of argument, that nothing has been done. Why hasn't it? The testimony is all in, every fact is before the board and there is not such a volume of business to transact that this matter

need be overlooked. Another city official, not a member of the board, was asked a couple of days ago what he thought of the procrastination.

"Why, it's inexcusable," he said. "I thought that Downey would surely be fired from the force after the testimony which had been given, but after a few days went by, and nothing was done, I saw what the board was up to. The general public has almost forgotten the case now."

But others do not grant that a decision has not been reached. Reliable informants say that it has, that the commissioners, at least one of them, mentioned it other persons, and that this decision—which is to practically clear Downey—is being kept in cold storage till it is stale enough to palm off on the public without causing trouble.

The Press asks: POLICE COMMISSIONER MUDGEY, WHY HAVEN'T YOU ANNOUNCED THAT DOWNEY DECISION? WHY?

CHARGED WITH A BIG FRAUD

(By United Press Leased Wire.) NAPLES, July 21.—Alexander Hollander is under arrest here today on the charge of having defrauded the United States government of half a million dollars in customs. Hollander denied his guilt and said he would waive extradition to the United States.

GIRLS WILL CHRISTEN THE SHIP

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, July 21.—The fast sound steamship Kulsban, built for the Puget Sound Steamship Co., for the Seattle-Bellingham run by the Moran Shipbuilding Co., will be launched at 5 o'clock this afternoon. A special excursion from Bellingham and Anacortes, with a crowd to witness the launching, arrived here this morning. The vessel will be christened by Miss Irene Yarrow of Bellingham, chosen by popular vote. She will be assisted by four other young women from Bellingham and Anacortes.

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## TO BREAK GRIP OF MILL TRUST

(By United Press Leased Wire.) PENDLETON, Ore., July 21.—To break the grip of the "milling trust," over \$400,000 has been subscribed by wealthy farmers of Umatilla county and the Walla Walla valley toward the construction of two flour mills, according to H. H. McLean, president of the local farmers' union. McLean says the new "farmer combine" will likewise cause to be constructed a power plant to supply electricity to operate the mills.

The movement was started by the farmers to break the grip of the so-called milling trust in the northwest.

According to the plans as outlined by McLean, one mill will be built at Adams, Ore., and the other at Walla Walla.

HASN'T CONSIDERED UNIVERSAL TRANSFER

Corporation Counsel F. B. Morrill said this morning that he has not yet had time to consider the question of universal transfers, and that it is unlikely that he will be able to get to the matter and render a decision until early next week. Not having looked into the matter at all up to the present, he was averse today to expressing any opinion whatever on the matter.

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## HIGH HANDSHAKE

fer the latter style. The ultra-fashionable or lofty handshake has never appealed to me; it seemed foreign and stupid. I admire the simple, old-fashioned, heartfelt shake.

Mrs. H. I. Parr—"I really don't approve of the handshake to the extent that it is carried by mere fashion and form. It is superfluous and to my mind rather masculine, especially so in the greeting in extending your arm directly out from the waist line."

Mrs. Pearl Hutton Shrader—"Character is represented in a handshake. I dislike the loose, careless handshake which has until very recently been fashionable. If you are perfectly indifferent to people, a handshake is uncalled for, but if you care to greet people at all, I think you should greet them with a cordial handshake. I much prefer the latest form."

Mrs. A. P. Fassett—"The high handshake is an affection or fad and while it may be a more graceful attitude it is lacking in warmth and sincerity. I prefer the latest form or the revision of the recently popular one."

Mrs. J. M. Walker—"The idea of styles in a handshake is ridiculous. The handshake is an expression of friendship and pleasure and should be a cordial hearty grip. If one is really glad to see another, style will be forgotten and they will shake hands in the good old fashioned manner, which is now in vogue."

## TRIED TO DITCH FAST TRAIN

(By United Press Leased Wire.) ST. ALBANS, Vt., July 21.—Guards today are patrolling the Grand Trunk and the Vermont Central tracks in this state. Passenger traffic continues, but freight is not moving. Mills here are closing as a result of the strike.

A trainload of strikebreakers was stoned at Island Point. The rails were spiked in an effort to ditch the train. The governor rushed state deputies to the scene and the disorders were quelled.

## WHAT THE WEATHER MAN SAYS TODAY

Normal to moderately high pressure extends eastward from the lower Mississippi valley and covers the north Atlantic seaboard. Elsewhere low pressure prevails with indication of a coming storm center in the extreme northwest.

From the Pacific to the Rockies the lower temperature of the last 24 hours have, in general, been moderate. Rain fell in Wyoming, North Dakota and Kansas and on the south Atlantic seaboard.

## SURGEONS TRY TO GIVE BOY A VOICE

FINDLAY, O., July 21.—Ray Rushon, a Marion county youth, who has been speechless since birth, will have his voice if operation in a Ken-ton hospital proves successful, as now seems probable.

The young man was born without a roof in his mouth. Surgeons have tried to make one.

## ENGLISH DON'T KNOW THE REAL KING GEORGE



BUT THEY'RE SURE HE'S A FAMILY MAN, AND THAT THESE ARE THE TREASURES HE LOVES BEST: FROM LEFT TO RIGHT—PRINCE HENRY, TEN; DUKE OF CORNWALL, SIXTEEN; PRINCE JOHN, FIVE; PRINCE ALBERT, FOURTEEN; PRINCESS MAY, THIRTEEN; PRINCE GEORGE, SEVEN.

(The following is a digest of an article entitled "King George the Fifth," written by Mr. Brooks for the August McClures.—Editor.)

BY SIDNEY BROOKS.

England is looking for the man behind George V, but she has yet to find him. It has come upon Englishmen with almost a shock to realize how little they know of the sovereign who has been called to reign over them.

When it came to dealing with King George as a man, the London journals presented to the world a sort of paragon in wax, a monster of humdrum respectability, a desiccated effigy of the conventional qualities, talents and graces, a dehumanized dummy of decorous commonplace, a constitutional automaton, a rigid pattern-plate of the proprieties.

"Such a picture bears no more resemblance to King George as I have heard him described by those who really know him than it bears to Mr. Roosevelt.

Let me recall the outward aspects and incidents of his life. Prince George was doubly fortunate. Not only was he a younger son, and so with comparative liberty to follow his own tastes, but his tastes led him to the most wholesome and bracing vocation that an English prince could possibly adopt.

King Edward was a believer in the virtues of "cockpit education." He was determined if his sons showed any liking for the sea to place them on board the Britannia. The two princes joined her at the same moment. No indulgences were allowed them except separate cabins. Prince George took to the life readily and easily. The two years he spent on board ship confirmed his liking for a sailor's life.

A catalog of journeys and places is hardly a sketch of a man's personality. Still it is worth noting that before he was 20 years old Prince George had seen more of the outside world than most men see in a lifetime. After making due allowances for the note of exaggeration that Englishmen rarely escape in talking of princes, there remains a consensus of opinion that this particular prince was not only a hard-working, willing,

## SYSTEM OF FINING WOMEN IS STOPPED

After years of tolerance of the iniquitous practice of collecting fines from women of the underworld, exposed a few days ago by The Press, has been ordered discontinued by the police.

This system, which placed the city in the position of a partner in the traffic, has gone on for years, unassailed by press or pulpit, until

and really capable sailor, but a kindly, unaffected, good-hearted gentleman.

A constant, at times perhaps, almost morbid, sense of duty is one of the qualities King George owes to, or that was at any rate confirmed by, his naval training. He is one of the most conscientious men living.

"There simply is not an ounce of wickedness in him," remarked to me one who observed the new sovereign at close range.

The king is a thoroughly human man, with pronounced traits and plenty of opinions of his own. King George has no more hesitation than Mr. Roosevelt in saying out precisely what he thinks. He is a straightforward, downright style of man, rather naive and immature, bluff and voluble of speech, with an element of emotionalism that, unlike most Englishmen, he is at no pains to conceal.

England does not know the king. Does the king know England? Has he that instinct for divining the silent thoughts and wishes of the nation that King Edward showed to perfection? Has he inherited his father's royal gift for doing the right thing at the right moment in the right way? I do not know; I doubt whether anybody knows.

But, if he relies upon his own

## COUPLE CHARGED WITH STEALING \$5,000 IN DIAMONDS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 21.—Mrs. Annie Sholes of Los Angeles and Jos. H. Lucas have been arrested, charged with the alleged theft of \$5000 worth of diamonds from the home of Mrs. J. C. Jones, wife of a prominent St. Louis attorney. Lucas was arrested in St. Louis and Mrs. Sholes in Detroit.

Lucas, who is an electrical contractor, was first arrested. He admitted his guilt, and under pressure named Mrs. Sholes as his accomplice. Learning that the woman was in Detroit, the police arrested her there today.

PEORIA, Ill.—Wind damaged Peoria \$10,000.

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