D.C. CRIME UNIT ADVOCATED AT MEET

Formation of a District Crime Commission was strongly advocated at a meeting of more than 400 civic leaders, representing a score of organizations, at the Mayflower Hotel last night.

Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War in the Wilson Cabinet, described the working of such a commission in his home city of Cleveland. Work of the Baltimore commission in prevention and control of crime was also described.

Other speakers were Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, Dean Justin Miller of the Duke University law school and District Commissioner Melvin C. Hazen.

Essentials Listed

Following the meeting, a citizens' committee of 51 members was named to organize the crime commission for the District. Dean Miller, in his address, named as the essentials for success of the work the following: Trained personnel; proper equipment; coordination of effort; facilities for research.

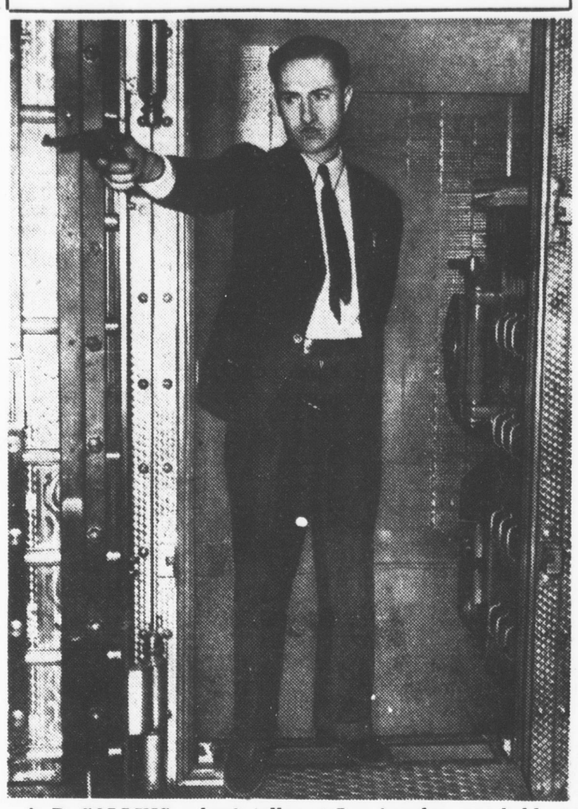
Describing the work of the Cleveland commission, Mr. Baker pointed out that it keeps a record of every known criminal in the city, and cooperates with all agencies interested in offenders from the time of their arrest until completion of sentence and probation.

He advocated that the Washington commission operate under the Community Chest. This was done in Cleveland, he said, until last year when the Chest was forced to drop the work. The commission now operates under private subscription.

One of the greatest causes of crime, Mr. Baker said, is the practice of granting trial continuances. To meet this, the Cleveland commission keeps and publishes records of continuances so that the public may be informed.

TELLER GETS HIS MAN

After 4 Holdups



A. R. COLLINS, a bank teller at Los Angeles, was held up four times. He swore that he would not submit again. His opportunity came. As a gunman was forcing him into the vault, he drew a revolver and fired. The thug was critically wounded. International News Photo.

Cannon Become Plows

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 17.—Tests of first plows made from cannon having proved satisfactory, President Lazaro Cardenas today ordered manufacture of 10,000 additional plows. Three hundred tons of old cannon will be used.

Library Program

A joint book review and musical program will be given in the community room of the Northeastern Branch of the Public Library, Seventh and Maryland Ave. N. E., by members of the library staff at 8 o'clock tonight.

AL SMITH GETS MORE AIR TIME

The Columbia Broadcasting System has increased allotted time of the American Liberty League dinner speech here of Alfred E. Smith, on January 25 from 45 minutes to one hour. The former New York governor will be heard from 10 to 11 p. m.

The speaking program at the dinner will begin at 9 p. m., with Dr. Neil Carothers, director of the College of Business Administration, Lehigh University, a member of the League's advisory council, as first speaker.

His address and that of Charles I. Dawson, former U. S. Judge for the western district of Kentucky, will be broadcast over the America Broadcasting Company hookup originating with station WOL.

Nye to Defend Probe On Senate Floor

International News Service

A vigorous defense of the action of the munitions committee in revealing evidence purporting to show that the late President Woodrow Wilson and his Secretary of State, Robert Lansing, falsified to a Senate committee, was voiced early today by the committe chairman; Senator Gerald P. Nye (R.) of North Dakota.

Senator Nye planned to seek the Senate floor at noon in order to reply to the denunciations which crashed about his committee yesterday, emanating from Southern and Western Democratic members of the Senate. He said:

"On this Wilson-Lansing episode, the committee has been thoroughly satisfied that it has been operating within its resolution.

"We were largely convinced at the time that our lives were in the hands of men who were trying to maintain neutrality. What manner of men would we have been to have encountered that information and then not made it public?

"Had there been a strict notion of neutrality, knowledge of secret treaties between the allies wotuld have convinced that any peace the United States wanted would have been impossible."

Senator Nye then voiced his hope for more funds to complete the munitions investigation outlining tentative plans, which may now have to be changed. He said:

"It's become obvious that if we're going to complete the task, then another two weeks or 18 days is necessary.

"The Senate has, of course, the right to chop off the investigation any time it sees fit."

$200,000 BAIL HOLDS PAIR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 17. Held on charges of kidnaping, two youths were in jail here today facing cash bail of $100,000 each or property bond of $200,000 each.

The unusual amounts were set by Municipal Judge Dunne, who went the limit to insure the presence of the youths at their forthcoming trial in superior court. Both youths, John Neville, 20, and Fred Holmberg, 23, face charges of robbery as well as kidnaping.

The charges are in connection with a recent wave of hold-ups, in one of which Miss Marie de Julius and her escort, Harold Spearman, were forced to drive their car to a lonely section and were there robbed.

ALBERT FISH DIES IN CHAIR

OSSINING, N. Y., Jan. 17 (I.N.S.).—Death today had written "finis" to the strange career of Albert Howard Fish, 66-year-old sadist.

Fish, who slew 9-year-old Grace Budd after luring her from ner home in New York in 1928, was put to death in the electric chair last night along with John Smith, one-legged Bronx Negro.

Fish, who told his attorney several days ago "the electric chair will be the supreme thrill of my life," had to be helped into the lethal chamber by guards.

Smith, slayer of John Wilson in a quarrel over money, limped to his doom with a crutch. Buoyed up by the comfort of religion, he sat in the chair almost tranquilly.

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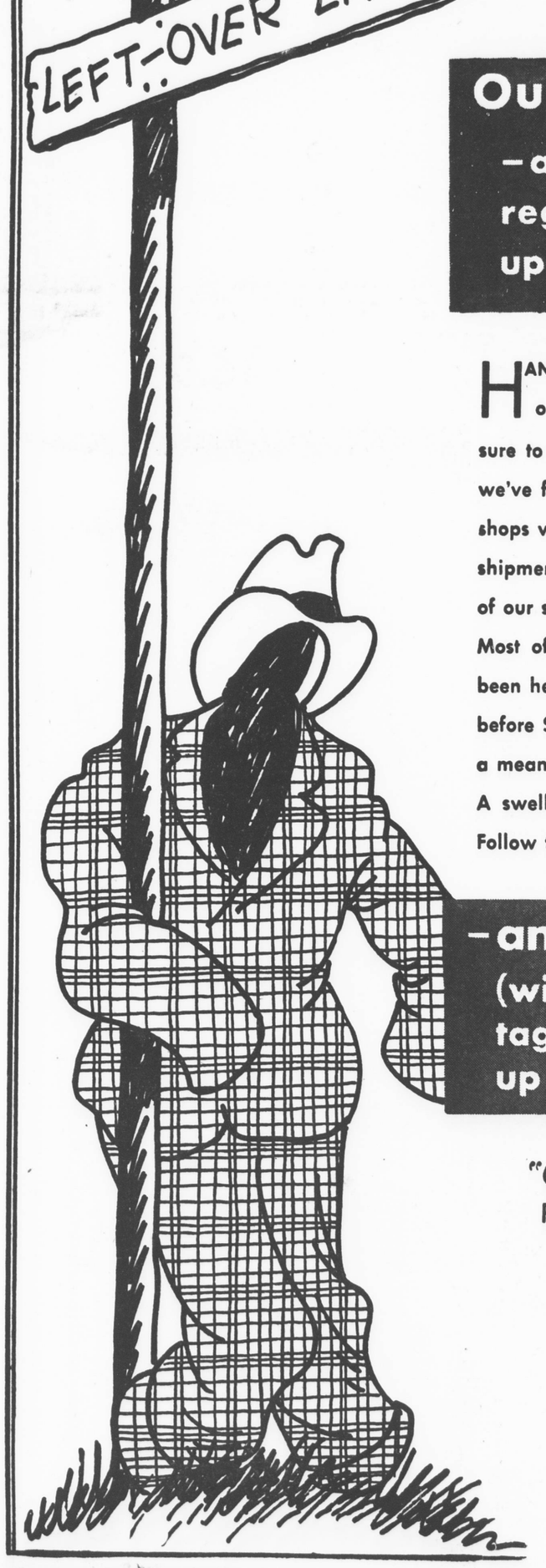
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