

Bert Coote's office boy. His first part was in a show called "Repairs" (salary twenty-six shillings a week). Later he appeared in "Beauty and the Barge," "The Bad Girl of the Family," "The Whip," and "A Member of Tattersalls." When on tour with the rust-named, the company in the absence of real race-horses, used others, fastening false tails to them. Once in the big scene in which the winner was led on, his tail dropped off in the middle of the stage.

SEVEN-FOOT BANJO

AMONG popular recorded orchestras ranks that known as "Troise and the Mandoliers." The sixteen mandoliers use mandolins to correspond with

the ordinary groups in a string orchestra—first and second mandolins (first



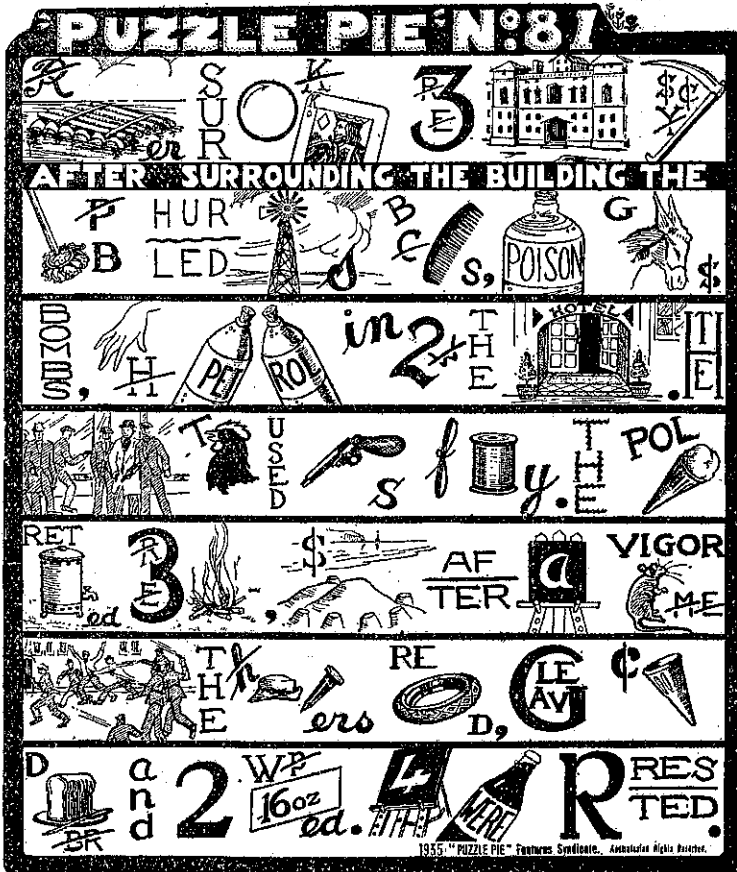
and second violins), tenor-mandola (viola), mando-cello (cello), and man-

do-bass (contra-bass). Guitars are added as a "rhythm section." This orchestra also appears as "Troise and his Banjo-liers," with members of the banjo family—banjolin, viola-banjo (banjola), 'cello banjo and bass banjo, with the tenor banjo and the "G" banjo, popular dance band instruments, to maintain the rhythm. The bass banjo stands seven feet high; it was originally fourteen, but transport proving difficult, it was cut down to a half.

THE total acoustical output of the simultaneous blast of all the motor horns in London would probably be about 200 horsepower, more than enough to drive a London omnibus at full speed.—Dr. G. W. C. Kaye.



Can You Solve This Simple Puzzle?



Don't miss this splendid one-week competition! It is just a short and easily worded paragraph about Mob Violence, which appeared in a New Zealand newspaper some time ago, and has now been put into puzzle form by our artist. The opening words, "After surrounding..." will tell you what it is all about—and for the rest, the wording is simple and the sense of the sentence will help you. Each picture or sign may mean part of a word, one, two or three words, but not more than three. Errors are calculated on the basis of the number of words wrong.

Solve the puzzle carefully and write your solution IN INK on one side of a sheet of paper. Add your name and residential address and post the entry to:—

"PUZZLE PIE" No. 81.
Box 950, G.P.O., CHRISTCHURCH.

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

All entries must be postmarked not later than **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.**

The First Prize of £50 will be awarded to the competitor whose solution of the paragraph is correct, or most nearly correct. In case of ties, the prize money will be divided, but the full amount will be paid.

Sealed Solution and £50 Prize Money is deposited with "Truth" (N.Z.) Ltd. A postal note for 1/- must accompany each initial entry and 6d. each additional entry. Stamps not accepted. Any number of attempts may be sent on plain paper. Alternatives in single entries will be disqualified. Post Office addresses not accepted. Results will be published on Friday, March 1.

SOLUTION TO "PUZZLE PIE" NO. 79.

Paragraph from "The Evening Post,"
June 11, 1921.

"The only compensation was that gold was found in great quantities, and was obtained without a great deal of work, the precious metal being in many instances literally picked up in the streets."

RESULT OF "PUZZLE PIE" NO. 79.

The winning competitor in this contest is:—

MR. V. J. BLACK,
11 Canada Street, Mount Eden, Auckland.

His solution was the only correct one received, and the PRIZE OF £50 IN CASH is therefore awarded to him.

Prize money will be posted on Monday, February 25.

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