

Today

Apology, Not Pardon.
Women Starve Foxes.
Hiram and Hitchcock.
Acting or Pouring Tea?
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President Coolidge will look into the Craig-Julius Mayer contempt case. Lawyers tell him there is no precedent for a president granting a pardon in a civil contempt case. The president will probably establish his own precedents.

What is really called for, however, is not a pardon, but an apology from the judicial system that makes a federal judge imagine that he can imprison, without trial by jury, a public official that criticizes him.

Woman in her changing moods produces results surprising. Many foxes must go hungry this winter, because women decide that scalkin is not fashionable.

Uncle Sam, who has a sealskin monopoly, finds it hard to sell his skins, even at reduced prices. Therefore, he cuts down, by many thousands, the number of sealskin, leaving them to live and breed.

The carcasses of skinned seals are the food of many foxes, and these go hungry.

The inter-dependence of life in varying forms is fascinating. One state offers a bonus for dead coyotes. Field mice, free of coyote danger, multiply and destroy alfalfa fields and sheep die of hunger.

They say, Frank H. Hitchcock will look after the practical side of Hiram Johnson's presidential campaign, while Senator Johnson attends to the spiritual and fighting part.

That's an excellent combination and Hitchcock, who has occasionally done his best for dead ones that did not know they were dead, will be glad to work for a genuine live one, for a change.

It is announced that Rosamond Pinchot, talented, beautiful and ambitious daughter of Amos Pinchot, will play the leading part, that of the nun, in Reinhardt's play, "Miracle."

A sensible father is Amos Pinchot, permitting his young daughter to develop and use her talents for the public benefit and uplift, instead of condemning her to pour tea while waiting for some little gentleman with serious intentions to come around.

Barlow Morris Dimond, accused of helping to murder two bank messengers in cold blood, faces detectives and the electric chair, all because his fingerprints stained the lining of the "get-away sedan" with marks of blood.

Very embarrassing are those fingerprints. If their story is confirmed, Mr. Dimond will never murder any other bank messenger.

Light is shed on the new crime, developed under prohibition, in connection with Mr. Dimond's little killing scrape.

He admits that his brother, Jospeh Dimond, took out the license for the "get-away" car under a false name, not "to stick people up and then shoot them down, you understand, but just for running from Canada with whisky, or other times when we were doing what wasn't quite right."

"Quite right" sounds quite up to date.

In a feeble way, attempts are made to "clean up" certain plays on the New York stage. In such cases the way to clean up is to clean out. Stupid indecencies, getting worse and worse, are permitted and the reputation of decent theaters and decent players suffered.

In Paris, at one dramatic institution, a row of women walk toward the footlights, apparently all dressed in evening gowns.

At the footlights they turn, to march back, and the (presumably) delighted spectators perceive that these "artists" have on only the front half of a dress, absolutely nothing of the rear half of a costume.

The French authorities evidently believe that the front, half of a dress is enough. Our theatrical people—some of them—think that with us the upper half of a dress is enough. A good deal of cleaning is necessary.

A woman singing in Liverpool was heard distinctly by listeners at Garden City, Long Island. The woman's vocal cords had sent a song 4,000 miles across land and water with ease.

How soon will science transmit power without wires and without loss? And it now transmits sound? What will such transmission mean to flying machines and railroads? It will mean the jinking of 90 per cent of all coal cars, for one item. Coal, turned into electric power at the mines, will be sent through the air, not hauled, bumping over steel rails.

Cotton prices for January, March and May all went to new high prices yesterday, and all well above 35 cents. That will help general American prosperity.

Wise financial advisers print lists of preferred stocks in "gold-edged" railroads. If you invest or speculate in railroad stocks, remember that the gilt on the most deeply gilt-edged cannot be warranted to stick. And it is quite likely that common stocks may prove a better investment than the preferred for a while, and as good in the end.

If things go well, with railroads practically "writing their own ticket" in the way of rates, for some time to come, it ought to be possible to push up dividends and swell enormously the selling price of the common stocks—the preferred would only get the echo of temporary and violent prosperity. If things go badly, because of motor and flying machine competition, the preferred stocks will flop as swiftly as the common. In a hansom cab company there was little choice between common and preferred stock after the taxi appeared.

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Washington, Nov. 27.—North Dakota wheat producers were called upon today at the public hearing being conducted by the tariff commission to present their evidence in connection with the proposal of the wheat council of the United States for an increase of 50 per cent 30-cent tariff on wheat.

Little testimony was heard at the opening session yesterday, which was adjourned until today to permit the North Dakota producers to put their evidence in form. Representatives Young and Burtness appeared in their behalf.

Won't Limit Scope

The commission expressed the opinion today that there was no occasion at this time for defining or limiting the scope of the inquiry. A limitation as requested yesterday by former Senator McCumber, counsel for the wheat council of the United States, who asked that only hard spring wheat be considered and that cost of production be limited to the spring wheat sections of the United States.

Representative Anderson of Minnesota, president of the wheat council, made an extended statement of taxes, yields and other details for both Canada and the United States. He submitted statistics showing land values were higher in the United States, thereby influencing cost of production. Taxes, he said, had increased 212 times in the last eight years in the United States and were relatively higher here than across the border. He estimated that Canadian producers enjoyed the advantage of lower freight rates averaging about 8 cents a bushel.

Production Cost High.

The cost of production in the United States was estimated by Representative Anderson to be 100 per cent above Canadian costs. He placed the cost of producing in this country at \$1.57 a bushel and in Canada at 72 cents. Yields per acre were higher in Canada than in this country, he said.

Questioned as to whether an increase in duty would result in larger use in the United States of hard winter wheat as a substitute for hard spring wheat, Representative Anderson said he was of the opinion it would.

Rep. E. Willard, agricultural economist of the North Dakota state college of agriculture, appearing as representative of North Dakota farmers bankers and business men said farmers in that section were in dire financial difficulties as a result of low wheat prices. He submitted statistics to show that during the last seven years wheat prices yielded a profit in only one year—1918.

Mrs. Brandeis

Gives Testimony

Mrs. E. John Brandeis, accompanied by a maid and two attorneys, appeared Monday before District Judge L. B. Day in the court of domestic relations to give testimony supporting her petition for divorce from her husband, E. John Brandeis.

She testified that her husband struck her.

Decree will not be signed until a transcript of the testimony has been made.

Property settlement made out of court provides that she shall be paid an annuity of \$8,000 and that her maiden name of Ryan shall be restored to her.

Wives Meet; Do Not Speak.

Mrs. Leo Brunson and Mrs. Marie Griffin met at Central police station Tuesday morning, but they did not speak.

The meeting occurred inadvertently in the office of the chief of detectives.

Mrs. Brunson is the wife of Leo Brunson, companion of Henry McArchie, slain on North Eighteenth street last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Griffin is the wife of Jimmy Griffin, one of three men ordered held by the coroner's jury on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the slaying.

Frank Murphy Promoted.

Frank Murphy and Glen Wright were promoted from patrolmen to the rank of detective sergeant, and James Actor was demoted from the rank of sergeant to the rank of patrolman by the city council Tuesday morning.

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Fear Seals Lips of Underworld in Shooting of Henry McArdle

Mandates of Criminal Ethics, Enforced by Bullets, Imposes Silence on Witnesses.

"Sh-h, be careful! There's Jimmy Griffin!"

If police and detectives are to be believed this warning has been quite a common one in Omaha's underworld—a world where life is surprisingly cheap, where alcohol and "hot" automobiles are commodities for barter and where failure to observe a peculiar code of ethics is not forgotten till a well aimed revolver has spat its death-dealing contents.

Cold and hardened are the men of this world. Yet they are not fearless, and the mention of Jimmie Griffin seals their lips more tightly than a rope gag, according to the police.

Griffin is being held in connection with the McArdle murder. But despite all efforts of police, Griffin remains adamant. He is confronted with strong circumstantial evidence, but he remains sullen and morose, refusing to attempt even to throw the blame elsewhere.

Refuses to Talk.

"I'm not doing any talking," he repeats, when approached from time to time.

Those who remember the famous—or infamous—Maybray gang of Council Bluffs also remember the name of Jimmy Griffin. Yet so far police have been unable to discover a single time when Griffin has served time in prison for a law violation. Bertillon Chief Al Anderson has written to Washington for records of the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth. Kan. But they have not arrived.

Since the inauguration of the Bertillon system at central police station, however, the escapades of Griffin are

less difficult to follow.

The record shows that Griffin was arrested in connection with an alleged automobile robbery ring on September 14, 1917, charged with having a stolen car in his possession. He was not convicted on the charge.

Fined on Liquor Charge.

On November 4, 1917, he was again arrested with William A. Lee for having liquor in their automobile. This time fine of \$100 was administered.

Again on May 16, 1923, Griffin was arrested by U. S. Rohrer, federal prohibition agent for Nebraska, and charged with the unlawful possession and transportation of liquor. But he was discharged.

A lapse of four months and then on September 26, 1923, Griffin was arrested and held for investigation in connection with the payroll sticking up on September 8, when Metropolitan district funds were taken. And again he was released.

Down at the bottom of the Bertillon department sheet, under the "previous record" heading is a notation which reads "Arrested in St. Joseph on June 23, 1918, on suspicion. Released June 24, 1918."

Born in Iowa.

If police have more data on Griffin's record they are not revealing it. They know he was born some where in Iowa; that he at one time occupied as a horse dealer and that his age is 41, his weight 165 pounds.

It is fear of Griffin in the hearts of denizens of the underworld who are "in the know" that makes it difficult to get damaging evidence, police assert.

Fined on Liquor Count.

Harry Hemping, druggist of Fremont, Neb., arrested Monday night at Thirtieth and Farnam streets, was fined \$100 in municipal court for illegal possession of liquor.

Three pint bottles of whisky were found in a bag in the rear of his car. He denied ownership of the liquor.

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