

Random Shots

We have direct evidence that there is gambling going on. We are not prattling of any mythical House of Mystery, either.

We were wandering up to the boarding house about dinner time, and passed two little girls. They were talking high and fast, as excited little girls do, and they were "panning" a third little girl. "And she shoots pennies with the boys, too!" one of them said.

More work for the police department.

Or the preachers.

The wild waves are agitated once more.

This time the semi-weekly up the street is to issue a city circulation map.

And it is going to show, with little dots, how, on March 12, its newspaper was "sold OR DISTRIBUTED" to all but forty-two houses in the city of Alliance.

Let's see—March 12 was the issue that 2,175 papers were printed.

That was the issue they put out several hundred sample copies.

Of course, if the advertiser is chump enough to believe that this circulation is bona-fide, it is his lookout. Just the same as it was his lookout if he added the figures in the "circulation audit" some months ago.

Or the detailed circulation statement.

Or the statement by towns.

Or the other statements.

Some of them were sworn to, and others weren't. With their peculiar method of figuring, it didn't make much difference.

A sort of equal unreliability in all of them, as 'twere.

What puzzles us is this: So long

as they were passing them out free, how comes it they missed the forty-two?

Maybe some of the newsboys were sick.

Or got tired. They weren't used to carrying so many papers, perhaps.

Or maybe they didn't print enough to go around. They have been claiming "nine out of ten" for so long they may have grown to believe it. It must have been a great jolt to Bennie to discover that there were so many houses in town where his semi-weekly is a stranger.

Wonder what kind of a map the circulation of March 6 would show?

We mean a "sworn" map.

Question: Can a map be "sworn"?

Now, on March 6, The Herald was put in every house in town. We didn't miss forty-two. Not us.

That's where they got the inspiration for the sample copies.

But not the map.

That great idea is their own work. (So far as we know. Rufus never issued a map.)

Once before our competitor out a map. That was before the days of "circulation audits," or detailed statements, or statements by towns, and such.

When the first map was checked up, a bunch of vacant lots were found to be subscribers to the semi-weekly up the street.

When you haven't got 'em—and you know the other fellow is getting 'em—you gotta do the next best thing.

They tell us the map will be "interesting."

We'll say so.

It reminds us of those little puzzle pictures for children. Draw a line from dot No. 1 to dot No. 2, and so on. When you have connected all the dots, you'll be rewarded by seeing a splendid likeness of a donkey.

And yet, when The Herald has to meet this sort of competition every day or so, the semi-weekly up the

street complains that we are "picking on it" when we gently remonstrate.

It's a good thing we have a sense of humor.

As we said before, the wild waves seem to be agitated. There's a reason.

Funny thing about wild waves: there are usually breakers ahead.

You can't get away with that stuff indefinitely.

That's what makes 'em so wild.

Consider the fish, who never gets caught so long as he keeps his mouth shut.

We heard some more kid talk that is interesting. This time it was two little boys—little ones, about so high. "You don't have to mind Chief Taylor after 9 o'clock," one of them said. "Chief Reed is chief after 9 o'clock."

THE DARK PAGE OF THE A. E. F.

The following is an extract from the testimony of one of the enlisted men who appeared before the committee investigating conditions that prevailed in the A. E. F. prison at Paris during the war:

"And everything they took out of my pocket they threw away, even my mother's picture, and they called her an awful, vile name when I asked for it, and told me that I could buy another picture of a girl just as good for a couple of francs. * * * There were two colored men in there and when one of the guards wanted to have some fun, he would go over and knock a colored fellow down with a club. * * * I saw them bring a fellow upstairs one night at Rue Ste. Anne about 5 o'clock; two guards were dragging him up and one had hold of each leg. They dragged him up four flights with the blood streaming from his head. He was unconscious. * * * They made one fellow scrub the steps with a toothbrush. * * * They made another empty a tub with a teaspoon. * * * I saw them club men into unconsciousness. * * *

One cannot read such testimony without being overcome with horror. Did such things really happen in the A. E. F.? Were the fighters of the great democracy of the west subjected to cruelties that almost equal the tortures of the dark ages? Did American soldiers devise methods of punishment that even put the barbarous Turks to shame?

From the testimony given at this investigation one is led to believe the charges were true. It would seem that certain German officers were not the only ones who were guilty of "atrocities."

Congress should investigate this matter without stint or fear. If even a part of the charges are true, no effort should be spared to bring the guilty to justice. This is no matter in which to punish only the little fellows. If the charges are true, there is one man more guilty than all the rest. That is the commanding general of the district of Paris who allowed such practices to exist. This is no matter in which to "pass the buck."—Nebraska Legion News.

—For Sale—Two six room houses on Sweetwater. Modern except heat. Price and terms right. See Nebraska Land Company.

England's hangmen want more pay, and to account in part for their present state of need they point out that they no longer receive the rope used in executions as a perquisite. The hangman's rope, having performed its legal office, once found a ready market. Pieces of it were sought by curio collectors of a morbid turn, but other persons bought it for practical reasons. One superstition was that a bit of the noose rubbed on the affected part would cure certain ailments. The hangman always had a market for his used rope, and his income from its sale was regarded as a legitimate part of his pay. This cut off, and the cost of living advancing, he naturally seeks a higher wage.—Record.

One forgets that hardly a quarter of a century ago people gathered in curious little groups to look at the pioneer motorcars, when the enterprising owners left them standing in the street, and is not particularly surprised to read that the latest automobile registrations returns show an average of one car for every sixteen persons in the United States. One wonders if, twenty-five or thirty years hence, the aircraft will show the United States anything like as well provided with airplanes, and if the casual newspaper reader will accept the condition as a matter of course. says Christian Science Monitor. It is not impossible that aviation, as it is being proved practicable, answers in the negative because of the special requirements demanded of the aviator. An army test for aviators, one hears, requires that the candidate must be able to walk a straight line with his eyes closed, and one wonders if one person in sixteen throughout the United States could do it without wabbling.

A wise young man passes up the pretty girl and marries a homely one who can cook.



A Message from the Flowers of Easter

Have you a friend in trouble you would cheer—a mother you would make glad—a sweetheart to whom you would send a message of love—a wife you would tell of faithful devotion? Let the wondrous Flowers of Easter be your messenger—and your kindness will be in safe hands.

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Gingham Dresses for the little tots. All sizes from 2 to 14.

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Machine embroidered Dresses with embroidered scallop in pink and blue.

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