The Crime Trust

A LEADING INDUSTRY OF CHICAGO CHIEFS HOBNOB WITH JUDGES.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 .- A truly Gilbertian situation has been disclosed in Chicago by the regal funeral ac-corded to Dion O'Bannion, its most popular bootlegger.

According to the American news-According to the American newspapers, which are alternately indignant and humorous on the subject, O'-Bannion was only a third-rate captain of crime. The actual heads of the profession he practised, they say, are men far "higher up" who frequent the best clubs, hobnob with leading lawyers and judges, and receive homage in the form of respectful salutes from in the form of respectful salutes from the police when they violate the speed laws in their luxurious motor cars.

In a word, their lives are spent in exalted spheres of society, for they are not "outlaws" but men who skilfully manage to keep within the law while they amass riches from the efficient industrialization of crime.

In the underworld, however, O'Ban-In the underworld, however, O'Bannion was a most distinguished figure. When he died at the hands of three when he died at the hands of three assassins, who escaped scot free with the aid of a covering cohort of confederate motorists, the Chief of Police exclaimed, "The city is well rid of him, for he has been responsible for 25 murders

Judges and the Widow.

Yet municipal judges, city officials, and ward politicians-whose names the local Press publishes—hastened after his death to leave cards and wreaths with his widow. A prolonged and spectacular "wake" was held; and, finally, the remains of the bootlegger chieftain were conveyed in a solid silver coffin, resting on a huge hed of roses, to the cemetery, where a mob of ten thousand people with a thousand motor cars had assembled to witness the last rites.

The Church alone remained aloof from the fantastic ceremony. It closed the doors of the cathedral to the mourners and refused the use of consecrated ground for the burial. But its absence was concealed by a gorgeous procession of 22 vans bearing floral tributes from the underworld and by a highly skilled jazz band, which played hymns during the "serwhich played hymns during the "service." All in all, the funeral was the most expensive as well as the most bizarre in the history of Chicago.

To appreciate the significance of the To appreciate the significance of the episode an epitome of O'Bannion's career is necessary. He was first seen in a small Illinois town as the son of a plasterer. His environment was religious. He was a choir-boy. Drifting to Chicago, he waited an opportunity. Meanwhile he cracked a safe, but es-Meanwhile he cracked a safe, but es-

caped with a three months' sentence. Years later prohibition opened up wealth. He organized his gang and established himself beside it in an ornate florist's shop. His watchword to him a broad and rapid road to was "postes and pistols." Beneath a cluster of carnations in his establishment a pair of revolvers invariably reposed; for in the career O'Bannion had adopted death comes early.

The average age of those of his confederates who died in feuds was net more than twenty-eight; and O'= Bannion was already in the early thirdes, a plump, short, sleek man with a sentimental regard for the relatives of the victims who were crippled or killed in the game of capturing consignments of beer and whisky. For besides being a bootlegger O'Bannion was what is known as a "Hi-Jacker," a man who organized raids upon the goods of his fellow bootleggers.

Once, about a year ago, he was caught by the police with his pistol levelled at the head of the driver of a lorry full of whisky. But the case against him never came to trial. On another occasion, as the La Salle Theatre was disgorging its crowd of playgoers, he shot and wounded a rival gang leader. When the time of trial came, however, the witnesses had conveniently forgotten what they

Stealing His Own Goods.

O'Bannion's latest exploit was his undoing. He ordered a shipment of whiskey for £20,000 from New York and raided the trucks containing the liquor before their arrival in Chicago. The generally accepted version of the sequel is that agents of the vendors called on him in his florist's shop with imperative instructions to exact

And so he fell dead, riddled with bullets amid a profusion of flowers. His ornate funeral has created an uproar. The newspapers, in recording the ceremony, published lists of the men opposed to O'Bannion, whose death from assassination might be confidently anticipated within the next few days. The police accused the magistrates of responsibility, because of their leniency, for the "acute murdar problem" in Chicago; and the magistrates in turn denounced the police for their failure to arrest the chief criminals.

The police sallied forth and arrested 80 men in various pool-game parlours whom they alleged were carrying guns; and their orders, as proclaimed, were to "save trouble for the lawyers by giving work to the hospitals." There, for the moment, the problem rests. It is assumed everywhere that the prisoners captured will be released shortly, and that the captains of crime will continue to pay

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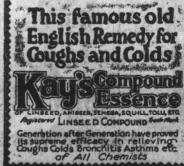
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Mr. A. Blayney Percival, who, for periences in "A Game Ranger's Notebook," just published in London. He

Conditions in East Africa are now The stock farmer keeps his animals early in the morning." in kraal or boma at night, but his utmost precautions do not avail against the lion. Two young ostrich farmers had their boma broken into one night at the cost of 50 birds, valued at

At one time the author started rea

who gave as much trouble as a baby. He was like any human baby in some Cubs by Hand respects; he slept on my bed and insisted on milk during the night—and table was laid for a meal, when they ous pursuit."

"I understand now why children are so autocratic. If I did not wake up as soon as that cub began to cry he took his own measures, and often I woke in response to a little rough tongue on my face. In the course of time he grew too big for the bed, and consented to occupy a box on the floor changed for those prevailing in the He now slept the night through withold days; the lion ranks as vermin in out requiring me to get up and give most parts, and heads the list at that. him a drink, but demanded it very

mischievous—and expensive.

"A favorite joke was to wait till the gaitered legs-the three cubs in joywould take hold of one corner of the As Sir Donald Stewart, then Comcloth and walk with it, bringing missioner, very nicely put it, in sendeverything down with a crash. The ing word that the lions must go. "You clatter amused them immensely, far can easily get more cubs, but we more than it did me."

"They were fond of chasing stray dogs which they never caughtbut they lacked discretion and failed to distinguish between stray dogs and more exalted beings. It led to their "A very reverend gentleman came

to call, and unfortunately was greeted on the verandah by three lions, all bigger than retriever dogs, who rose stretched, yawned, and came forward to receive him. "They could not expain that they

were merely inviting him to romp in all good fellowship. He decided to call again and went hurriedly, and

As the pups grew up they became his room only in time to see, faintly Ford Aid Port at Detroit through a cloud of dust, a pair of

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