

Today

Sin, Gin, and Gunplay. Around the World Talk. Dollars Are Soldiers. Hideous Survival. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

"Gin, sin and gunplay" is a line that Amos Cummins might have put on a Chicago news story. The woman in the case knows that "gin, sin and gun" make a bad combination. The man doesn't know it, he's dead.

He took the lady "for a round of the cabaret." She tells the police who found the man, W. R. Law, dead at the wheel, "I was so drunk I don't remember very much." Her impression is that there was some discussion as to which was the best shot, and she proved her claim by shooting the gentleman.

In Chicago it is customary to acquit ladies that shoot gentlemen, and almost any excuse will do. It should be hard to convict this lady. If a man filled a monkey up with gin you wouldn't punish the monkey for biting the man. Any gentleman that takes his lady friend to a gin-selling cabaret, mustn't complain if she decides to shoot him.

Thursday night England tried to send radio messages entirely around the world; a talk by Marconi was included in the program. Millions of eager Americans undoubtedly listened. All the stations in this country should have been silent, to give England a full chance at the ether.

Eventually every part of this world will talk to every other part through the air. The great question is, will the planet be able to talk through the ether to other planets? Shall we learn from Mars, 40,000,000 years older than earth, all that it has learned, as children learn from full-grown teachers?

Let's hope so. That will be a short cut to information. Imagine this, in a strange, inter-planetary code: "Planet Mars calling. Lecture for younger planets on simple method of releasing and harnessing pent-up forces of atomic construction."

Morgan & Co. are greatly interested in stabilizing the French franc. They have sold tens of millions of French bonds to their American customers and don't want to see France bankrupt. There is no danger of that.

But there is every reason why Americans should be cautious, to put it mildly, about buying European bonds.

Religion produces strange results in human beings of a certain kind. One man killed his father and mother to atone for the unpardonable sin committed in early youth. He didn't say what the sin was.

From Florida comes the extraordinary story of a girl 18 years old and her mother, killing the girl's father and the woman's husband "by stamping him to death as a thank offering to the Lord."

"They had gone to a religious gathering, taking along the father, a paralytic. He was so much benefited that the wife and daughter, amazed, made the "thank offering."

This is interesting as a survival of ancient days, when the most advanced races sacrificed living human beings to please various pagan deities. Even in our own religious records Abraham undoubtedly would have sacrificed his own son, as an offering, had not the ram miraculously appeared to save the situation.

It is a sign of improvement when the thing which formerly was universally accepted as part of true religion survives only in the half-crazy brains of religious fanatics.

Secretary Mellon takes seriously Europe's debt to the United States. These debts, he tells the senate finance committee, must be collected to pay off bonds issued in this country to make possible loans to Europe.

According to Mr. Mellon, this country will be able to retire its debt of \$20,000,000,000 in about 35 years.

It is to be hoped that successors to Mr. Mellon—who cannot be expected to work for the people indefinitely—will prove as able as he in reducing the public debt.

Rabbi Joseph Silberman, pleading for greater interest in Palestine, says valuable minerals and oil have been discovered there. Standard Oil is now prospecting near the Red sea, and in the Dead sea there is enough potash to supply the world for 400 years. Copper and gold have been found also.

That's news to arouse interest in any country.

Another sign of progress. James Brown used to be coal miner and married a mill girl. Now the British labor government makes him lord high commissioner to the general assembly of the Church of Scotland. For two and one-half centuries only members of the Scottish nobility have held that job. This event, shocking to the nobility, is a tribute to the extraordinary adaptability of the British people and the British constitution. The government they now have in England couldn't exist in the United States without ripping our constitution to pieces. (Copyright, 1924.)

Stilman Loses Fight on Baby Guy

New York, March 14.—Mrs. Anne U. Stilman today won her long legal battle to prevent her husband, James A. Stilman, from reopening of his suit to have baby Guy Stilman declared illegitimate and seeking to establish grounds on which to sue for divorce.

Samuel Hilton Dies.

Samuel Hilton, 79, 2517 Bristol street, died at his home Thursday. He is survived by his wife, Adelaide; one son, Clyde of Crawford, Neb.; two daughters, Miss Edna Hilton and Mrs. E. J. Brainerd, and six brothers. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:30 p. m. at the home.

Means Testifies Handling \$100,000 for Daugherty

Former U. S. Agent Declares He Received Money for Attorney General to Cancel War Claims.

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erty's "bumper and friend," of intimations calculated to prevent his testimony, and of espionage of senators. The most sensational of Means' testimony, if one sensation could be assessed as greater than another, was a charge that he (Means) in February, 1922, received in the old Bellevue hotel here in Washington, \$100,000 from a Japanese representative of the house of Mitsui and company, which he paid over to Smith, and which he said was for the purpose of stopping government prosecution of the Standard Aircraft company against which the War department was claiming overpayments aggregating \$5,000,000. In behalf of Smith, Means further alleged he had received large sums of money which he turned over and which he said were for the purpose of guaranteeing that there would be no prosecution for transportation and showing of the Carpenter-Dempsey prize fight films in interstate commerce.

In other instances Means testified he had received money in connection with "liquor permits." In all these transactions which he alleged Means described himself as the "money carrier."

Replete with details of his activities, Means told a story alleging that in the information of President Harding, through Smith and W. T. Underwood, he had conducted an investigation of Secretary Mellon in connection with liquor permits in New York.

"He slipped through our fingers the first time," Means said, "but we got him."

The office of Senator La Follette, Means testified, had been ransacked by his agents soon after the senator from Wisconsin began agitating investigation of the Teapot Dome scandal, in an effort to "find something damaging." Senator Caraway, dem-

New York, March 14.—Shigeo Fujima, manager of Mitsui & Co., emphatically denied today that a representative of the firm had paid Gaston B. Means \$100,000 for the purpose of stopping government prosecution of the Standard Aircraft company, as alleged by Means in his testimony before the senate committee.

ment of Arkansas, Means further said, also came under espionage after he began attacking Attorney General Daugherty and Mr. Harding. Senator Bruce of Maryland, also a democrat, and newly elected, Means testified, came under espionage, but Means did not know much about it.

On Aircraft Cases. Senator Wheeler, democrat of Montana, interjected into Means' testimony at that point that he understood five men were "checking up on him in Montana," and Senator Brookhart, insurgent republican of Iowa, chairman of the investigation, added that he understood he was being looked after, too.

A great deal of Means' testimony today turned about the aircraft cases. He was assisted in his presentation by Captain R. L. Scaife, a former investigator for the Department of Justice, who since he left the department has been agitating congressional investigation of the subject. Means emphasized that he gave Scaife a fully clean bill of health in the affair and did not connect him in any way with the corruption he alleged.

"Scaife wouldn't know how to collect money," said Means.

The prize fight films were first shown in Washington, Means testified, at the home of E. B. McLean, the publisher and central figure in the Teapot Dome inquiry. President Harding, Secretary Hughes and other notables were there, Means testified, consulting his records.

Means went into detail as to how the money was brought to him by messengers in payments on the prize fight film, "deal," saying he had "as much as six or seven thousand dollars" in his hands at one time in that way.

He was pressed by Senator Moses and other committee members to estimate the aggregate of these "collections."

Referring to his recent indictment, Means said: "When the department was saying I was in Europe, I was in my house. They told me to lie low and I did. I phoned over to Assistant Attorney General Crim and told him I was ready to see him, but they said, 'oh no, we don't want to see you.'"

SAYS SMITH APPEARED UNEASY. In the aircraft investigation Means said he looked into the sale of American models to the Japanese government by the Standard Aircraft company.

Senator Wheeler emphasized to the committee that the record of the Daugherty impeachment case brought out the attorney general's alleged failure to prosecute the aircraft case. An overpayment by the government of over \$6,500,000 was alleged.

After payment of the \$100,000 in the air craft "deal" Means said he learned the source of the money from Jesse Smith, who asked him if he had told any one about it.

"He seemed to be very uneasy to see if it had been mentioned," said Means, stating that Smith was annoyed because several "progressives" had been elected to congress and "might cause trouble."

Means could not say whether the air craft case was withdrawn by the War Department from the Department of Justice before or after the \$100,000 payment. He said the \$100,000 was the source of the \$100,000 in the fall of 1922, Means said.

"After he had become apprehensive about the election of progressives," asked Senator Moses, and Means replied in the affirmative.

Senator Moses referred to a conference between him and Means on

the Bosch magneto case, and Means said Smith had feared that he (Means) was telling Senator Moses something of the \$100,000 transaction.

MEN SENT TO ARKANSAS.

Men were sent to Arkansas to investigate Senator Caraway, Means testified, and Senator Wheeler said he had telegrams that five Department of Justice agents were "checking up" on him in Montana.

Chairman Brookhart interjected that he had heard that "one is out in Iowa checking up on me too."

Means said also that some "gum shoe man" had called on the telephone and told him he would be shot or jailed if he testified.

Means said Thomas B. Felder, his attorney, had told him that if he testified, he would be indicted "any number of times."

Felder told him, the witness continued, there would be so many indictments, that he, Means, would be unable to get bail.

Friends also talked to him, Means said, and Sydney Bieber of Washington urged him "not to hurt the republican party and the attorney general."

RECEIVED MONEY FOR NONINTERFERENCE. The man who telephoned him had a "vast knowledge" of the Department of Justice, Means said. He told him the attorney general had written a letter which would prevent his testifying.

Means added that his telephone wires were tapped, that he had it arranged so he could tell when it was tapped, and that he had it fixed so he could detect tapping.

Turning back to the Carpenter-Dempsey prize fight films, Means said he had received money for noninterference in showing the films, and the money was turned over by him to Jess Smith.

"He collected it for himself, but whether he turned it over to anybody else I don't know," said Means.

"The fight film was first shown here at E. B. McLean's house," he said, with President Harding present. Other witnesses, Means added, consulting a notebook, included Secretary Hughes.

The owners of the pictures, he said, were Jess Smith, Howard Mannington, Will Orr, whom he identified as ex-secretary to former Governor Whitman of New York, and a Japanese name, Hama.

Payments to Smith on the fight pictures, Means said, were "some times \$3,000 or \$4,000, and were brought to Smith by 'a man.'"

Jesse Smith afterwards told him, Means said, of receipts of money as "his part from the showing of the films."

RECEIVED MONEY IN LIQUOR DEALS. Means answered "yes" when asked if he had not also received money in connection with liquor transactions, which he had referred.

Means said that in receiving money from Smith in the film case, the most he had received at one time was \$6,000 or \$7,000.

In the ownership of the fight films, Senator Wheeler sought to identify Smith as the representative of the attorney general and the Japanese name as being connected with Mr. McLean. Means said that was his understanding.

Means said he had handled "maybe \$50,000" in money delivered to him by messengers in connection with the showing of the fight films, for delivery to the owners of the pictures.

The committee adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Johnson to Speak in Omaha, March 24

Lincoln, March 14.—Senator Hiram Johnson will fill eight speaking engagements during the three days he will be back in Nebraska to complete his personal campaign for the presidential preference vote in the republican state primary. The itinerary was announced by Manager Frank A. Harrison as follows:

March 24—Norfolk, 10 a. m.; Fremont, 3:30 p. m.; Omaha Auditorium, evening.

March 25—Beatrice, 10 a. m.; Fairbury, 2 p. m.; Grand Island, evening.

March 26—Hastings, 9 a. m.; Falls City, 4:30 p. m.

Fire Damages Roof.

Fire department was called Friday morning to extinguish a roof fire at the home of Mrs. J. Gillet, 4320 South Twentieth street. Damage was slight.

SPECIALS

Saturday, Monday, Tuesday
Desk Lamp, brass finish, regular \$2.50, complete, \$2.00
Electric Iron, regular \$1.25, at 95c
Electric Bell, complete with battery, wire, button, regular \$1.75
Auto Stop Light, regular \$5.50, \$3.95
Spot Light, regular \$2.50, at \$2.00

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General Supply Co.
Hardware, Paint and Glass
2404 Cumings AT 5826

FOR RENT
Upright and Grand Pianos. Some as low as \$8.00 per month. Free tuning and insurance. Rent allowed if you decide to purchase later.
Schmolter & Mueller
1814-16-18-20-22-24-26-28-30-32-34-36-38-40-42-44-46-48-50-52-54-56-58-60-62-64-66-68-70-72-74-76-78-80-82-84-86-88-90-92-94-96-98-100
Tel. Dodge St. Piano Co. AT. 1858

Mate Freed to Return to Wife

Omahan Declines to Prosecute Young Iowa Check Suspect.

Arthur E. Pixley, 24, arrested Thursday charged with cashing a bad check at the Kinney shoe store, was released in municipal court Friday morning when Arthur Grindler, manager of the store, declined to prosecute.

Grindler said the check had been made good.

When he was arrested Thursday Pixley has letters on his person from his wife, Freda, and from his parents at Centerville, Ia., both urging him to give up forging checks and return to his home.

Assistant Postmaster. His father is assistant postmaster at Centerville, Ia. Pixley served during the war in Company E, 17th infantry. Later he became instructor in business arithmetic in a school at Knoxville, Ia. He was arrested Thursday night in his room at the Y. M. C. A.

The letter from his wife, now living at Pella, Ia., reads in part as follows: "Do you realize what it means to forge a check? Five years in the penitentiary and where would I be at the end? I'd sure be in my grave and you a disgraced son."

"I know, Dear Heart, you don't think far enough ahead or you would not do this. Now, listen: You write Dad and ask him if there is something you can do in Centerville so you can come back and make good and start over. That is the town to do it in and I am afraid we will never be able to make it in Omaha if things don't change."

Warnings that "from now on he must make his own way" and a plea to "cut the crooked work" are contained in a letter signed "Daddy," reading in part:

"We have talked over your long distance message and have decided we might as well stop now as any time. We have sent you money to come home on twice, once to a pool hall on Harney street and the next time to the police station and

you still are there. So we think it's up to you now to get your own money and take care of yourself and Freda.

"We would have been able to make a nice payment on this debt and cut the interest if you had taken our advice and cut the crooked stuff. As it is we can't meet our debts."

"From now on you can make your own money and spend it as you see fit, but you can't spend any more of ours."

"We can't believe anything you say, not one word, for you have proved to the contrary most of the time. Even when you had your nose inside of the pen you failed."

"We have saved you twice."

"We never hear from you except when you want money and then by wire at 1 in the morning when all honest folks are in bed. DADDY."

Another letter signed, "Momi and Dad" pleaded with the young man not to "treat Freda as you treated your first wife."

The judge this morning advised Pixley to return to his wife. He said he would.

Bryan Fires Guns; Pleads Economy

Lincoln, March 14.—In a lengthy statement to "the taxpayers of Nebraska," Governor Bryan formally opened his campaign for re-election this afternoon.

For his administration the governor claims a 13 per cent reduction in taxes over 1922, a saving of \$86,500 in administration costs and a 50 per cent reduction in the number of employees under his control.

The governor reiterates previous claims of large savings through threatened competition with the oil and gravel industries and the sale of coal.

Denouncing the republican majority in the last legislature, Governor Bryan blames it for failure to repeal the code law, and the intangible tax law.

Kiwanis Delegates. Max I. Walker, president of the Kiwanis club of Omaha, and Lester Ladd, secretary, have been chosen delegates to the convention of Kiwanis International to be held at Denver in June.

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