

Boy, 12, Halts Fleeing Thief With Air Gun BB Shot Stops Auto Bandit Where Policeman's Bullet Fails—Trusty Rifle Nicked.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Kenneth Schubert had read all about Diamond Dick and Mike Grady. He knew all that any boy of 12 could know about the exploits of Buffalo Bill and other heroes of paper-covered fiction fame. In his dreams he had hunted down imaginary crooks galore; he had been in ecstasy when one day he talked to one of Chicago's mounted guardians of law and order. And then—

"Terrible Tommy" O'Connor was preparing to make away with the contents of a soap box, unaware that Kenneth Schubert, detective, was in hand, was stalking him.

Not far away another scene was being enacted. A young man climbed into an automobile standing by a curb and tried to start it. A policeman sauntered by. The young man took to his heels, paying no heed to the order to halt nor to a beam from the officer's gun.

"Terrible Tommy" O'Connor was forgotten. Kenneth raised his rifle to his shoulder, aimed at the fugitive auto thief and pulled the trigger. The fugitive leaped into the air and fell in a heap, grasping a leg frantically.

"It won't shoot any more. Don't shoot! I quit!" he cried.

The policeman arrived and took the youth by the collar. The captive looked at the wounded leg. No blood spots were to be seen.

"Humph! Didn't even hit me," he commented. "But he came dern close."

But Kenneth didn't hear. He was putting a nick in the butt of his "pal"—an air rifle.

20 Per Cent Increase Shown in Gasoline Production

Washington, Feb. 22.—Gasoline production in the United States during 1922 totaled 6,262,234,613 gallons, an increase of 20 per cent over the 1921 output, according to figures compiled by the geological survey.

The production in December, 1922, was 543,871,000 gallons, the heaviest for any month on record.

Present stocks of gasoline were placed by the survey at 883,792,861 gallons or about 9,000,000 gallons less than the peak stocks of May 1. These stocks, based on the present rate of consumption, reserves of the supply, the survey estimated, adding that it was probably 1,200,000,000 gallons would be on hand by May 1.

Convicted of Grand Larceny

Minneapolis, Feb. 22.—Arthur W. Stevens, president of the defunct A. W. Stevens company, local brokerage house, was found guilty on a charge of grand larceny in the first degree by a jury in district court here.

Sunday Movie Petition Circulated in Falls City

Falls City, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special)—Falls City's "blue Sundays" may have a lighter tinge in the future, as a result of a referendum petition for moving picture shows, which is now being circulated.

City Manager Petitions Circulated in Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special)—A petition is being circulated here in the interest of the city manager plan of government. If 20 per cent of the voters sign, the mayor will call a special election to adopt or reject the proposition. If it goes through it will become an issue at the spring campaign in 1924. The manager plan has twice before been brought before the voters, but each time met defeat.

Red Cross Nurse Obtained for Richardson County

Falls City, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special)—Richardson county's appeal made more than a year ago for a county Red Cross nurse, was finally answered with the arrival of Miss Alvin Wellensiek from division headquarters at Chicago. Miss Wellensiek received her training at Omaha and took post-graduate work at St. Louis. She is a native Nebraskan.

Veteran Kearney Editor Shoots Low Golf on Birthday

Kearney, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special)—M. A. Brown, editor of the Kearney Hub and dean of Nebraska newspapermen, celebrated his 75th birthday anniversary by "putting away" the daily paper and then going to the golf links, where, with Judge B. O. Hostetter as an opponent, he chalked up the lowest score of his career as a golfer.

Reduce Power Rates

Kearney, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special)—The Central Power company has announced a general reduction in electric current effective on March 1. A sliding schedule of reductions has been adopted and will be equivalent to a cut of 10 per cent. Improved plant facilities, increased production and consumption are responsible for the reduction at this time.

Mother of Voliva Dies

Zion, Ill., Feb. 22.—Mrs. Rebecca Voliva, mother of Wilbur Glenn Voliva, overseer of Zion, died here tonight following a short illness. Mrs. Voliva, who was 77 years old, is survived by three sons.

Send Wheat to Near East

McCook, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special)—A Red Willow county's contribution to the near east relief, 40 bushels of wheat were shipped to Omaha. The on-load was brought in from all parts of the county.

Ex-Service Men Get Citizenship Papers



A group of ex-service men were among the class of 140 which received citizenship papers at the Auditorium Wednesday night. Here are four of them receiving their certificates from Sidney J. Gottneid, the clerk of the United States district court's office. Left to right they are: B. Boluch, Polish, who still is in the service at Fort Crook; Frank Krejci, 1247 South Fifteenth street, Bohemian; Louis Abraham, Roumanian Jew, and Frank Fecco, 1802 Farnam street, Italian.

140 New Citizens Receive Baptism in Americanism

Necessity of law observance in this country was the keynote of the talk by Howard H. Baldrige at the Washington birthday Americanization-Naturalization meeting held under the auspices of the Omaha council of Americanization at the Auditorium Wednesday night. One hundred and forty men and women received certificates of citizenship in the United States.

Mr. Baldrige reviewed the colonization of America, told the new citizens of the Declaration of Independence and its true significance and urged them to remember that the United States was the first country to announce as a political doctrine that all men are created equal.

Should Obey Law. "But we should recognize that we must give up some things for the good of the country," said Mr. Baldrige. "You should know what the law is, and you should obey it."

Tea ex-service men were among those admitted to citizenship. They were Ulysses S. Allegro, Louis Abraham, Frank Krejci, Kazyl Boluch, Joseph Bamber, Anton Borkta, Tahen Hassen, Frank Fecco, Epaminondas Chechenoski and Constantine Peter Chechenoski.

As in the past women were much in the minority. Among the women who became citizens were Laura A. E. Larsen, formerly an army nurse, at Camp Pike, Ark., Dorothy Timler and Frances Franden, 3506 Lafayette street.

Mrs. Franden is of middle age. She said she has long desired to become a citizen, but said she was timid about it until other women began to get their papers. She has lived in Omaha 20 years.

The program which preceded the presentation of certificates by Sidney J. Gottneid, representing the clerk of the court's office, was one of the most elaborate ever held for such an occasion. The American Legion, Central High and Technical High school bands, combined, furnished music. A drama on the importance of citizenship was given by the following Technical high school pupils: Carmela Veltri, Anna Grant, Joe Markowitz and Fern Farr. Boy Scouts of troops 73 and 9 led the procession of new citizens, and presented a color ceremony and a staff drill. Flags were presented by the United Women's Relief corps, a "Manual of the United States" was presented by the Omaha chapter of the D. A. R., and Adjutant Harry Hough of the Douglas County post presented the "Honor the Flag" scrolls.

District Judge Willis G. Sears, congressman-elect, spoke in the absence of Judge L. B. Day, who is ill. It was Judge Day who admitted the class. Mayor Dahlman welcomed the new citizens for the Council of Americanization, of which he is president. Karl Bamber, one of those becoming a citizen, replied in behalf of those receiving their papers. Refreshments were served to almost 500 persons by the patriotic activities committee of which Mrs. W. E. Bolin is chairman.

Farmer Living Near Oxford Disappears From Home

Beaver City, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special)—G. W. Neumeier, a farmer living between Oxford and Orleans, disappeared from his home February 8 and no trace has since been found of him. He left home in the evening, saying he was going to the home of a sick neighbor, but investigation the next day showed that he did not visit there. Investigation and search by county authorities and neighbors failed to give any clue to his mysterious disappearance or any reason for it. His family state he was in good health and in apparently normal spirits and mental state when he left home.

Peace Hope in Ireland

London, Feb. 22.—(AP)—A change from a noncommittal view of the pacification of Ireland to a cautious but undoubted optimism, among well informed residents of Dublin, was reported by the correspondent of the Daily Mail, who has just returned from the Irish city after an absence of five months.

The correspondent says that no one in Dublin actually declares that peace is in sight, but that nearly everyone is convinced that the disintegration of the republicans has set in and that a fresh outbreak of violence and destruction will increase undermining of the republican strength.

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A Queer World

Cousin Is Old Stuff to Eskimos—Monkey Jailed on Coast as Bootlegger Worries Not.

Nothing's New. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 22.—Eskimos of Alaska have practiced Cousinism for hundreds of years, declares Mrs. Vashita Dalton, an explorer and writer, who is here after 17 years in the far north.

Instead of reciting the "day by day in every way," formula of Emile Coue, pharmacist of Nancy, France, who visited the United States this winter, the Eskimos chant, "The song of the deathless voices," relates Mrs. Dalton.

"When any one falls ill, neighbors and friends take their turn to sing this weird chant," said Mrs. Dalton.

One for Himself. Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—Despondent over a separation from his wife, Eugene Merkle, a grave digger, dug his own grave beneath a cemetery tree, climbed to a limb and attempted to commit suicide by hanging. The rope broke and Merkle dropped into the grave. He was taken to a hospital where it was said that both hips were broken.

His suicidal attempt, the police said, brought about a reconciliation with his wife, whom he had not seen in four years.

Monkey Business. Long Beach, Cal., Feb. 22.—The police believe that in Jocko, a trained monkey, owned by C. H. Simon, they have taken into custody the first simian bootlegger.

They charge that Simon, in the city jail accused of violating the state prohibition act, taught the monkey to deliver bootleg liquor to certain customers.

Jocko seems to be enjoying his stay in jail.

Unneighborly. San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Unneighborly neighbors are responsible for a six-month jail term imposed on M. Puccini.

Men came from the house directly across the street and seized some liquor in Puccini's so-called soft drink resort.

The resort faces the customs house. The customs house is the house of the hospital agents.

Girl Says He Used Cave Man Tactics on Her



Marino Vidal, Spanish vice consul (above), has been accused of cruelty by Miss Lucille Whitehurst of New York. She alleges that the Spanish representative gave her a beating when she rejected his love.

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Trick Pictures "Expose" Concord Club Members

Ernest Ebbler, by means of mystic passes and the mysterious secrets of his photographic art, "exposed" some of his fellow Concordians at the weekly luncheon of the club in Hotel Fontenelle yesterday.

"Hollywood Ernie," as he was billed, painted a large sheet of blank paper with his mysterious compound and beheld, Hugh Wallace came forth from the paper surrounded by a bewitching levity of Mack Sennett bathing girls.

Tinley Combs appeared on another picture, driving a goat. On others were Harry Jacobberger, head of the Kimball Laundry company, getting his start over a washtub; I. Shuler, selling his first home; Walter Roessig, telling over his income tax return, and Will Mickel with a bathing girl in each arm.

James Hanley was the orator of the day, devoting himself to George Washington. Tinley Combs presided.

The average automobile contains 22 pounds of copper wire.

Explosion Causes Steel Works Fire

400-Gallon Oil Tank With Safety Valve Blows Up—Two Injured.

Fire, which resulted from an explosion of a 400-gallon fuel oil tank at the Omaha Steel works, 4502 Leavenworth street, yesterday morning.

One end of the tank blew out, and the inflammable oil, spreading rapidly, caught fire.

One workman, Harming Johnson, was burned slightly about the head, but returned to work yesterday afternoon.

Another employe, David Russell, 3823 L street, fell and struck his head against a metal beam as he fled from the flames. He was taken to his home by the plant superintendent. His injury is not serious.

Officials at the plant were unable to explain the explosion of the tank, which is equipped with a safety valve.

Borah May Visit Russia. Washington, Feb. 22.—Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, may be the guest of the Russian soviet government if he arranges for the European trip next spring he had been considering.

Mr. Borah said today he had received and accepted, provisionally an "unofficial" invitation to go into Russia as the guest of the government. He has decided to go, he said, if conditions make it at all possible.

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How Germany Is Defying the French Steam-Roller

Hugo Stinnes, Germany's richest man and, rumor says, the virtual dictator of her economic destiny, declares curtly concerning France's stranglehold on the Ruhr basin: "No negotiations by us. We shall fight it out." In terms equally explicit General Degoutte, commander of the French forces of occupation, announces that "never, until Germany makes adequate settlement for the frightful wrongs and damages inflicted upon my country, will I order my troops to withdraw." And speaking in Dusseldorf to a representative of the Associated Press, General Degoutte declared, "I solemnly warn Germany if a single one of my soldiers is harmed and she forces another battle on us, she will not stay our hands by crying 'Kamerad!' It will be a fight to the finish—a complete knockout."

The leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week (February 24) shows the progress of the French occupation of the Ruhr basin and presents public opinion upon the subject from all angles. This interesting article is graphically illustrated with half-tones, cartoons, and a map which shows the grip that France has upon industrial Germany.

Other timely news-articles in this issue are:

- The Loom of the Harding Boom
The Huge Cost of Governing Us
The Cost of Coal and Human Life
Germany's Real Culprits
Strange Fellows Who Aid Industry
The Farmer As a Gambler
How An Indian Feels About Radio
Creeds As a Human Need
Mrs. Poindexter's Pointed Pen
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Revolution Barred in Central America
Rich Bootleggers Go To Prison
Soviet Russian Ire At the Ruhr Occupation
How Canada Helps Britain
Chinese Racial Virtues
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