

Too Many Laws, Omaha Attorney Tells Bar Meet

Causing Contempt and Disrespect, Omaha President Tells Opening Session of Bar Association.

Alfred G. Ellick of Omaha, in delivering his annual address as president of the Nebraska State Bar Association, in annual convention here yesterday, declared that "multitudinous so-called regulatory laws affecting all branches of private enterprise and private and personal conduct" were maintained at "staggering expense to the taxpayers and in most instances with only indifferent results."

After referring to what he said the Declaration of Independence and state constitutions term "unalienable rights," Mr. Ellick said that "these laws are so numerous that not even the lawyers can know them or sometimes even find them in the statute books, and the ordinary citizen has very little knowledge of their nature or even their existence."

"As a consequence," said he, "many are continually ignored, causing a contempt and disrespect, not only for these laws, but for law enforcement generally. Each legislative session is marked by contests among solons to see which one can introduce and secure the passage of the largest number of bills, most of which are designed to correct some particular private wrong, and have no function in the general scheme of government."

Too Ready Surrender. "I have no quarrel with any particular law, but as a lever of liberty I fear the tendency toward a too ready surrender of our natural rights. I do not agree with those extreme advocates of personal liberty who favor the widest measure of license to the individual to do as he wishes, nor with those other extremists who would hold to the most puritanic standards."

"While this question, as has been often said, is in the first instance one of political philosophy and of law, there must be some middle ground where the splendid and cherished individuality of our citizenship will enjoy the widest latitude for development, restrained only to the extent that in the exercise of our natural rights we do not directly infringe upon the rights of others."

The Fortune Hunter

By RUBY AYRES. (Continued from yesterday.) There was a profound silence, then Anne spoke for the first time. "And what about me? What about me?" she asked. Her voice was flat and expressionless, but her eyes were piteous as she looked at the Fortune Hunter. "What is to become of me?" she said again.

The hot blood beat into his face; he took a quick step towards her and then checked himself. "I'd give my life for you," he said. "If only there was something I could do to undo what has happened! If only you'd just say you forgive me! I only need say that and you don't altogether hate and despise me!" His voice was hoarse and labored; and when she made no answer he turned away with a gesture of utter despair.

Presently she spoke again in cold, difficult tones, as if she were slowly coming back to a keener realization of all that this meant to her. "And what am I to say to everyone? What will they think of me not to have known? To have let you—a stranger, a man I know nothing about—make love to me; lie to me—she broke off choking; she beat her hands together. "Oh, if I had only died before this thing happened!"

The Fortune Hunter strode across to her then; he dragged her hands away from her face, forcing her to look at him. "And is my love nothing to you?" he asked. "Have you no pity for me? You believed in that other man who was not worth a thought or a tear; you waited 10 years for him, and he lied to you and deceived you a thousand times more than I have ever done. He only pretended to care for you, whilst I—"

Her pale face blazed with sudden passion. "You dare—dare to say a word against him!" she broke out sobbing. "He was the man I loved. He was coming home to me when you—you—"

"He was coming home to you because he could do nothing else," the Fortune Hunter said with cruelty born of his pain. "Why should I hide the truth of what he was when I've got to be damned in your eyes for the rest of my life? Ask your uncle. Ask Mr. Harding. He paid John Smith to go abroad when he came out of prison because he hoped you would forget him. The man didn't wait for me, did he?"

Chicago Council Favors Sale of Beer and Wine

Governor Asked to Call Special Session of Legislature—Copy of Resolutions Sent to Harding.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—By a vote of 52 to 6 the Chicago city council yesterday adopted a resolution calling on the national and state to amend the prohibition laws to permit the sale of "wholesome" beer and wines. The resolution, introduced by Alderman A. J. Cermak, asked the governor to call a special session of the legislature. A copy of the resolution was ordered sent to the speaker of the house of representatives.

Alderman Cermak, speaking for the resolution, said that there is more drunkenness now than there ever was and that drug stores have become saloons. "In 1919, six months after the sale of 'wholesome' beer and wines," he said, "there were 704 prisoners in the Bridewell. In 1920 there were 1,075, and today there are 1,400 prisoners."

The city recently asked for an appropriation for 200 additional policemen to enforce the dry laws. Alderman Cermak said he would not vote for the additional expense. "I will not vote for the employment of men to enforce a law which was put into effect by the government," he declared, "that is making spies and detectives for the government. They should be told to employ their own enforcement officers. Do you believe liquor is being imported into this country without the knowledge of the government?"

The resolution states that a general survey of conditions throughout the country suggests a liberal modification of the liquor laws. Brakeman Foils Attempt to Hold Up Iowa Train. Hawarden, Ia., Dec. 29.—An attempt by a lone bandit to hold up passengers of a northbound Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul train here, was balked by Alex Porter, a brakeman, who grappled with the robber as the latter was searching Porter's pockets for valuables.

It is supposed that the bandit boarded the train here and waited in the vestibule. "When the brakeman boarded the train he was ordered at the point of a gun to 'stick 'em up.'" Watching for an opportunity while the holdup was going through his pockets, Porter made a grab at the bandit and the shot went wild. Holding the crowd at bay, the highwayman ordered one of the passengers to pull the bell cord. The train stopped and the holdup alighted and ran south down the track.

Score of Persons Hurt in Riot at Sioux City. Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 29.—Rioting of a serious nature broke out in the packing house district yesterday afternoon as strike breakers employed in the meat plants emerged from the gates. Eighteen members of a band of strike sympathizers which traversed the area were arrested by police and deputy sheriffs. They were taken to police station, where they were released on bonds.

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Farmers Suffering From Over-Expansion, St. Paul Banker Says

St. Paul, Dec. 29.—Farmers are not suffering from a lack of credit, but over expansion, E. G. Quamme, president of the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul, told the joint congressional committee on short time rural credits yesterday. He questioned the necessity for creating a machine for credit purposes for agricultural interests when they are already paying, he said, more interest than they can meet.

Regarding the federal land bank loan organization, Mr. Quamme said that 50 per cent of the farmers' loan associations are so organized that it is not safe to make loans on their reports and that the federal appraiser's report must be relied upon. He said that the land banks have lent \$500,000,000 on farms in the past few years, or about an eighth of the total of such loans.

Bloomfield Mass Meeting Opposes Gasoline Tax Bloomington, Neb., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Over 150 business men and farmers attended a mass meeting at Bloomington here and discussed in detail taxation problems. A vote on the proposed gasoline tax was unanimous against the plan. Reasons assigned by opponents of the tax were that it would shift the burden of taxation from the land to the renter; that the revenue would not be commensurate with the expense of collection, and that it would pave the way to other commodity taxation.

Madison Man Pleads Guilty To Stealing Auto at Norfolk Madison, Neb., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—George T. Bauer, farm laborer, was charged with stealing an automobile at Norfolk from Charles Whitney of Carroll, Neb. Bauer pleaded guilty. He has a wife and two children.

Wymore Machinist Saves Bank Roll From Two Bandits Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Two holdup men, who robbed Edward Hadden, machinist, on the outskirts of Wymore, got only 30 cents for their trouble. In going home Hadden caught sight of the men ahead of him and he slipped a roll of bills up his coat sleeve which the stickup men overlooked when they rifled his pockets.

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