

STILL WONDERING ABOUT MUNY COURT

Fines Assessed And
Money Reported do
Not Hang TogetherWhat Is the Reason for the Poor Showing Made
By the Municipal Court?

Newark, O., Jan. 23.—No explanation has yet been made of the apparent discrepancy between fines assessed and money reported by Clerk Keller of the municipal court. No charges of dishonesty have even been hinted at, but the people feel that some explanation is due them.

The report says there were 165 liquor cases. At \$200 a case that would mean \$31,200. This does not include the numerous \$300 and \$500 fines, to say nothing of several \$1,000 fines. And yet the total amount reported received by the clerk is \$28,623.66.

There were 300 cases of intoxication. No drunk got off with less than \$10 and costs, that would be \$3,030.

There have been at least a thousand arrests for alleged traffic violations. The lowest fine assessed for this offense is \$10 and costs, which would amount to \$10,000.

From these three sources the receipts should have been \$44,500—a very conservative estimate. And yet the clerk reports \$28,623.66. Here is a difference of \$25,876.34. That's rather a nice little bundle of change.

KLUCKER RED SCOTT TO
HEAD BOXING COMMISH

H. H. Scott, the well known sporting writer and authority, is not under the collar, because of what he (Continued to Page Two)

DEATH MINORITY
REPORT FOLLOWS
LENGTHY DEBATE

Majority Members of Committee Say Assembly
Sidestep Religion.

Indianapolis, Jan. 23.—By a vote of 40 to 6, and after a debate lasting more than an hour, in which the name of the Ku Klux Klan was on the lips of many members, the Senate yesterday killed the Sims bill, which would prohibit the wearing of any distinctive religious garb or symbol by a teacher in the public schools of Indiana.

Representative Cooper of Terre Haute introduced a bill in the House yesterday prohibiting the wearing of a religious garb, uniform or symbol by teachers in public schools. It is similar to the bill which was killed in the Senate.

Death of the Senate bill came on adoption of a majority committee report signed by Senator Sims, favoring passage of the bill, was discarded after a roll call, which was demanded by Senator Daily of Indianapolis.

Parliamentary Battle.

Action on the question of substitution of the minority for the majority report came after a battle of parliamentary procedure and after accusation following accusation as to the influences of the Ku Klux Klan in Indiana politics and the propensity of injecting questions of religion on the floor of an Indiana law-making body.

Senate observers declared the roll call result was an indication both of the strength of the leadership of Senator Nejdl, president pro tem., and of the strength of anti-Klan legislators in the upper body, as well as a test of the Senate opinion on such questions. Proponents of the bill, however, discounted the effect of the Senate action, claiming the real test of their side was not displayed in the encounter.

Throttling of the measure followed another divided committee report of the committee on education in regard to a measure introduced also by Senator Sims, which would require the reading, without comment, in the public schools of the state of the Bible. A minority report signed by Senators Sims and Dickerman, favored passage, while the majority report, signed by Senators Nejdl, Brown and Shank, favored indefinite postponement of this measure. After a short debate on the provisions of the bill and what it would require, the Senate postponed consideration of the divided committee report until this morning, when copies of the printed bill and the committee action are to be laid on the senators' desks. The motion for postponement was made by Senator Cravens.

Debate on the religious garb bill was started by Senator Sims, who arose to speak to the minority report and explain the measure.

"In introducing this measure," he said. "I want it understood that I have no objection to any one religion, but I do object to the continual parading before pupils and displaying of religious garb, which is in violation of the constitution.

"I believe that the state board of education will back me up when I say that a condition exists in Dubois, Spencer and other southern Indiana counties, that should not be, where public school pupils are required to attend parochial schools where such garb is worn."

Speaking for the majority report, Senator Nejdl voiced the first outspoken objection to the continual parading before pupils and displaying of religious garb, which is in violation of the constitution.

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Billy Williams
Gang LickedDRYS TO POUNCE
UPON WET CITIES

New York Slated for Assaault By Combined Prohi Forces.

The following from the Indianapolis News, relates the sad fate of the Billy Williams gang, who went to Indianapolis to skin Cal Faris and got skinned themselves:

"When the house of representatives was called to order Wednesday, second and third "termers" in the body settled back with a sigh of relief.

They had won a fight against politicians, based on political differences.

back in a home county, and Cal Faris, for many terms parliamentarian of the house, was in his accustomed place beside the Speaker.

"For seven days the fight to "beat Faris" for appointment as house parliamentarian was waged in the lower branch.

Threats were passed back and forth, it is said. The "acid test" was put to certain representatives, if they were threatened with defeat if they ever "showed themselves" again as candidates.

All the wires which are at the command of political organization were pulled.

Faris's record and his experience, and particularly his friends, kept Faris from being the victim of the attack.

Complaints From Muncie.

"The scrap began when Faris, whose home is in Muncie, came to Indianapolis at the call of others just before the legislature convened. When it became known that Faris was the unanimous choice for house parliamentarian, a protest was lodged with the Republican state committee, it is understood. This protest had the backing of Harry Hoffman, sheriff of Delaware county and Republican county chairman, and Billy Williams, postmaster at Muncie.

The protest against the appointment, it is said, grew out of some differences in organization matters in Muncie.

It is said the protest went through the hands of Lawrence Cartwright, Eighth district Republican chairman.

The pressure against Faris became so strong, according to those who told the story, that the patronage committee, of which John W. Thiel (Lake, Rep.) is chairman made no effort to the Senate action, claiming the real test of their side was not displayed in the encounter.

Faris Needed.

"Exertion of the pressure brought a strong reaction among house members who have watched Faris's work for a number of sessions. They began to fight back, on the basis that Faris was needed in the house, and that his experience and training were valuable to that body. While Harry G. Leslie, Speaker, said nothing, there is reason to believe, that he realized the value of Faris to the assembly, having been a member himself of former sessions.

Tuesday afternoon the fight on the parliamentarian came to a showdown. There was need of a parliamentarian, and something had to be done. It was then that the patronage committee took action, and Faris was appointed."

Arms Conference
Urged By Senate

Washington, Jan. 23.—President Coolidge is advised at a request to call a second arms conference under an amendment to the naval appropriation bill approved yesterday, by the Senate without either discussion of a record vote before that measure was passed.

At the same time, Senator McKeilar (Democrat, Tennessee) offered a resolution requesting the President to inform the Senate if the last arms conference treaty limiting the navies of the great powers was violated by Great Britain in the construction of the Rodney and the Nelson which have been described in the Senate as combination battleships and aircraft carriers. The resolution went over under the rules, but Senator McKeilar said he would press for early action on it.

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Lack of rest is as much a cause for malnutrition among children as improper food.

Flooding lowlands with fresh water is an effective way of getting rid of malaria.

Bottlegger Escapes
From Bluffton Jail

Bluffton, Jan. 23.—Frank, (Curly) Thorp, convicted by a jury in circuit court and awaiting transfer to the state penal farm to serve a 60-day sentence, and fine and costs of \$140 imposed for liquor law violations, escaped from the county jail here last night, by sawing two one-inch iron bars and crawling through a window.

The escape was not discovered until yesterday morning, shortly before the time set for Thorp's departure for the farm. When the door to the cells was opened, Nolie Smith, the only other prisoner in the jail, informed the sheriff's son, Herman, that Thorp was gone and held up the two sawed off bars.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Concentration of dry agents upon the "wettest" spots of the country—a hazy designation if some reports are to be believed—is under consideration by federal enforcement chiefs here, as a result of a recommendation by Senator Couzens of Michigan, who has been looking into this prohibition situation a bit of late.

New York city, where liquor flows perhaps most freely, according to everything one hears, is slated to be the starting point of this reinforced, flying wedge, frontal assault, it is understood. It should be a powerful movement, as 10 per cent of the country's dry sleuths are already slipping in and out of suspected dispensaries at the present time in the great metropolis, the traveling list at federal prohibition headquarters.

New York could be dried up, it is believed that most any city could. There has been no indication of what city would be selected as the second point of attack, but from the records there are many rivals for second place. None of these, however, has as yet submitted its request formally.

Commissioner Roy Haynes is known about these parts as the most secretive man in the world—when it comes to telling where the lightning force under his command is going to strike next. He is silent about this reported new drive. That is expected.

His lieutenants about headquarters here, too, are like unto him. But the storm of dissatisfaction that has come from those who claim the prohibition law is not being enforced as it should be is beginning to stir officials here, is "getting under their skins." A concentrated drive at this time, in face of the numerous protests, would have a satisfying effect, it is believed.

Playing both ends against the middle has been reduced to an exact science by the corrupt political organization that is conspiring to make John Hampton mayor.

Hampton and Sheriff Harry Hoffman are close political cronies and it has already been agreed that if the former becomes mayor Hoffman is to be named chief of police.

We believe that the people of Muncie do not care to take a chance on John Hampton for mayor. As for Harry Hoffman he has served for over three years as sheriff of Delaware county and the people have had enough of him.

Neither the wets nor the drys could hardly feel that their interests were safe in such hands. The system of protecting bootleggers who play the political game with the republican organization and prosecuting liquor law violators who oppose the gang because of their hypocrisy, would continue in operation and Muncie would retain its reputation of being one of the wettest cities in America.

It is certainly time for the decent people of Muncie to wake up and make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the situation. If they want proof of every charge against this corrupt combination, it can easily be secured.

In order to discredit the present city administration and to create a favorable reaction that would redound to the political advantage of Hoffman and Hampton, an ill advised and inept grand jury, made up wholly of women, signed their names on the dotted line of a report submitted to Judge Dearth which declared that the police were lax in the enforcement of the liquor law and that Sheriff Hoffman was doing his duty in every respect.

This was a part of the general plan of hypocrisy and deception which was meant to hoodwink the citizens into believing that Hoffman-Hampton combination is all right from a dry standpoint.

When it is remembered that John Hampton, the announced candidate for mayor, is the jury commissioner who drew the names of the six women who signed a report that was calculated to advance Hampton's political fortunes, and to create favorable sentiment for the man he hopes to thrust upon Muncie as the next chief of police, the entire proceeding takes on a decidedly sinister aspect.

Last week the Post-Democrat discussed the grand jury report and declared that it was hardly likely that Judge Dearth could fail to understand what was happening here.

That we were not mistaken in this conjecture is indicated by an address made by Judge Dearth last Friday night in the Normal City Methodist church.

According to our informant Judge Dearth told his audience that the grand jury report assailing the police department was procured and caused to be made by what he termed a "gang of wet politicians."

Of course it was a gang of wet politicians, and if Judge Dearth will just keep up the lie they won't last as long as a snowball in Hades.

It takes some courage for a public official who has been tied up with a political faction to break with his former political cronies, but unless Judge Dearth makes it plain to the public that he has wholly separated himself from these consorts of bootleggers, booze fighters and crap shooters, it will be folly for him ever to think of asking the public for further consideration at the polls.

The Post-Democrat has always been perfectly sincere in its attacks on the corrupt Billy Williams organization, and, without malice, he has herefore always included Judge Dearth in our frequent arraignments of the "system" in Delaware county.

If Judge Dearth has the moral courage to come clean and use his powerful influence in exposing and destroying this criminal conspiracy, the Post-Democrat will have words only of encouragement and commendation. We have no personal grievance against Judge Dearth or any other man living. Our policy is to serve the people, and to sacrifice, if needs be, for the common good.

MUNCIE POLICE
FIND CHAPMAN
ROBBERY PLOT

Pandit Had Planned To
Loot Bank; Stolen Car
Is Recovered.

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 23.—The alleged workings of Gerald Chapman, who until his arrest here Sunday was the most searched for criminal in the country, increased yesterday as the result of further investigations by officers working under Police Captain Puckett. The authorities yesterday obtained information from a reliable source that the notorious bandit, with his accomplices,

had made plans to blow the safe in a local bank last Sunday afternoon and to break into "the largest jewelry store in the city" Sunday night.

They also learned plans had been made to loot the home of a wealthy resident.

That a bank robbery had been planned here was substantiated by the finding of one and one-half hints of nitroglycerine in Chapman's suitcase, together with tools and dozens of skeleton keys and "freak" keys.

Stole Motor Car.

Chapman now also is credited with stealing the Chrysler coupe from the Walnut Motor Company's salesroom, 218 North Walnut street, Dec. 21.

The machine when stolen from the local sales room had been run.

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Wet Politicians

Billy and Harry

The licking administered to the Billy Williams machine in the legislature by Cal Faris will go down in history as one of the epics of the new republican state administration.

The redoubtable Billy and his right bower, Sheriff Hoffman, chair man of the republican county committee, sensing in Faris a possible rival of John Hampton for the mayoralty nomination, went to Indianapolis and gave out the word that if Faris was named house parliamentarian the republican state administration would hereafter be compelled to wiggle along without the support of Delaware county.

The state house politicians were not impressed. They gathered around Billy and Harry and inspected them much as a group of urchins would assemble in the sideshow to gaze in fascinated wonder at the Wild Man from Borneo and Jo, the Dog-Faced Boy.

Failing to inspire fear by their awful threat to break away from the state organization, these bush leaguers from the sticks who had ventured into big-time spotlight, pulled a real line of comedy and the galleries roared.

"If Cal Faris gits this here job the big manufacturers of Muncie won't give up nary a dime in the next campaign, so put that in your Coolidge upside down pipe and smoke her, dern ye," recited Billy and Harry together.

"Aint they good!" exclaimed one long, lean statesman. "Boys, you said yer piece fine. Now sing it to us and we'll have the orchestra play the dirge that goes with it."

"Let's check up on these chesty dudes!" exclaimed another. "Mebby them Muncie captains of industry will really hold out on us. We can't afford to take a chance."

So the telephone was used and the Muncie manufacturers assured the inquiring statesmen that they y didn't give a dam, tinker's or otherwise, whether Cal Faris got to be parliamentarian or not, and the "get-the-money-buys" didn't need to worry about the usual dough, and wot t'll is a parliamentarian anyway?

So Billy and Harry got the horse laugh and a big write up in the Indy papers and Cal got to be whatever it is that he wanted and Billy and Harry didn't want him to have.

It took exactly six days for Billy and Harry to get their licking. During that time, and pending the appointment of Faris, the house of representatives had no parliamentarian. A governor had been elected, the members were in their seats, a speaker had been chosen, and for six days nothing could be done, just because the six syllabled job had not been filled.

For a time it appeared that Billy and Harry had hopelessly deadlocked the session and that the governor, or Lew Shank or somebody would have to tell everybody to go home and call it a day. But Cal was named and Billy came home and Harry came home and they sung, "Oh How Dry I Am," and it will be some time before they again leave their dinky political frog pond and try to swim in deep water.

When Billy got back to Muncie he felt so blue that he told Harry between sobs, he had a notion to quit politics and go to work, and asked Harry if he knew where the postoffice was. He was "pinted pustmaster here a year or ago and has been threatening ever since to find out where the danged thing is and go to work."

"You know, Harry, I don't live here and haint very well acquainted around Muncie. I live in Selma and haven't been in Muncie often enough to find out where the postoffice is."

Harry told him for Gawd's sake to do anything rash and for fear Billy really meant what he

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