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Price Three Cents

RAMSEY WOLFE OPERATED STILL

Sheriff Melchi and Marshal Reynolds Discover Source of the Liquor Supply

AT MOTHER'S HOME

In Monroe Township—Refused to Plead in Mayor's Court Last Evening

Sheriff Sephus Melchi and Marshal Joel Reynolds yesterday afternoon drove to the home of Mrs. Emeline Wolfe, two miles south and two and one-half miles east of Monroe, where they unearthed a still said to have been used by Ramsey Wolfe, who has been arrested twice in this city on a charge of public intoxication, the last time on Wednesday afternoon, on a charge of operating an automobile while intoxicated, and for which he was fined \$25 and costs, amounting to \$35. He went to jail in default of payment.

Wolfe lives with his mother on a forty-acre tract of land, and for the past several months at different times had appeared in Decatur intoxicated, and would park his machine any place that seemed convenient and camp there for a day and a night.

When the officers appeared at the Wolfe home yesterday afternoon the mother was questioned regarding the son's manufacture of the home brew, and she told the officials he had made the "stuff" in the granary at the barn. The officers went to the granary, and there found the most perfect still yet brought in as evidence. It was constructed neatly and precisely so, that it could be made absolutely airtight, and the lid may be bolted down with stove bolts previous to the sealing with paraffine, instead of the crude way in which the others had been found. A "batch" of the mash was in the still, the liquor having been distilled a day or two before, and the operator had neglected to empty the refuse. In the haymow the officers discovered a barrel containing fifteen or twenty gallons of mash from which the "liquor" had been extracted. The still and a bucketful of the mash was brought to the jail to be used as evidence, as was also a little more than a quart of white mule, which had "dripped" from the still after Wolfe had come to Decatur.

When he was arrested here yesterday afternoon, he had a gallon and a half of white mule in his car.

Wolfe was taken from the jail to the mayor's court last evening, but refused to enter a plea. Prosecutor Lenhart will probably file charges in circuit court direct.

MOONSHINER SENTENCED

Steve Miller, a Serbian, was fined \$200 and costs and sentenced to sixty days at the state penal farm by Judge Eberhart in the Huntington circuit court, after his plea of guilty to a charge of operating a still and manufacturing whiskey. Officials raided Miller's home near Roanoke, finding a still, several gallons of whiskey, and three barrels of mash.

APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT

Washington, April 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Marine workers representatives breaking away from a conference with ship owners and Admiral Benson today went directly to the White House to ask President Harding to intervene and prevent a seaman strike.

The offer to let President Harding decide the whole wage and working condition disputes was dramatically made by Andrew Furuseth seaman leader after one proposition after another made by the seamen had been rejected by ship owners or Admiral Benson.

"We offered to put the whole question unreservedly up to the President and Marine unions will abide by his decision," Furuseth declared.

"We will not agree to arbitration by President Harding" was the immediate answer of the owner spokesmen.

Benson also rejected the arbitration proposal.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Indiana and Lower Michigan—Fair and continued cool tonight; probably light frost; Saturday fair with rising temperature.

Upper Michigan—Fair tonight and probably Saturday; somewhat warm Saturday.

DOODY'S CAREER ENDS

Chicago, April 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Willie Doody's career as a "hard guy" was over today.

Willie, 18, following his arrest, confessed he was the "master mind" of a band of criminals who have terrorized Chicago and vicinity.

"They were all 'men' about my age," said Willie.

Some of the crimes Willie takes "credit" for are:

The Fiasco hold-up of the Cicero, Ill., state bank. The \$12,000 robbery of the Summit state bank.

Shooting of a policeman.

Numerous hold-ups of gas filling stations.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cline at Monroeville for Funeral of Baby Shaffer

DEATH IS A SHOCK

Family Lived at Warren, Ohio, But Were Moving to This County This Week

The remains of the little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Shaffer, arrived over the Erie last evening from Warren, Ohio, where the child died and were taken to Monroeville where the funeral services were held today, with interment in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cline of this city attended, Mr. Shaffer being a nephew

BIG CONVENTION

Preparations Are Being Made for the Fourteenth Annual Convention

OF FEDERATED CLUBS

Will be Held at Portland—Local Women Are on the Program

Mrs. J. S. Peterson of this city is having the program printed for the fourteenth annual convention of the Indiana Federation of Clubs which will be held at Portland on Tuesday, May 10th, at the West Walnut Church of Christ.

Mrs. Peterson is the eighth district president of the Federation of clubs and upon her rests much of the work and details pertaining to the conference. She is being ably assisted by the women of the different clubs in the district and the convention promises to be one of the most interesting ever held in the history of the federation.

A number of local people are on the program, including Mrs. John W. Tyndall, district secretary and treasurer who will make her regular report; Mrs. Faye Smith-Knapp, Adams county chairwoman who will tell of the activities of the club in this city and Mrs. L. A. Holthouse will give a two-minute talk on music.

Mrs. C. V. Connell is a member of the credentials committee, Mrs. P. B. Thomas is one of the judges of the merit flag, while Mrs. Robert Blackburn is on the membership committee.

The program started at 10 o'clock with the song and devotional service conducted by the state president, Mrs. O. B. Barber, of Gary. Following the devotional, Mrs. C. E. Bell in her address of welcome, made the visitors feel at home. Responses were made by representatives from all the societies represented. The morning session was given over chiefly to committee reports and routine business, and the appointment of committees.

At the afternoon meeting Mrs. W. G. Everson had charge of the devotions, and the nominating committee reported the selection of the same officials who served so capably last year. Mrs. J. E. Reynolds of Bluffton, is the president; Mrs. Frank Garrett, Liberty Center, vice president; Mrs. Louis Severin, Bluffton, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. E. B. Slack, Muncie, foreign secretary.

One of the features of the convention was the address at the afternoon session by Miss Thomasine Aiken, a missionary from the Baptist church in Japan. Her talk of course was on the work in Japan, and the need of support from local societies.

The convention yesterday was the most successful ever held and the delegates attending and members of the local church are greatly enthused.

Upper Michigan—Fair tonight and probably Saturday; somewhat warm Saturday.

FRANCE READY BUT MAY DELAY

Their March Into Ruhr District Until May 15th According to Dispatches

FROM LONDON TODAY

Allies Hope President Harding May Be Able to Secure Increased Offers

(By Ed L. Keen, United Press staff correspondent)

London, April 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Regardless of allied action on Germany's reparations proposals an invasion of the Ruhr probably will be delayed until May 15, it was learned here today.

France is prepared for the invasion, ready to act alone if the allies will give only their moral support, but is expected to wait a decision by the supreme council, which meets tomorrow.

Premier Briand, who was due here today for the council session, left his ministers prepared to act on any word from him.

American thought was expected to dominate the supreme council. It was believed that the Harding administration might make recommendations in regard to the German offer which would determine the council's final action.

Although both France and Great

Britain officially condemned the German offer as unacceptable, the British still clung to the hope that the United

States would obtain a better offer from Berlin.

Reports here and in Paris were that President Harding is endeavoring to have Germany submit a proposal for a larger indemnity and to make provisions clearer.

LUTHER LEAGUE MEMBERS

All American Luther League members of the Zion Lutheran church are hereby urgently requested to be present at a special meeting to be held immediately after the services Sunday, May 1, for the purpose of electing new officers for this year.

ALBERT SCHEUMAN, Chairman, 16242

SHELBYVILLE LAD PINCHED

Shelbyville, Ind., April 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Russell Howard, 20, son of County Recorder Oscar Howard was arrested today on charge of stealing a registered mail pouch containing \$5,000 from the local post office where he is employed as a clerk.

Young Howard is alleged to have taken the mail pouch after closing hours Tuesday night. The \$5,000 was consigned by the Farmers National Bank of Shelbyville to the Federal Reserve Bank at Chicago.

A benefit dance will be given by the Latin club of the Decatur high school a week from Friday at the Masonic hall. Refreshments will be served and good music and a good time is promised every one who attends.

THE OLD OFFICERS

Elected by Missionary Society of the Salamonia Baptist Association

IN CONVENTION HERE

Miss Thomasine Allen, Missionary to Japan, Gave Excellent Address

Many representatives from the Woman's Missionary societies throughout the Salamonia district of the Baptist conference were in Decatur yesterday attending the annual district conference. The morning and afternoon sessions were quite interesting, and there were 105 members who partook of the chicken dinner at the Evangelical church at noon.

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The plan now is not to make the bonus effective until June, 1922 and members are worried over how the necessary revenue is to be raised then.

The difficulty is that no member of either the house or senate has yet been able to propose a plan for raising the money—from \$1,500,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000—without also raising taxes.

HUGHES ALSO WRITING NOTES

Washington, April 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Secretary of State Hughes has sent another note to Panama that country refused to accept the award of Chief Justice White on the boundary dispute with Costa Rica it was learned today at the state department.

In view of the repeated refusal of Panama to accept the White award the latest note of Hughes may be in the nature of a final ultimatum to bring Panama to terms it was believed.

The present Hughes note is understood to state finally the unequivocal position of the United States but Panama must accept the White decision and that this government stands back of the award with all necessary force.

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