Voice of the Underworld

Not having the advantage of all the evidence that has been paraded before the grand jury, Miami Life is not presumed to be in position to make any accuate forecast about the outcome of the great basketful of indictments that the grand jury laid in Mr. Hawthorne's lap late Friday.

Charges of crookedness have been made against the following:

Director of Public Safety Sam D. McCreary; T. R. Kright, business leader and brother of Ex-Commissioner John Knight; City Clerk Harold Ross; Police Captain Frank Mitchell; and Jack Adams, local bondsman; and Attorney Fritz Gordon.

The presumption of innocence shall remain with these accused men until they have been tried by juries. Friends and foes alike, in the interest of justice, will not prejudge them. The officials involved should not be suspended pending trial, since this unnecessary act might prove prejudicial to their defense.

That the grand jury probe has proved beneficial to Miami shall be a moot question until these indictments are disposed of. It is a most grave matter to impute crime to the very heads of a police department; therefore, we know the prosecution will proceed with utmost caution when they undertake to prove the guilt of the accused men before trial juries.

We utter no word of defense for Director Mc-Creary and the others; they will have their day in court when doubtless they will fare better than they did this week at an ex parte hearing that will go down in Dade county's history as something that exudes the ambrosial fragrance of a deceased mullet.

It has been a sorry spectacle in the corridors and waiting-rooms of the courthouse in recent days. Never was there such a parade of underworld characters. You'd think it a convention of Porch-Climbers' Local No. 732, combined with an Old Home Week of Amalgamated Yeggmen's Benevolent League.

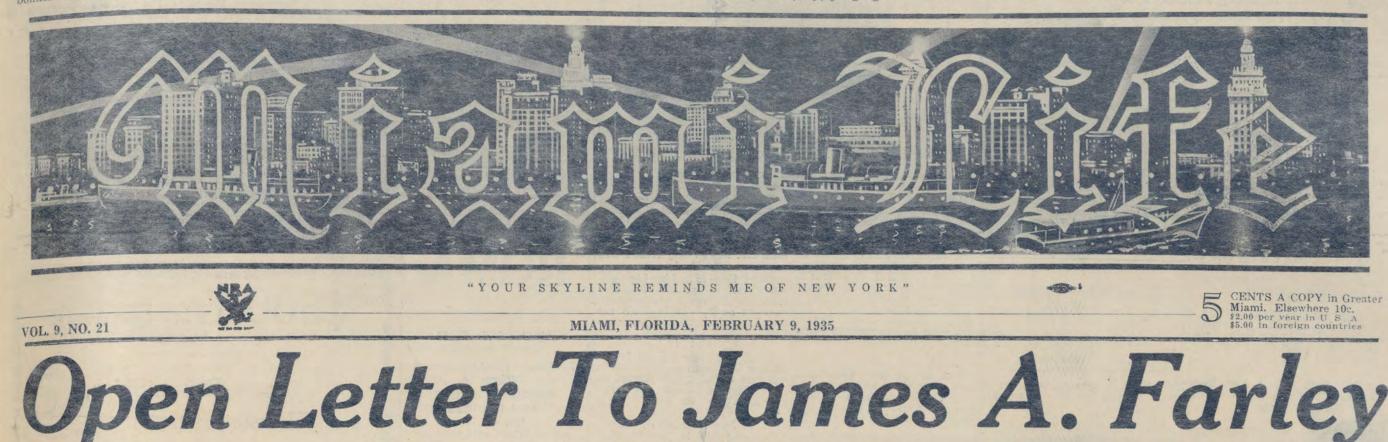
The bulk of testimony adduced for the delectation of the grand jury, judging from the faces we saw

in the witness rooms, came from the greatest aggregation of cut-throat chiselers and underworld pirates that was ever complimented by being subpoenaed into the dignified presence of an august grand jury. They think an cath is a G- D- or some other irreverent word, and their credibility-well, the trial jury will decide that.

And by the way, an official can't take a bribe unless somebody pays a bribe. THEN, IN HEAVEN'S NAME, WHERE ARE ANY INDICTMENTS AGAINST PERSONS FOR PAYING BRIBES?

Does the grand jury have us understand that bribe-givers are given immunity PROVIDED they turn state's evidence against men honored with high public office?

Has the grand jury, too, become bargain-hunters?



To Hon. James A. Farley, Postmaster General Miami-Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, Fla.

Dear Colonel Farley:

We join with all Miami in extending a hearty welcome to such a distinguished visitor. We pay tribute to you as being second only to President Roosevelt in individual power in the nation's affairs.

We learn you are sojourning at the Miami Biltmore, which as you doubtless are aware, is operated by Col. Henry L. Doherty, that doughty financier whose manipulations of securities has brought his colorful career under the continuous scrutiny of various state and Federal inquisitorial agencies.

Mr. Doherty's Miami Biltmore Hotel is a place of magnificence. It was conceived and built by that great New York Democrat and friend of yours, the late John McEntee Bowman, in conjunction with our own George E: Merrick, who sank a great deal of his personal fortune in it. Only in later years, when there was a financial advantage to be taken, did Col. Doherty hang out his own rooms-for-rent shingle on the great Giralda bell-tower that graces the Coral Gables landscape.

It would be amiss for us to question the propriety of any individual taking lodging in any hotel of his choice without acknowledging to him the absolute right to do so, but in our estimation it is an unfortunate circumstance that you are spending your vacation within the Doherty threshold. Coincidental with your arrival at Col. Doherty's hotel, the Miami Daily News published a Washington dispatch concerning the most recent delvings of the Federal trade commission into the amazing stock-and-bond brigandage of the Doherty interests. We've read so much about the magnitude of the Doherty loot that there was nothing especially sturtling in the commission's most recent discovery that during a period of eleven months, one Doherty company bought from another Doherty company more than \$400,000,000 worth of stock in another Doherty company, obviously to create artificial enhancement or false value. (With a stated value of 55 per share, this stock rose from \$17.69 to \$68 before the lambs were led to the fleecing).

of this sordid news, and in the light of past revelations about the plunderings of this Croesus, that you, the most important figure in the President's Cabinet, should take shelter with Doherty.

Acceptance of a cabinet post implies the acceptance of many grave responsibilities to millions of Americans. It is inescapable that even the private acts of a person in the Cabinet come under the head of the public's business. This should not be, but a truth it is.

Rather far-fetched, some of your friends may say, to criticize your taking quarters at a hotel operated by financial interests which the government may pounce upon any minute with a multiplicity of prosecutions. Nevertheless, the suspicion of friendly association between yourself and Doherty may repose upon the innocent circumstance that you took bed and board under his roof, and such association, if it should ever embarrass President Roosevelt might cast over the White House the same shadows of doubt that engulfed the notorious Harding administration.

That Doherty has frequently gone out of his way to ingratiate himself with President Roosevelt is as plain as Pike's Peak would be in the Everglades. A capitalist under congressional fire, a holding-company magnate under Federal trade commission accusations, a predatory operator whose Ponzi-like deals have been a plague, a super-confidence man whose racket has robbed the working man of his bench and the widow of her bedstead would avidly seize an opportunity to act as chairman of President **Roosevelt's birthday balls!** Suave, tactful is Mr. Doherty. He is not subject to the same panicky feelings that befell Mr. Insull and prompted him to board a boat for Greece and then hoist sail for unnamed ports, only to be forced back for trial, Insull feared the public's wrath and bodily harm. Col. Doherty, (your host, Mr. Farley), fears the Roosevelt program which seeks to eliminate holding-companies. He fears the Federal courts and their relentless procedure; and he fears the Rooseveltian Congress because it hopes to wipe off the map all traces of such money-empires that drain the nation like the Doherty set-up; therefore,

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ing his marital standing.

A certificate of singleness would

he seeks to bask in the smile of the President-and of the President's immediate confidantes!

This nation will long recall the perfidy of the Harding regime, with its oil-lease scandals that ensnared Fall, Daugherty, Doheny! With its black chapters of intrigue and gay passages of frivolity! Even after the pathetic passing of President Harding there came to light shocking stories of associations between members of the Harding inner-circle and the ultra-looters of the public till that will long blot the escutcheon of Uncle Sam.

The country has had no President in whom the people have had greater confidence than is reposed in President Roosevelt. He is the symbol of national integrity. When he took office the nation was prostrate. Business was flat on its back. Every bank had to be closed. Hope had vanished, but suddenly the spontaneous smile of Roosevelt flooded the land like sunshine; chins went up, banks opened, business upturned, all because of a universal belief in the honesty of the administration.

Now, like Caesar's wife, the capital and its officials must remain above suspicion. Intermingling of Washington's officialdom with those interests under Washington's fire would cause skeptics to look askance, and no situation that would justify the raising of a single eyebrow should be tolerated. It was not just the discovery of thievery that made the Harding regime a national tragedy; it was the stories of under-cover liaisons that existed, the stories of propinguity that had been tolerated between White House camp-followers and the Phillistines. The Harding boys had toasted their shins too frequently at the Doheny fireside, so to speak. So, Mr. Farley, we trust our point is clear; as an individual citizen, no person will gainsay your right to choose your own lodging quarters, but occupying the exalted post conferred on you, you would not have acted in poor taste to forego the luxurious comforts of the Miami Biltmore in view of the favors being sought and which will be sought in the future at the White House by Col. Doherty.

But we cannot conceal our surprise, in the face

Cordially yours, MIAMI LIFE By R. J. Clein, Publisher.

SPARKS OF LIFE

A Houston newspaper cashier was surprised to discover that he had been held up by a bandit who didn't even have a bullet in his revolver. But he probably wasn't half so dumfounded as the bandit when he discovered the phenomenon of a newspaper cash-ier having \$3,000 in cash.

Mosquito Leader Returns to Desk," says Herald headline on Fort Pierce dispatch. We knew Pierce was mosquito headquarters, but we were not aware (Continued on Back Page)

LITTLE GERALDINE

When little Geraldine learned that Barbara Huton, the richest girl in the world, had arrived in Miami, she just laughed and laughbecause she was so glad there was one tourist who might have enough money to pend at least a week at a Miami hotel.

Who Said "Closed" Season

Did you read in the dailies about somebody being arrested this week at Miami Beach for gambling? Somehow we have a vague recollection that a few pinches were made and a few \$25 and \$50 fines imposed.

These spasmodic arrests have not corrected the most corrupt condition at Miami Beach, which is the prevalence of crooked games of chance. They flourish like the proverbial bay tree on Ocean Drive between Biscayne and First streets.

We do not refer to one or two tame establishments that make their awards based on skill of the players, but to the devices that are controllable. That old Spanish adage, "Gi'e un pisces un bust" .(give a sucker a break you mug) has been abandoned long ago, and the South Beach throngs are being clipped in good-sized amounts. Flash wheels and other controllable games of chance are coaxing right sizeable sums nightly from the public. The authorities should know that a controllable game is going to steal from its patrons as rapidly as possible, and that its operators are conscienceless past-masters in

the olden pastime of flim-flamming. If you should happen to win, some of the proprietors pay off in cash, others in merchandise that is immediately redeemed in cash by a confederate. We said IF.

Frustrating the Flirts Hilson Explains **Housing Program** Quite a legislative adventure is

embarked upon by the general as-sembly of our neighboring state, The National Housing Act is the Nation's challenge to the forces of A bill just introduced depression, which have left in their would impose a penitentiary term wake lagging construction and capon any married man who courts a ital-goods industries. single woman without first disclos-

Explaining the objectives of this highly important legislation to a This new wrinkle of courtships by statute may result in some rath- Miami Life reporter today, Frank grotesque situations. If such a Hilson, District Director for the Federal Housing Administration. law should come to pass, is may require a system of badges to indi- pointed out that the program is cate whether or not a swain is more than a plan to revive a single dwelling in single virginity, or industry. "It is," he said, "a broad whether he is newly separated from his souaw, or whether he is actual-of the most far-reaching in imporly divorced and fancy-free once tance that has been enacted by Congress since the National Recovery A philanderer would have em-"It is a plan to remove the large."

bedded on his conscience: "I am a est remaining obstacle in the way of full recovery," Mr. Hilson said. fugitive from a Georgia chain-'One which is destined to restore to useful, private enterprise the

A certificate of singleness would to useful, private cherry in he as highly prized by a shiek on the make as a beribboned marriage certificate is cherished by honey-mooners in a strange hotel. A dollar to a ginger-cake the law is the work of a group of leading ioesn't pass. There are too many business men, among them married men in the Georgia legis- heads of the largest commercial or (Continued on Back Page)

Torch Club Replies

Editor Miami Life:

We read with interest your front-page editorial last week about the Torch K-9 Club. Evidently a great many of our patrons also read it, because it is being continually called to our attention. Knowing your repu-tation for fairness, I have no doubt that you will give this reply the same display as your

editorial. The cast of our unique floor show is comprised of some of the best talent in amusement circles, a number of the young men having had successful engagements in nationally-known organizations

Art West was with Publix for five years, and was also with Fanchon and Marco for three years. Billy Russell was at the Ambassador in St. Louis. Lyle Mack was a sensational hit at Publix' Fischer theater in De troit.

In fact, all the boys have distinguished themselves as entertainers. Enna Davison was with Lillian Desmond Stock Com-

pany, Wally Thompson was with Bainbridge Stock Company at Minneapolis, and Lee Carr was starred at Pasadena's Little theater. George Dana was a featurned member of the Schwab Mandel Shows.

We mention these previous experiences of our entertainers to show the type of talent we are presenting. As to their feminine impersonations, know this is highly popular diversion that the public relishes, and we invite your careful inspection of the show in its utmost detail.

We advertise the 'Torch K-9 Club as "Miami's Oddest Night and we believe our pat-Club." rons will agree with us that it Nevertheless, its oddity is. not its only appeal; its music and songs, its dances, its (if you'll pardon us) beauty, combine to give the night-life crowd a real thrill for its money. If you publish this, we would deem it & courtesy.

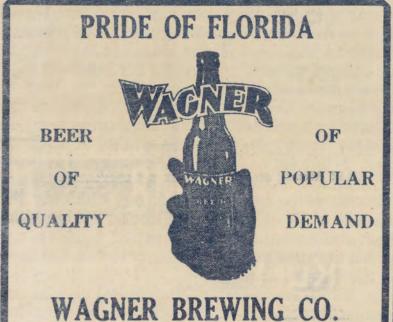
Very truly yours,

Torch K-9 Club Management.

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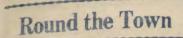
THAT Miss Edell wants to know

if "Like shooting fish in a bucket"

THAT Lee Smith, of the Cortez if they put the sign on the other hotel staff, is leading a very quiet side of the door

life this year, particularly since Bruce got tied

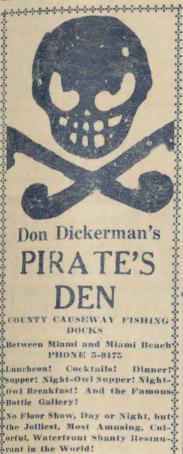
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Tomorrow, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Jai-Alai Fronton, Miami citizens and tourist guests,

Hon. Walter H. Beckham, judge of our Juvenile Court advised us of of our Juvenile Court autised us of this, stating that it was sponsored by the Dade County Juvenile Coun-cil and by many of our leading white citizens for the benefit of delinquent negro children. Many of Miami's music lovers including Miss Bertha Foster, Mr. O. F. Miss Bertha Poster, Mr. O. F. Steinmetz and other leading lights in musical circles in Miami have heartily endorsed this entertainment.

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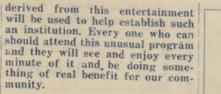
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3 o'clock in figures, and tourist guests, Miami citizens and tourist guests, will have an opportunity to hear one of the world's greatest group of singers, "The Negro Jubilee Chorus" of some 125 voices. Chorus Walter H. Beckham, judge It is rumored that the Grand Jury now in session may look into



unnecessary monies. It is rumored that some clerks get more money than their superiors including judges.

held a traveling man, well identified for not having license plates which were waiting for him in Mi-ami. He would not let him see a brother sent an attorney friend over. It is reported that the Sheriff's other brother is his Chief Dep-uty and his wife is the jailer and



also the best of drink mixturesfrom \$12 a quart down to 50 cents!





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(Formerly of "Sloppy Joe's") Remember? Fresh COCONUT DRINK 10c A SMILE IN EVERY DRINK Miami's Most Popular Drink 142 Biscavne Blvd. Next Door to Colonial Hotel) leah Wednesday with only \$3 to Three men—who know us home the rack and what for folks!

JOE'S

Pina-Colada

risk on the races. He wore immac-ulate ivory-colored sport trousers, and as protection for his pants he spread out the three dollar bills on the south before its in the south before its in the south before its in the source of the source o the seat before sitting. After study ing the program he arose to make his bet. Along came a miniature hurricane and lifted one of the dollars high into the air, in the gen-eral direction of Syracuse. "Oh, well, "the sportsman philosophized, "that mutuel machine would have gotten it, anyway."

When an office building is con-verted into a hotel, you may just as well expect a few complications. What a tossing around the Sher-iff up at Ft. Pierce is giving some folks passing thru. Last week he

magazine crew. He canvases on a nearly three hours (that the buildings and has always made a nearly three hours (that the buildings few sales in the Exchange building. pipe and trunks) on the freezing sands of Miami Beach late last ami. He would not let him see a tain floors of the Exchange build-lawyer, until finally the sheriff's ing have been transformed into his tennis-loving "friends."

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guest-rooms, our hero, accustomed to entering offices without knock ing, waltzed right into a lady's bou-doir while the occupant was trimming a corn!

The Beach Band

Miami Beach-and Miamianshis friends with a few Oakleys are getting a real treat in the band at Flamingo Park—Impressario Charlie Cusick's creation. It's the best all-star vaudeville show-band Where and when the crowd of wine and liquor salesmen learned to play box spring tennis and if we've ever heard. Charlie is a show-man essentially, and he's proved it, Carioca rum speeds up the game which Helen serves at 23rd street.

this season. this season. Charlie, by the way, is teaching the Ida M. Fisher school's musical-ly inclined students, free of charge! Joseph McCarthy, who wrote such famous pieces as "Kid Boots," "Irene," "Rio Rita" and now in Coral Gables writing another show with Jimmie Monaco, was raised in Who was it said the other night that life doesn't begin at 8:40 ... it begins at Minsky's—at the

940 W. Flagler St.

USED CARS

BOUGHT, SOLD, TRADED

be praised—one of our own folks doing something for our home-

A coupe from Wisconsin headed

the wrong way into Flagler street.

The driver was apparently wrapped in blissful thoughts of the dandy one-room garage apartment that he had just located for \$95 a month and wasn't concerned about such

earthly matters as one-way traffic

town.

What Joe B. will do when Beth goes home

How long the good looking Rene Polster will keep that beautiful and natural complexion brot down here from Cleveland

What Judith and Hattie think of the Yankee business men who would like to make a fuss over them

What is Curley's first name and his last one too for that matter and why has he always kept it secret

Who has the best singing voice, Lee White, Larry Andrews or Pady Doran and what Doc Lane pinched Ed or does he still think Boston with Charlie. But Charlie has lived in Miami Beach ever since we can remember. He should



THINGS

I'd Like to Know

down town business also Who cut the towels loose from

If the license for a shoe shine parlor includes a privilege to sit on the sidewalk in a comfortable chair and hustle business by staring insolently at poor people's shoes

Will the big New York booking agent sign up Art West the come-dian and Wallie Thompson, the sincer in one of the leading nite clubs since they have been going over in such a big way

When Herb Siegel will settle

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What happened to the SWEDE'S Cherry over at the Metropolitan Bar and why is he looking so blue How Shari shares suppers Sun-days sometimes with sweetle ? ??

If Ben Remington didn't look Miss WMT any more and what was the reason of the breakup

If Lilly is having a good time with the red-head cousin from New derwear are there in this county How many sets of red flannel un-Why someone does not invent a

phosphorus stop sign How close plant in the state of How close Bill Baker can esti-

Why Zev wraps a brown paper sack around the liquid refreshment instead of using a newspaper

If Helen has a job as filling station inspector ???

Jockey Jimmy

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Miami, Fla.

LAYS.

If Polly is as hardboiled as she pretends to be, notwithstanding the fact that she has the nicest PBX voice on the Beach

THAT a Key Wester who has been a resident here for three months is now drawing down a nice Free Free Free salary in the license department Just mail this, with a stamped

success

envelope and Jockey Jimmy will THAT Adelaide enjoyed the experience very much and is wonder-ing just how long it will be before the next cruise takes place send you a simple and easy way on HOW TO FIGURE PAR-



"SLOPPY JOE'S" THAT some one called up Eddie Tierney at his Marine Bar while he In San Francisco it's was entertaining some of his friends with a few musical num-bers and told him that he was dis-turbing the neighborhood where-"COFFEE DAN'S In Paris it's upon he stopt and refused to play for Captain Les Wheeler and his wife and some friends when they "HARRY'S BAR" came along later thereby hoisting **MIAMI BEACH** It's THAT Jim O'Grady, host at the Legion Canteen has unlimited pa-tience, tolerance and all the other necessary qualifications to make things pleasant for visiting inebri-Mother Kelly's Rendezvous Miami Beach ates in addition to decent folks of the Sophisticated 223 23rd St., THAT one of the officers on the P. & O. SS Florida told several of our well trained sea-faring citizens that it was not the policy of the P. Open from 8:00 a.m. until Scrambled Eggs & O. to hire any but foreign help and under no circumstances would they hire U. S. citizens THAT Joe Glenn won a handy bet on a long shot dog known as "Short Price" and this enabled Jo-seph to purchase a kennel of dogs and go into the dog racing busi-ness himself at the Hollywood Ken-nel Club and Los goue that what he Cigarette nel Club and Joe says that what he was holding was the cause of his MENTHO-MU

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THINGS

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If Attorney Reuben A. Harris of Pittsburgh still believes "It's Al-ways June in Miami" after waiting

If Mack wasn't absolutely in the right when he was ticketed for running thru the 11th street cross-

If Bill Rosboro ever will favor

ing

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