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JAIL CROWDED WITH GIRLS, VICTIMS OF TRADERS IN DRUGS

Women Crazy With Narcotics Sold Them by Unscrupulous Dealers Always on the Lookout For New Customers

WARDEN HARGEST CALLS FOR POLICE TO SUPPRESS CRIME

"I have been smoking opium in Harrisburg for fifteen years, and have been using morphine for five years." The speaker was a wan, but rather attractive colored girl, who writhed in tortures this morning in the "dope ward" of the Dauphin county jail, where Warden Hargest is now accommodating so many "dope" fiends that he felt it necessary to-day to acquaint Harrisburg with the facts.

IS UP TO FEDERAL OFFICERS TO STOP TRAFFIC IN DRUGS

"As Chief of Police of Harrisburg," I assert that the stopping of "dope" traffic in this city is up to the Federal Government," stated Chief of Police Wetzel to-day. "We are ready to give to the Federal authorities the names of persons who are selling 'dope' in Harrisburg to-day. My advice for stopping this traffic is to put a Federal tax on the manufacturing of all kinds of 'dope,' making it so high that it will work like booze. My department is doing its best to find out where the 'dope' comes in. I find that Baltimore and Philadelphia are the prime sources. 'If they put such a tax on the manufacture of 'dope' that it is as hard to get as booze, the trade will decrease.' Chief Wetzel confessed that "dope" is common here. "I am willing," said he, "to give the Federal authorities all information regarding the avenues through which these drugs arrived here. I want to get to the root of the evil. The local peddlers buy it from Philadelphia and Baltimore. A 'dope' fiend spends \$4 a day to supply himself. The police department will do all in its power to stop this evil if the Federal Government helps us."

county jail and see, personally, what the situation is and what the future should be. As for a safe and sane spot for criminals, it would be hard to find fault. They have it mighty easy. Breakfast consists of coffee and bread; lunch, bread and soup, soup containing meat; supper is bread and coffee. Each prisoner is entitled to a can of molasses each week. The Dauphin county jail officials, as a body, today suggested that the local police department could help greatly in making a stricter sentence for men who continually offend, namely, a sentence of bread and water for, say ten days. At present the diet is so good that regular offenders come to jail with the hope of being better fed than when they are free.

Jail in Country The jail officials are by no means opposed to the placing of a prison outside of the city, the understanding being that a fast motor service would enable the witnesses to be sent in to the quarter sessions court to present there is not one of the 150 prisoners doing any constructive work. When farmed out several weeks ago, two prisoners escaped, and since then they do no work for the Commonwealth.

A Chance For One "There's a chance for her," remarked the warden. "It shows what an angel she is in this city, the way drugs are being sold, for out-of-town girls. I never, personally, had much experience with this drug habit, although I have been associated with the Dauphin county jail for five years. But I see now that a girl, white or black, absolutely loses all sense of morality under the influence of smoking hop or using any drug." He called attention to the fact that every one of the eight or nine victims now in the "dope" ward lay about with practically no clothing on. One mulatto girl appeared to be conscious only of a gay and ornamented garter which she toyed as she mumbled in her talk and yet, although brain weak, had enough command not to tell exactly where she secured the drugs which are so prolific in Harrisburg.

Always an "Angel" The Dauphin county jail officials are one in asking for help to put an immediate stop to this drug traffic which is, right now, bringing in twice as many prisoners as before. Every official to-day expressed the belief that Robert Chenoweth was responsible for much of the sale of dope, declaring that he always carries a roll of \$1,500 to \$1,700. Whether it is he or some power "higher up" which pays the fines of a myriad of white girls who have been taken into the jail, they do not know. But they are doing their best to discover the "angel" who goes bond for these victims of drug. Nearly every white girl arrested succeeds in getting bond quickly; somebody or some association of men are footing the bills.

Covered With Scars Lying in the dope ward to-day were mostly colored girls, helpless from the effects of various drugs, of which morphine seems to be the most readily secured. As a rule, their bodies were tattooed with hundreds of hypodermic punctures so that some of them had the appearance of being marked with small pox. "It is a fact," declared Warden Hargest, "that we are not having so many drunks as 'hops,' due, no doubt to the high prices for booze. But I will say that Perry county is furnishing its full quota. It seems that Perry county sends down here a myriad of drinkers who come to Harrisburg for booze, and get tangled up before they can start for home. It should be a duty of the taxpayer in Harrisburg to visit Dauphin

WORLD PEACE TO GET PRELIMINARY START MARCH 20

Germany's Foreign Minister Arranges to Take Company to Versailles

BRITAIN CHANGES MIND

Reported Willing France and Italy Shall Keep Share of Ships

COMMISSION FOR LAIBACH

Inter-Allied Body Sitting at Trieste By Associated Press. Berlin, March 10.—Preliminary peace negotiations may begin at Versailles about March 20, according to reports here. Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau, foreign minister is arranging for a small party of business men to accompany German commissioners as experts. These men have been instructed to hold themselves in readiness for possible departure on March 17 or 18.

Paris, March 10.—A change in the attitude of the British government regarding the plan to sink interned German warships has been observed since Premier Lloyd George's return to Paris. It now appears probable that Great Britain will be willing to permit France and Italy to keep some of the ships, but will consent to sink her own allotment.

Wants Ships Eliminated The desire of American naval experts that the German ships be eliminated completely, it is said, is based on consideration of economy, as they hold that, if the German ships were given to Great Britain in the proportion proposed, the United States would be compelled to spend one billion dollars to maintain her place in the naval world.

Premier Clemenceau, as president of the Peace Conference, has sent a letter to the head of the Inter-Allied Commission at Trieste advising him that the military commission appointed by the Supreme Council to investigate the Italo-Yugo-Slav incidents, which caused the recent acute feeling between the two peoples, will proceed at once to Laibach. The Milan prints the text of the letter, which says that after the facts have been verified the commission will take all necessary action, including orders for punishment of the guilty and any compensation or satisfaction which it may be decided, is due to the Italian government.

Warns Against Future Breach The commission will give notice, the letter adds, that any similar incident in the future will cause inter-allied military occupation of the localities where such incidents arise, under the terms of the Austrian armistice and that such action will not exclude the taking of any more severe measures, the commission might deem to be warranted.

CO-OPERATION WITH RETURNED YANK PLANNED

Institute to Open Tonight Under the Direction of the Y. M. C. A.

Plans for community co-operation with returned soldiers, sailors and marines will be formulated at an institute to be opened here to-night with a fellowship supper to be held in the Board of Trade Auditorium. The institute is scheduled to continue until Friday evening. Sessions will be held in Fahnstock hall, Y. M. C. A. secretaries in civilian and army service and laymen will be in attendance, in addition to community welfare workers and others interested. The institute is the first of a series. Others will be held in Johnstown and Pittsburgh, March 17-21; Scranton and Philadelphia, March 24-28. The institute has been arranged by the State Y. M. C. A., the programs being under the direction of the Eastern Department of the War Work Department of the War Work Council, and national guidance being supplied by the training secretaries of the War Personnel Board. Among the speakers scheduled are William F. Hirsch, executive secretary of the Department of the East, Fred B. Shipp, Pittsburgh; Dr. Robert B. Beattie, camp secretary at Camp Merritt; William Knowles Cooper, Washington; E. Graham Wilson, New York City; Walter M. Wood, Philadelphia; J. B. Carruthers, of the State Y. M. C. A. and other well-known leaders in association work.

Grandma Worry Waits For the Bus



LOCKED UP BABY'S CLOTHES AND HIDE MILK IS CHARGE

Woman Asks Court to Release Her by Means of a Divorce

Locked his wife in a second-floor room, locked her and a small baby out of the house, turned off the gas while a meal was being prepared, took milk from the front porch while his wife and baby were next door for three days, neighbor buying

5,000 RUSSIANS ESCAPE PRISON

Berlin, March 10.—While soldiers who had been called to suppress rioting in Spandau were absent from the Ruhleben camp about 5,000 Russian prisoners of war in that camp made their escape. The Russians are now wandering about the country, to the terror of the country folk.

PRINCE BLAMES FORMER KAISER FOR WORLD WAR

Says Wilhelm Conceived the Strike and Conducted It With Brutality

London, March 10.—There is no doubt that the former German emperor was the first and responsible author of the war. He absolutely wished for it and conducted it himself in all its ruthlessness and barbarity. This is a statement attributed to the Prince of Monaco by the Mail's Paris correspondent who interviewed the prince there. The correspondent recalls that the Prince of Monaco was formerly a personal friend of Emperor William, but that friendship was severed by the prince in a telegram sent to the former emperor in September, 1914.

MAY FIX DATE FOR HEARING ON COAL LAND ASSESSMENT

County Commissioners to Get Figures of Operators From Mining Engineers

County commissioners this afternoon may fix a special date to hear the appeals of the coal companies owning lands in this county on which the valuation for taxation is to be fixed at more than \$100,000. The officials said to-day that much time will be needed to hear the various representatives of the Susquehanna Collieries Company and the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, including a number of mining engineers which it is expected will attend to this city. As much of the time during the present month the commissioners will hear appeals from other property owners throughout the entire county, it is not believed that the coal land valuations will be gone over at a special session before early in April. In case a date is fixed for that purpose notices to the companies of the valuations placed on the various tracts may not be sent for a week or more.

It was planned to hold a conference to-day with County Controller Henry W. Gougeon on the employment of H. C. Reynolds, Seranton, to assist County Solicitor Philip S. Moyer in the county trials of the coal land appeals. Mr. Reynolds assisted Lackawanna county officials in a similar fight in 1916 in that county. To-morrow the Dauphin county commissioners will hear appeals from property owners in Washington township and Elizabethville borough, meeting at Snyder's hotel, Elizabethville.

GAMBLERS MAY DEDUCT LOSSES FROM INCOME

Bootleggers and Moonshiners Who Run Afoul of the Law May Count in Their Losses. Washington, March 10.—Business losses of gamblers, moonshiners, bootleggers and other participants in illegal practices are deductible from gross incomes in determining net income subject to taxation. The internal revenue bureau decided the question to-day in passing upon inquiries from professional gamblers in New York, Chicago, Boston and from other cities and from a lone inquiry of a southern ex-moonshiner. The bureau decision is that income even from an illegal business is taxable and that losses in connection with this business are deductible but not to an extent exceeding earnings from the business. Tax collectors, according to this attitude, are concerned with collecting revenue and not prosecuting illegal businesses. Consequently they will regard as confidential any disclosures of illegal source of income. Poker players must include winnings in their income, but may deduct losses only if they do not exceed winnings. Taxpayers of these classes may report their earnings as "other income" or under some other classification not disclosing illegal source of the earnings.

REBELS SLAY 60 IN LICHTENBERG POLICE STATION

Spartacans Hoist Imperial Standard Over Berlin Palace; Troops Lower It

DUSSELDORF IS GUARDED

Munich Soviets Issue Decree Forbidding Speculation in Real Estate

ONLY ENOUGH FOR NEEDS Proclaimed For Press of Rhineland

Amsterdam, March 10.—Spartacan forces on Sunday occupied the Berlin suburb of Lichtenberg and murdered sixty officers and soldiers in the police station there, according to the Zeitung Am Mittag. The Lichtenberg police station had withstood Spartacan attacks since Tuesday.

Copenhagen, March 10.—On Saturday night Spartacans hoisted the imperial standard over the palace at Berlin, according to advices received here from the German capital. The flag was immediately removed by government troops. Martial law has not yet been evoked in Berlin and has not been proclaimed at Dusseldorf.

Munich, March 10.—The Central Council of Soviets here has issued a decree forbidding speculation in real estate. Nobody will be allowed to buy more real estate than he needs for his personal use. The council also decreed a "preventive censorship" for the press of the Rhineland.

SNOWSLIDE STRIKES TRAIN Denver, March 10.—The engine of Denver and Rio Grande train No. 315, westbound, was swept from the rails near Spindler, Col., when struck by a snowslide. The engine fell upon the ice of Gunnison river, where it remains. No one was injured.

WORK OF SURVEY OF SUSQUEHANNA TO START SOON

Colonel J. P. Gervey to Be Assigned to Duty; Appropriation Bill Signed

NO TIME IS TO BE LOST

Congressman Kreider Notifies Eli N. Hershey Project Is Well Under Way

MANY TOWNS CONCERNED

Colonel J. P. Gervey will be assigned to make a survey of the Susquehanna river with a view of ascertaining the cost of making the stream navigable. No time will be lost in getting the work under way. Eli N. Hershey, president of the Harrisburg Rotary Club and chairman of the Deeper Susquehanna committee representing every community in the Susquehanna Valley, was so informed to-day by Congressman Aaron S. Kreider, who with Congressman W. W. Greist, of Lancaster, is responsible for getting the appropriation bill which was signed a week ago by President Wilson through Congress. The movement is the result of an address by Major William D. Gray before the Harrisburg Rotary Club.

New York Officials Stop German Opera

New York, March 10.—At the instance of Mayor Hylan and Police Commissioner Enright who declared that the performance of a German opera might provoke disorder, the management of the Lexington Theater to-day cancelled arrangements for a season of German operas, the first of which was to be presented to-night.

APPEALS GO OVER UNTIL FALL

Harrisburg—The appeals from the decision of the Public Service Commission in the full crew complaints brought by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen against the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia & Reading railroads were continued until fall at the meeting of the Superior Court here to-day.

MILLERSBURG SOLDIER DIES IN FRANCE

Millersburg—Steever R. Day, of Millersburg, died in France on February 28 from pneumonia, the first death of a Millersburg lad overseas. He was a son of Charles R. Day, one of the borough's leading citizens.

TO CALL OFF GERMAN STRIKE

Amsterdam—The Berlin workmen's council has decided to issue an order officially calling off the general strike in the German capital, says a Berlin message which presumably was filed Sunday night, says the decision was taken "late to-day."

DYNAMITE WRECKS SALOON AND HOMES

Mount Carmel—The saloon and home of James Schivoni at Atlas, Pa., and the home of Ralph Coloran were wrecked by dynamite early to-day. The detonation was felt two miles away. Twelve members of an alleged Black Hand organization are under arrest.

HEAR FARES COMPLAINT

Harrisburg—The Public Service Commissioners listened for two hours this afternoon to arguments on the Quinn complaints against the Harrisburg Railways Company in the course of which Charles L. Bailey, Jr., counsel for the company, said that this year the increased costs of operation would go up to \$400,000. A. R. Rupley, attorney for the complainant, reviewed everything that has ever been said against the company.

WABASH PRESIDENT DIES

St. Louis, Mo.—E. F. Kearney, president of the Wabash Railroad, died here to-day, of pneumonia.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Thomas McK. Sutch, Pittsburg, and Besse M. Keville, Harrisburg; Albert E. Sullivan and Mary M. Hawn, Middletown; Elmer C. Schriver and Helen M. Kautz, Harrisburg; Harry W. Coyne and Dolie M. Hykes, Middletown.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Tuesday; not much change in temperature, lowest to-night about freezing.