

PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS OF NEW YORK ARE HARD BOILED

New York, Aug. 21—New York's press photographers are boiled hard as door-knobs. They do not take "no" for an answer. They must be hard to get anywhere. In spite of the fact that nine out of ten of us often will snuggle up to a cameraman at every opportunity, the tenth one will react like loose powder to a match. It is, of course, the tenth man who is wanted by the photographer. In this my sympathies are wholly with the cameraman. His activities may not be pretty and refined but they are a part of modern life. Next time you see a string of men waddling at a surprising speed under the burden of movie tripods or duck-legging along while they look in the mirrors of reflecting cameras after a fleeing victim, please remember this.

"Don't shoot the piano player," ran the legend in the old honky-tonk. "He's doing the best he can."

It is the occasional photographer on the liners—the one who has a permit and comes aboard only now and then to use his machine—who makes one mourn for the good old days of Deadwood Dick, when every one carried a gun and just shot right and left to relieve nerve-strain. It is the semi-amateur who yells at a girl:

"Hey, you! Show more leg!" When Andrew Mellon sailed, one of this sort pulled him by the arm.

"For Goss' sake," said he, "loosen up a little, cantcha?"

"Young" J. P. Morgan has reached an armistice with cameramen. Now and then he permits a photograph and mostly he does not. His father used

I dislike to be betrayed into optimism, for 10 minutes later the worst may happen, but it really seems as though the journalistic situation hereabouts may be improved. Once the semi-amateur cameramen are eliminated the semi-amateur reporter may be given the gate also. No doubt the young gentlemen who are learning how to be great journalists up at Columbia are doing the best they can, but the report from the city rooms is that it isn't very good. There is an ill-natured story about young Ray Wood, who jumped three times from the Brooklyn Bridge and got away with it. But he hardly got into the papers at all.

"The assignment," runs the tale, "was covered by the student reporters and they figured it was no story because he wasn't killed."

When the amateurs are out the professionals may find time to improve themselves. This seems to be throwing rocks at my own glass windows, but I am persuaded that the demands of editors who sit and stew at copy-desks and, since the elimination of the saloon, never get in touch with any one except petulant business managers and Mother and the Girls, are responsible for much of the printed hooley. Does any one think that Calvin Coolidge would deliberately and of his own motion have gotten into a set of leather pants and a wool hat and been photographed? His flesh probably crawled during that performance. It was forced on him by the photographers, who can bend the most

BACHELOR SHEIKS, FLAPPERS RULED OUT AS INEFFICIENT

Washington, Aug. 21—If you desire greatest service in a shop or office, call an hour or so after opening time and state your wants to a neat "bachelor maid" or "family man" employee.

This advice was given today by Malcolm Kerling, acting chief of the U. S. bureau of efficiency, who supervises efficiency ratings for all government employees.

Beware the young bachelor clerk with the sheik trappings or the flapper with ehr frills, especially during the first or last hour of the forenoon or afternoon, Kerling added. They may waste your time and try your patience, for efficiency is not in them.

Kerling told the United Press he believed best work is done and highest mentality shown in the mid-forenoon hours, with the mid-afternoon hours a fair second. Efficiency is lacking in the first forenoon hour when shop or office-workers are just really awakening and, in the case of falper and sheik, primping. There is another let-down before lunch, as hunger assails the worker, and after lunch, as food slows him down. Efficiency drops again just before quitting time, when employees think more about going home than about their tasks.

As to spinsters, and married men with families, Kerling said:

"They are the real workers of the industrial beehive. Whereas young single folk and older bachelors, lack-

unbendable to their wishes. They were brow-beaten by sour men at the home offices.

ing responsibilities, often look for provocation to resign, the spinster 'mothers' her job with utmost care and the married man drives onward with ambition for his family. When they also dress neatly, but not gaudily, you can count on them doubly."

Kerling gave the flapper and drug-store cowboy types low efficiency ratings. The one, he said, is often too independent and too ready to quit her job in flipflop fashion, and the other takes few things seriously while he has spending money in his pockets.

Of course, there are exceptions—sometimes surprising ones—to these general rules, Kerling admitted.

He offered two additional tips for employers. First, efficiency is higher in winter, when there are no vacations to disrupt schedules, than in summer, when the workers' minds travel to seashore or mountain resort. Second, it might pay to dismiss employees altogether on Saturdays, adding an extra half-hour of work on other days, rather than continue the present Saturday half-holiday system.

"When you deduct the usual inefficient opening hour and pre-lunch, home-going preparation hour, you get very little more done during the Saturday half-day," he asserted.

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The Manchester Guardian, despite its natural reverence for the late Lord Asquith and Oxford, being a staunch Liberal organ, says today: "that Haldane was allowed to resign office as Lord Chancellor and his place as a member of the Liberal cabinet, a few months after the outbreak of the war in the face of the vulgar outcry of an ignorant press, was no credit to the head of that cabinet."

Viscount Haldane was well-known to the "man-in-the-street." In the days when he was a political platform speaker he was the terror of reporters, with his involved sentences and the most rapid speech of any public man.

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