

## CRIME DECREASES AS SNOW COMES

Auto Stealing and Resultant Banditry Foiled by Drifted Highways.

What is the greatest crime preventive in Middlesex county during the winter months?

The answer is easy, according to police officials and to express it in the terms of the crossword puzzle, it is "W." It is snow.

Since Middlesex county roads have been tied up with huge snow drifts, motor cars have not been able to operate except under great difficulties, and that is the reason why auto stealing and banditry have had little work to perform in the various townships.

"Motor cars provide swift transportation for criminals," declared one officer in discussing the matter, "but if they ever do use their own cars it is an easy matter to make a raid on an auto village, and get away in the darkness. Even if someone in the place does see the car number, it usually turns out that the motor has been stolen a few hours previous from a private citizen in a nearby city."

"When the roads are plugged up with snow, these automobile bandits simply cannot work. Horses and cutters are too slow, and will not help in a quick exit."

"If we had snow all the year round we'd have mighty little crime in the rural districts," concluded the constable.

## HURON AND ERIE MEN MEET THIS AFTERNOON

Branch Managers Gather to Discuss Plans for the Year.

Branch managers of the Huron and Erie Mortgage Corporation are meeting this afternoon at the head office here to discuss plans for the coming year and exceed, if possible, the splendid results of 1924.

At the conclusion of the afternoon session, the branch officers and the heads of the various departments will be guests of the Huron and Erie at a dinner in the Blue Dragon restaurant, after which they will attend a theatre party at the Grand opera house.

The gathering will be presided over by Morley Aylworth, assistant general manager of the Huron and Erie and the Canada Trust Company.

Managers from out of town include: R. P. Baker, Toronto; Austin A. McLeish, Windsor; Everett W. Wright, Chatham; A. V. Ball, St. Thomas; and Sinclair Slater, Toronto.

The meeting will consider the enviable record made during the past year, when every branch exceeded the amount of business expected.

Objectives for 1925 will be discussed and will include an advertising campaign. Staff contests, which have been a success in the past will also be considered in this year's program.

R. M. Winslow will give an address on the trusts of department.

George Metcalfe, head office accountant, will talk on bookkeeping.

Harold Nugent, assistant manager of the main branch, will give some interesting information on the new debenture bookkeeping system that will soon be in force in all branches.

**BENZINE AND ALCOHOL  
LEAD TO JAIL TERM**

A potent mixture of benzine and rubbing alcohol proved John Murphy's undoing. He got drunk on this concoction last night. He will have ample time to recover from its stupor effects, however, for Magistrate Graydon has given him the opportunity of spending the next three months in the common jail.

Murphy appeared in police court this morning and faced two O. T. A. charges. He had liquor in his possession and he was intoxicated. The session and he was fined \$200 for each offence.

Murphy declared, but he admitted he was drunk.

He has been in police court several times recently. Magistrate Graydon declared, "If you insist on doing these foolish things, you must pay the penalty. Two hundred dollars and costs, or three months in jail."

**GOVERNOR OF KANSAS  
FACES BRIBERY CHARGE**

Associated Press Despatch. Topeka, Kan., Jan. 12.—Jonathan M. Davis, governor of Kansas, and his son, Russell, 28, were charged with soliciting and accepting a bribe of \$12,500 in payment for a pardon, in warrants sworn out here today by Tinkham Veale, county attorney.

Scene from "He Who Gets Slapped," a drama of the Big Top, the exciting life of the circus, showing at the Capitol today.—Adv. Soc.

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## CallesEconomies Balances Budget

Associated Press Despatch. Mexico City, Jan. 12.—The economies instituted by the administration since the inauguration of President Calles will permit the balancing of the Mexican budget, according to the first official statement issued under civil administration by Alberto Pani, secretary of the treasury.

The expenditures for 1925 have been reduced to \$143,199,586, against an estimated income of \$145,000,000.

**ALL WORRY REVEALS  
LACK OF FAITH IN GOD**

Do Today's Duties If Your Lif. Would Be Tranquil.

Rev. A. Burgess Advises.

"Take no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." This is the text taken last evening by Rev. A. Burgess of the Egerton street Baptist church for his evening sermon on "Worry."

In his sermon, Mr. Burgess said that worry reveals a lack of faith in God. "There are two kinds of worry," he stated, "temporary and continual."

The text does not mean that provision is not to be made for the next day's needs, and that people are not to be over anxious.

Mr. Burgess said that doctors still say that a great deal of sickness is due to worry. Worry, moreover, mars the personality and destroys the spiritual life as well as the physical life. It is a mighty sin for the child of God to commit. There are three troubles that worry humanity—the troubles of the past, present and the future. "We suffer of the past," he said, "because we are living still."

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## HUDSON YIELDS BIST OF CAESAR

Marble Head Picked Up by Dredge Thought Work of a Master.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Jan. 12.—Mystery still surrounds the marble head of Augustus Caesar, which was drawn up from the Hudson river by a war department dredge and is on exhibition today in a Fifth avenue art gallery.

Many critics and sculptors are of the opinion that the marble is the work of a master artist of the first century.

The head was imbedded ten feet in hard clay on the bottom of the Hudson river. Engineers and river experts who have been consulted admit it might have taken 100 or 200 years for the marble to sink to the depth at which it was found.

How the piece came to be there is a puzzle which has not been satisfactorily solved. One theory is that it might have fallen overboard or been thrown from a sailing vessel.

Another theory is that it might have remained on the river bed from some maritime wreck.

The piece was slightly damaged when it was sucked up by the dredge near the mouth of the Hudson and at a spot where virtually all ships from Europe pass in making their way up the river.

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## HUSBAND DRAWS MAGISTRATE'S RE

Mother Tells Court Pitiable Tale of Non-Support—Family Near Starvation.

A piteous state of destitution has followed a London family for three years. Five children and a mother have been without food for days, and had not been for charity, they would have starved. They have been without coal to provide warmth, clothing to protect against the cold, and food to ward off starvation.

Mrs. Charles Hamilton is the mother. She has been married 11 years, and during that time has given birth to eight children, three of whom have died. Her husband is responsible for her destitute condition, she charges.

This accusation she made in police court today where Charles Hamilton faced a criminal charge of neglecting to provide his family with necessities.

Mrs. Hamilton told a story of hardships, sufferings, and of a continual struggle to get food for her family of children might exist. Her husband had been working, she declared, but he had never contributed a cent to his family's upkeep. For three years he has never brought home so much as a piece of bread, she said. In the 11 years of her married life she had never been given a new pair of shoes.

"My husband got work at Christmas," she told the court. "He promised to bring me money, but he spent it all on whiskey. He drinks rubbing alcohol or anything he can get, and I street because I had no food and everything was freezing. I went to my mother's place. Fifteen of us live there, and I am now in a workhouse."

Hamilton himself admitted that he had given his family no support since Christmas. "Things are pretty tough," he said, "but I am not going to let my children starve."

"Your children are literally starving to death," Magistrate Graydon replied, and you, a big hulking fellow, are not helping them. You are spending your money on whiskey. I will find you guilty and I will send you to prison for one month. Meanwhile I will see if there is not some way by which your wife may receive help. I am tired of this sort of thing, and I will send you down to the reformatory if I think it would do any good."

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