

### WHAT WILL CHECK AMERICA'S CARNIVAL OF CRIME?

In Chicago more than a thousand denizens of the underworld were recently rounded up in a swift series of spectacular raids which marked the advent of a new chief of police. In New York City, since the first of the year, the Tribune tells us, "the unsolved murders alone total more than 100," and the hold-ups, robberies, and thefts reported by the police represent a property loss of more than \$3,100,000. In Philadelphia, according to the Inquirer of that city, there have been 100 murders in eleven months; and a recent record of fifty hold-ups in one day has resulted in plans for a special motorcycle squad of bandit-chasing riflemen. In Pittsburgh, according to a correspondent, "there has been an increase of 20 per cent in crime this year," and "13 murders remain unsolved by the police." In Boston, says the Herald of that city, "holdups by gunmen are becoming increasingly numerous." In Cincinnati the Commercial Tribune states that "every agency of rob-

bery is working overtime." In St. Louis conditions have recently compelled Chief of Police O'Brien to organize a "drive against gunmen, gangsters, and the criminal forces generally. Cleveland's records show 70 murders. Detroit confesses to an increase in homicides and robberies over its average for the last six years. In San Francisco the head of the detective bureau reports that "crimes or violence have increased since the advent of prohibition." In Seattle "robberies, hold-ups, and burglaries have been occurring with disturbing frequency," according to the Seattle Times, which adds, "the entire country is experiencing a veritable epidemic of crime."

### QUIT CORSETS

The late dances have been the cause of much criticism during past years, but now comes a thriller that will be appreciated by those who condemn the wearing of corsets. Boys who patronize the dances, dub girls who wear corsets as "old ironides."

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### LOMITA CHECKS IN LOOT

When Paul Sauer, 17-year-old messenger boy for the Security Trust and Savings Bank was robbed of \$65,000 in broad daylight in the downtown district of Los Angeles last week, several checks deposited in the State Bank of Lomita were in the pouch. Depositors here were notified but will suffer no loss. It will be necessary, however, to have new checks drawn from the parties who issued the checks. The stolen checks protect the depositors by the endorsements which they carried, and could not be cashed by other than the last endorsee.

The proof reader of a small daily paper was a woman of a great precision and extreme propriety. One day a reporter succeeded in getting into type an item about Willie Brown, the boy who was burned in the west by a live wire. On the following day the reporter found on his desk a frigid note asking which is the worst end of the boy. It took an instant only to reply. The end the son sets on of course.

### AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Lomita came in for its share of auto wrecks Christmas day when the Ford delivery truck driven by Walter Tappin of the Renn Grocery at Harbor City, and the Buick car owned by E. H. Breen of 303 West Anaheim street, Wilmington, met at the corner of Western and Narbonne, Lomita. The car driver by Tappin struck the center of Breen's Buick and smashed the running board and bent the front door. No one was seriously injured. The damaged car was turned over to the Lomita Auto Repair Shop for repairs.

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### AS IT IS TODAY

The junk man! Any rags, old iron, any junk to sell?  
Head of the House—No! get out out, my wife is away for the summer.  
Junk man with a grin And empty bottles?

### CAN YOU BEAT IT?

During the past year tobacco smokers paid in taxes, \$295,809,000. This is only the tax, mind you, and yet when the schools of our district asks for a bond issue to help eliminate ignorance, it takes parades, brass bands, speeches and pleadings of school children to convince these tobacco users that they ought to support the school bonds.

### ADVISE TO MOTORISTS

You auto drivers who have to drive in the rains. Many motorists have found a simple remedy to keep the windshield clear when they are caught in a rainstorm. Apply a mixture of glycerine and salt water. Wipe the glass with a cloth dampened with the mixture, rubbing the glass with a straight downward stroke. Twice the amount of glycerine to that of the salty water will be found efficacious.

### ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

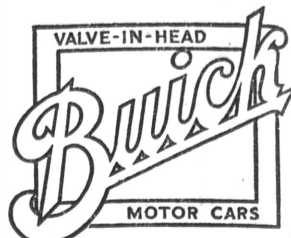
Three carloads of decomposed granite were put in the Western street siding for the county. The road gang were put to work unloading the cars and hauling it to the new boulevard, connecting Harbor City and Lomita. Where it was used to fill in the holes and ruts. It is regretted that a good hard cement road was not put in, as the present method of repairing the road will cost more in the end, and then not give good service or satisfaction.

### BEGIN EACH DAY ANEW

A prominent business man, who always seemed fresh and full of vim and vigor, although he had a multitude of cares in the business with which he was connected, was asked one day how he managed to keep himself in such good physical and mental condition, free from worry and distraction. His reply is well worth remembering: "I retire from business every night when I leave the office," he said, "and begin business afresh every morning."  
In other words, he meant that he did not allow the cares and worries of business to stand over him as a threatening menace when the day's work was done. When he left the office, he literally retired from business until the next morning. His home life, his social duties, his pleasures, were never tinged with the thought of the perplexing problems that the next day was sure to bring. By this method, old age was kept at a distance, worry was a stranger, and each day was begun anew with a fresh inspiration to meet and overcome the difficulties which might arise in the complexity of business life.

### A CURE FOR BORES

A certain philanthropist exceedingly kind and exceedingly bold, was constantly calling at the White House during Abraham Lincoln's tenure of office on behalf of somebody or other and occupied a great deal of time which the president could ill spare. Lincoln's temper was sorely tried but he always treated his visitors with great courtesy. On one occasion, however, the visitor seemed interminable. Important delegations were waiting but nothing would move the good man from his seat. Suddenly Mr. Lincoln rose, walked over to a cupboard in a corner of the room and taking a bottle from the shelf handed it to the visitor. Did you ever try this stuff on your head, he enquired. No I never did. Well remarked the great man, I advise you to try it. If at first you don't succeed, keep on trying. They say there is nothing like it for making the hair grow. Take this bottle with you and come back in six months and tell me how it works. The astonished philanthropist gazed for a moment at the smiling serious face of the president. Then he quit the room hurriedly.



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### JONES' PAY DAY

Jones and his wife figuring: Let's see, wife, we must put \$10.00 of this week's pay with \$10 of each pay for the next three weeks away for the rent, and my street car book is used up. That is \$10.35, and you must pay the Jap \$7 for vegetables. Say, but it's tough. I can't see why Brown has all the luck and we have to grind all the time. I get just as much pay as he does. I can't see any way out unless the "kid" quits school and goes to work.

### BROWN'S PAY DAY

Gee, wife! I stopped at the bank and deposited \$10.00, which makes \$500.00 cash in the bank. Say but wasn't we in luck when we bought this place, just a few years ago, on the easy payment plan? No more rent to pay. No car fare, and that two hours I used to spend on the cars every day I put in on our garden, and that \$10.00 car fare for three or four months we spend for chickens. Guess we had better send the "kid" to Stanford. Too bad Jones didn't buy when we did. Poor fellow he'll wake up some day.

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