

GAMBLING LID  
LEFT TILTED BY  
ADAMS FAILURE

Fiasco Made of Presenting Evidence in Dan Smith Case in City Court.

WAY SEEMED GREASED

The utter indifference of the prosecutor to the open gambling conducted by a syndicate of remarkable influence in the moral and political life of Indianapolis was emphasized yesterday in Police Court when Dan Smith, former saloon-keeper and "old company promoter" was fined \$10 and costs by Judge Walter Pritchard on a charge of pool selling.

Smith appealed from the judgment and unless the prosecutor is compelled by public sentiment to present a better case against him in Criminal Court, he was presented in the City Court, the conviction was expected to stand.

In convicting Smith yesterday, Judge Walter Pritchard drew on his judicial spirit of helpfulness which has existed unbroken in Indianapolis for years for the facts on which to base his decision after the State, as represented by the City attorney, had failed miserably to bring to the court evidence it had at hand and which might have been employed efficiently not only to convict Smith, but also to break up the gambling syndicate that is preying on the people of Indianapolis.

CASE CALLED  
MONTH AFTER.

The presentation of the case against Dan Smith, about a month after his arrest in his "old company" office at 18 West Market street, was left to William Remey, assistant city attorney, whose duties in the Police Court ordinarily are the presentation of cases involving violations of city ordinances.

Ralph Spann, deputy prosecutor, was absent conveniently from the courtroom when the case was tried. Not a representative of Prosecutor Clars Adams was in the courtroom.

The affidavits against Smith were not made out previously to the date of trial, although he was arrested Nov. 12, and the arresting officer, former Sergeant Russell, had never had an opportunity to confer with the prosecutor relative to the case.

At the last minute, a sort of "double cross" was made by the prosecutor, Smith with a set of \$200 to \$100 with J. T. Norman that Watson would be elected Senator was filled out and presented to the court.

The affidavit was based on two tickets found by Russell on the person of Smith when the arrest was made.

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These were the same in form as the tickets used by the Stegemeyer Bros. before they agreed to stop taking bets at their place of business, were introduced in evidence.

Smith asserted on the witness stand that they were old tickets, representing bets placed on the election four years ago, and declared he just happened to have been carrying them in his pocket.

No charge was made by the state to establish the identity of J. T. Moorman, although it is an offense under the laws of Indiana to place a bet on the election.

The only J. T. Moorman known in Indianapolis is an officer of the National City bank and a close business associate of Governor James P. Goodrich. This Moorman was a stockholder and director in the Stegemeyer Company when converts from the pool were employed in operating the stripper mine of that company in Pike County. At that time Governor Goodrich said Moorman was "one of his closest business and personal associates."

MOORMAN AND  
GARBAGE PLANT.

J. T. Moorman also was an officer of the Indianapolis Reduction Company, which sold the sanitary district of Indianapolis the \$175,000 worth of plant after Moorman himself had testified that the plant was not worth the cost of junking it.

In addition to the betting tickets which Sergeant Russell found he produced a number of horse race form sheets, memos, odds, odds, etc., which he testified he found in the desk used by Dan Smith and Sam Barton.

Smith denied ownership of them and declared he did not know they were in his desk.

Barton also was vociferous in his defense and he was an oil stock salesman, but he could not remember that he had sold any oil stock in the last two months.

Among the papers found in the desk by Russell were bills for a telephone service rendered by the Postal Telegraph Company to one Daniel, which showed a large number of calls to the Wolf and one Katz at Cincinnati and Louisville.

JUDGE PRITCHARD  
IS SURPRISED.

Some surprise was expressed by Judge Pritchard that the Postal Telegraph Company was rendering a telephone service in Indianapolis without any legal franchise for such service, but no one connected with the prosecutor's office was particularly interested in that matter.

The climax of the longer inquiry of the prosecution, conducted without the assistance of either the prosecutor or any of his deputies, was the admission of Mr. Remey that personally he had "only a vague idea" of a pool such as Dan Smith was accused of selling.

As a result of the complete failure of the prosecutor's office to pay any attention whatever to the case against Dan Smith, the investigation was postponed.

1. To uncover the methods of the gambling syndicate in Indianapolis.

2. To ascertain under what authority the Postal Telegraph Company provides a telephone service from racing centers to betting places in Indianapolis.

3. To determine Dan Smith on a charge such as would make him study the advisability of continuing the operation of his "old stock sales office" at 18 West Market street.

Falls 9 Stories; Dead  
CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Harley Hague, 28, 6 South St. Louis avenue, was killed Tuesday when he fell nine stories, through an elevator shaft in a new building being constructed for Bunte Brothers at North Sawyer avenue and Franklin boulevard.

WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 7 p. m. Dec. 9. Fair tonight with temperature about 34 degrees. Thursday, increasing cloudiness and warmer.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.

6 a. m. .... 30  
7 a. m. .... 30  
8 a. m. .... 31  
9 a. m. .... 32  
10 a. m. .... 33  
11 a. m. .... 33  
12 noon. .... 33  
1 p. m. .... 39  
2 p. m. .... 44

Cox Says He'll  
Name Willis to  
Harding's Seat

Tenders Offer to President  
Elect if He Desires to Re-  
sign at Once.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 8.—Governor James M. Cox of Ohio, defeated Democratic candidate for the presidency, today wired President-elect Harding offering to appoint Senator-elect Frank B. Willis of Ohio to fill the unexpired portion of Harding's term as Senator should Harding care to resign immediately.

Governor Cox's telegram to the Presi-

dent-elect read: "I am sending you today

the names of two men who are qualified

to fill the seat of Senator-elect Frank B.

Willis if you desire to resign imme-

diately upon my appointment."

I read in the papers of your intention

to resign from the Senate on Jan. 10 or 11, at which time the new Governor will appoint Senator-elect

Willis. I have no doubt that in pre-

paring for the executive tasks you

are desirous at the earliest possible

moment of bringing the senatorial

functions into your hands."

If it will in any way give fur-

therance to your plans or add to your

convenience, I shall be most happy to

appoint Mr. Willis immediately upon

your resignation."

This suggestion is prompted by a spirit of helpfulness which must possess all people without regard to political association if government is to efficiently meet the needs of hu-

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