

G. O. P. DEFECTIONS MAY GIVE DEMOCRATS REINS OF HOUSE.

WIFE AND 'OTHER WOMAN' FACE TO FACE IN COURT

Both Are Mothers of Wealthy Coal Man's Children—Life Is Admitted.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Two mothers of the children of John S. Curtin, wealthy coal man, faced each other in court here today.

One was his legal wife—the mother of his 21-year-old son.

The other was "the other woman"—the mother of five sons and daughters.

Mrs. Kathleen Morrell, the "other woman," was arrested, charged with being the mother of Curtin's children, on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Curtin, who said she had known of her husband's love affair for five years.

Mrs. Morrell freely admitted that Curtin was the father of her children, police said.

"We lived together as man and wife for nearly twenty years," she said. "I have been a good mother to the children."

The children were taken to the Juvenile Protective Home when their mother was taken to jail. They played together in ignorance of the domestic tangle. They are Kathleen, 10; Stanley, 8; Jeanette, 6; Alice, 4, and Rose, 2.

Curtin was alleged to have offered his wife all of his wealth and his interests in the coal company in exchange for a divorce. Authorities had not located him today.

MOONSHINERS TO FACE POISON GAS

Dry Officers Attempt to Oust Texas Distillers—Two Killed.

By United Press
CORISCA, Texas, Jan. 6.—War against entrenched moonshiners in which the most modern implements of battle will be used, was planned here today by prohibition officers.

Upon his return from Dallas where he announced he had gained permission to use poison gas to drive illicit distillers from their stronghold in the Porter's Bluff vicinity, George S. Webb, head officer in this section started the attack.

Eight raids in which two liquor runners were killed and several wounded failed to drive the hooch manufacturers from their stronghold in the Porter's Bluff vicinity. George S. Webb, head officer in this section started the attack.

Tiny Force of 30,000

The Austrian army, which had in 1912-1914 a peace establishment of 429,000 men and a reserve of two or three millions of trained men, has today been reduced to a tiny force of 30,000 men.

In spite of this, France has still an army of 756,000 men now under arms with a trained reserve of 2,000,000 or 3,000,000. She is strengthening and developing her air force as if she feared no contemplated immediate invasion.

In 1914 France had an air force of 400 aeroplanes. Today she has 1,152. But numbers signify little.

The size, power and purpose of machines signify much.

Amongst the 1,152 air machines of today will be found bombers of a destructiveness such as was not dreamt of in 1914. Should human folly drift once more into war these preparations are full of evil omen as to the character of that conflict. A single bomb dropped from one of the new bombers contains more explosive material than 100 of those carried by the old type. And the size of the machine and of its bombs are growing year by year.

WHERE IS IT TO STOP? AND WHAT IS IT ALL FOR? WHERE IS THE ENEMY? WHERE IS THE MENACE WHICH DEMANDS SUCH GIGANTIC MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS?

Not one of the neighbors of France has today a force which reaches one-fourth the figures of her formidable army. Germany no longer affords a decent pretext.

The population of Germany is equal to the aggregate population of Poland, Roumania, Jugoslavia and Czechoslovakia, but her army barely numbers one-sevenths of the aggregate forces of these four countries. Roumania alone, with a population of 15,000,000, has an army twice the size of that allowed by the Treaty of Versailles. Germany with her population of 60,000,000. Her young men are no longer permitted to train in the use of arms. Her military equipment is destroyed and her arsenals and workshops are closely inspected by allied officers lest fresh equipment should be clandestinely produced. An army of 700,000 is therefore not necessary in order to keep Germany within bounds.

The only other formidable army in Europe is the Russian army. It is difficult to gather any reliable facts about Russia. Mists that arise from the unhealthy political and economic swamps obscure and distort all vision.

Statistics concerning her army vary according to the point of view of the person who cites them. The latest figure given by the Russians themselves is \$90,000,000. On paper that indicates as formidable a force as that possessed by the French. But the events of the past few years show clearly that the Russian army is powerful only for defense, and that it is valueless for purposes of invasion.

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But in the meantime cases in court that are waiting for the liquor to be tested will continue.

"Loaded"

Unlike the little Indians of nursery rhyme fame, who some way kept mysteriously disappearing, the number of little brown, red and white bottles of booze at the board of health offices keep growing larger and larger.

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Rowbottom Is Thorn in Side of G. O. P.



Dissension Over Committee Appointments and Absences Threaten Slim Margin of Republican State Administration.

As Republican leaders continued their efforts today to arrange satisfactory committee appointments, indications that the Democrats will seize control of the Indiana House of Representatives were increasing.

The Republicans appeared to be victims of fate as well as of disaffection in their own ranks. Two of the Republican members are absent because of illness and may be absent for some time. This leaves the Republicans a majority of only two. One Republican voting with the Democrats would tip the vote.

Democratic Harmony

The Democratic members appear to be in perfect health and right on the job. The soreness among Republicans resulting from committee appointments appeared to be intensified rather than diminished. Speaker Raymond C. Morgan conferred with Governor McCormick and with representatives of the Republican State committee.

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He wanted to be chairman of the committee on employment of the present Indiana Legislature and because he did not receive the chairmanship he refused to serve on the committee. The man in question is Representative Harry Rowbottom of Evansville. His action may be the entering wedge of a serious split in the Indianapolis delegation.

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Meanwhile the speaker turned his attention to the committee on the affairs of the city of Indianapolis. There usually is not much dispute about this committee, as it is composed of the Indianapolis delegation.

Woman Chairman

Representative Elizabeth Raney, the only woman member of the House, will be chairman of the committee. The other members will be Representative John N. Hurty, Ralph E. Updike, Clarence C. Wyson, Luke W. Duffey, Asa J. Smith, Frank E. Cline and Homer L. Traub, Republicans, and Edgar A. Perkins, Louis C. Schwartz, George C. Stellhorn and Clifford Townsend, Democrats.

There has been little activity among members of the Senate. The Republican majority is large in the Upper House. Committee appointments will be announced by Lieutenant Governor Branch Monday, when both Houses reconvene.

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