

Criminals Spotted By Finger Prints Taken in Draft

Government Establishes a Bureau With Millions of Finger Prints—To Aid in Running Down Criminals.

Washington, April 23.—In the identification section of the War department in the old Ford theater, where Abraham Lincoln was shot, there has been collected a mass of evidence which is expected during the years to come to play an important part in the conviction of thousands of criminals, and likewise to aid in the exoneration of perhaps other thousands of innocent men who through force of circumstances became objects of suspicion.

The evidence in question is the finger print records of more than 5,000,000 men whose imprints were taken when they came in contact with the machinery of the selective service organization of the War department during the war. Scarcely a day passes that the War department is not called upon by the police of various cities and towns throughout the country to try to identify the finger prints of some one who has been involved in a crime or fatal accident.

Helped Solve Wanderer Case.

A recent inquiry from Chicago in connection with the notorious Carl Wanderer murder case is perhaps typical. "The ragged stranger," who is alleged to have been shot by Lieutenant Wanderer while the stranger was staging a fake holdup for which Wanderer had paid him a small sum of money, had never been satisfactorily identified. The police believed him to be Earl Keesee of Milwaukee, and that he had served in the army either under the name of Keesee or that of Edward Morgan of Texas.

Knowing that the finger print records of every man who had served in the army since the identification system was installed were on file with the War department, they sent the fingerprints to Washington for comparison. Investigation showed that a man named Earl Keesee had enlisted in the army from Milwaukee, but the finger prints of Keesee were different from those of the "ragged stranger." It was found that no less than six Edward Morgans had served in the army and that two of them were from Texas, but the finger prints of the man slain in Chicago did not tally with those of any of the Edward Morgans who had served in the army.

Handy for Sheriffs.

So prolific has the identification section of the army become as a means of capturing criminals that every now and then the department has to squelch some ambitious sheriff who tries to make the service pay him dividends. The method ordinarily used is simple. A sheriff makes a collection of notices of reward offered for the capture of criminals. Then he arrests every tramp that comes his way, takes his finger prints and sends them to the War department in Washington for identification. As the War department has the finger print records of practically every able-bodied young man in the United States, it often happens the War department is able to tell the sheriff the name of the man he has in custody.

Checks List.

Thereupon the sheriff checks over his list of rewards offered and if he finds the captive's name among them he immediately notifies the persons offering the reward and then proceeds to collect.

The identification section of the War department is in charge of Walter S. Kaye, who was the organizer of the first "identity section" in use for the purpose of the War department. The main purpose of the identity section is to identify unknown dead in time of war, and to keep undesirable ex-service men from re-enlisting under assumed names. Lately it has been supplying identification records to soldiers, necessary in securing discharges, and in addition has been a source of great assistance to the police in identifying criminals among discharged service men.

If You Want a Mountain Lion or Buffalo, Ask Him

Chicago, April 23.—Any buffalo today? Or, would you like some Rocky mountain sheep, mountain lions or antelope for your zoo or country place?

Howard Eaton, ranchman, of Wolf, Wyo., is in Chicago to fill orders for anything from elk to prairie dogs. He is a product of the west—the west that Frederic Remington and Bret Hart knew.

He went west in 1868 and now owns a ranch near the Big Horn mountains. The Custer trail passes near. Buffalo used to come close to his land. Indians raided his corral.

In 1888 he caught the last buffalo calves on the open range and now he is interested in the preservation of the bison, of which there are 3,000 in the United States.

Mr. Eaton was a friend of Buffalo Bill, Theodore Roosevelt, Texas Jack, Yellowstone Kelly, John Burroughs and others and has entertained on his ranch members of royal families and distinguished persons from all over the world.

English Air Omnibus Will Carry 2 1-2 Tons of Freight

London, April 23.—A three-decker air omnibus, fitted with 240-horse-power engine, is being built by the Bristol Airplane Construction company for the air ministry. It carries two and one-half tons of freight.

The air ministry reports that during 1920 the value of imports and exports by air exceeded \$5,000,000. The principal classes of goods carried were clothes, furs, watches, wireless apparatus, human hair, paintings and cinema films.

Shades of Grandmother!

Look What's Happened Now

London, April 23.—Fashion has, without warning, introduced the ermine into the new evening dresses. All the fashion graces of the last century are to be seen embodied in them. Some of the models are designed with rows of piped frills and flounces, while others are executed entirely in black and velvet.

Heart Secrets of a Fortune Teller

By RACHEL MACK.
A Woman's Temper.

A young fellow with a sad, shy smile drits in today and sits twirling his hat dejectedly while awaiting my attention. Something tells me at first glance that some girl has him on the rack, and one look from those appealin' brown eyes of his enlists me on his side forever.

"You are seekin' occult advice?" I asks, assumin' a business-like air and hoping to win his confidence.

"I am," he answers, extendin' his palm for examination and lookin' slyer than ever.

"Of course, I start with the fifth finger base and probe for the signs of romance. 'Only one love line of any depth,' I exclaim, 'and your heart line spells fidelity with a capital F!'

"Yes," he answers seriously, "there's never been but one girl in the world for me. I thought when I won her that I was sitting on top of the world."

"Then you're engaged?" I asks with genuine interest.

"I'm married," he states simply.

This comes as a knock-down surprise to me and opens the door to some unexpected propositions. "Domestic troubles," I suggest tactfully, putting out a feeler, "are often too slight to register lines on the human palm."

"My domestic troubles did seem slight at first," he answers gravely, "but each misunderstanding has been worse than the one before and this last quarrel is just about to wreck the good old ship of matrimony!"

"Well, son," I says, graspin' the situation perfectly, "if this one doesn't, the next one probably will! If there's one thing that'll lead a couple straight to the divorce court at 90 miles per, it's the daily quarrel habit."

"I know that's true," he agrees helplessly. "That's why I've always made the overtures of peace and patched up the misunderstandings. Kitty never means half she says when she's mad! She was born with that temper and she's had it ever since. At times it seems like a mild sort of insanity with her. She simply gets wild with anger and says anything that comes into her head."

"And of course she's very sorry afterward," I venture, sizing up at long range.

"Indeed she is!" he agrees loyally. "After I've apologized for the cause of the quarrel and won her back to good humor she's always ready to kiss me and forget it all. I'm generally not to blame at all, he goes on to explain, "but, you see, I happen to know that apologizing to Kitty is the surest way to win her over. That's the way her own family used to manage her."

"Kitty's older sister," he says confidentially, "tipped me off to a few things the day before we were married—told me if Kitty flew into a rage on the honeymoon just to cut the self-defense and surrender without argument. I found it worked perfectly!"

"But the quarrels have been getting worse and more frequent?" I asked.

"Yes," he says, "they have. And this morning she ordered me to leave and never speak to her again until I was invited. I tried to win her over in the usual way, but she rushed to her room and locked the door in my face. I couldn't get an answer from her so I left and I've

been walking the streets ever since trying to figure a way out."

"Well, son," I offers candidly, "if you're wanting me to slip you a hint on the effective method of apologizing to this little feminine volcano you're going to be disappointed. Because in my opinion these temporary little kiss-and-make-up scenes you're stagin', with yourself in the role of repentant slave, are all bunk! It's about to ruin your wife's disposition and your own happiness. She may be a wonderful little wife, but she's got a wonderful little temper, too, and she's going to cultivate those pet tantrums of hers as long as you're soft enough to stand for them."

"Is this occult advice?" he asks curiously.

"No," I answers, "it's just womanology, but it's as old as the Garden of Eden. I want you to hold up that honest right mit of yours and swear that you'll take Kitty at her word and not speak to her until you're invited to! I want you to swear that you'll stand like Stone-

wall Jackson till the enemy waves a flag of truce and eats her humble pie to the last crust! Will you?"

"I hereby swear!" he says, holding up his hand; and a certain new sporting light in his eye tells me I don't need to fear he'll weaken!

Then I sent him out with a "bon voyage" and called it a day.

(Next—Should She Confess?)

Cotton? They Grow It, But Wear It? Well, I Guess Not

Greenville, S. C., April 23.—Women in the south who wear silk stockings and—um—other things will be the object of a movement launched here to enhance the value of cotton products.

Strangely enough, the south, home of cotton, is sadly addicted to the use of silk. Therefore a movement has been started urging southern women to wear dresses made of cotton goods alone. F. Gordon Cobb, mill superintendent, started the movement, which has been taken up by the Greenville chamber of commerce. Other cities will be asked to help.

Remarkable Ability Shown by La Fayette Car as Hill Climber

As a hill-climber and a wonderful automobile from every angle the LaFayette is due much credit, asserts Ralph Hitchcock of the LaFayette-Hayward company. No hill in Omaha or Council Bluffs has proved too much for the high-gear stamina of the LaFayette.

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War Correspondent Urges Australians to Visit U. S.

Melbourne, April 22.—Americans know as much about Australians as they know about the people of Mars, while Australians know as much about Americans as they know about the cannibals at the head of the Fly

river in New Guinea. This is the belief of Lowell Thomas, the American war correspondent, expressed recently before the British Empire League here.

The differences of opinion existing between Americans and Australians, Mr. Thomas said, is due to the lack of acquaintance. The only way in

which the mutual ignorance could be dispelled is by the exchange of visits between the peoples of the two countries. Australians should seize the opportunity to visit America during their journeys to Great Britain.

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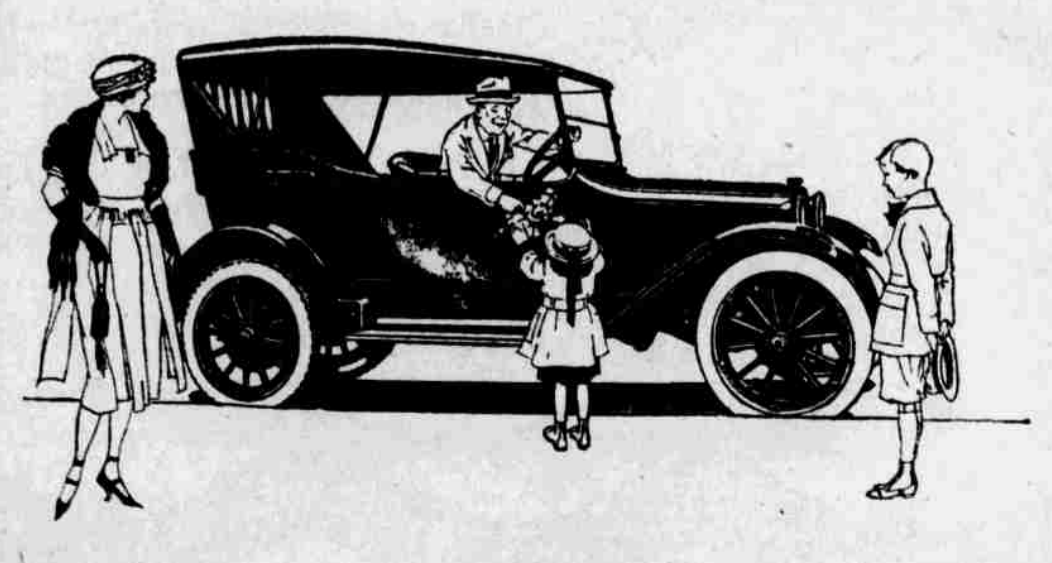
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