

IDENTIFICATION OF CRIMINALS

The System of Alphonse Bertillon in Successful Use in Many Countries
—It Has Depleted the Ranks of "Professional" Criminals by Rendering Detection Much More Easy Than Before Its Adoption—
The System as Applied to Its Author.

Harry Beardsley in Leslie's Weekly. Crimes as a "profession" in the United States is declining. The distinguished criminals are passing, and no others are arising to take their places. The reason for this is the perfection of detective methods. And foremost among the forces against the criminal is the system of identification devised by Alphonse Bertillon of Paris and adopted largely throughout the United States.

M. Bertillon who is now only 50 years old, was not a detective from the beginning, but a scientist. His father was a physician and a botanist and the son studied the science of ethnology. His researches and his studies of the characteristics of the different races of mankind resulted in the publication by him of several books on the subject, and finally the introduction of his curious system for the identification of criminals. Before his advent into the field of criminal work, identification was most uncertain. The police and prison officials took some general measurements of the bodies of criminals, photographed them and described their scars or other physical blemishes or peculiarities. Upon this latter description and the photograph depended almost entirely the identification. The various ways in which criminals defeated these records of the police are interesting. For means of apprehension the photograph was of small use, for the fugitive could easily disguise himself by a change of beard by the use of dye on the hair of head or face. Criminals even alter scars and other blemishes. Tattoo marks, whenever they could be found, were depended upon for identification. But the criminal changes the tattoos as well. For instance, one well-known offender wore in the skin of his forearm, in colored ink, the figure of a boy holding in both hands above his head a stick as he was preparing to jump over it. The next time the criminal

was caught, this boy had been transformed into a dancing girl with short skirt, and the stick above the head had become a wreath of flowers. So the old means of identification were crude and ineffective.

The Bertillon system is, however, very simple. It is based on two fundamental assumptions: that the individual frame undergoes no perceptible change after the age of twenty years, and that nature has no duplicates. The measurement depends upon the bones of the body, the instruments of measurement being stretched out horizontally with the subject stretched out horizontally at the sides of the body. The length of the trunk is taken—in other words, the height of the subject sitting. The head-length is a measurement which the prisoner cannot vary. This is found with an instrument like a compass, which tells the distance from a point at the root of the nose to the back of the head. With the same instrument the head-width is taken, being the greatest width of the head, usually between two points just above the ears. The breadth of the face, from the outside of the cheek bones is found, and then the right ear is measured, which concludes the record of measurements for the head. The length of the left foot is taken, and the middle finger and the little finger on the left hand and the left "cubit" (this last is the distance from the bend of the elbow to the tip of the outstretched fingers. These shorter measurements do not vary, and in no two men, it seems, are they exactly similar and corresponding.

But the description of the subject goes further. All the unusual marks of the body—moles, warts, scars, tattooing—and all deformities are noted; and finally there is what is called the descriptive

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SERVED ON IVERSON

Writ in Beet Sugar Case Issued by the Supreme Court.

Argument on Validity of the Law of 1899 May Be Heard Soon.

The supreme court has issued the writ of certiorari prayed for by the Minnesota Sugar Beet company, directing State Auditor Iverson to furnish the records in the case for the court's review. The writ is issued on the theory that the auditor's course in refusing to pay the 1900 bounty was a judicial act, and the court in reviewing it will decide whether the law of 1899 was constitutional. The writ has been served on Mr. Iverson. After quoting the statement of facts set forth in the petition, the writ says:

You are hereby commanded without delay to send us in your supreme court certified copies of the record, proceedings and papers made, had or received in your office relating to the matters above recited and referred to, wherein you have refused to issue a warrant upon the state treasurer in favor of said petitioner for certain money claimed by said petitioner to be due it from the state on account of sugar manufactured by said petitioner, so that having the same in our supreme court we may cause to be thereupon writs of right we shall deem proper in the premises.

The writ does not fix a time for the return but the records will be furnished to the court this week. The court will then consider the constitutionality of the bounty law. H. W. Childs and Justice Eli Torrance will uphold the law, and Attorney General Douglas will oppose it. The counsel for the company are anxious to have it settled at the term of court, and the question may be submitted on briefs, as the attorney general is going away on legal business in a few days, and would not be here to take part in oral argument of the case.

The amount of the claim is \$19,523.31. The bounty paid in 1900 was \$19,925.36, from which is deducted \$402.05, which is regarded as a refund of services of an inspector at the factory.

A DELEGATE DIES

A. K. Taylor a Victim of Apoplexy on Excursion Yesterday.

A. K. Taylor, a passenger on the excursion steamer J. J. Hill, dropped from his chair, afflicted with apoplexy, just as the boat was nearing the St. Paul landing last evening. Mr. Taylor was a delegate to the A. O. U. W. convention and had gone on a tour of inspection with other delegates. "He was apparently in the best of health and up until the very moment he fell there were no symptoms of sickness," Mr. Taylor fell from his chair at 7:45 o'clock and died half an hour later at St. Joseph's hospital. His home was in Houston, Texas, and members of the order will take the remains as far as Chicago, where they will be met by friends and relatives. The deceased was 62 years old and is survived by a wife and three children.

RATE READJUSTMENT

One of the Most Important Problems Before A. O. U. W.

The fact that members under 45 years of age are paying 20 per cent over the cost of their insurance, while those above that age are paying less than cost, was the matter to which particular attention was directed by the A. O. U. W. benevolent commission in its report to the supreme lodge yesterday. Some readjustment to offset this inequality is felt to be imperative. Several ways out of the difficulty have been suggested, all of which will be fully considered by the supreme lodge before action is taken.

An editorial association of the A. O. U. W. was formed yesterday. It includes the editors of forty-five official publications of the order throughout the United States. There were sixteen editors present at the organization meeting, the officers being: President, A. E. Pierce, Denver, Col.; vice-president, Mrs. Francis Buell Olson, St. Paul; secretary and treasurer, Thomas D. Osborn, Louisville, Ky.

A movement was launched yesterday for the organization of a grand lodge in the Canadian northwest, where the order has grown rapidly in recent years. Hereafter prospective members will be balloted upon before payment of the medical examiner's fees, which were formerly forfeited if the application was rejected. The supreme lodge rejected the resolution providing for the admission of district grand masters.

The supreme lodge and remaining visiting delegates were the guests of the St. Paul entertainment committee last evening in a moonlight excursion on the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers.

WHAT DID THE MAJOR SAY?

Punch.
Miss Dora (to Major Putter, who is playing an important match, and has just lost his ball—"Oh, major do come and take your horse back away from my little dog. He won't let me touch it, and I know he must be ruining his teeth!")

A MEAN WOMAN

London Answers.
Mrs. Homer—How do you manage to get your carpets so clean? Do you hire a professional carpet beater?

ENTIRELY TOO STRONG

Philadelphia Press.
"My boy tells me you discharged him," said the late office boy's mother. "You advertised for a strong boy, and I certainly thought he was strong enough." "Madam," replied the merchant, "he was too strong. He broke all the rules of the office and some of the furniture in the two days he was with us."

ALWAYS BRINGS IT.

Yonkers Statesman.
The City Girl—So you think a tramp in the country always brings an appetite? The Country Girl—I never saw one at our back door without an appetite.

HIS INTEREST.

Washington Star.
"Are you interested in these captains of industry?" "I don't know," responded Senator Sorghum, reflectively, "but I am as much interested in the captains as I am in the paymasters."

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G. N. TO GET BURLINGTON

Latest Version of Securities Dissolution Story—Wall Street's View of the Tale.

Special to The Journal.

New York, June 16.—Altho the story that the Northern Securities company is about to be dissolved, received scant attention on Wall street, it seems inevitable that some rumor of that kind should find its way into circulation. It is regarded as foolish to look for such an event until the supreme court of the United States has handed down a decision in the federal suit now pending on appeal. In the first place, the promoters of the company are supremely confident that the decision of the circuit court will be reversed and they do not intend to take steps to dissolve the company until it has been demonstrated that their confidence is misplaced. The argument on the appeal will not be heard until December, and it is doubtful whether a decision will be handed down before the end of January or early February. The result of an adverse decision would be the necessity of placing the company in liquidation, and in the meantime the question at issue would have been clearly defined by the court.

Propos of the Securities dissolution story, an alleged skeleton of the prospective plans of the company found its way into circulation to-day. It is to the effect that, with the passing of the Securities act, the Great Northern will be operated in connection with the Burlington to the exclusion of the Northern Pacific, whether this will mean that the Northern Pacific will surrender the half of the controlling interest which it holds or not is not stated. The Northern Pacific, so the story goes, will be operated independently, and rumor also brings in the Erie, but neglects to specify its exact relation to the various other mem-

NEW \$20,000,000 COMPANY

Denver Men Organize to Build Line in Mexico.

Denver, June 16.—Papers are being prepared here to be filed in Wyoming for the operation of the Sonora, Chihuahua & Monterey railway, capital \$20,000,000. The promoters are mostly residents of Denver and include former Justice Luther M. Goddard of the supreme court, former Governor James B. Orman, Frank P. Bertsche, head auditor of the Woodmen of the World, and other well known capitalists. The Mexican government has given the company valuable concessions and will materially assist in building the road.

The Rio Yaqui International Transportation & Metallurgical company, which was recently incorporated in Arizona with \$20,000,000 capital, is an adjunct company. It has just completed arrangements for a \$10,000,000 gold bond issue for the purpose of building smelting works and developing the mining properties it now controls.

Rate Slashing Possibilities.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 16.—Rate clerks of the Central Passenger Association will meet in Cincinnati next Thursday to try and have the Lake Shore abandon its rate announced from Cleveland to San Francisco for the Grand Army encampment. The rate named is said to be an infringement on differentials by other lines and unless the Lake Shore complies with the wish of the clerks a general overhauling of rates to the Pacific coast is probable.

To Escape Snowblades.

Special to The Journal.
Tacoma, Wash., June 16.—E. J. Coyle, general western passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific railway, on his last visit to Tacoma said that it was the intention of his company to undertake important work at Summit Lake, west of Revelstoke, to escape snowblades every spring. It has decided to change the course of the track from the south to the north side of the lake. The work will involve the construction of three tunnels and the building of a mile track, but the saving will be worth the expenditure. This piece of road is in a dangerous condition as it is now.

A GOOD GUESS.

Yonkers Statesman.
Church—I seem a Jersey man is complaining because his wife thought more of a dog than she did of him.
Gotham—Well, perhaps the dog growled less.

A DOMESTIC AFFAIR

There was a young lady from Gloucester Who married a man, and he Gloucester, Which the girl wouldn't stand, So she went to the strand And jumped into the ocean, which Gloucester Toaster.

NOTICEABLE IMPROVEMENT

Lucille Welt.
"No offense, old man, but those pictures your wife paints are execrable."
"Well, it's not so bad as 'twas," she used to do the cooking."

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