

KANSAS LEADER SEEKS TO CURB LIQUOR PARTIES

Topeka, Kans., Jan. 2.—(UP)—In this state in which Carrie Nation once wielded her hatchet in closing saloons the governor-elect has taken steps to reduce drinking among legislators at parties sponsored by lobbyists.

Clyde M. Reed has pledged himself to make the coming legislative session a very dry one, and Topeka he says, will be a model of successful enforcement of prohibition.

In letters sent to W. A. Smith attorney general, W. O. Rigby, mayor of Topeka, and J. G. Logan, county attorney-elect of Shawnee county, he has asked for co-operation.

Charges that already the corporation lobbies have started to entertain the legislators in a riotous manner were made by Reed.

"The corporation lobby has begun early this year," he wrote to the three officials. "It already has had a big booze party at one of the principal hotels in Topeka. At this party were eight senators, four railroad attorneys, representatives of public utility companies. At this party were discussed committee assignments in the senate and plans for opposing the incoming administration in its efforts to carry out the constructive program to which the Republican party of the state is pledged.

"I have no intention of submitting to interference from the corporation lobby by any such means as has been used previously and as it is planning to use again. I have no intention to permit the laws of Kansas to be flaunted openly in such a brazen manner as was done on this particular occasion.

"You will please serve notice on the hotel keepers in Topeka that they will be responsible for violation of the law in their respective hotels," he instructed the officials.

"Throughout sessions of the legislature in recent years, the growing use of booze parties given by lobbyists with the intent to influence legislation has become a matter of common knowledge and growing apprehension on the part of good citizenship."



A girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kennel, of Berne, December 30. She has been named Marilyn Joan.

Betty Lou is the name of a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sipe, of Blue Creek township, December 28.

A boy baby born to Mr. and Mrs. Menno E. Schwartz, of Monroe township, December 30, has been named Abner M.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meyers Willshire, Ohio, are the parents of a boy baby which was born Monday, December 31, 1928, at the Adams County Memorial hospital.

Tartan of Eastern Origin

The tartan is a very old form of cloth, its pattern of weaving being well known among the Eastern nations of the world. One of the earliest mentions of the tartan in Scottish records is in 1471 in the account books of the treasurer of King James III.

Alaska's Long Coastline

The coastline of Alaska is longer than the Atlantic and Pacific coastlines of the United States put together. In nautical miles they measure: Alaska, 4,123; Atlantic coastline, 1,773; Pacific, 1,571.

School's Long History

The oldest boarding school in England is considered to be St. Peter's school, York, which was founded in 627 and became a boarding school under Albert the Wise about 740.

Field Mice Eat Trees

Field mice gnaw the bark from orchard trees, and kill many by girdling them. In a single winter they damage nurseries near Rochester, N. Y., to the extent of \$100,000.

Even Wiser

Samuel Johnson said to himself that he knew almost as much at sixteen as he did at fifty-three; but he didn't claim to have understood all he knew as well.

HYBRID CORN DISPLAY AT PURDUE IN JANUARY



DR. GEO. N. HOFFER.

DEAN J. H. SKINNER.

Farmers in every county in Indiana have learned more or less the last few years about the stalk tests for corn, in which the stalks of corn at certain stages may be slit open, and with a few drops of chemicals on them reveal whether the soil needs nitrogen, potash or phosphate. This test was worked out by Dr. G. N. Hoffer and his associates in the Purdue Agricultural Experiment Station. Hoffer and his co-workers found out why stalks of corn are barren and why many of them blow down easily.

To help correct this trouble, Hoffer and others in the work which he is directing at Purdue, started breeding corn to develop strains that would resist barrenness and the tendency to fall over. They have done remarkably well and last season the Purdue men co-operated with 600 farmers over the state in testing out these hybrids. Most of them have shown up well, generally giving somewhat higher yields and greater freedom from barren and down stalks than the kinds of corn commonly grown.

Most of these men co-operating in the corn research work have interesting stories to tell and nearly all of them have sent in corn for a special

hybrid corn exhibit at Purdue University during Agricultural Conference week, Jan. 14 to 18. The accompanying illustration shows some of the hybrid corn on display last January. The insets are of Dr. Toffer at work in his laboratory and Dean J. H. Skinner, who a few months ago became director of all research and extension work at Purdue.

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Represent U. S. on Reparations



Rufus G. Dawes (left), brother of Vice-President Dawes and widely known Chicago banker, and Owen D. Young, chairman of the board of the General Electric Co., will represent the United States in settling the vexing problem of German reparations.

Indiana's Penal Population Shows Increase During 1928

Indianapolis, Jan. 2.—(UP)—Indiana's penal population grew at the rate of twenty-one commitments a day during 1928, according to the annual report of the state board of charities, compiled by John A. Brown, secretary.

The six penal and correctional institutions had an average daily population of 5,792 during the fiscal year which closed Sept. 30, 1928, the report revealed.

This is an increase of 489 over the previous year.

Five years ago these institutions maintained an average population of 3,842. Since then the number of inmates has increased at the rate of

462 annually. Cost of maintaining the six institutions was \$1,390,592. Which means but 52 cents a day per prisoner according to the report.

It was found that of the 1,420 men committed 67 per cent were under 30 and 33 per cent over 30.

Miss Theresa Appelman visited over the week-end with friends in Delphos, Ohio.

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FLAPPER BANDIT VISITS CAPITAL

Indianapolis, Jan. 2.—(UP)—A flapper bandit made her debut in Indianapolis today and outlined her plans for making a series of appearances in the near future.

The girl, young, pretty, aided two companions in robbing Mervin Fallmer, a driver for the Omar Baking company.

Fallmer was accosted by a bandit who boarded his truck and forced at the point of a pistol to drive to a lonely spot.

A large coupe, in which the girl and another man were riding, followed the truck to its destination.

When the truck was halted the girl took charge of operations.

"Get out of that truck," she commanded, and Fallmer, still facing the pistol, obeyed.

While the bakery driver stood on the ground the girl searched him rapidly and unhooked his money belt containing \$25.

"Is that all you have?" she asked disdainfully. "Why that's hardly worth our time. But even so, it's cigarette money." She pocketed the money.

"And speaking of cigarettes, Charlie, give me a gag."

Lighting up a cigarette, she talked boastfully of her plans to stage a series of similar holdups in the near future.

"We're going to pay a few calls on your buddies, but here's hoping they carry more money than you had on you," she said.

One of the bandits produced a bottle and proffered it to Fallmer.

"Here, what's the idea? I'm freezing to death out here. Let me have that." The girl took the liquor and drank deeply.

After throwing the switch of Fallmer's truck away the trio got in their car and with a merry shout "Happy New Year," they drove off.

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For the Sick and Criminal

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Willard Steele who has been ill with the flu for a week past is much improved today and able to be up.

SIR HARRY LAUDER, WITH A CANNY WINK,

—replied to the question: "What is a Dollar worth?" by saying: "It's worth keeping." How? Where it will grow by its own earning power—buy with its buying power—stiffen the backbone like a tonic and stand by you through your life—in a First National savings account.

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Confesses Killing



Because he felt attentions of Frank A. Bartley, 42, wealthy dairyman, would cause his mother to leave his father, Ray Kilgore (above), 22, and a graduate of Stanford University, shot and killed him in his home at El Centro, Cal. Then he walked over to sheriff's office and gave himself up.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. J. L. Kocher, 516 West Adams street, underwent a major operation, today, at the Adams County Memorial hospital.

Mrs. Martha Albrecht, Rockford, O., route five, underwent a major operation, Monday, at the Adams County hospital.

Mrs. Rosecoe Eckrote, Berne, route three, is a medical patient at the local hospital. Her condition is quite serious.

John Andrews, North Second street, is a medical patient at the hospital.

Another Change Noted

The effort to keep straight used to be a moral struggle instead of a diet. —San Francisco Chronicle.

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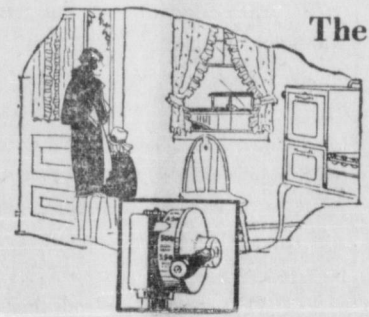
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