

## The Byproduct

The Public Pressure.  
How the Rails Do It.  
Theories of Prices.

BY DALE COX.

The first code authorities are adopting the administration's proposal for a 10 per cent. cut in hours and a 10 per cent. increase in wages. Just as public opinion was a tremendous club in forcing success of the Blue Eagle campaign last summer, it can be used again to force acceptance of the 10-10 proposal. Widespread publicity will be given industries adopting the 10-10 proposal. Labor and the public will scan the list of complying industries daily and those not on the list will feel the pressure.

In persuading industry to shorten hours and raise wages NRA can use much the same technique it used in promoting the Blue Eagle last summer. Every wage earner in an industry that has not shortened hours and raised pay will help whip his industry into line. Compliance will become a crusade, and under the force of public opinion and labor solidarity most industries that can afford the 10-10 proposal will adopt it. Few will dare hold out. Those that cannot afford it can appeal to Clarence Darrow's NRA review board and put their trust in the stars.

The huge Schenley distilleries were among the first to proclaim willingness to shorten hours, raise wages and employ 1,000 more men. Whisky prices are under attack from so many different sources that the manufacturers will get an ace in the hole through this move. They can now say they can't lower whisky prices because they are complying with the NRA.

How the Rails Contrast.

It is interesting to note one method by which the single great industry exempt from the NRA—the railroads—is attempting to gain more business. Of course, it can only use this method because for the time being it is not being asked to shorten hours and raise pay and comply with the other NRA requirements. The significant thing is that at least the passenger divisions of many railroads are seeking more business through lower fares, not through higher fares—the formula followed by NRA businesses.

Western railroads have gone after greater passenger revenue by lowering fares, and officials of these roads testify to the greater business obtained. Eastern railroads are talking about a fare reduction, and the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce has petitioned them to lower fares. Three of the big eastern roads are as yet unwilling to lower fares, but the Baltimore & Ohio has indicated it intends to lower its fares.

Does it mean anything that the railroads, exempt from the NRA, are thus seeking business through lower rates, while almost all NRA-regulated businesses talk of bringing back prosperity through higher wages translated into higher prices? And the other question: How many industries would now be seeking to enlarge their business through lower prices were it not for the NRA program?

Which End of the Cart?

Do higher prices assure better business? Can it be demonstrated that higher prices bring lasting improved business? Or do higher prices bring better business for a time and then result in less business? There are questions certain to be debated fiercely as the NRA promotes higher prices throughout industry.

In an advertisement, in Sunday's Plain Dealer by members of the district code authority of the dry cleaning industry appears this statement: "New adjusting will have to be made. Schedules may be changed. Perhaps prices will soon have to be increased in order to increase wages."

Supposedly, as many clothes would be cleaned and pressed under higher prices if wages and salaries of all customers advanced at the same rate. The total net cost of the mass purchasing power could still be maintained. But never yet did anyone's income increase at an equal rate of acceleration during a period of rising prices. The high cost of living always has been a source of complaint in such periods and probably always shall be.

Discussing this very topic, Prof. Harry D. Gideon of Chicago University, writing in yesterday's Chicago Tribune, said: "A rise in prices has its traditional meaning only when it really reflects growing demand. A price that has been artificially stimulated is not a sign of returning prosperity; if the increase takes place in a short space of time, it may lead to another disastrous collapse."

The NRA may have made two false assumptions in its shorter hours-higher wage policy. It assumed that most industries could shoulder the higher production costs. That may or may not be so. It also assumes the consumer can pay the higher prices for goods imposed by the higher production costs. We think this latter assumption highly questionable. The demand for goods

## I, FRED KOHLER

Forty Years of Cleveland Politics

BY N. R. HOWARD.

### CHAPTER XXXIX—HE WOULD BE SHERIFF.

IF KOHLER could have quit the arena on top of his mayoralty, a chapter which was less brave and less characteristic would never have been written. He was growing old—he left the City Hall when he was 59—and, looking back today, it seems as if he had grown not only weary but bitter and saturnine, had decided that if he could hang on a little longer to public esteem he could realize all the lower desires of the average machine politician.

In 1924, when he became an ex-mayor, he had left a strong administrative record; he had licked both party organizations and had cleaned their spoils out of the City Hall; he was the outstanding independent political success of his generation; his series of victories at the polls had been unbroken and imposing.

Within two years, one more term of public office, he had been badly beaten by a virtual crusade of newspapers and citizens that had previously encouraged him; he had made the most cynical of terms with the political organization he had licked and spurned; he had exhibited the worst possible motives in his administration of his last office; and, strangest of all, he had become almost a tool of the spoilsman he had run out of City Hall.

Kohler left the mayor's office with several indications that he has not changed. His last act at the City Hall was to file as an independent candidate for delegate to the 1934 Republican national convention, naming President Coolidge as his choice.

He had a courteous letter from Coolidge thanking him for his fervor, but he did not have the candidate's consent and eventually, would have refused to place Kohler's name on the ballot. Kohler withdrew his candidacy and went on a long-planned vacation trip to South America—by himself.

The incident was almost over before some astute politician figured out that Kohler had been a candidate for delegate-at-large, would have won a referendum on himself from the whole state of Ohio. There had been some talk in the summer of 1923 about Kohler and the governorship, and one day a delegation from Youngstown called on the mayor, just to shake hands with such a famous man. The delegation was headed by a politician believed to be high in the coalition. Kohler, then living in Ku Klux Klan, Kohler, the Klan, and the governorship! buzzed the political writers; and remembered how Kohler had privately described the City of Cleveland as a life on fees since repealed, and among them, not yet repealed, the feeding allowance.

In an attempt at reform in 1916 the Citizens League had pledged Sheriff W. J. Smith to turn back all money given him to feed the prisoners which he didn't spend; and when Smith later declared that all he had pledged was that he wouldn't keep any illegal fees and sued in court successfully to be allowed to keep the remainder, the league made it the primary issue for all future candidates for sheriff.

Rising costs which accounted for practically all the fees allowed during the war years made it less of an issue of Sheriff E. J. Hanratty's term (though Hanratty faithfully turned back what little was left over); for loving him, Sheriff Stannard pocketed the difference and defended his action successfully in court. The league had supported Kohler in the hope that such an economical mayor would see the merit in the non-profit operating of the food fees.

**Salaries Are Cut.** Kohler declined to be committed, and after election let it casually be known that if there was a difference he wouldn't give it back. His first official acts gave color to the hope for efficiency and economy. He abolished the county dog catcher, a post held by H. K. Perry of the Animal Protective League, after a public meeting at which he permitted the always constant enemies of dog catchers to berate the work of the league's wardens and the "decoy dog," and he cut the salaries of the new deputies to \$1,800 a year, which was a novel thing to do.

His first public fight began a month after he was in office, however, and ran for the duration of his term. When the Hopkins administration had followed Kohler into the City Hall, with Kohler's one-time pal Ed Barry, as safety director, the police job had been to sweep out the hundreds of penny and nickel mint slot machines the Kohler regime had permitted to operate. The moral effect of this crusade was so glowing that a police war on the gambling fraternity followed, and early in 1925 a dozen or so bookmakers and purveyors of horse race information had been run out of the city and their telegraph and telephone wires torn up.

Then the police discovered that these gamblers had taken to locations in Newburg Heights, Garfield Heights, Brooklyn, and elsewhere, and Barry called on the new sheriff to run them out of the county. The "chief" sneered about the being gambling enough left in Cleveland for Barry to worry about and called the City Hall chaperones "a lot of cheap publicity seekers." Under the "three mile" interpretation of the police code, the Cleveland cops raided several of these suburban resorts for a time; but the crowning sensation was the discovery of the Grand Fraternity Gambling Club in Garfield Heights.

Kohler refused to act or be interested. Early that spring, the first race track to operate without being raided by the sheriff in some years went into action; then another, and another, and another, until, from snow to snow, running races went in Cuyahoga County at four tracks, an unheard-of and undesirable (to many citizens) situation. Kohler refused to discuss racing. Let the municipal and village authorities act, was his attitude, if they themselves didn't want the races. A sheriff was only a constable to serve court writs and patrol the county highways; he wasn't a policeman or a censor or a reformer.

What most aroused general disgust was the arrest of an embezzler from Pennsylvania who popped up in police court and told a remorseful story of having lost \$40,000 in a week in bets at the Grand Fraternity Club—buses to which were run every hour from downtown Cleveland. The municipal judge who heard this story was Alva R. Corbett.

is now growing. Will it continue to grow if prices advance too rapidly? Flirting With Lotteries.

We always have assumed that when governments turned to lotteries as a means of raising public revenues these governments had exhausted every honorable means of raising revenue and had embraced the device used by many declining and corrupt civilizations. Our laws forbid government lotteries. But here are officials of New York City, apparently supported by Mayor LaGuardia, supporting a semi-annual \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 lottery that would award \$250,000 in prizes.

We hold to our belief that these schemes are the most shameless taxes upon the poor that have ever been devised, sugar-coated by their appeal to the widespread human proclivity to gamble.

new alliance of old foes came when

## Main Street Meditations

BY ELEANOR CLARAGE.

This story comes from the East End Neighborhood House, where several little girls were entertained at a tea party.

The hostess decided to play a guessing game and suggested they take famous women. How about Joan of Arc, for instance?

"Who's she?" asked one of the small guests, blankly.

"Don't you know?" piped up another. "She's the woman who helped get the animals into the ark."

Shame on You.

"Now, really," postcards Rimmer from Conneaut, "I'm getting fed up on these jokes about Anthony Adair."

That Nice Man.

"Don't get tired of Joe Penner, please," pleads Fred Bukey, though there's not a chance that I will.

"Out in Lakewood is a little lad of 12. He loves Joe Penner with all his youthful heart. He wrote 'And told Joe so, and in return Joe wrote him a nice letter of appreciation. The lad wrote again, and again Joe answered; in fact, several letters have passed between them."

"Last time he wrote to this Penner fellow, it happened that Joe was some place with Amos of the Amos and Andy team, and when Joe wrote to the child, Amos signed his name to the letter, too."

"Can you imagine the joy of that boy in Lakewood? He sleeps with that letter under his pillow."

You Might Try It.

"Tell the critical young lady of 17," writes H. Biedler, "to read 'Social Problems' by Harry George, she'll learn the reason why she and thousands of others like her can't find employment—also the remedy therefor."

It Takes Courage.

The scene was the corner of Euclid and 107th Street on a recent blizzard day.

A young girl parked her car almost directly in front of a "No Parking" sign and went across the street to a store. The traffic cop on the corner spotted the violation of the law, walked leisurely over to the car, looked at the sign, and placed a summons on it.

After a while, the feminine driver returned, picked the ticket off the wind shield, looked at it with a frown, and remarked loudly, "How dare anyone put such a thing on my car?" Then, before the astonished eyes of passersby, she tore the ticket into a thousand fragments and threw them into the street.

The cop must have been a good scout, for not only did he do nothing at all, but he actually laughed at the nerve of the girl.

Absent-Minded Professor.

On that same snowy day someone saw a dignified man walking merrily over Euclid, holding an umbrella high over his head. He was all right—only the umbrella was closed tight.

Couldn't Fool Him.

Maybe you remember that part in "Spitfire" where Katherine Hepburn hits a male character with an iron bolt, afterward remarking innocently, "I didn't hurt you."

At a matinee the other day, the audience was startled when a small boy, carried away with the realism of the scene, cried out: "You did too!"

Find Explorer's Body.

MENDOZA, Argentine, March 11.—The body of a German explorer, just nine years ago, was found today near the summit of Aconcagua Mountain, by Italian Alpinists at a height of 20,000 feet.

## Praises Virtuosity of Dr. Manke, Who Appears in Recital

BY HERBERT ELWELL.

The recital of Dr. Alexander Manke at the Carter Hotel ball room yesterday afternoon offered a better opportunity for appraisal of his musicianship than this reviewer has had heretofore.

The first thing to be noted in the work of the prominent Lakewood cellist was an improvement so marked that, had I not recognized Dr. Manke, I would have thought myself listening to a different cellist than the Manke I heard some two years ago.

Supported by the pianistic skill and keen rhythmic instinct of Lionel Novak at the piano, Manke appeared at his very best in the Beethoven Sonata in A major, Op. 69. There was good intonation, ease, suppleness and agility, all of which was focused upon the material at hand in a way to heighten its significance.

The cellist displayed brilliant virtuosity in the Golttermann A major Concerto. His intonation was good, and his tone, though not immense, had ample carrying power and was capable of delicately persuasive expressiveness.

One of the shorter numbers which followed was a Gavotte from the cellist's own pen. It proved a piece of considerable charm, effectively written for the cello, and it won distinct favor with the audience. Closing numbers were by Chopin and Paganini.

## They Say—

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT—Continuation of deaths in the army air corps must stop.

PREMIER MUSSOLINI—Many have compared NRA with what Fascism has been doing. There are, indeed, many similarities and we can almost admit there is a fundamental similarity if NRA as a basic principle has changed the policy of America from that of laissez-faire to that state of control for the good of all people of the nation.

KARL VON WIEGAND, foreign correspondent—Russia and Japan have long passed the stage of speculation and are actively preparing for "The Next War."

MAYOR JAMES L. KEY, Atlanta (commenting on Dillinger's escape from woman sheriff's jail)—Under a new deal, or an old deal, on any other kind of deal, we must look to our women to marry, have children and raise them to be good citizens.

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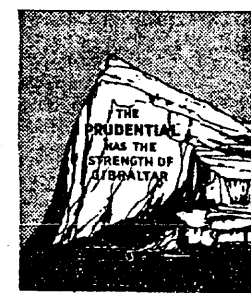
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Tomorrow—Riot in Jail.

JOE COOK NOT JOKING

Comedian Files Suit to Get His Pay and Gadgets of Act.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—(AP)—Joe Cook, appearing here this week in "Hold Your Horses," yesterday showed just a bit of impatience. He not only filed suit demanding production of the "Heart of Gold" and other gadgets he used in his act, but another one asking the \$1,500 coming to him for his week's labors.

After the closing performance the comedian told the money, and his lawyers dropped the proceedings. The replevin suit also was abandoned when the gadgets were produced.

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## 200 PIGS SERIALIZED IN INCH

### They Clinched Senator Carey's Argument Against Their Wasteful Slaughter.

United States Senator Carey of Wyoming gave a "pig-luncheon" in Washington the other day when he told the diners that the Department of Agriculture wasted more than 5,000,000 little pigs bought under the hog program for destroying them because those slaughtered were too small to run through packing plant machinery.

Carey wanted to know why the pigs had not been given to unemployed men who would have been glad to process them by hand. Senator Carey of Ohio in discussing the unprecedented slaughter of the "innocents" said the government spent \$13,000,000 for pigs and converted them into 13,000,000 pounds of grease and fertilizer, the cost being 50 cents a pound for tankage.

According to G. A. Bidelman, representative of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Northern Ohio Food Terminal cold storage holdings in Cleveland include—butter, 132,000 pounds; cheese, 139,375 pounds; eggs, 810 cases of 30 each; and, 13,000 cases of 12 each. A year ago there were—butter, 89,013 pounds; cheese, 122,054 pounds; eggs, 12,938 cases; poultry, 684,524 pounds.

No shifts were reported on quotations by the butter and egg board.

Sales at the Consolidated Fruit Auction showed an increase, 30 cars of apples, 100 cases of 12 each, California oranges, 8 cars, \$1.75-\$2.50 a box; Florida oranges, 8 cars, \$2.25-\$3.50 a box; lemons, 2 cars, \$3.30-\$5.75 a box; Florida grapefruit, 11 cars, \$1.60-\$2.45 a box; apples, 1 car, \$1.60-\$2.45 a box.

Prices quoted below represent sales in January on the Northern Ohio Food Terminal and reported by the Market News Service of the Bureau of Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture.

APPLES—Supplies moderate; demand rather slow; market steady; small, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45; medium, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45; large, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45.

ORANGES—Supplies moderate; demand rather slow; market steady; small, 100 cases of 12 each, \$2.25-\$3.50; medium, 100 cases of 12 each, \$2.25-\$3.50; large, 100 cases of 12 each, \$2.25-\$3.50.

LEMONS—Supplies moderate; demand rather slow; market steady; small, 100 cases of 12 each, \$3.30-\$5.75; medium, 100 cases of 12 each, \$3.30-\$5.75; large, 100 cases of 12 each, \$3.30-\$5.75.

GRAPEFRUIT—Supplies moderate; demand rather slow; market steady; small, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45; medium, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45; large, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45.

BANANAS—Supplies moderate; demand rather slow; market steady; small, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45; medium, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45; large, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45.

PEPPERS—Supplies moderate; demand rather slow; market steady; small, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45; medium, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45; large, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45.

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TURNIPS—Supplies moderate; demand rather slow; market steady; small, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45; medium, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45; large, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45.

CARROTS—Supplies moderate; demand rather slow; market steady; small, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45; medium, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45; large, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45.

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WATERMELONS—Supplies moderate; demand rather slow; market steady; small, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45; medium, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45; large, 100 cases of 12 each, \$1.60-\$2.45.

## FARMS PROJECT PARTLY APPROVED

### Is to Be Located Convenient to Cleveland, Akron and Youngstown.

A \$3,000,000 subsistence farm project which has been tentatively approved by the federal government, is to be located on a site easily accessible to Cleveland, Akron and Youngstown, J. S. Green, 3125 Scarborough Road, and Charles Babich, 2356 Queenston Road, both in Cleveland Heights, said yesterday upon Babich's return from Washington.

Green said he and Babich were the men working out the plan and that among the sponsors were Congressman Robert Crosser and Martin L. Sweeney and Joseph E. Keenan, assistant United States attorney general. Robert J. Selzer is general counsel and temporary offices have been established at 1136 Standard Building.

The first unit of the project, as tentatively outlined here and approved by Dr. F. J. Zuehl, technical adviser of the division of subsistence, is to be located on a 500-acre tract, divided into 500 home-stands, each improved with a five-room modern house.

Three locations have been submitted to Washington. Upon final approval of the project, owners of the land desired will be invited to submit their prices. Families to be settled upon these homesteads must be

These families will be selected under rigid rules as to character and reputation. They will be employed first to do the necessary work of the government, and then to develop the land and produce food for the families.

Green's analysis of population conditions procured authority, he said last night. The report showed that between 1920 and 1930 the population of eight counties in northeastern Ohio increased 526,000 persons, or 30 per cent, while the average increase for Ohio was 18.3 per cent.

Green said "We have assurance that an experiment station under direction of the large one at Wooster will be set up on the property and that experts on various crops will be assigned to instruct families."

Another of a series of get-together meetings will be held this noon at the Builders Exchange. The Lumber Institute will present the program including a film, "The Romance of the Cleveland Redwood."

An apartment house at 2015 E. 90th Street, built some years ago by Max Marmorstein and associates, has been leased by the Royana Realty Co. from the Nineteenth Street Realty Co. which succeeded to the property several years ago. The lease was made by the Utility Realty Service, 207 E. 106th Street.

The building has three stories and contains 54 units fully furnished with the furniture being included in the deal. The lease is for two years at \$700 a month with option for another two years at \$800 a month.

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## Tire Price War Again Threatened

(From Plain Dealer Bureau)  
AKRON, O., March 12.—A nationwide resumption of the tire price war, in which price slashes were said to have reached as high as 40 per cent., was reported in dispatches reaching Akron late today.

Reports indicated the new price drop was led by Goodyear, Firestone & Co. of Chicago, which was recently reported as having canceled its 25 to 30 per cent. trade-in allowances on new tire sales.

The war was reported to be "on" in more than 50 cities in different sections of the country. Representatives of several large rubber manufacturers were said to be in Akron, West Virginia, to lay the matter of the latest departure from price records made ten days ago before NRA officials.

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CHAPTER XL—RIOT IN JAIL.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE ALVA R. CORLETT was not unkindly of the crusade spirit infesting the city police and their officers under Edwin D. Barry, or of the growing public concern over Kohler's amity toward gamblers. He subpoenaed Sheriff Kohler to tell why such places as the Garfield Heights casino were allowed to run unmolested by the law, and a gaudy court room spectacle followed in which the sheriff shouted defiance at Judge Corlett and Judge Corlett shouted back.

"They may have called you the best police chief in the United States, but I say you're the worst sheriff in the world!" This frenzy whipped up a committee of 30 citizens, some of them from Garfield Heights, who held a meeting one night to decide whether to try legal action to move the non-enforcing sheriff. Safety Director Barry was at this meeting with affidavits to prove where gambling existed outside the city; and the committee sent three envoys to the Hollenden lobby to ask Kohler personally if he couldn't move against the Grand Fraternity and other hell-holes of chop-choy.

Kohler was almost in terror of the newspapers when he learned that the newspapers were in a lull. He had been, to a lesser degree, a mayor of course they did. Recovering his poise by the time he returned to Cleveland and could be hunted up, he said, "He'll turn up all right, but I'm sorry; they always get caught."

This prisoner was caught, four months later, and Kohler dashed out of town secretly to identify him and send him on to the penitentiary.

The Great Kohler Scandal. But the great Kohler scandal, undisturbed until May, 1928, hung over the jail food fees, about which he had been so non-committal. All the county knew about food fees until that month was that Kohler was drawing for a time 45 cents and then 50 cents per prisoner per day for feeding the wards of the Cuyahoga Jail, and was not turning any money back.

When he went into office he had spoken sarcastically of the lofty standard of living he believed the prisoners had, and had added, "There's going to be no jail run like a summer resort when I'm sheriff, but if this was a hint it was cryptic as to his full intentions. On May 5 a prisoner committed suicide; and the investigating grand jury discovered a cellmate who declared the unfortunate had said he'd as soon be dead quickly as to be starved to death."

He led to inquiries which disclosed that the jail fare was of a really dreadful nature; no meat, half-starved vegetables of poorest grades, all served in quantities small enough to be scanty.

Kohler denied hotly that he was inhuman or unreasonable about the fare. "Just what you'd expect to find about me like this because I'm 'Fred Kohler,'" he said; but he quit talking altogether, and gave orders that no reporters would be allowed even in the outer corridors of the jail. Newspapers dug up that genial character, Louie the Pieman.

Louie was a prisoner who had been released from jail a few weeks before. He had been in the jail for a long time, and he was a very good fellow. He was a very good fellow, and he was a very good fellow. He was a very good fellow, and he was a very good fellow.

After each meal Kohler would send him circulating through the "bull pen" with his tray of comestibles, and the prisoners, continually hungry because they were starved, would buy from the concessionary or almost literally starve.

Profits to Sheriff. And the profits from Louie's tray went to Kohler. Louie swore these profits amounted some days to \$35 and \$40.

The prisoners realized what the food investigations were baring to the public, and on the night of May 17 they took a hand forcibly. Their shouts of defiance and desperation collected a County Prosecutor, James P. Hart, attempted to show through these men that a revolver Niebling used was obtained from minor headquarters, and after the shooting, the three were taken out of town and furnished money by Murphy.

This Murphy denied. Artwell also denied that Kohler could make "em go back." The next morning he slammed the "bull pen" benches against the master switch that shut the individual cell doors in one moment. The prisoners were told to get up, and the doors were open for the lunch hour. Then they had hurled the hated food and uncooked vegetables on the floor, barricaded the "bull pen" effectually and defied the sheriff's staff to do anything about it. Kohler pleaded with them to give in, threatened them, all without avail.

"We're tired of Kohler's starving 'em," they roared up to evening crowds outside.

By a ruse thought up by its city editor, the Plain Dealer got a reporter dressed as a plumber into the jail. The reporter slipped into the bowels of the old building through the prosecutor's office on W. 34 Street, and was banging in cement pipes when the "plumber" appeared in overalls, arms full of wrenches, to "fix that water pipe Kohler called up about."

The dubious deputies, hearing the banging, finally let the reporter in and provided him over the maze of antiquated plumbing plenty close enough to the mutiny so that the reporter heard all. Next morning the city had details of results brought on by the sheriff who had "starved" the jail occupants to line his own pockets.

## STATE ARGUES BUT JURORS GO HOME

Ewing Won't Lock Up Panel;  
Talesmen Get Letizia  
Case Today.

In spite of protests from the county prosecutor's staff, Common Pleas Judge Harrison W. Ewing last night refused to lock up for the night the jury which today will begin deliberating on the fate of James Letizia, robber accused of first-degree murder in connection with the slaying of Feb. 1, 1933, of Oscar Blighard, 68.

Assistant County Prosecutor John J. Mahon all but concluded his final argument at 5 p. m. and asked the jury to listen to a court's charge after dinner and then begin deliberations would be putting too much hardship upon members of the panel.

"Visitor" Is Held. Mahon announced yesterday that a man who was reported to have called at the home of one of the state's witnesses against Letizia was being held by police for investigation and that Judge Ewing today would be asked to decide whether an investigation should be undertaken to learn the object of the man's visit.

While recently it has been the practice in most instances to lock up a witness who is charged with a case in a hotel in the charge of a bailiff, at least immediately before the case is submitted to them, the judge may or may not follow such

at Gas Station Men to Meet. The last open meeting of the Gas Station Operators Union will be held at 11:45 tonight at 2336 Euclid Avenue, Philip Hannah, business agent, announced yesterday. Speakers will be Max S. Hayes, editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer; Dan Moley, president of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, and James P. McWeeny of the Cleveland Metal Trades Council. All gas station operators are asked to attend.

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## Forty Years of Cleveland Politics

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### CHAPTER XII—AN OLD MAN.

THE rest somehow is a tale that is told . . . notes on an aging gladiator. For, after he had been booted out of the sheriff's office, Kohler was an old man, with shining white hair and wrinkles around his eyes and his two chins. There were none left who had his span of public life, from the Hanna times down to a generation of youthful office holders who had only the vaguest ideas who McKisson, Farley and Tom Johnson had been.

Where were all he had known?

Maschke was still in the game, but no longer the youthful ward leader who had battled his way to supremacy, helped by the fortunes and friendship of Baehr and Burton.

Burr Gongwer was molding his destiny as a rival boss, preparing to unseat the Democrats into office whenever the bull market burst and reaction set in.

A man Kohler had always thought of as "that young college fellow," once a Hannaite, a councilman, and city manager, William R. Hopkins, and Ed Barry as his safety director, grown fat and choleric.

And yet, good Lord!—so Kohler must have reflected—these were mere youngsters in his fine day as captain and chief!

And the city had changed so, hardly any of his old-time landmarks were left save the lobby, where he continued to spend his afternoons in lazy, bored air, increasingly grateful if any one deigned to say hello.

More trips to Europe, the summers of 1927 and 1928, by himself. Just before he left in 1928, he tossed his name without warning or explanation into the red-hot Republican state primary for governor. He had flirted with the idea of the governorship while he was mayor; but he had been at the crest of his political fortunes then, and now—his indifference to the campaign plain from his departure the night he filed his name; and when that campaign wound up in a three-cornered duel, very close, between Myers Cooper of Cincinnati, Attorney General Turner and Congressman James T. Begg, who had the backing of the Maschke organization, there were those who suspected that Kohler had gone in merely to try to cut down the lead Maschke would give Begg in Cuyahoga County.

Whether he did, or why, can never be determined; but Kohler's 9,000 votes in Cleveland, or his 30,000 in the state, while far below the three contenders, might have made a difference if applied to the narrow gap by which Cooper defeated Begg.

"Life's Too Short."

One would have thought Kohler considered himself through with office seeking by 1929, when he was half-induced to compile an autobiography. Kohler was pleased with the idea, listened to plans for approaching publishers, talked it over with friends; finally said, "I guess not—I don't think I want to get in a position where I would make a lot of enemies among the politicians around town by telling on them."

But why? he was asked; it could mean nothing further to his fortunes. Kohler wagged his head and said, "The moment of this head wagging, the city manager administration was riding high in popularity and political strength, on its bipartisan coalition; it seemed likely that Hopkins would continue indefinitely."

Less than six months later, he had broken with Maschke, and the guerrilla warfare ended in January, 1930, with Hopkins out and D. E. Morgan in his place.

In a year, the Democrats had succeeded in getting the mayoralty introduced. Had the chief guessed that the pendulum of public opinion, which had swung against him twice and only returned once, might be ready to raise him once more to favor?

At any rate, while presumptive mayoralty candidates hastily moved into the city to comply with the new charter's residence clause, talk began of Kohler's availability. He was the first to describe the invading candidates as "carpet baggers." In one of those afternoon interviews in the hotel lobby; he went so far as to compare the tranquility of his mayoralty to the uproar of the Hopkins-Morgan decline. But he hung back until the night after Peter Witt let his friends talk him into running. Next day, Kohler sent letters to the newspapers saying, "Life is too short. I am not a candidate."

One day late in the summer of 1931, when talk about his running for mayor was beginning, Kohler went to League Park accompanied by his nephew, who had been one of his chief aids in his 1921 mayoralty campaign. The Indians put up a listless game, and Kohler's interest sagged. He fell into a rare mood of philosophizing aloud.

"Too Old Now."

"You and I know I can't run for mayor again," he told his nephew. "I haven't got the health I had in 1921. Too old now. Otherwise, I'd run."

"You're still young"—nephew Fred is now 45—"and you ought to stay out of politics for a while yet and have a lot of fun, maybe make some money. It's an older man's game, anyway. When you haven't anything else to do, you can enjoy yourself running for office and seeing all the politicians stirred up about it."

"The greatest pleasure I ever had was walking around talking to people."

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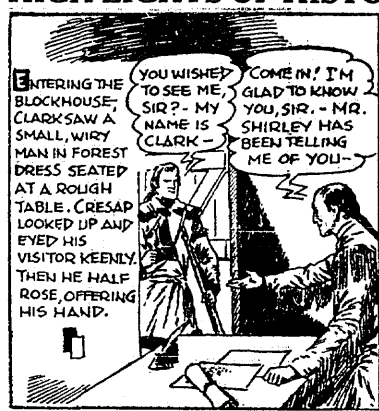
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## HIGH LIGHTS OF HISTORY



## Clark and Cresap

## By J. Carroll Mansfield

## Promises Pay for Census Takers Soon

Federal real property census enumerators who still have some pay coming from the government will receive that money "within the next few days," A. E. Casey, chief of the real property census, assured the Plain Dealer's Washington Bureau last night.

According to Howard W. Green, who supervised the census here, some 600 workers who took the census in Greater Cleveland still have amounts ranging from \$15 to more than \$100 due them.

The sums represent the difference between a salary of \$18.35 a week already paid to the enumerators and a rate of 18 cents per family unit and 2 cents for every other unit on each schedule turned in by the enumerators. The amount of money depends largely upon the speed developed by the workers.

Vouchers for the money are being audited and have been sent to Comptroller General John R. McCarl for final approval before being sent to the treasury, which will mail out the checks.

## PLANS NEW STEEL DOORS AT OHIO PEN

### Warden Also Puts on Six More Night Guards to Ward Off Assault.

COLUMBUS, O., March 13.—(AP)—Ohio's veteran prison warden moved tonight to strengthen his bastille against any assault from without.

Late yesterday Warden Preston E. Thomas had disclosed that an elaborate plot to blow up the massive walls of Ohio Penitentiary had been smashed.

Apparently wary of foot-loose members of the notorious John L. Dillinger gang, the warden today made plans for the immediate construction of another barrier to his fortifications—a set of "break-proof" steel doors.

At the same time he increased his night force of guards by six.

McSweeney Approves.

The warden's determination to take added precautions had the endorsement of his immediate superior, John McSweeney, state welfare director, who sent his assistant, Darrell Jones, to the prison to aid the warden in planning greater protective measures.

"We will take every precaution to prevent the success of an escape plot," Jones announced after the meeting, at which the steel doors and additional guards were determined upon.

"We are more concerned with the future than with the past," said the warden.

Thomas also took "out of circulation" the two convicts he charged with plotting the escape that was frustrated when a cryptogram intended for Neal Bowman, escaped lifer, was turned over to officials.

The accused pair, Howard Bowman, brother of Neal and a terrorist in his own right, and Joseph (Smiling Joe) Filkowski, Cleveland's former public enemy No. 1, were punished in the prison head's own particular fashion of dealing with "bad actors." They were placed "in solitary."

A woman who was to have been the outside contact probably will escape punishment, the warden said.

"You cannot lock a person up for saying he is going to break into Ohio Penitentiary," he explained. "You can lock a person up only if he actually tries to break in."

Sewer Maps Locked Up.

The elaborate and ruthless plot, involving the blasting of the prison walls in three places, caused city officials some concern.

They gathered together all maps of the city sewer system and put them in the biggest vaults they could find.

This action was taken because of the disclosure that the escape plot called for the setting of heavy dynamite charges in a sewer running under the prison walls.

"I am convinced," said City Service Director William J. Lucka, "that if information about the Columbus sewer layout should become public, it would jeopardize the lives of Columbus residents."

The Ohio prison, housing more than 4,300 men, has a total guard of 181, both day and night.

The steel door recommended by Thomas and Jones will make it impossible for anyone on the outside to make a connection with the electrical contacts that control the inside gates. They will be placed at the entrance to the "bull pen."

## Innocent Ohioans Are Freed After 2 Years

COLUMBUS, O., March 13.—(AP)—After two years imprisonment for a crime they never committed, Albert L. Bynum and Wilbur Hook, both of Sidney, were freed today by pardons from Gov. George White.

The governor issued the pardons

after S. P. Dunkle, executive secretary, reported investigation revealed the men were innocent of the crime of which they were convicted—robbery of the Cliff Covault filling station and grocery near Rosewood, Champaign County.

Bynum is in London Prison Farm, Hook in Ohio State Reformatory at Mansfield.

Gov. White said the investigation revealed Carl Hertz, an Ohio Penitentiary inmate, had confessed that he, Frank Mari, another pen prisoner,

and several others committed the crime on Nov. 1, 1931.

Della Russell, the witness who identified Bynum and Hook, came to the penitentiary and identified Hertz as the man who actually held her up.

TIFFIN, O., March 13.—Appearance of undulant fever in Seneca County, near Attica, was reported today to the county board of health. Dr. J. J. Heaton, county health commissioner, completed diagnosis today.

Broadway Actor Dies.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., March 13.—(AP)—Joseph Jerome Daley, 50, actor who appeared in the current Broadway play, "She Loves Me Not," died at his home today of pneumonia.

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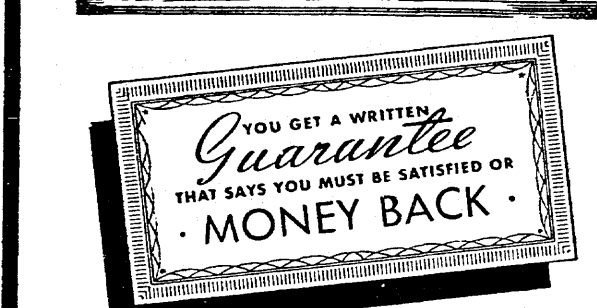
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