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STATE AGENCIES ATTEMPTING TO STEM CRIME WAVE

Three Powerful Organizations Will Demand That Washington Legislature Take Steps to Curb Lawlessness

By WILLIAM H. CURRY.

THREE powerful agencies working to stem the crime wave apparent in Seattle and the State of Washington will demand the immediate attention of the Legislature when that body convenes in Olympia November 2.

All three represent formal action of official organizations, seek speedier punishment of the criminal and ask reforms in court procedure.

The Washington State Prosecuting Attorneys' Association will press for marked changes in the method of conducting criminal prosecutions in the superior courts. The Washington State Bar Association and the Washington Superior Judges' Association will request the creation of a judicial council to find the defects in procedural law administration and bring about their cure.

Trials Games of Chance.

The prosecutors, as a state official body and the lawyers and judges as separate state organizations, acting jointly in this instance, are striving to create a condition wherein criminal trials are no longer games of chance, with all the chances in favor of the criminal, as Chief Justice William Howard Taft recently declared the fact to be.

Both the prosecutors and the bar association, which includes the judges, realize that the average layman blames the legal profession for inadequate punishment of convicted persons and for the slowness with which final judgments in criminal causes are obtained. The men who are now urging procedural reform know also that popular opinion censures the members of their calling for the defects of justice by the acquittal of the known guilty on technical grounds and for the loopholes through which criminals escape their deserts.

The movement to bring about procedural changes is an official rally against these strictures and at the same time is aimed as a staggering blow at crime.

Speedy prosecution and punishment are recognized as the chief deterrents to criminal activities. The lawyers, knowing the methods prevalent in the courts, through no fault of the judges, however, are directing their efforts toward curing the most glaring defects which now operate almost entirely to the advantage of the persons charged with crime.

Two outstanding proposals of the prosecuting attorneys are for repeal of that provision in the law requiring the state to indorse the names of its witnesses on a criminal information and for the enactment of a requirement that motions for new trials and exceptions to instructions be filed within two days following the verdict.

Declared Unwarranted Handicap.

The prosecutors declare that the disclosure of the identity of their witnesses is an unwarranted handicap and serving the one purpose of being advantageous to the defendant.

Prosecuting Attorney Ewing D. Colvin asserts that it is not uncommon in King County criminal cases to drag along in the Superior Court from one to two months after the jury's verdict has been returned. Under the present procedure a motion for a new trial is made at the time the judge is ready to pronounce sentence. Many times, Prosecutor Colvin said, several weeks pass before he can get the defense lawyer before the trial judge because of cases that attorney has elsewhere.

If the motion for new trial is accompanied by affidavits supporting an allegation of newly discovered evidence the prosecuting attorney is forced to ask for time to investigate the sworn statements and to prepare others to controvert them.

Dilly-Dallying in Court.

That will take probably a week or more. Then over again, comes the task of getting the defense lawyer into court on a convenient day. Should the new trial be denied defense counsel can then file his exceptions to the court's instructions to the trial jury.

"Then comes more dilly-dallying until many times, two months have gone before the case is even started on its way to the Supreme Court," said Prosecutor Colvin. "We want both the motion for a new trial and the exceptions to the court's instructions filed within two days after the verdict so that we can close the case up inside of a week, or ten days at most."

The bar association and the judges propose that a judicial council shall recommend to Legislatures, from time to time, needed changes in court procedure and to the judges of the several courts suggestions for alterations in rules, bringing about uniformity of practices and to expedite business.

Would Bar Antiquated Rules.

The council would recommend to Legislatures and courts modification or elimination of antiquated and inequitable rules of law and methods of administration; receive suggestions from judges, justices, public officials, lawyers and the public generally as to the defects in the present law and procedure; continuously study the organization, rules and methods of procedure and practices of the judicial system of the common law; acquire statistical information concerning the operation of the courts and survey the condition of business in the several courts with a view of simplifying and improving the administration of justice.

Bench and bar agree that there should be established in this state some such permanent agency, continuously functioning, to consider the changes essential to the proper administration of justice and to report its recommendations to the governor and the Legislature. It would stop, lawyers say, ill-advised, radical and undigested reforms and piecemeal, spasmodic, ill-informed proposals.

Limited to Ten Members.

The judicial council, as indorsed, would not exceed ten members, who would serve without pay. It has been suggested by Superior Judge Charles H. Paul, originator of the movement in this state, that the membership include the chief justice and one associate justice of the Supreme Court, three judges of the Superior Court, the chairmen of the Senate and House judiciary committees and three lawyers, one of the lawyers to be a prosecuting attorney.

The impending Legislature will be asked to empower the governor to appoint such a non-salaried council and to prescribe by statute the council's duties as outlined by the lawyers.

Judicial councils or similar bodies now exist in Massachusetts, Ohio, Oregon, North Carolina and Wisconsin and will be voted on by California next year. The idea has been submitted to the legislatures of New York and Missouri and recommended by the bar associations of North

Flapper May Solve Big Issue Japanese Girl Americanized

Olive-Skinned Maid Insists on Her Beauty Sleep and Refuses to Rise to Work in Fields at 4 A. M.

Oriental Maid Adopts Occidental Ways.

By DORA DEAN.

THE Americanized Japanese flapper may eventually solve the much-discussed Japanese problem. Wise ones in a position to know make the prophecy that the innocent lip-stick powder puff, which Seattle Japanese girls have taken up with such eagerness, may in the long run prove more effective than the pen or the sword in smoothing out the differences between the two nations.

They point out that suggestion is a strong influence, and when vanity and love of ease are developed, the driving and aggressive forces, which make the Japanese such a strong competitor in the industrial and business world, will disappear.

Must Have Beauty Sleep.

The Japanese flapper cannot get her beauty sleep and go out in the morning. Neither can a Japanese young man get the daylight and sleep for sixteen hours.

Being the nearest port to the Orient, Seattle has a great many residents from Japan. Within the last year or so the transformation of the Japanese maid into a typical American girl has been most marked. She goes to the high schools, dressing exactly like

her American schoolmate, sometimes becoming a real flapper with rolled socks, bobbed hair and everything. The modern little Miss Yamamoto even discreetly powders her nose in public from a tiny vanity case, though as a rule she is more modest and retiring about it than the American girl.

Heavy Business in Cosmetics.

A heavy business in cosmetics is done in Seattle drug and department stores with Japanese women as customers. They buy the more expensive powders, rouges and cold creams, selecting brunette shades of powder. Visitors from the East often pause in open admiration as some dainty little olive-skinned miss, smartly garbed in the latest fashion but with the same pliant face as is seen on the Japanese fan, walks demurely by.

Probably the freedom and simplicity of the modern American styles have helped bring about the rapid absorption of Miss Cherry Blossom into American national life. She would not have forsaken the picturesque and comfortable kimono for the tight-fitting and uncomfortable American styles of yesterday.

At any rate the advent of the Japanese flapper is regarded as a hopeful sign here. She means love of a certain amount of pleasure instead of eternal drudgery.

GREECE MOVES MORE TROOPS INTO BULGARIA

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this afternoon, about 3 o'clock, a force of Greek Infantry, composed of two regiments, 3,000 strong, started a new advance, crossing the bridge over the Struma River and making their way toward Petrich. This picturesque Macedonian town is their target, and at the moment of writing the Petrich authorities are helpless. Their women and children, horrified and expecting to find their heads and necks flying for life under an increasing fire of shrapnel and high-explosive shells.

Bulgars Outnumbered.

About one hundred Bulgars, including civilians, as well as soldiers, are trying to put up resistance in self-defense, but they are outnumbered and Petrich will fall easily into Greek hands.

Words can hardly describe the misery into which thousands of Macedonians and other peasants were thrown by the Greek advance into Bulgaria. On Wednesday night peasants went to cultivate their lands next morning. Instead, they awoke to find themselves in the midst of war. Taking all their belongings they were able to load into their carts, they trekked into the interior, and as the writer motored here this afternoon, groups of old men, women and children, all hungry and utterly bewildered, stood at the sides of the road beside which flows the Struma, a river famous for fierce fighting during the World War. The Bulgarian frontier guards number only a few hundred and there is no artillery, but today the Greeks are armed by the events of the last two days, and if Greece persists in her bellicose attitude it is hard to say what will happen, although the disparity in forces probably will prevent a real war.

However, racial passions will be kindled again, with the probability of disastrous results in the future. (Copyright, 1925, by The Chicago Daily News.)

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The judges' committee is composed of Judge Charles H. Paul of Seattle, chairman; Judges E. V. Kuykendall of Pomeroy and Walter M. French of Port Orchard.

Divorce Suits Filed.

Divorce complaints were filed in Superior Court by Harvey Dickson Lord against Helen Hedlund Lord, charging cruelty; William L. Benedict against Sima Kana, charged cruelty; Mattie Williams against Smith Poquette against Levi Poquette, nonsupport; Smith, nonsupport; Alice Strain against Frank Strain, desertion; Ruby Simons against Josephine Johnson, cruelty; Helen Willers Redmon against James C. Redmon, desertion; Jennie C. Osborne against Herbert C. Osborne, cruelty; Mervil Noddy against Mervil Noddy, nonsupport; Josephine Johnson against Charles A. Johnson, nonsupport; Nellie Perry against Edward W. Perry, cruelty; P. D. Santos against Minnie Santos, cruelty; Edna Smith against Clyde C. Smith, cruelty; William C. Kelly against Florence Kelly, desertion; Gladys Campbell against Bertram Campbell, desertion.

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