

Today

Rostal Workers Pay.
Priceless Roxie Stinson.
One Shameful Slander.
When Law Is Ridiculous.
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Salaries of postoffice employees should be increased. It costs them all more to live, it costs mail carriers much more to buy shoes.

Work put upon all employees is greater. The physical load on the backs of letter carriers, with parcel post and all the rest of it, is doubled.

You appreciate postoffice workers, so please wire to your congressman and to your senators, urging support for the bill to increase post-office salaries.

Uncle Sam should set an example as a good employer, and pay the people's employees decent wages.

If there is even 1 per cent of truth in the narratives now unfolding at Washington it would mean that this country has been selecting extraordinary low grade moral morons to look after public business.

However, the stories of Gaston B. Means, and the priceless Miss Roxie Stinson, must be carefully scrutinized, not swallowed whole.

One statement to the effect that Mr. Mellon "was caught in a deal to issue permits for whiskey withdrawals" is utterly idiotic. That weakens the other stories.

The idiotic statement that President Harding ordered criminals "to get Mellon" is unworthy even of its own source.

Mr. Mellon has a fortune of several hundred millions. To suggest that he would violate the law, putting himself in the power of subordinates, for the sake of a few dollars is more than preposterous.

But that is not the important fact. Mr. Mellon is an honorable, ambitious man, sacrificing private interests to serve the public. In handling national finance he has rendered great service and it is most outrageous that such a man should be the object of widespread malicious slander.

One of the charges made by Gaston B. Means can be verified or disproved beyond question, fortunately. He alleges that the law forbidding interstate transportation of prize fighting films was violated for the amusement of a few powerful men. If it be true that the Dempsey-Carpenter fight films were shown in Washington at the house of E. B. McLean, with prominent officials present, that can easily be proved. Those involved would hardly conspire to commit perjury in connection with that incident.

It would not be surprising to find so-called "minor laws" such as laws against prize fight pictures set aside, as not "intended" for important people, in view of the national attitude toward the prohibition law.

Violation and ridicule of law is actually a part of hospitality all over the country. In breeding contempt for law and a new army of criminals prohibition may do more harm in 10 years than whiskey has done in all time.

Bolshevism knows how to do as the Romans do in spite of stern communist theories. Mussolini has recognized Russia's government and Jurenoff, the Russian ambassador at Rome, lives in a magnificent villa, with an army of servants in fine liveries.

Human beings are much like. Give them power, and they use it, money and they spend it. Their desire is to excel, in show, if in no other way.

Labor, the organ of union workers, says Henry Ford's railroad is earning 100 per cent dividends a year. "Ford bought the common stock for \$1 a share and it is worth at least \$100 a share. Earnings in January were 300 per cent higher than in January, a year ago.

One hundred per cent profit a year seems to show that Ford knows how to run a railroad. Railroad men will tell you that his road is profitable because he gives his own business to the road and it cannot help making money. There may be something in that.

The curious thing is that Ford wanted to cut freight rates for the general public and the authorities wouldn't let him. Perhaps other railroads thought it a bad example.

Rush Rhees, jr., 18-year-old, shocks his father, president of the University of Rochester. He disagrees entirely with Dr. Forbes, his professor of ethics at the university, and although son of the university president, he is put out of the ethics class.

Young Mrs. Rhees says, "From a Puritan I have revolted into an atheist."

"Law is opposed to any notion of ethics, it is a system of compulsion, it does away with individual freedom." So says young Revolutionary Rhees, who thinks he is an anarchist.

It distresses the father, amazes the professor of ethics, and shocks the city. But there is no harm in it, quite the contrary.

China stagnates because since the days of Confucius each young man has worshipped his great grandfather and adopted the latter's opinions.

The white races have advanced because the young men have branched out, mentally, for themselves. Often like young Mr. Rhees, they have been mistaken and foolish. But at least they have done their own thinking and that has brought about progress. Without it there is none.

Judge Bartlett, in Philadelphia, decides that when grape juice ferments that is "an act of God" and of course, nobody can be punished for God's own act. That's an important decision if sustained. It means that you may squeeze the juice out of grapes, and when fermentation produces alcohol you may drink it and give it to your friends. In other words, making wine is legal, since God and not man does the work.

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Daugherty Is Linked With Fight Films

Ex-Agent of Department of Justice Testifies Jap Muma Said Attorney General Head of Deal.

(Continued From Page One.)

quiere and one of those named as a backer of the distribution plan. Holdridge read to the committee under oath a long statement regarding his conversations with Muma, and at the end of the statement there was an endorsement by Thomas Spelly, another former department agent, saying the assertions made were "absolutely true." Spelly, Holdridge said, was present when he talked with Muma.

After he had heard Muma's story, Holdridge went on, he came to Washington and related it to William J. Burns, head of the Justice department's bureau of investigation. Instead of ordering any prosecutions, however, he said, Burns transferred him to a long-pending bank case. Some time afterward, he said, he quit the government service "in disgust."

CALL ON MUMA.

The witness said his connection as special agent for the Department of Justice was between October, 1920, and 1922, during which time he was stationed at Albany.

He went to New York, however, Holdridge said, and he and another, Thomas Spelly, while investigating a lottery case, called on Jap Muma, Cincinnati Enquirer correspondent, at Spelly's suggestion. Muma previously had been named as one of the film exhibition syndicate.

Muma told him, the witness said, that he believed another agent was "looking for a shakedown." Muma also mentioned, he said, that he was very friendly with Mr. Burns and also Mr. Daugherty.

After he returned to Albany, the witness said, he mentioned to Spelly that he was preparing to report on the Dempsey-Carpenter fight film case.

"With some excitement," he testified, "Spelly told me the man at the head of the whole thing was Jap Muma. I took him to a quiet place and told him to tell all about it."

Muma produced two letters signed by the attorney general during his conversation, the witness said "flushed" them, but did not let him read them. They were, "My dear Muma," and were on department stationery, he continued, and the gist appeared to be "replying to Muma asking for help for some in the way of promotions or otherwise."

Spelly told him, the witness said, "that the man at the head of the whole thing" was Jap Muma, and that he was "standing in" on it.

Muma said Quimby became alarmed after talks with Spelly and Ralph Navarro, department agents and went to Washington to see McLean, Holdridge testified. Muma said he told McLean that (he Muma) was headed for the Atlanta penitentiary, the witness quoted Muma as saying.

Then, he said, Muma told him McLean "got in touch with Mr. Daugherty."

"I do," Holdridge said emphatically when Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, asked he believed the attorney general and Burns were "a couple of crooks."

Holdridge said Muma told that on July 5, 1921, he (Muma) brought films here and went to the home of Edward B. McLean, the publisher.

The pictures were exhibited at McLean's house, the witness said, and Postmaster General New and various cabinet officers and ambassadors were present.

Mr. Daugherty, Mr. New and George Christian, President Harding's secretary, discussed with Muma the exhibition of the films, the witness said Muma told him.

Muma said Mr. Daugherty told him, according to the witness, that the law prohibited only transportation of the films and suggested to Muma that he take up the matter with A. R. Urien, a lawyer here.

Muma said he had "reached an understanding" with Urien, Holdridge stated. He added that Muma told him "we went to it."

HAS TALK WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Describing the exhibition at McLean's house, the witness said:

"Acting on agreements previously made on or about July 4, 1921, Muma left New York for Washington."

Holdridge then said Muma told him of the private showing here, attended by the president and members of the cabinet.

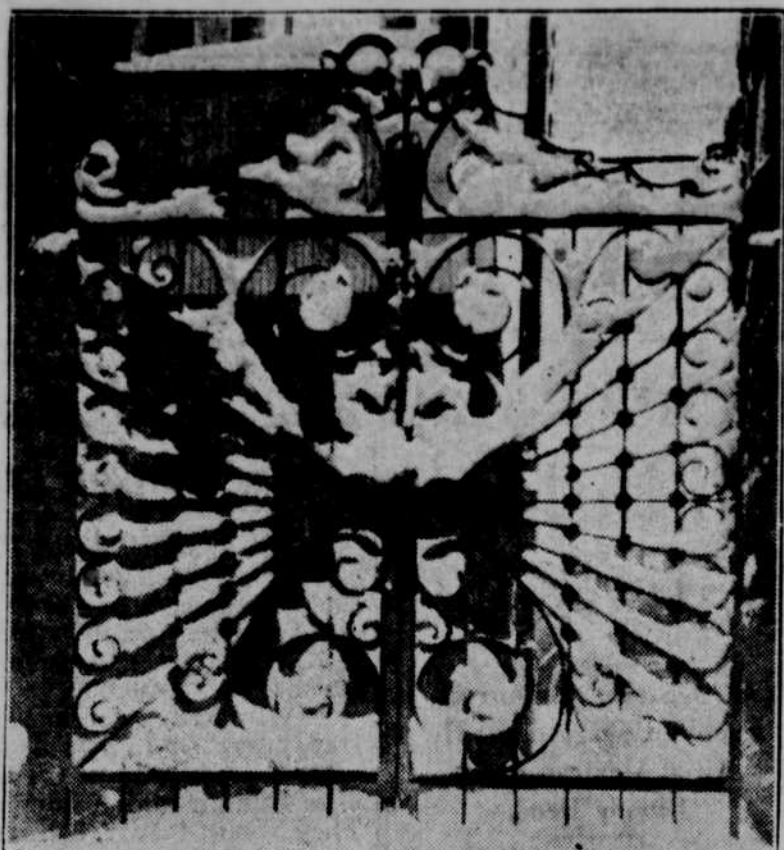
"Following the exhibition of the pictures," Holdridge went on, "Muma had a talk with Attorney General Daugherty and the president."

Secretary Christian, Secretary Hughes and Mr. New joined them. The discussion became general.

"He told me it seemed to be the general opinion that it was a shame people could not see them," the witness added.

"Later Muma, talking with the attorney general, he told me, was told that the law against the pictures was solely directed to transportation. Muma said Attorney General Daugherty directed him to see Alfred R. Urien, an attorney in Washington."

Snow Craft on Downtown Gate



Fairy fingers were at work in Omaha Sunday night building delicate traceries over base of gates and fences. Here is a design worthy of Benvenuto Cellini himself, left by the snow craftsman on the iron gate in the passageway off Farnam street, between the city hall and the Peters Trust building.

Only the fact that there was no wind during the night permitted the snow to accumulate in this manner.

Muma broke out to me: "He's the greatest middleman in the world." "He said he saw Urien and that he told him what to do," Holdridge resumed. "He said he had great influence with both the democratic and republican parties and with the big newspapers."

Muma then was quoted as saying there was to be a "goat" to be arrested in each state and pay the fine for exhibiting the pictures.

Muma explained that it was "necessary to get a line on the attitude of each federal judge," Holdridge went on.

In one state, he said, "there was doubt as to the attitude of one judge, who might insist on jail sentences." Spelly was present when Muma told his story to him, Holdridge said.

He added that Spelly is in St. Louis, Senator Wheeler immediately ordered a subpoena.

SHOWED FILM CONTRACT OF MUMA.

Muma showed him a copy of a contract, said Holdridge, under which "he, under the name of Martin, received 50 per cent of the profits."

The names of Rickard and Quimby also appeared as signers of the contract, the witness said.

The witness was reading from a prepared statement and Senator Jones, republican, Washington, asked how long it was after that conversation, "that you made up this memorandum."

"I made notes as soon as I got out of the place," Holdridge said, "and made up this type in the account later."

Spelly "heard all the conversation," Holdridge said.

"McLean got in touch with the attorney general," Holdridge went on, "who called in W. J. Burns and Muma went to talk with Burns."

"Burns said at the beginning of the interview,"

"If you are trying to intercede for Tex Rickard, it is no use, for I am going to send him to Atlanta."

Muma was quoted then as saying Burns had stalked around his office and declared everybody around the department seemed to know what was happening except himself.

After this interview, Muma, the witness said, "went back to New York with an easier mind."

"Did he tell you Burns had given him assurance of personal safety?" Senator Jones put in.

"He did not say that; just that his mind was easier."

"Was Muma ever prosecuted?" Senator Wheeler asked.

"Not to my knowledge."

"It was just the goats who were prosecuted?"

"That was all."

Holdridge said he learned that John Haas, another secret agent who was investigating the film matter, also had been sent to Haiti.

The records he got from the Department of Justice, the witness said, showed only 11 or 12 fines, whereas Muma had said they had exhibited in 21 or 22 states and fines were imposed.

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U. S. Accuses E. L. Doheny of Bribing Fall

Suit Filed at Los Angeles by Oil Counsel Asks Cancellation of California Leases.

By International News Service.

Los Angeles, March 17.—Bribery of former Secretary of Interior Albert B. Fall by Edward L. Doheny, was charged today by the government in filing a suit in the federal court to cancel the California oil leases of the Pan-American Petroleum company, obtained through Fall.

On the basis of testimony brought out in the senate's oil investigations, the government's counsel, Atlee Pomeroy and Owen J. Roberts, declared that Doheny and Fall conspired to defraud the United States through the leases and that Doheny paid Fall \$100,000 for his services in giving the Pan-American company, of which Doheny is president, control over the oil bearing lands in naval reserve No. 1.

As in the suit filed last week in Cheyenne, Wyo., to cancel the Teapot Dome lease to Harry F. Sinclair, the government based its charge on illegality of the transaction.

"The representations made by Fall," the government bill said, "were to the effect that said order was proper, necessary and for the best interests of the government of the United States and the public, all of which representations were false, fraudulent and untrue, and at the time known to be false and untrue, and were made for the purpose of obtaining for the benefit of the public interest, but for the unlawful purpose of enabling him to effect a fraudulent transfer of rights in said lands to Doheny."

To Defend Federal States.

"Subsequent to the making of the said order, Fall and Doheny did combine, confederate and conspire to defraud the United States. . . . Pursuant to said conspiracy it was agreed and arranged between Fall and Doheny that in the event certain rights were created in defendants, Fall was to receive certain rewards from Doheny, and in fact did receive certain rewards from Doheny, in consideration of his unlawful conduct in the furtherance of said conspiracy."

"On or about November 30, 1921, in furtherance of the conspiracy between Fall and Doheny, Doheny did pay unto Fall that certain reward theretofore promised him, to wit, the sum of \$100,000 lawful money of the United States of America."

"With respect to the contract under which Doheny was to construct fuel oil storage facilities at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, for the Navy department in return for oil taken from the California lease, the government charges that this agreement was negotiated and consummated in such a way that competitive bidding was impossible pursuant to the conspiracy above set forth."

After entering the foregoing, the attorneys for the government asked the court to take the following steps:

1. Issue a temporary injunction stopping all operations under the Doheny lease of December 11, 1922.

2. Appoint a receiver to control the property pending the litigation.

3. Grant a final injunction barring all officials and employees of the company from trespassing on the naval reserve.

4. Enter a decree nullifying the Doheny leases and agreements with Fall.

5. Order Doheny to deliver the leases and agreements to the government for cancellation.

6. Enter a decree compelling the Pan-American company to account for all the oil and other minerals it has taken from the reserve.

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Patrol Conductor Back.

Anthony Smith, patrol conductor at the South Omaha station, returned to Omaha Monday from Eureka Springs, Ark., where he had spent the last two months, due to ill-health.

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Farmer Builds Observatory



At a cost of \$75, Frank Carrington, a Washita (Okla.) farmer, built this observatory. It is said to equal in effectiveness many of the country's largest ones.

Will of Sister Under Attack

Relatives Object to Estate Going to Husband's Relatives.

Alleging that the late Mrs. Lilly C. Myers, who lived at 6604 Minne Lusa boulevard, was influenced by fraud and coercion to make a will leaving her property to her husband, her relatives filed objections in county court Monday to allowance of the will.

Objectors are Elwood Hollister, Hastings, her half-brother; Ella Libby of Council Bluffs and Alice Barrett of Eldorado, Mo., half-sisters.

Mrs. Myers died August 11, 1923. Mr. Myers died January 12, 1923. Her estate amounted to upward \$10,000.

The objectors say her husband agreed to make a will leaving his estate to her if she made one leaving her estate to him. This, they say, he did not do and that therefore they are shut out from the estate which Mrs. Myers left.

Their attorney said the estate amounts to \$100,000 worth of land.

Parliament Accords St. Patrick Homage First Time in History

London, March 17.—Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, today received recognition from the British parliament for the first time in history.

A mosaic of St. Patrick was unveiled in both houses of parliament.

Premier MacDonald will propose a toast to the Irish free state at a St. Patrick's day banquet tonight.

Laf, laf, laf. Send in just as many lads as you like to the Local Laf Editor, The Omaha Bee. The more the merrier.

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Cosgrave Pleads for Irish Peace

Appeals to His Countrymen Throughout the World to Restore Harmony.

By International News Service.

Dublin, March 17.—President William T. Cosgrave today addressed a message through International News Service to all Irish men and women throughout the world appealing to them to assist in establishing peace and unity throughout the Free State. The message follows:

"In honoring St. Patrick's day, Irish men and women proclaim the unity of their race of which St. Patrick is the symbol. Upon this recurrence of his festival let us pray that the spirit of St. Patrick's teachings may form our deliberations and regulate our actions so that the differences of opinion may always be discussed without rancor, as they may be adjusted without violence."

"Only thus can we hope that the wounds that have been inflicted upon our country can be healed. Now that the heat of conflict has abated, those who, from honest motives opposed the government without hindrance from the government, should now be convinced of the necessity of dropping their attitude of hostility and of putting their shoulders to the wheel, working with their fellow countrymen for the regeneration and rebuilding of the nation. To all of such we extend a welcoming hand."

"We extend the hand of welcome to our separated countrymen in the northeast in the hope that misunderstandings of the past may be cleared away and that a real community of interest and of spirit may be realized and brought into effect. To them we speak once more in the words of the poet, 'We are one at heart if you be Ireland's friend; there are but two parties in the end.'"

"By 'countrymen in the northeast' the President Cosgrave referred to the residents of Ulster province who refused to accept the free state and have their own independent government."

By Associated Press.

Dublin, March 17.—St. Patrick day, a public and bank holiday in Ireland, lacked some of the features of past years. There was no procession or demonstration by the Gaelic league, which formerly was a feature of the day.

Dublin was to a large extent dry. The saloons were not all closed but the Bar Assistants' association appealed to all its members to refrain from work "on the national feast day" so that virtually the only public houses open were those in which the owners, with assistance of their families, carried on the business.

Mrs. Mary Phillips Dies.

Mrs. Mary Eliza Phillips, 68, died Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Smith, 2019 Avenue A, Council Bluffs, after a brief illness.

She is