

"Silent Ed" Back in Prison After Long "Vacation"

Over-Patriotic Prisoner Caught Four Years After Escape—Probably Will Serve Life Term.

Joliet, Ill., Feb. 9.—For being over-patriotic "Silent Ed" Smith has spent 18 years in the Illinois State penitentiary here. In 1898 has been sentenced to prison for life for beating to death a Chicago saloon keeper who claimed the Spaniards had a right to blow up the battleship Maine.

Recently it was believed "Silent Ed" would be pardoned. But the pardon board turned down his petition and now he will probably spend the rest of his days behind prison bars.

"Silent Ed" is one of Joliet's most picturesque characters. Soon after his incarceration he became a trusty. Warden Edmund Allen became so attached to him that he promised to do his best to secure Smith's release.

But Warden Allen's wife was murdered within the prison walls, and the tragedy made him forget "Silent Ed." And when Allen left Joliet, Smith went, too.

With two other "lifers," the prison chauffeur escaped to New York in the warden's automobile. He gave the automobile to the police department there as a present, and was gratefully received, and the New York police took the donor as a fine, public-spirited fellow.

Four years later "Silent Ed" was caught. He tried to escape from the Paterson (New Jersey) court house, but the rope by which he was lowering himself to the ground broke, and the convict was precipitated 40 feet, sustaining severe injuries. Shortly afterward he was returned to Joliet, where he has languished ever since.

Student at Columbia Uni Since Year 1872 Quits

New York, Feb. 10.—William Cullen Bryant Kemp, who first entered Columbia university in 1872 and has attended off and on ever since, has not enrolled for the spring term. He said he quit largely because of "the unpleasant notoriety given me by the newspapers."

Mr. Kemp, who holds numerous degrees and last year studied paleogeographic developments of North America, having exhausted most all ordinary subjects, as a freshman was a classmate of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, now president of the university.

Valentine Cheers Man Left Waiting at Marriage Altar

Women Keep Him Busy Answering Phone, Says Ex-Porter at C. of C.

Walter H. Clark, ex-porter at the Chamber of Commerce, whose fiancée from Malvern, Ia., failed to appear at the marriage altar Wednesday night, received a lavv valentine Saturday morning.

"It has made me very happy," said Clark, as he patted it on the wall of his room at the Merchants hotel. "I have just bought three valentines to send away myself. One of them goes to my fiancée and her two kiddies. 'The other two? Well, you know I said I had the names of 52 Omaha women in my diary. I'm going to send the other two to two of those 52. Say, maybe you think they didn't keep me busy answering their phone calls last night! I finally had to tell the clerk to quit ringing my room, so I could get some sleep. And, would you believe it, I was offered \$25 to appear at a motion picture theater tonight. Don't think I'll do it, though."

Clark indicated he had given up hope of his fiancée, said to be a widow with two children and a farm, arriving in Omaha Saturday. He said he would leave for Des Moines this afternoon, but smiled mysteriously when asked why.

"Just to see if Des Moines women come up to the Omaha standard," he replied. "I've never been in Des Moines, anyway."



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Sac City Man Heads Iowa Concrete Products Body

The Iowa Concrete Products association, in joint convention here with the Midwest Concrete Products association, elected W. J. Black, Sac City, Ia., president; O. B. Lofstedt, Grand Junction, Ia., vice president, and Ross Dowell, Des Moines, secretary. The Midwest association elected officers this afternoon.

Mr. Dowell gave an illustrated talk Friday afternoon on the construction of concrete buildings.

Austin Crabbs, Davenport, Ia., spoke on the way in which masons are being won over to concrete work instead of bricks.

At a banquet Friday evening at Hotel Rome, covers were laid for 64. Austin Crabbs, toastmaster, called on Harry Palmer, Rome Miller and W. R. Harris for speeches. Mr. Palmer described the concrete used in the construction of the Great Wall of China, proving how ancient was the use of the combination of cement and gravel.

M. R. Murphy, Manager of Cudahy Plant, Improved

M. R. Murphy, 61, general manager of the Cudahy Packing company here, who was stricken ill in his office Friday, was reported to be resting quietly at St. Catherine hospital Saturday. Hospital authorities said he slept well during the night.

Dr. T. J. Dwyer, his physician, Saturday stated Mr. Murphy apparently is a victim of a general nervous breakdown, induced by overwork, and that he probably will have recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital in a few days.

James Allen has been named temporary manager of the Cudahy plant here.

German Diplomat Killed.

Santiago, Chile, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Herz Von Erkert, German minister to Chile, has been killed accidentally while making an ascension of the volcano Loran in the province of Llanquihue, in southern Chile. He had represented Germany in Chile since 1910.

Railroads Will Help Chamber in Traffic Probe

Executives Do Not Pledge Selves in Advance to Support Development of Inland Waterways.

Washington, Feb. 9.—(Special)—Whether or not the railroads have become conversant with the acceptance of the idea of inland waterways, became today a moot question in Washington. Following announcement by the United States Chamber of Commerce that it proposed to undertake an intensive study of the whole transportation program with the view of formulating a nation-wide system which should include steam roads, inland waterways and motor trucks, the executive committee of the American railway executives met in Washington today. After their meeting, they issued this:

The railroads will generously co-operate with the chamber in developing the investigation and study. The executives announced that it was their understanding the chamber plans "to enter upon a broad study of the transportation situation, including the relation of the railroads to motor transportation and inland waterways." However, it was noticeable, the executives did not pledge themselves in advance to supporting the development of the water transportation. However, their declaration is a step in that direction.

Douglas Motor Company Employee Dies in Hospital

George W. Keiser, 38, died at a local hospital Friday. He is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keiser, and one brother at Ithaca, N.Y.

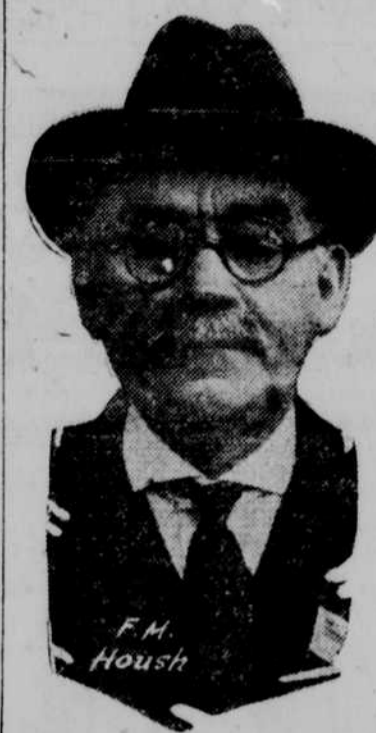
Mr. Keiser had been in the employ of the Douglas Motor company for the last two months.

Services will be held at Johnson & Swanson chapel Monday morning at 10. The body then will be taken by auto to Ithaca where funeral services will be held at 2. Burial will be at Ithaca.

11 Capiases Issued.

Failure of auto traffic law violators to answer golden rule summons no longer will be tolerated, according to Police Court Officer Thomas Farmer. Farmer issued four Saturday morning with 11 capias warrants for the arrest of motorists who failed to appear in court. Every person who disregards a summons hereafter will be arrested, according to Farmer.

Neligh Man New Head of Hardware Dealers



F. M. Housh of Neligh, Neb., is the new president of the Nebraska Retail Hardware Dealers' association. He was elected Friday to succeed S. H. Derryberry of North Platte.

Other officers elected at the closing session of the convention in Omaha were Edward Lehmkuhl, first vice president of Wahoo; J. H. Rhein of Alliance, second vice president, and George Dietz of Lincoln, secretary and treasurer.

Gale Lawson, D. D. Boyd and J. S. Rhein were elected to the board of directors.

Farmers to Start New Co-Operative House

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Farmers will start another co-operative livestock commission house in Kansas City soon, it was announced Friday. This is the seventh of the chain of producers' co-operative commission companies opened on the principal livestock markets of the United States by the National Livestock Producers' association.

Seven farmer organizations in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas will back the new co-operative concern, according to John G. Brown, president of the national body. The new company at Kansas City will be the farthest one west of the farmer-controlled co-operatives. It will sell livestock at cost for the producers by returning the profits to the farmer patrons.

Modern Youth Is Fastidious About Clothes

Instead of Being Dragged to Tailor, Schoolboy Now Takes Parents to Outfitter.

London, Feb. 10.—In sartorial elegance the next generation of schoolboys is likely to be one of Beau Brummels, Beau Nashes and Count D'Orsay, if the opinions of London's leading tailors and boys' outfitters are any guide.

At one time the unwilling schoolboy was dragged by his parents to the tailor and a made up suit from stock was selected. With luck it fitted; if it did not no one worried much.

But the old order changeth. Now, his parents to the outfitters and nowadays it is the schoolboy who takes superintends the ordering and measuring—but not the paying—with a precocious exactitude.

Modern tailors say they find that in many cases the up-to-date schoolboy is more exacting than his father. He insists that his jacket and pants should be cut in the latest style, and the old idea of leaving plenty of room for growing is dead and buried.

The Outfitter, the leading tailors' organ, thinks that this fastidiousness on the part of modern youth is all to the good. "A boy who is able to decide for himself on such matters at an early age should," thinks the Outfitter, "be able before long to decide

what is correct when grappling with the bigger problems of life."

Hughes Balks at Request to Explain Reparations Issue

Washington, Feb. 10.—Secretary Hughes declared, in a letter to Chairman Lodge of the senate foreign relations committee, that written statements and documents he had recently submitted to the committee constituted all the information the State department possessed and which it was compatible with the public interest to divulge on the reparations question and therefore any "oral explanations" before the committee by the secretary would be unnecessary.

The appearance of Mr. Hughes before the committee had been requested by Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, in connection with the latter's resolution for the appointment of official American representatives on the reparations commission. Mr. Hughes' letter was interpreted as a virtual refusal to appear before the committee on this subject, although he indicated that he might, if an additional request on some specified question should be forthcoming. Secretary Hughes made public correspondence with Senator Lodge and with Senator Robinson.

Coast Guard Cutter Fires 26 Shots at Gasoline Boat

Seattle, Feb. 10.—The coast guard cutter Arcata fired 26 shots from a one-pound cannon in chasing the gasoline boat M-855 a half mile on Admiralty inlet, north of Puget sound Thursday.

Capt. L. H. Lonsdale, commander of the cutter, reported on arrival here tonight. He declared the men were seen heaving sacks and barrels overboard from the fugitive. When overhauled it had nothing incriminating aboard.

Valentino Painted as Snob

West Wheatley, L. I., Feb. 10.—The gardener, superintendent and kitchen maids on the country estate here of Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr., related intimate, colorful stories last night of Rodolph Valentino as a mere "handy man" and fellow laborer—but they didn't paint him a snob, perfect or flapperdom's idol.

Tuesday in Detroit, Carl Fischer, ballroom proprietor, who is employing Valentino at \$7,500 a week for dancing with Winifred Hudnut, wife No. 2, referred to him as a "snob" who years ago polished Fischer's golf clubs while Fischer was a guest at the Bliss home here. The snob indignantly denied ever polishing golf clubs and said that when he was employed by Bliss he was the "head landscape gardener."

But Harry Stanton, an English-

Women's 'Ghosts' Haunting London, Says Minister

Human Beings Believe They Are Reincarnation of Infamous Characters, Declares Pastor.

London, Feb. 10.—"London is haunted by at least 50 daylight ghosts of Mary Magdalene and as many more of Cleopatra," declares Rev. Charles Gardiner, well known London clergyman.

"These are not ordinary ghosts," says Mr. Gardiner. "They are human beings, but they believe they are the reincarnation of those famous women of purple past."

"Belief in reincarnation is decidedly on the increase. Cleopatra seems to be rather popular with a certain class of women, because some people are so eaten up with egotism that they would rather be someone infamous than no one at all."

"I know of about 50 women in London today who claim to be the reincarnation of Mary Magdalene. But 49 of them must be wrong. Mary Magdalene had seven devils, but we cannot imagine her to be 50 people in one."

"I know a woman who said that she was Lord Byron, and I have spoken to an actor who insisted that he was 'Bloody Mary.' These people believe that Queen Victoria was Alfred the Great and Mr. Gladstone was formerly Cleopatra."

"There is no doubting their honesty. In most cases it is no pose, but only a for most self-deception."

Former Head of D. & R. G. Takes Stand at Hearing

New York, Feb. 10.—E. T. Jeffrey, former president of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, was the only witness examined in the Interstate Commerce commission hearing on financial practices and relations between the Denver & Rio Grande, Western Pacific and Missouri Pacific railroads as the result of a Denver & Rio Grande stockholders suit against 29 defendants for \$200,000,000 damages.

Mr. Jeffrey said that the building of the Western Pacific railroad by the Denver & Rio Grande had been one cause of the downfall of the road. The engineers and bankers underestimated the cost of construction when it was begun in 1906, he asserted, and the San Francisco disaster in 1906 brought about an increased cost of labor and materials.

\$17.50 Cash in Prizes

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We Sell Standard Merchandise FOR LESS MONEY Because

We Are Out of the High Rent District (Watch This Space Next Sunday)

"The Most Heat for the Least Money"

"Healthful Heat"

"Omaha's Leading Cash Market"

"Let Us Help Keep You Clean"

"The Coffee Delicious"