

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 twelve 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
CORPUS CHRISTI, 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 Porters 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, situated in a dense swamp near Porters Bluff.

Word recently reached Webb that the narrow paths through dense undergrowth to the hidden stills had been planted in explosives to be set off at a signal.

BILL ON NORMALS MAY BE OFFERED

Danville President Favors State Taking Over School.

A bill proposing certain changes in the present Normal school system of Indiana may be introduced in the present session of the Indiana Legislature.

Jonathan Rigdon, president of Central Normal College at Danville, will support a bill asking the State to take over the school at that place and place the schools at Muncie, Terre Haute and Danville on the same basis. He also advocated Normal schools for northern and southern Indiana.

Under the administration of Governor Goodrich, a bill passed both Houses of the Assembly authorizing the State to take over the Danville Normal and pay part of the tuition of students. The bill was vetoed by the Governor.

The Danville school would be given to the State if the support of the institution was guaranteed, Dr. Rigdon indicated. The question of additional normal schools for teachers' training has been a problem in Indiana for some time.

WOMAN'S HOME RAIDED

Fannie Bodgan of 15 S. Fleming St. was charged today with operating a still. Lieutenant McGee and a squad of police found a five-gallon whiskey still and a half-gallon of mash in an stove at her home.

"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 office keep growing larger and larger.

For there's no one to test the booze since J. R. Dunwoody, chemist for the board of health, has been sick. And there's no way to stop the liquor from coming in from police headquarters. The ice chest is full, the tables are loaded and the board of health is almost considering giving liquor away to get rid of it. But in the meantime cases in court that are waiting for the liquor to be tested will continue building.

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



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 Republican ranks in the House.

WHAT EUROPE MUST LEARN TO SAVE SELF

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more words and signatures to restrain the irresistible impetus of organized force.

A statistical survey of European armies today is calculated to cause alarm. Europe has not learned the lesson of war. It has rather drawn a wrong inference from that calamity. There are more men under arms in Europe today than there were in 1913-1914, with none of the justification or excuse which could be pleaded in those days.

In pre-war days the statesmen of each country could make a parliamentary case for their military budgets by calling attention to the menace of prodigious armies across their frontiers.

Germany and Austria built up great armaments because their frontiers were open to attack by two great military powers who had engaged to pool their resources in the event of war. France and Russia raised huge armies because Germany possessed the most formidable armies in the world and could rely, in case of war, upon the assistance of the not inconsiderable forces of the Austrian Empire. And both Austria and France had always the uncertain factor of Italy with her army of three millions to reckon with.

But since the war these mutual excuses no longer exist. The two great military empires of Central Europe have disappeared. Germany, which before the war had a peace establishment of 800,000 men and reserves running into millions, has today a total of 1,000,000 men. The size of the Polish army, the formidable German equipment, which for four years pounded the cities and villages of Northern France to dust, is either destroyed or scattered for display amongst the towns and villages of the victors.

Tiny Force of 30,000
The Austrian army, which had in 1913-1914 a peace establishment of 420,000 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 fact, France has still an army of 750,000 men now under arms, with a trained reserve of 2,000,000 or 3,000,000 more. She is strengthening and developing her air force as if she feared or 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 GIANTIC 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 populations of Poland, Roumania, Jugo-Slavia and Czechoslovakia, but her army barely numbers one-seventh of the aggregate force of these four countries. Roumania alone, with a population of 15,000,000, has an army twice the size that allowed by the treaty of Versailles to 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 swamp 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 800,000. On paper that indicates a formidable 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 useless for purposes of invasion. It has neither transport that gives

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 tie 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 McCray and with representatives of the Republican State committee.

The committee on roads, patronage and education are the stumbling blocks of the new speaker, Representative Harry Rowbottom is still feeling the vote.

Leading Figure in Organization Row

Representative Elizabeth Rainey, 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. Wyning, Luke W. Duffey, Asa J. Smith, Frank E. Cline and Homer L. Traub, Republicans, and Edgar A. Perkins, Louis C. Schwartz, George C. Stelhorn and Clifford Townsend, Democrats.

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The fact is that Europe is thoroughly frightened by its recent experience, and like all frightened things, does not readily listen to reason and is apt to resort to expedients which aggravate the evils which have terrified it. Militarism has reduced it to its present plight, and to save itself from a similar disaster in future it has become more militaristic than ever. Every little state bristles with guns to scare off invaders.

Meanwhile no country in Europe pays its way except Britain, with her reduced army and navy. But by means of loans and inflated currencies they all, even the smallest of them, contrive to maintain larger armies than Frederick the Great or the Grand Monarque ever commanded in their most triumphant years. And the cost of armaments today has grown vastly out of proportion to the numbers of units that compose them. France—in many ways the richest country in Europe—displays a rapacious and growing rent in her national finance which has to be patched up by paper. The deficit grows in spite of the fact that a large part of her army is quartered on Germany to the detriment of operations, and that German contribution conceals much of the cost of a large army. A good deal of borrowing is attributable to the cost of repairing her devastated area, but the burden of maintaining so huge an army is responsible for a considerable share of the deficiency.

The economic recovery of Europe is seriously retarded by the cost of the new militarism. The old continent is with both hands throwing to the dogs of war the bread that should feed its children. One day those dogs will in their arrogant savagery turn upon the children and rend them.

RESIDENTS OF RANSACKED HOUSE REMAIN MYSTERY

A glass was smashed with a brick at a residence at 2738 N. Talbott Ave., Friday afternoon, according to police today. Police found no one at home.

An envelope bearing an address was found by the police, but no one in the neighborhood knew who lived at the house. The residence had been ransacked by the thief, but the police were unable to learn what was stolen.

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Detectives today were searching for a man who bought morphine on a forged prescription and paid for it with a forged check. The man visited the Wilson Brothers drug store, Senate Ave. and Sixteenth St.

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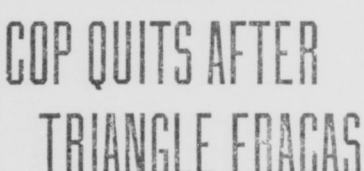
ing badly because he was not named chairman of the patronage committee. Representative Luke W. Duffey, who was named chairman of the patronage committee, wanted the chairmanship of the roads committee instead. Representative J. Glenn Harris wanted to be chairman of the committee on education and probably will not be. None of those involved hesitates to tell his friends all about it.

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.

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New Protectors Bar Autoists From Safety Zones



Because reckless motorists persisted in cutting over safety zones and endangering the lives of folk standing in the zone, Mayor Shank ordered protectors, like the one shown here, erected at Alabama and Washington Sts., and said: "Now just go ahead and try to run over them."

"I don't think there is much danger of any one trying such a stunt," said Orls Tyner, traffic man on duty when the protectors were erected. "They cannot cut into the safety zone

and I believe the guards will really make the safety zone safe."

The guards are made of cast steel and weigh approximately 1,500 pounds.

Mayor Shank said if they proved successful the protectors would be erected at 2 The resignation of Sir John Bradbury from the allied reparations commission.

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BRITAIN MAY WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM RHINE

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Great Britain, it is anticipated, will announce her withdrawal from reparations entanglements with France upon the return of Premier Bonar Law from Paris.

The prime minister, it has become known, will call a meeting of the British Cabinet on Saturday, at which time these two topics will be discussed.

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CHURCHMAN SEES GOSPEL REVIVAL

Rev. Gohn Addresses County Sunday School Conference.

Declaring that the young people of today are showing a marked tendency to consider the Bible thoughtfully not as literature but to discover its truths, Rev. C. C. Gohn, pastor of the First United Brethren Church, today addressed the several hundred delegates attending the fourth annual sessions of the Marion County Young People's Sunday School Conference at the First United Brethren Church.

Dr. Gohn declared that "young people are showing a deep interest in the doctrinal truth of the Bible" and that the tendency of the day "is to return to the Bible."

He will lecture again Sunday afternoon prior to the close of the three-day session of the young people. His subject Sunday will be "How to Read the Bible."

Tonight the annual banquet will be held at the church. Miss Lucile Jones will preside. A number of unique "stunts" have been planned.

The conference opened Friday night with C. G. Jacquart, head of the Young People's Sunday School Council, presiding. Wayne G. Miller, the Rev. Lawrence W. Schultz of North Manchester, Ind., and Charles Rhoads were among the speakers last night. The conference will close late Sunday.

WOODRUFF PLACE WILL HAVE NEW APARTMENT

Construction of a modern \$125,000 two-story apartment building at the northeast corner of West drive of Woodruff Place and Michigan St. will be begun immediately by the Woodruff Place Realty Company. The company was incorporated yesterday.

Plans for the building have been drawn by McGuire & Shook, architects. The realty company is being financed by the Meyer-Kiser Bank, which has bought \$65,000 of 6 per cent preferred stock.

BOY'S WAGON STOLEN

A boy's wagon was parked on the front porch of the home of H. J. Buchanan, 3506 N. Illinois St. Today he reported that the wagon was missing.

TWO ROAD CHIEFS TAKE TURN ABOUT IN SINGLE OFFICE

Rumford and Burks in Comedy of Alternation at County Highway Office.

Marion County today had two county officials where one ought to be.

Warren C. Rumford and George Burks, both appointed county superintendents of roads by the board of county commissioners, took turns occupying the sanctum assigned to that official in the Courthouse and directing the work of the thirty-three assistant superintendents. While one answered the telephone and talked to callers, the other cooled his heels outside. As soon as the possessor of the office had to leave for a few moments the other rushed in. The comedy went on all day Friday.

Rumford refused to resign Jan. 1 in favor of Burks, who was appointed by County Commissioners Albert Hoffman, Republican, and John Kitley, Democrat, over the protest of Harry D. Tutewiler, Republican and third member of the board. It was said. Rumford holds a four-year contract which does not expire until Dec. 31, 1925, given him by Tutewiler and Carlin Shank, Republicans. Shank, a brother of the mayor, was succeeded by Kitley the first of this year.

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