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Random Shots

The other night, when it began to rain, panic was spreading at the tent show. People began to leave in bunches. The tall tragedian stepped out in front of the curtain: "Don't be alarmed, good people," he began grandiloquently, "There is nothing to be alarmed over. This is a good, strong tent. I solemnly assure you that you won't get one bit wetter inside here than you would if you were in the middle of the pavement."

And, thus reassured, they fell back upon the hard seats and remained through the show.

Alliance had one piece of good luck last week, though few people know of it. An "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company had intended to play here Monday, but the manager changed his mind.

Some people can't take a hint.

We are referring to our fondness for fried chicken.

The only way you can impress a thing like this on the minds of some people is to use a crowbar.

In one of the Swiss cantons the tango has been banned as immoral. These good people won't be able to find words to describe the shimmy.

In Paris, people are beginning to wear wooden hats. The only trouble with that is that it would be hard, in some instances, to tell where the hat begins.

Better lock your bottle of lemon extract in the safe. Highjackers have finally started operations in Alliance.

An interested observer, who has been trying to mooch a drink for the past three months, tells us that he thinks the highjackers will have poor pickings.

YALE SIDING

Mr. and Mrs. William Newman and family got home last Thursday night after being gone three weeks. They visited at Sidney, Grand Island, Clarks, Columbus and Chreston. They report that from Grand Island east there is much black rust in the wheat but this side of Grand Island the crops looked fairly good. They spent several days at Denver and other places in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bliss returned from their motoring trip to Colorado Friday.

Roy Sisley bought a new binder last week.

Guy Rust has cut wheat now for several days.

Yale Siding will have a new scales soon. A few farmers went together and bought a good scale and will have it installed soon. The pit is already dug. Yale has been considered a shipping point for several months already by the C. B. & Q. railroad company. This scale will save much hauling to the people living near here.

Louis Powell started to cut wheat Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Newman and family and Alfred Iossi Sundayed at J. J. Scheffrick home.

Alex Lee took in the farmers union ice cream social at the Fair View church last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Iossi and family spent Sunday evening at the E. B. Bryant home.

Charles Myers of Alliance, was looking after his farm the first of the week.

S. J. Iossi bought four shoats of Fred Trenkle in Morrill county, last week.

Wm. Newman and Alfred Iossi hauled sand to Yale Siding for the new scales the farmers are putting in.

Alex Lee was in Alliance on business Wednesday.

Crop report: Some corn and oats need rain; wheat ripening fast; potatoes doing good but a few bugs are reported.

Chinese women are demanding representation in the government. It is a long stride from crippled feet to such a progressive step as this.

Liberty bond prices may continue to drop, but it is well enough to remember that if the government survives they will be redeemed at par.

Doctor Kapp escaped from Germany to Sweden by airplane, which is an article that all revolutionists should make part of their kits.

Paris streets have been named after Clemenceau, Pétain, Foch, Joffre and Poincaré, giving the Germans an opportunity to trample those names in the dust.

Pretty soon the sale of potatoes will pass from the grocer to the jeweler.

CONSPIRACY TO GET SOLDIER MONEY

Clerks in War Risk Bureau Have Stolen Over \$250,000 From Ex-Service Men

(Walter J. Wood in American Legion Weekly)

Whoever holds the title of the meanest man alive had better look to his laurels. The writer rises to nominate for that spectacular but unenviable position not one but as many of the employees of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance at Washington as have been robbing disabled ex-service men under the pretense of helping them get their compensations.

Seven employes have recently been arrested following the unearthing of what the authorities assert is a widespread plot to defraud battle-scarred veterans of their blood money. The Secretary of the Treasury has branded the thing as a "conspiratorial conspiracy," and "hardened secret service men working on the case have described it as "the most despicable crime they have ever been called upon to track down.

It is difficult to find words to nail the fraud for what it is. To rob men who have been through the hell of trench and No Man's Land, suffered all the way from first aid station back through hall after hall of pain and who are still wearing the badges of sacrifice, broken bodies and crippled lives, is as nasty a piece of business as the records of meanness hold. It amply qualifies anyone engaged in the nefarious traffic for a niche in the world's hall of infamy.

Not since the pension scandals after the Civil War has there been brought to light such a diabolical attempt to exploit disabled ex-soldiers. The investigation now under way, although at this writing it has not proceeded deep nor wide, already promises to implicate between fifty and a hundred clerks handling the claims of disabled ex-soldiers for compensation in the War Risk Bureau and to involve a sum of \$250,000 or more stolen from the claimants. So far the trial of dishonor has not led up to the office door of any important bureau official, but Secretary Houston, of the Treasury Department, has given his word that all concerned in the outrage, high and low, will be prosecuted to the limit of the law.

There seems to have been a regular code of procedure among the robbers, according to Chief W. H. Moran of the United States Secret Service, who is directing the government drive against them. The typical case was somewhat like this: A disabled soldier going to present in person his claim for compensation at the Bureau of War Risk Insurance would be informed by one of the conspirators that he was entitled to, let us say, \$200. At the same time he would have it whispered in his unsuspecting ear that the award was much too small and that under certain conditions it might be "put through" for a larger amount, perhaps \$300.

These "conditions" were in most cases that on all the clerk could get over and above the \$200 there was to be a fifty-fifty divide. The soldier, anxious to get all, or as nearly all as possible, of what he thought was coming to him, would agree, the clerk would be hired, the claim for the larger amount would go through, and all over and above the original amount named by the clerk would be split half and half. The soldier would be, of course, that the soldier was entitled to the full amount all the time.

This fleeing of helpless men had been going on for nobody knows how long when recently an ex-soldier by the name of Joseph P. Delavigne, Prescott, Arizona, who had a large claim for compensation, was approached by several employes of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. He was told that his claim had been allowed for \$1500, but that they would undertake to get it raised to \$2400 if he would share the extra \$900 with them.

This he refused to do. Instead he made his way straight to his United States Senator, Mr. Ashurst, of Arizona, who happened to be ill in bed but who talked with Delavigne and sent his secretary with him to the Chief of the United States Secret Service, requesting that every effort be made to apprehend the guilty.

The result was that a little later, during the first week in July, the hand of the law fell heavy upon the young men accused of devising the scheme to get rich quick at the expense of the wounded veteran. The three alleged bright young financiers got, instead of the \$900, a free ride to the local police station.

As heartless as they were, heary, the War Risk robbers twisted what money they could get out of one-legged, shell-shocked, blind and diseased indiscriminately. One big, husky-looking overseas veteran, shell-

shocked into a nervous wreck, broke into mental chaos and wept as he tried to tell his story to the secret service men. In one case crooked clerks got \$1,400 out of a total of \$1,800 due a veteran, in another case \$1,400 out of a claim for \$3,500 and in yet another case they took a fee of \$700 on a \$4,400 claim.

Prosecution against those involved will be made under section 37 and 113 of the penal code. Persons found guilty under these sections are liable to fines of not more than \$10,000 each, imprisonment for not more than three years, or both fine and imprisonment.

All things considered, that doesn't seem to be such a terribly stiff punishment.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mitchell and Janet Grassman left Monday morning for Mr. Mitchell's cabin near Spearfish, S. D., for a two weeks' camping trip.

Norman McCorkle and Fred Vogle arrived home Sunday night. They have been spending their vacation in Denver.

Joe Williams left Saturday night on his vacation. He expects to be gone for about two weeks.

Dr. Knight left Monday night for Boulder, Colo., and vicinity. He will be gone two months.

Miss Lella Cornforth motored to Chadron Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper and little daughter, Betty, and Mr. and Mrs. McCorkle were picnicking at Pine Ridge Sunday.

Miss Tyree and Mr. Kenneth Morman motored to Chadron Sunday.

S. B. Edwards of Scottsbluff came to Alliance Sunday to meet his wife who has been spending her vacation in Rochester, Minn.

Ed McNulty left Monday morning to join the Newberry's camping party.

Mrs. C. H. Brown of Antioch, spent Sunday in Alliance.

F. B. Douglass and Arthur Sear, boys employed on the Chadron highway, were here Sunday looking over the work.

Lois Dilliman and daughter, Elsie of Ellsworth, were in town Saturday on business.

C. H. Van Alstine and family spent the week-end in Alliance. Mr. Van Alstine was looking after business interests here.

A. S. Reed of Phoenix, Ariz., was visiting in the city Thursday and Friday.

"SPREAD THE GOOD WORD" SHE SAYS

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"Little did I think I would ever give a public statement for a medicine, but Tanlac has proved so wonderful in my case that I want to spread the good news," said Mrs. A. M. Hughes of 956 Thirty-fifth street, Milwaukee, Wis., recently.

"My stomach has given me trouble for years," she added, "and I had been treated so much and spent so much money for medicines without benefit I was all out of heart. For eight years I had been unable to eat any meats, and vegetables caused me trouble. Even cereals, milk-toast, the lightest kind of diets, oftentimes caused gas to form on my stomach keeping me in pain and misery for hours. I often suffered with heart-burn and the gas pressing around my heart caused it to beat so hard and fast it was all I could do to get my breath. I had raging headaches nearly every day and got so dizzy when I stooped over or was going up or down stairs I felt like I was going to pitch forward and had to catch hold of something to keep from falling. I had awful pains in the small of my back and under my shoulder blades that hurt me so when I leaned over I could hardly straighten up. At times I had rheumatism in my shoulders and arms so bad it was all I could do to use them. I slept but little, for I was constantly in pain and very restless and when I got up in the mornings I often felt worse than when I went to bed. I just kept getting worse in spite of all I could do.

"So many people with troubles like mine were praising Tanlac in the papers, I sent for a bottle and the first three or four days I took it convinced me that what I had read about it was the truth. Before I finished the first bottle gas stopped forming on my stomach, those awful pains left me and I began to feel hungry. I can now eat most anything in reason and my stomach troubles, mes o little afterwards I hardly notice it. My head aches no more, I am entirely free from pain and have no more dizzy spells and am able to get plenty of sound restful sleep every night. Tanlac has done me a world of good, so much in fact I want my statement published for the benefit it may be to others."

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