# What Everybody's Asking Today: - WHAT WILL SEWELL DO NEXT?



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# Wives May Starve—But Bankers Won't!

BOUT ALL we've been doing for the last year or so is clearing the atmosphere. Graft, inef-I ficiency, realty inflation, bombast, extravagance—all these are one by one being eliminated. And the air is much healthier.

Why not go the limit? We have nothing to fear. Times are admittedly tough and the next few months aren't expected to improve conditions-unless we strike oil. So, while we are ironing out all our difficulties in order to meet the coming season with a sane, conservative state of mind, let's make our housecleaning thorough.

This paper has had much to say concerning the Florida Power & Light Company. It is scarcely necessary to mention that its franchises with the cities of South Florida are of immediate importance and need to be taken care of right away if we expect to ever again interest an investor, either private or business, in Florida climate, soil or industry.

So much for that.

Now what about our banks? Miami Beach has close to \$2,000,000 of city funds reposing in its two banks. There's no telling how much city funds are supporting Miami banks. The taxpayers of Miami, in other words, whether they have bank accounts or not are contributing a juicy fund to the banks every year. As a matter of fact, our banks might not be in such a healthy state if they were not able, by political machinations and other devious ways, to sell huge bond issues long before the money is needed and thus be able to collect a fine rate of interest on the public monies until they have to turn loose.

Miami Life suggests an investigation of the anner in which the banks have been able to use these public funds to their own interest. And for two reasons:

# 1925 - 1927

A SHORT time ago, folks, this city was a happy one; A Show to the edge, focks, this city this is happy one, All the people full of life, everyone a snappy one; We were so elated, we started out to build a town, We started putting buildings up and tearing other buildings down; We made streets and more streets and and cross streets and boulevards And slaving at paving we laid a hundred thousand yards; We built docks, crushed rocks, laid sewers by the mile, We built docks, crushed rocks, lad sewers by the mile, Every guy, wet or dry, wore a happy sort of smile; We bought lots and sold plots and made money by the sack, Lots of us, without fuss, got fifty thousand at a crack; Thousands of tourists in every hotel corridor; Were standing on their hind legs to give a boost for Florida; We were the nicest folks in all this wide-flung nation, Two years ago, the time, you know, We prospered by inflation.

But now, folks, wow, folks, we are the suddest guys, We grouch and we slouch and we tell a lot of silly lies; We are so disgusted we don't know just what to do, We are so disgusted we don't know just what to do, Everything is colorless and we are feeling very blue; We can't speak a kind word we can't do a noble deed, We're suffering from ennui and unrequited dollar greed; We're grasping and rasping and calling for our pound of flesh, You can bet, we're in the net and can't cut a single mesh; We sold land at first hand for twenty times its real worth, And now we're howling like a kid because we cannot have the earth; We had a show to make some doubt and and eated like a lot of mute We had a show to make some dough and acted like a lot of muts, And now we're going round like a lot of gloomy coconuts; We've turned to be the grouchiest people in the universe, Since prices dropped, all hell popped, And emptied out our bulging purse.

### **Private and Public Crimes**

THIS Fred Osius case is developing some funny complexes among otherwise sane folks. For the first time we find that because he is sorry about the whole affair the man who is charged with being responsible for two deaths shouldn't be tried; secondly, that he shouldn't be prosecuted because the nearest relative of the victims doesn't wish it.

In other words, your family and our family or other families he may have menaced by reckless driving should not be taken into consideration. Reckless driving becomes, not a crime against society, but only against the survivors of families who happen to be in the path.

We have not the slightest desire to persecute Fred Osius. He is a man of standing in the community. But, it must be remembered that the rights of society were not protected at the coroner's inquest that exonerated him; that the coroner's jury, although sworn to represent the public, didn't seem to have the nerve to even inquire into detail on his condition when taken to the police station, although some of the members of the jury had previous knowledge of the whole affair; that the "peace and dignity of the state" were obviously ignored by virtually all the peace officers connected with the case. Prosecution is not persecution. If Osius is guiltless he can readily prove it. If he is guilty, he should be punished. He'll get a fair trial-but, remember, he should be tried!

# Consistency

ROVER MORROW, Miami Beach's hard-boiled law dispenser, is noted for the sentences he inflicts in "drunk and driving" cases. Even the veriest whiff of alcohol on the breath of the driver is enough to bring down a severe penalty. But that is in Miami Beach. In Miami, Judge Morrow defends a man charged with doing bodily harm while intoxicated and driving a car. He claims that a man is not intoxicated so long as he knows the steering wheel from the rumble seat. Wise and noble judge! Noble at the Beach and wise in Miami.

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### Let's Call It Quits

 $R^{\rm EMEMBER}$  how pleased you used to be with yourselves and the rest of the world? You could rise up in the morning, sell a lot before 10 o'clock and another by noon-and go out and buy a couple of automobiles with the profits. And you'd still have a big bank balance.

Them were the days.

Some of the lots brought a half cash payment that was many hundred per cent increase upon your original investment. So you bought more lots, the embargo and other inconveniences making it impossible to buy anything else.

And those were the days you had friends-plenty of them. They bought your lots-or sold you theirs. You made plenty of money out of them and they returned the compliment.

But in the course of time this buying and selling died down. You were all holding your little bags. And you-just the tripe that would-began worrying about your friends not being able to make that second payment. What if you had made handsome profits. No, you began getting hard-boiled. And your friends got the same way toward you every chance they got.

So your little community, where you used to have such a good time, has lost its congeniality. Instead of slapping a lot of friends on the back when you walk down the streets, you slap them in the face with a summons to court.

Don't you think it's time to call it quits-and start all over?

### That Blue Marmon

SO MUCH has been said about a blue Marmon car in the Osius case and so Ittle is known about the mysterious racer that it would be a noble thing if the owner of the car came forward and told what he knew. And what about a couple in a Dodge sedan that was at the scene of the accident on the cause-Why don't they come forward and offer their evidence? way?

(1) That they are notoriously unwilling to lend to local people.

(2) That a big percentage of this public money, provided by you and us for what we are persuaded to believe are immediately necessary public improvements, goes into Wall Street call loans which in no wise benefits anybody in Miami except the principal stockholders of the banks.

Are we to continue supporting the bankers when we can't afford to provide payrolls for our own employes or pay the laundry and grocery and rent bills at home?

THE Hialeah Chamber of Commerce denies that the Randall case is merely a method of attracting new settlers to that town. They state tha if there had been common knowledge that the postoffice contained as much money as is reported missing, last year's racing session would have been called off.

## Did It Pay?

THE FLORIDIAN HOTEL, located in Miami Beach, closed its doors for the summer this week. Lack of guests was the reason.

Last year, under the management of Mr. Sheehan, the Floridian kept pretty well filled. Guests and prospective guests were offered reasonable and attractive rates. Both the management and the guests were satisfied.

Towards fall of 1926, mortgage holders managed to secure control of the hostelry. Immediately rates were advanced. They were advanced to such a point that not only did the guests leave but the manager himself expressed his displeasure by resignning.

This summer the Floridian again offered attractive rates. But the former tenants, having once been caught in the rent-boosting orgy, failed to come. So the hotel closed.

The old adage of "the public be damned" is out of date in these parts. Boom profits are not here. Neither will the public pay the boom rate of interest on boom mortgages.

## Still Unfinished

W/HILE so much is being promised in the matter of cleaning up the city and beautifying the whole district some attention should be paid to S. W. First street. This street has been widened in many places to make it a main thoroughfare paralleling Flagler street. Immediately east of Beacom boulevard this street, which starts out with excellent width, is reduced to a mere auto width in the first block. Many cars run into the palmetto that grows in the middle of the road. There are no street lights and the palmetto is almost dangerous. At many points further east the street suddenly narrows at points where the promoters of the widening plan have failed to acquire property. In consequence, this street, which would an excellent artery to the downtown district, is hardly used at all.

# It's Getting to Be Memorial

 $T^{
m HE}$  CITY OF MIAMI has an interest in the Jackson Memorial Hospital. That interest is shown by appropriations spent each year to help maintain the institution.

The city being thus interested, the citizens of this community are entitled to know just how the institution is conducted.

Of late many complaints have reached Miami Life regarding what are known as charity patients, i. e., those patients who receive treatment at the expense of the city and philanthropists who have contributed to the hospital.

The whole trouble with the institution is very plain. Like every other department under the old regime it became a political plaything. Due to his investigation of that hospital, Dr. Lowry, the most competent and efficient health officer Miami ever had, was fired. He made the sad mistake of trying to protect the health of the common people and, as a result, was told to resign, with the stipulation that he would be given an extra month's pay if he kept his mouth shut. He talked.

The old saying that where there is smoke there must be some fire may be gotten around with in this instance. The city officials might get brave and startle the public with the announcement that the smoke comes from the incinerator.

But the odors are distinctly different.

# LATE NEWS FLASHES

TAMIAMI TRAIL, July 9.—Drilling on the oil well has ceased due to lack of tanks in which to store the oil. Oil-land leases have skyrocketed. The Florida East Coast will immediately transfer its main lines to that section.

MIAMI, July 9 .--- Ex-Postmaster Randall of Hialeah surrendered to his bondsmen this evening. He immediately was released.

MIAMI BEACH, July 9 .--- Chief Woods of the police department admitted some other man could do better than himself as head of the force, and requested permission to act as traffic cop on South Beach until he mastered police work.

CROISSANTANIA, July 9.-Frank G. Croissant, the masterpiece builder, announces that all lots have been sold and that any purchaser who desired could have his money returned with 100% interest.

TALLAHASSEE, July 9.-Governor Martin, in calling a special session of the legislature, demands that that body give South Florida more appropriations, and recommends that a charter granting South Florida a separate statehood be granted at once. He was roundly applauded.

## **They Build Boats**

 $S^{OME}$  day, perhaps, the county causeway will be a finished product. It will be three miles of beautiful pavement with landscaped sides that will be the talk of 48 states. There will be a balcony along each side of it and the street car lines will be flush with the paving. The only trouble most of us have is in fixing the dim and distant date on which this will be accomplished. In the meantime we have the causeway looking like the the backroom of a junk shop. Here and there are portions of balcony that were considerately left by last September's hurricane. No part of the paving is entirely completed and at the north side of the causeway near the beach repaying is being done. On the first bend after the Miami bridge is a small, but extremely busy boatbuilding establishment. While waiting for the holes and corners to fill up the carpenters are building row and power boats. This boat establishment takes up a lot of room that motorists would like to use. Perhaps the county commissioners will have it moved-say, about 100 feet south, and drop it in the bay. The county causeway used to stand as a monument to the energy and progressiveness of the commissioners. And now look at it! Out of consideration for the Magic City and its Ocean Sister we ask the county commissioners to tell the man and the boy, who are doing the work, to get a move on.

" $T^{AG}$ , you're it!" should Officer Ginder, as he stepped into Detective Christy's shoes over at the Beach. "Ha, ha!" laughed Christy, as Detective Ginder was discharged for the alleged acceptance of a \$25 bribe.

## What About the Airport?

THERE was a slight flurry during the last three weeks over the building of an airport but it seems to have died down. As we mentioned a week or so ago the Dinner Key station would make a good airport and there are many others who believe that it would be the best place for one. Others believe that Chapman Field, which is twelve miles south of Miami, would be the finest airport in the country. While speed is necessary in this matter of an airport the location should be thoroughly studied. It should be within the city limits if possible. If passengers are to be brought to Miami by plane they should be landed in Miami. Not at a point twelve miles south. That distance means nothing these days when a car will make it in half an hour but the psychological effect of landing so far from the final destination might hinder travel by air. Have the airport near the city by all means. And its position should be fixed at once and work begun. This year should see many tourists arriving by air. We must be ready to receive them.

MAYOR LUMMUS of Miami Beach must have been reading Mayor Ev Sewell *LVI* of Miami. He had visions of a rotating advertising budget for the cityl similar to Miami's, but the Miami Beach Beacon busted it on the nose.

#### **Broadwalk Is Necessity**

**M**IAMI BEACH needs a boardwalk, or rather a broadwalk, for that is the correct name. It is needed so greatly that it would be worth while for the councillors of that city to economize on some other project, to make sure that the Beach would have this valuable adjunct.

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approval.

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the spectators and pass the na

Gone?

Players will wear uniforms appropriate to their respective campuses, the Fulford boys appearing in regulation football pants with seaweed jerseys, while Coral Gables will wear stuccoed concrete blocks as knee "Twenty Per Cent Advan Right half through tackle. "One Third Down!" This is the signal for a punt.

Traffic Director Honk Honk Arnold will referee to make sure that both elevens observe the new rule about one-way kicks.

# **A Few Paragraphs From Percy**

THERE is a well organized effort being made by some real estate men and financial individuals who are always on the lookout for opportunities to make a kill-ing. Throughout the country they Florida—particularly Miami. Of course, they want to hammer prices down to a point where they can buy for next to nothing and then hold for the come-back. They won't have long to wait for the come-back is nearing. There are many who doubt that Florida is about to emerge from the staggering effects of the late, but unlamented inflation. But one cannot doubt when faced by hard facts. Carl Fisher, whose genius has done so much for Miami Beach, has negotiated a loan of \$3,000,000 in New York. James Young, the king pin of Hollywood-by-the-Sea, has ne-gotiated a loan of \$7,000,000 in St. Louis and New York. If anyone believes that hard-boiled financiers will lend real money for Florida development, without knowing that the come-back is in sight, he is laboring under a delusion. There is no delusion about this \$10,000,-000.

Leave of absence is being asked so that vacationists will be away from Miami during the season usually given over to hurricanes. The effects of last year's big blow are still being felt and many will be away from this part of the world during the middle of July to the middle of October period. Early last year we were told that 1926 would be a hurricane year. The fore-casters all pointed out that sea grapes and other fruits were plentiful. Mangos were also very plentiful—a rare occurrence. Any year when the fruit is hang-ing in large bunches on the trees is liable to be a hurricane year.

Want Return Fight MONDAY night's fights were

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all that could be desired and patrons of the Ball Park got their money's worth, and then some. The boys in each bout gave the best that was in them and a little to spare. Speedy Stacey, showing the fans he packs a wallop in each mit and lots of staying power, will be one of the best fighters in the South soon.

The main bout between "Young Manuel" and Cowboy Frankie Osner was a tame af-fair owing to the fact that Osner found the southpaw a bit out of his line. He seemed afraid of him, somehow, and if Manuel had any sort of a punch he would have put his opponent away in the first few rounds. But the wallop wasn't there and Osner, when both boys were played out and listening for the bell, slapped in one that gave him the decision.

The fans didn't like it and will want to see a return bout to settle the standing of the battlers.

a real tame one. That is, if the hurricane arrangement works by inverse ratio. With the small crop we should have difficulty in arranging for even a zephyr. We do know that growers will have difficulty in "raising the wind."

Water costs about \$5 a month in the City of Coral Gables. Light and power for cooking costs the average home \$28 a month. That runs around \$400 a year for this service. With all due respect to the Florida Power and Light Company for being brave enough to inflict these charges, we think that the City of Coral Gables should get busy and beard them in their den. When a well advertised and acceptable home city like Miami's superb suburb gets soaked by the utility company it must do a lot of harm. It must keep many away is liable to be a hurricane year. This year, with its lean crops of citrus and other fruits should be who would like to live there.

# Bank and Trust Company

## MIAMI, FLORIDA

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

# At Close of Business June 30, 1927

**Comptroller's Call** 

#### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$3,297,854.53
Overdrafts	
County and Municipal Bonds	609,000.00
U. S. Liberty Bonds and Treasury Certificates	735,350.00
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	
Banking House	50,000.00
Real Estate	105,996.11
Cash Reserve	1,043,960.67
Total	\$5,849,073.58

#### LIAIBILITIES

Capital Stock		\$ 100.000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits		
DEPOSITS:		
Escrow Checks	\$ 176,561.87	
Cashier's Checks	53,690.46	
Certified Checks	83,665.81	
Public Deposits	1,349,924.90	
Individual Deposits	2,722,998.98	
Savings Deposits	929,966.06	
Trust Deposits	178,043.84	
Certificates of Deposit	150,118.23	
		5,644,970.15
Total		\$5,849,073.58
J. E. LUMMUS, President J. N. LUMMUS, JR., Vice President A. E. FULLER, Secy. and Treasurer.	J. FRED WINER, Ass J E. VEALE, Asst. M. E. LUMMUS, Asst	Secy. and Treas.

#### June 30, 1927-Comptroller's Call

#### Resources:

Loans and Discounts	\$ 8,485,835.44
Overdrafts	72.41
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	401.065.46
U. S. Securities, Commercial Paper, Call and	
Collateral Time Loans\$5,308	3,762.51
Other Marketable Bonds and Securities 5,703	3,576.10
Cash Reserve 5,899	9,527.73 16,911.866.34

\$25,798,839.65

Capital Liabilities.	\$ 1,000,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits Deposits	1,318,399.55
	\$25 798 839 65

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

# Biscayne Trust Company

MIAMI, FLORIDA

June 30, 1927-Comptroller's Call

#### Resources:

Loans and Discounts	\$1,970,270.51
Furniture and Fixtures	85,274.60
U. S., Municipal and Other Marketable Bonds \$571,528.11 Cash Reserve 618,027.85	1,189,555.96

\$3,245,101.07

#### Liabilities

Capital Stock	\$ 150,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits Reserve for Interest, Taxes, etc. Deposits	312.985.74 15,623.80 2,766,491.53
	\$3,245,101.07

Saturday, July 9, 1927



Stebbins Optical & Jewelry Co.

1209 W. Flagler St.

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AT OPALOCKA on Independence Day the Legionaires held a beauty contest. Half a dozen beauties appeared on the scene, and even the rain could not drive the spectators away. Six members of the Legion had donned female attire for the occasion and they entered the arena

#### Miss Ima Camel, slim as "her'

tobacco prototype, speared first prize. Nobody would have walked a mile for "her" and 'she" seemed to have no visible means of support. Len sure got himself up well as the smoker's best friend and the award was

Next came Miss O. U. Chester-field. Harold made a very dain-"Miss" and several of the bys would have made a date with "her" if they had been alone. "She" didnt get a prize "she" looked too good. Then there was Miss Y. Mama.

aughty, naughty. Looked like a real vamp did Doc. "She" got into the money. "She" showed. That is "she" showed up well and all that sort of thing. Miss Sweet Caporal, looking

like a lighted stub of that cigarette, was another that didn't get into the prize list. Max was all to the good but the judges were blinded by the manifest beauty of the winners and-well, you

never can tell. Then Miss Woodbury, another



Doc by the way, was the very opposite of the winner. "She" was about as broad as "she" was long and "she" wasn't very long.

Beauty Is Only Skin Deep

Miss Pan Am Gas, looking like an overgrown gas tank, gently wafted "herself" into the limelight. With "her" came the first gentle rumblings of an earthquake. Ed was wonderful, and filled the place position. In fact 'she" filled the whole landscape.

It was a really good piece of fooling and the wife of one of the "beauties" looked as if she was going to change her gender.

TO SEE BETTER - SEE -THB MIAMI OPTICAL CO. **OPTICAL SPECIALIST** 40 N. Miami Ave. **RICHARD DIX** "MAN POWER" Wednesday, Thursday

**Esther Ralston** 

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Express"

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Musical Comedy, Vaudeville

and Feature Pictures

Three Shows Daily

**BLOSSOM HEATH CLUB** 917 N. W. 27th Ave. "The South's Most Intrigueing Rendezvous" Admission to Members Only. 520 New Summer Suits have just arrived. They're light, cool and comfortable, but when you put one of them on, you know that you

Why Harry doesn't pay that

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If the black headed youngster

account

have on a REAL suit of clothes. That's because of the hand-tailoring, the fine styling and superb fabrics of which they are made. We've never shown anything any finer than these suits-we want you to see them.



40-46 N. E. First Street and 1211 W. Flagler Street

# The Annual July Clearance Sale Begins Monday 11th

# Clearing Our Stocks---Clearing the Market

This year the Sale takes on a double significance, and carries a double meaning to every person in South Florida. Not only are we clearing our stocks-repricing every piece of merchandise that must go-but in addition we have gone to the great wholesale markets of the country, and have literally cleared them, to provide quality merchandise for July Sale customers.

# It's The One Sale In a Year at Burdine's

It's never missed by folks in South Florida. See tomorrow's News for the announcement of the merchandise offerings at Sale prices.

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# Where Is That Ex-Postmaster?

with embezzlement of Hialeah by the post (Ex-Postmaster Randall of Hialeah, charked with embezdement by the post-office authorities, did not show up for his preliminary hearing before U. S. Com-missioner Spitler on Thursday. By agree-ment of counsel the case was continued until Monday at 10 a. m.-News Item.) U. S. COMMISSIONER: "The hour of 2 p. m. has arrived. Mr.

Randall, step up and let me look you over.' (Seven bondsmen, 14 alleged Republicar

(Seven bondsmen, 14 alleged Republican leaders, several postmasters, assistant postmasters, five reporters, and a rep-reentative from the Tribune, beides 37 "I knew him well" people crowded into the commissioner's office and craned their necks. All except Mr. Randall. He wasn't there is a several sev

JUDGE MCRAE: "Your honor, I represent Mr. Randall. I wish for to have this case continued until later. In fact, my client and my-

COMMISSIONER: "Where this alleged Mr. Randall?"

bills of particulars must be given erican public which has one ounce in each case."

(At this point a man mingled among the crowd giving out cards. He stated that he would give a history of each case bought off of him, and it wouldn't be none of that Hialeah stuff, either.) COMMISSIONER: "Do you know where this person Randall

JUDGE McRAE: "In Pippins v Winesaps, 1164 Fla. 666, the three judges sitting carte blanc reversed the decision of the Appleate court, and conclusively nolle prossed and proposed dismissals.'

(Several telegrams are read, and the spectators are amazed. They had doubted anyone in the courtroom could read.)

this former postmaster is, if he tinue this case until Monday. That is?"

JUDGE McRAE: "Commissioner, you may not believe me, but my cli-ent is not here. I have word and am very serious and wish the at-tention of the court. I do not ask for any sympathy for my client. I do not wish to quote to you all of the U. S. Constitution, but on be-

the facts.

Catastrophe

IT WAS on Ponce de Leon boulevard that the lady was driving her car. There was a persistent mewing from somewhere All down the boulevard the

mewing continued. Eventually the lady stopped

the car and got out to see what it was all about. Just then the cat, which had somehow got on the top of the car, jumped on the lady's shoul-

Fireworks!

der

self are willing to let this whole matter drop. What have you to say to them words?" half of future generations, on behalf of posterity, I beseech you to consider the terrible predicament is of my client. When you have heard the facts I know that both yourself, (Everyone stepped on each other's toes.) the U. S. marshal, the district at-JUDGE McRAE: "According to the statutes as printed in Florida, and all that part of the great Amof compassion in their veins, will rise and shout, 'Give him a contin-

(A great hush had fell upon the crowded courtroom. A water glass even fell upon the floor. All stood eagerly listening, beads of perspiration washing their faces. A silence reigned inside, while water rained outside. It was a fateful moment.) "Commssioner," continued Judge McRae, "my client is"-and the attorney for the defendant wavered, tears filled his eyes, and the commissioner filled his fountain pen— "my client is in GEORGIA!" "Good grief!" cried the audience.

U. S. COMMISSIONER: "Let COMMISSIONER: "That may be true. But do you know where be true. But do you know is if he is all, gentlemen."



CHARGED with embezzlement, Ex-Postmaster Randall of Hialeah failed to appear for preliminary hearing in U.S. Commissioner Spitler's office . . . by agreement of counsel the case was continued until Monday morning \* \* \* Charged with manslaughter, Fred Osius of Miami Beach will appear in Judge Norfleet's court next Wednesday . . . two people were killed in the car he was driving \* \* \* Federal Prohibition Agent Dozier bound over to criminal court by Justice of the Peace Penney . . . Tom Farley had him arrested because Dozier ar-rested him \* \* \* Mayor Ev Sewell not to control Miami's publicity fund . . . it will be handled by representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the city \* \* \* Hialeah school elec-tion held void \* \* \* Florida swindler arrested up North . . . several still remain here \* \* \* City commissioners have not as yet appointed new city manager . . . several after position . . . although Waite of Dayton, Ohio, leads field \* \* \* Criminal court closes session \* \* \* War among J. P.'s still continues

\*\* North side of causeway near Miami Beach being repaved ... other repairs still continue \* \*\* Liquor market saggy .... . supply good . . . prices dropping \* \* \* Miami ball club \* \* Wofford Hotel in Miami Beach suffers severe damage by fire . . . Tatem Wofford burned to death \* \* \* War on reck-less drivers still continues \* \* \* Governor Martin will debate Everglades bond issue in St. Petersburg \* \* \* Sewell's injunction against the harbor improvement plan denied by U.S. Court of Appeals \* \* \* Court of Crimes held unconstitutional in Hillsborough county . . . may affect Dade county \* \* \* Shriners raise \$200,000 for next year's convention \* \* Contract let for building seawall in Miami Beach \* \* \* Movie houses cutting down quality of their shows . . . but admission price remains same \* \* \* Governor Martin still holds up appointment of Dade county judges . . . looks like he's playing politics \* \* \* 25 policement to be vacationed from force . . . new budget did it \* \* \* "Doc" Ziebold is some budget slasher \* \* \* Complaint is heard from Atlanta about the Confederate memorial on Stone

Mountain . . . claim is made that work has been going on for 12 years and nothing has been accompished . . . they should keep still and watch Miami's causeway \* \* \* MORE NEXT WEEK.

son.

# Round the TOWN with ROD

THE NAKED TRUTH **B**EING a summer widow is all

right but summer widows should hang out the ice sign when hubby returns home un-expectedly. The other night a certain young man called upon a summer widow in a Southwest section apartment house. In response to his knock the summer widow's girl friend opened the door a trifle and spluttered:

"D----- will be here as soon as she gets some clothes on." "That's all right, I'm used to seeing her undressed," replied the caller as he pushed his way

past the door. "Is zat so!" boomed a mas-

culine voice from the inside. Let's not discuss what happened be-tween hubby and the caller. OH, THAT'S THE

EAST COAST

Dockage rates fluctuate in Miami's harbor. For instance, a small boat can spend several days alongside a municipal dock and have a bill of 25 or \$30 presented. Then, when they move to another spot. Why then the charges begin. Take the P. & O. docks for instance. They are reputed to belong to the Florida East Coast Railway, that benevo-lent and charitable institution operating out of St. Augustine and way points. Charges along the P. & O. docks are about twice as much as are charged by the municipal docks. This is probably the reason a carload of freight from Miami to Jacksonville costs no more than a carload of freight from Jacksonville to New York.

medics. Save for the fact that this trip a rookie could make a face at a doctor, the reminiscence was complete. BANKS! WHAT'S THEM?

Homestead had two banks two years ago. This year they started with one. It closed its doors some weeks ago. In order to purchase a pound of potatoes there one must give a yard of gingham or a pound of fish in exchange. Most any mer-chant will trade a perfectly good check for a 90-day note. That's the sporting instinct of the peo-A stranger in the town ple. advertently flashed a five-dollar bill the other day and the local chamber of commerce sent out a reception committee to greet the first tourist of the 1927-28 sea

Two dark-complexioned men went into a restaurant, ordered ham and eggs and then paid cash for the same. The proprietor held them with a gun until his son ran and brought the chief of police. After a thorough test of the silver the men were released upon their promise not to pull

any more such stunts. The sight of money, coin of the realm, to most Homestead citizens, is liable to cause heart failure. Visitors are thereby warned to be careful should they go there.

WHY NOT A FIGHT?

## TELL MF THEY

THAT Curtiss has a new yacht

THAT Jack has sold all of his property in Hialeah but is still holding his votes

sic Box play a new tune shortly after their grand opening

THAT the five boys fired by Van were back on the job as soon as Henry Chase arrived

at Coral Gables has changed hands lately 1 1

THAT Steve will throw a party Saturday night

THAT Alec is wondering how long it will be before he gets that promised invitation from homestead

THAT Little Geraldine only giggles when she hears people say they are going away for the summer so they won't have to pay electric and water bills. because she knows it has been proven bills are sent just the same

THAT Daniel and Eloise want some information about "church weddings"

THAT Charlie is seeking information about "miiltary wed-

THAT Elizabeth seemed disappointed when a certain parson did not show up at the station

car every morning just when it's time for Mr. D. to pass

thought twice before failing to keep that appointment

THAT B. hasn't yet heard the last of the story she started several months ago

THAT Bruce is trying to find out if Esie really has no dates with anyone except Eugene

properly be called "Big Bill"

THAT it did not take long for Frank to find out where he stood

THAT Babe had to consult a dictionary before she could con-



THAT it was amusing to see Clarence amusing his Yankee

girl friend 1 1 1 THAT Dexter still owes the five . . . and the party is get-

THAT the Hialeah Courier's right to print the delinquent tax

7 7 7 THAT Harry Goldstein is stopping at all "Stop" streets

THAT Virginia would like to know who writes all those things THAT one of the fighting blondes is back . . . and brought her sister in case of another batabout her but has little chance of finding out

THAT with much effort and labor the bridge on the Miami end of the county causeway may be finished in time for the 1928 tourist season

DANCING THAT the neighbors of Bob are complaining about someone taking their clothesline . . . Bob claims he caught a shark NEXT THURSDAY EVENING 1

THAT Clean-Up week should COUVERT CHARGE \$1 make the owners of those You'll Enjoy Every Minute —It's Different wrecked buildings on S. W Eighth street realize their civic

duty and cause them to remove

Saturday, July 9. 1927

THAT the "Lucky Lindbergh"

THAT Sam went into a home

THAT Dick and Holt have not

1 1 1

THAT several persons are

wondering why they financed "Miss Florida's" campaign and

how they expect to get their

1 1 1

Henrietta Towers

Dining Room

9 to 12

as yet repaired the Coconut

brew place just as his father

came out

Grove radio

money back





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soon as home again ! ! !

MIAMI LIFE

on his hands

THAT the Feds made the Mu-

THAT the Casa Loma hotel

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1 1 1



THAT it is odd how M. manages to be waiting for a street

# !!! THAT Mr. H. should have

THAT Little Nell could more 1

THAT Helen will find out what it's all about ere long

of the road. We are told that Osius was forced over to the side of the road by a blue roadster. WHERE IS THE BLUE ROADthe road by a blue STER and how about the motorman that said that the death car passed him like a comet a few moments before the crash? We read that "Osius was picked up on the bay and that overcome by the catastrophe tried to drown himself," but at this time he did not know the full extent of the accident, YET, when he was taken to the station (the officers at the station will testify that he was intoricated) he was wrapped in some warm clothing and THEN KNOWING THAT THERE WERE TWO LIVES SNUFFED OUT HE CALMLY LAID DOWN AND WENT TO SLEEP. Is this the action of a man that is distracted by the thought that two souls were without warning swept before their maker and that death stalked where joy had but a few moments before held sway.

Another View of the Osius Case

EDITOR MIAMI LIFE: Is sorrow punishment for a crime?

E With all due regard for my friend Kent Watson, and the clean and up-to-the-minute paper that he owns and edits, I must take issue with him regarding his stand on the Osius case and hope that by so doing I will either be able to bring before the

public some of the glaring faults that exist regarding the wheels

of justice in this vicinity or that Kent will be, able to prove to the public (they are the ones vitally interested) that I am wrong and he is right, the ultimate result being the same, bringing out

and this opinion to perhaps no one but myself, is offered in the

hope that in the future, a man or woman found under the influence of liquor while driving a car, will be sent to jail

for at least 30 days and that all rights and privileges to operate

an auto for the remaining part of the year be revoked. The Beacon castigates the office of the county solicitor for

his reopening of the Osius case and lays special stress upon the

fact that at the inquest the jury found no probable cause and

rendered a verdict that "Death was caused by an unavoidable

accident." Now, let's see: First, the diagram drawn by Ser-

geant Bryan shows that the car after striking the rails of the street cars skidded in an arc towards the bay and traveled a dis-tance of about 110 feet. It is surely reasonable to suppose that the driver applied the brakes SOME. If this is so then the

rate of speed must have been terrific on account of the inability of the driver to bring the car to a stop ere reaching the edge

I hold no brief for Mr. Osius, never having seen the man,

The fundamental principle for law and order is enforcement of same, and the full co-operation of the citizens to get behind the one in whom the authority is vested to enforce these laws. Mr. Taylor should be given the hearty support of the community in his effort to get to the bottom of this case, and if Mr. Taylor or his aids were fortified with the true facts of the cuse, to present them to the coroner's jury there is a possibility that a different verdict would be rendered.

It is the duty of the county attorney to prosecute with the evidence that is in his possession. If there had been a wholesole desire to have the truth in the case brought out, and the guilty suffer, the officers that were in the station at the time that Mr. Osius was brought in would have been at the inquest and would have testified. Further, I claim that when Osius was brought to the station a charge of reckless driving and operating a motor rehicle while under the influence of liquor should have been made, then, if found guilty, the evidence introducd could have been used at the inquest. If, after hearing the evidence that convicted him in the municipal court they still brought in the same verdict (I mean jury) Mr. Taylor would undoubtedly have reopened the case, but if Osius was discharged in the municipal court Mr. Taylor

would not reopen the case and all would have been satisfied. Give Mr. Taylor credit. The influence and money behind. Osius has not frightened him and if this county, especially Miami Beach, had a few law enforcers that feared no man and did not hesitate to bring to justice the transgressor for fear of losing his job, then affairs of this sort would be few and far between. A few weeks ago a doctor (?) from Miami was arraigned

in Judge Cleary's court for manslaughter and was, without the introduction of any evidence, discharged. The county attorney's office was not represented at the hearing due to an oversight. Mr. Taylor, after hearing the facts, reopened the case and the material witnesses could not be found. Feeling assured that the doctor was guilty, he conducted an investigation aided by some of the men from Chief Reeves' office and within one week the doctor was once more in the toils and placed under bonds. Not satisfied that the true conditions surrounding the doctor's practice were in his possession the investigation was continued and once again the doctor was taken into custody. This is a parallel case and due to the "adulterated efficiency" of the county solicitor's activities one of the most notorious quacks that this part of the country has had to contend with has been driven out of the nefarious business that he has been conducting.

If it were not for the fearlessness of Mr. Taylor and If it were not for the fearlessness of Mr. Taylor and Miami Life the dealer in death would have continued, and God alone knows how many victims would have been his. All hail, Mr. Taylor, mark ye well that unless you do support him in his efforts Southern Fiorida will soon become a haven for the law-less gentry and the safety of the public will no longer prevail. The Beacon tells us that Mr. Osius is very sorry on account of the accident and that the mental suffering is sufficient pun-ishment. Are we to take it for granted that in the future if you commit a crime that all that you have to do is to shed a few tears, econese, words of sorrow, and the courts are to take this into

commit a crime that all that you have to do is to sheak a jet lears, express words of sorrow, and the courts are to take this into consideration and say, "Go your way and sin no more, you have atomed for your sins?" If this be so then the "sob stuff" will indeed run rampant and our courts will no longer be needed and the sale of glycerine will increase.

GEO. J. CHRISTIE

#### **DID YOU GET YOURS?**

Saturday was the last day for renewing war risk insurance. About 3,000 Miami veterans took advantage of the liberal offering of the government, and now have life insurance protection in some way or other. Harvey W. Seeds Post 'of the

American Legion gave its time and quarters to urging the veterans to renew their insurance. Three doctors were present and the scene reminded me of the days of 1917, when men gathered by the hundreds and were shoved

through the peculiar rites originated by the general staff of the



WHEN the Shriners are here next year it would be a good idea to stage a big fight at Miami. Look what the Dempsey-Tunney scrap d d for the sesqui at Philadelphia. A big fight here would bring a lot of fight fans down to the Magic City and would help to liven things up for the convention. It's worth thinking about.



# to the TAMIAMI TRAIL

ARE YOU AWAKE

AMES E. CALKINS, ex-President of the Florida Senate, noted corporation attorney and statesman, last year through Coral Gables advertising, authorized the statement that one of the prime influences prompting his purchase of a home in Coral Gables, was because the Tamiami Trail would soon be completed. He was sure it would bring tremendous activity in the development of traffic from coast to coast, and considerable development of trafficeo \_\_\_\_ c \_\_\_ fishrdlushrdluetaoinhrdl uu considerable development and increase in values south and southwest of Miami. He as a senator had aided in determining part of the Trail's route from the West Coast, through Monroe County.

Miamians, those of you who are awaiting some signal, as to the trend of values-look to the Tamiami Trail! Great progress is being made upon its construction. Contract for the last link has been awarded and the work is under way. The Tamiami Trail-in 1928-will bring Miami more than 200 miles nearer for the vast tourist traffic which arises in the middle western states, than any present route. And it is a fcat that the greatest volume of Miami's tourist traffic originates in these middle western states.

Coral Gables, the gateway from Miami to the Trail, and vice versa, is bound to experience the impetus. It will enjoy with Greater Miami, the present traffic down the Florida East Coast; it will have the stimulated traffic from the middle western states and down the Gulf Coast, from the Gulf Coast to the Atlantic-plus the enormous shuttle traffic to and fro across the state.

Coral Gables is Greater Miami's most beautiful, most arresting and dominant development; the center of its leaders' homes; the outstanding sports center-the center of its artistic and cultural life. It is not necessary to argue the benefits to Coral Gables, the potencies of rising values, arising from the Tamiami Trail.

The obvious thing for Miamians to do is to make their investments in anticipation of the Trail's completion-to be in a position to share in its benefits.

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