

SENATOR ACCUSED OF RUM-SELLING BY U. S. SLEUTH

Edwards of New Jersey Received \$3,800 for 100 Cases of Whisky, Dry Officer Says.

CHARGE MADE AT TRIAL

Agent Declares He Believes Solon Is Head of Bootleg Ring.

By United Press
JERSEY CITY, N. J., Jan. 20.— Senator Edward I. Edwards of New Jersey was accused of receiving \$3,800 in payment for delivery of 100 cases of Scotch whisky by a witness in the Weehawken rum running trial here today.

Lionel Wilson, an agent of the Treasury Department, said he believed Senator Edwards the head of the bootlegging ring. Wilson was a witness today in the trial of ten Weehawken policemen and two civilians.

Wilson's story under direct examination was to the effect that he met William Griffin, alleged bootleg leader, at various times between July and November, 1923, "to make a deal to buy Scotch whisky."

Griffin told him he said, "he was connected with Senator Edwards."

"In November I called at Senator Edwards' home by appointment," the witness declared, "despite frantic objections by defense counsel which were overruled."

Tells of Meeting

"I met Senator Edwards and was with him for two hours. Griffin was present. I made arrangements to have 100 cases of Scotch delivered. After my arrangements with Senator Edwards at his home in Caldwell, N. J., I and my partner, Charles Hulbert, called at his bank, saw Senator Edwards and, in my presence, Hulbert handed the Senator \$3,800 for the 100 cases of Scotch."

Charles Hulbert of Toledo, Ohio, followed Wilson on the stand and told of his part in the alleged purchase of 100 cases of liquor from Senator Edwards.

"Griffin told us that Senator Edwards was his backer," Hulbert testified. "On Nov. 19, 1923, Wilson and I called on Senator Edwards in his office at the First National Bank."

"We talked for half an hour with him," Edwards said to me.

"Griffin is responsible. He can guarantee first class, uncut liquor."

Paid Over Money

Hulbert testified that he gave Edwards \$3,800 and that Edwards put it in an envelope and wrote his name on it, giving it to the cashier.

"Afterward," said Hulbert, "I saw Griffin and told him I wanted the liquor, and he seemed uneasy and said to me: 'I'm not sure you are in the liquor business; I am sure I am. It looks like a conspiracy. He went out and came back in half an hour and said he couldn't deliver the liquor and Senator Edwards would return the money. We went to New York and reported to our superiors."

The witness said he returned the next day, received his money back from Edwards and that he never received any liquor from Griffin.

"FRAME-UP" SAYS EDWARDS

Enemies Have Tried to Implicate Him for Years, He Asserts.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Senator Edward I. Edwards, New Jersey Democrat, today charged that the testimony of Lionel Wilson, prohibition agent, bringing his name into the rum trial at Jersey City, was part of a "political frame-up" against him.

"It's just a case of politics," Edwards said. "They've tried to frame me for years and haven't succeeded. That is why I am so bitter against prohibition because they always try to frame innocent people."

MEASURE SENT BACK

Title of Mortgage Exemption Bill Altered.

After a minority committee report to the Indiana Senate today recommended the bill of Senator Lambert, Columbus, Republican, raising mortgage tax exemption to \$2,000, he was killed, while a majority report recommended adoption. The bill was sent back to committee because Senator Lambert, who had possession of the bill as leader of the majority in the committee, changed the title by inserting name of Senator Durham as coauthor.

Senator Russell B. Harrison, Indianapolis, Republican, committee chairman, signed the minority report. He is leading a fight against the bill, backed by the State Tax

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TWO CENTS

COURTS AND POLITICS

ARE the courts of Marion County, and even the Supreme Court of Indiana, being made tools in the hands of politicians for building up their political machines?

The squabble in the city campaign—where party politics has no business whatever—resulted in injunctions, restraining orders, writs of prohibition and orders to dissolve injunctions.

Every time a political faction wished to gain a point it ran to a court. And in one court or another every possible kind of an order was issued, favoring first one faction and then another.

Here is just one of the things that happened:

Judge Sidney S. Miller of the Superior Court issued a restraining order prohibiting George V. Coffin, one of the two Republican city chairman, from interfering with the attendance at one of the Republican city conventions of twenty-six committeemen who had been fired by Coffin.

On Saturday afternoon, Judge Clinton S. Givan sat in Judge Miller's court, in the absence of Judge Miller, and, at the request of the Coffin faction, dissolved the restraining order.

Judge Miller, returning to his court Monday ordered the record made by Judge Givan in dissolving the restraining order erased and put the restraining order back into effect.

But now the convention is over—and the Coffin faction did interfere with those twenty-six committeemen.

This is just one of the many things that can and do happen when political parties are allowed to conduct the affairs of a city.

What chance has clean government and efficient administration under such conditions?

Let's put Indianapolis on a BUSINESS BASIS. The city manager form of government would be a long step in that direction.

FATHER IS HELD IN DEATH OF CHILDREN

Charged With Negligence in Not Rescuing Five Little Ones From Flames Which Destroyed Home.

By United Press
ELK RIVER, Minn., Jan. 20.—Charges of second degree manslaughter were filed here today against Frank Bedoch in connection with incineration of his five children in a fire in the Bedoch tar paper shack near here Sunday.

FATHER IS HELD IN SON'S DEATH

Three-Year-Old Boy Heir to \$15,000.

By United Press
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 20.—As a climax to several days investigation, Arthur Haufschild was under arrest here today on a warrant charging murder in connection with the death of his three-year-old son Roy, heir to his mother's \$15,000 estate.

Bedoch died mysteriously a week ago and after physicians had made an analysis of the organs of the boy's body, it was ascertained that phosphorus poisoning had caused death.

The young heir was said to have been in the best of health when he went to bed a week ago tonight.

In the morning he was taken violently ill and shortly after a physician who had been summoned arrived, he died.

District Attorney Eugene Wengert, who ordered Haufschild arrested, refused to disclose any of the findings, but it was indicated that there was no conclusive evidence fixing responsibility for the child's death on any one.

Haufschild had married again since the death of the boy's mother.

DEMOCRATS MAY MEET

Jan. 31 is expected to be set as the date for Democratic city convention by the Democratic State committee here Wednesday. Albert Walsman, Center Township trustee, is being discussed as a candidate for city chairman of Indianapolis.

A bill which would virtually abolish Horse Thief Detective Associations throughout the State was introduced in the House of Representatives today by Representative Frank Burns, Indianapolis.

The measure provides that constables associations be formed and that existing Horse Thief Detective Associations, unless complying with provisions of the bill, be declared invalid.

Provisions are that ten or more persons, citizens of the United States, residents in Indiana two years and of the county six months, may form a constables association chartered by the Secretary of State.

Members would provide \$1,000 surety bond and would wear a uniform badge showing rank in the association. Constitution and by-laws provide that members be expelled for acts unbecoming an officer and that county sheriffs may call in members to aid in running down felons for which they are to be compensated at the rate of \$3 per day.

Existing Horse Thief Detective Associations have ninety days from the passage of the act with which to comply with provisions of the bill.

NO ALARM FELT FOR DR. GROSE

Not Heard From on Trip to Interior of China.

Between Nov. 11 and Nov. 23, 1924, Bishop George R. Grose of the Methodist Episcopal Church, former president of De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind., had not been heard from in the interior of China, according to a report received here today.

A letter written by Jack Bryan, Evansville, Ind., secretary to Grose at his headquarters in Kink, China, to Miss Virginia Kirkhoff, De Pauw student, dated Nov. 23, said that Grose left Nov. 11, for Shanghai by boat on the first leg of a tour of the interior. Bryan, according to Miss Kirkhoff, wrote that telegrams to Grose had been unanswered. Bryan said, however, that no alarm was

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Claims that America had become involved in European affairs are looked upon by the President as unimportant gossip, a White House spokesman said.

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Shortridge Students Collect Books for Library as Memorial to Miss Charity Dye, Late Teacher



LEFT TO RIGHT—LOUISE COX, AGNES BALL, RUTH KING, DOROTHY MILLER, BERNICE SPADE, JOSEPHINE SMITH AND EDITH ANNE HOOINGARNER.

THESE young women took part today in a drive to secure fiction books for Shortridge High School's library as a memorial for Miss Charity Dye, Shortridge teacher, who died last

spring after twenty-five years of service. Miss Dye was deeply interested in guiding students to read good literature.

The girls guarded baskets deco-

ADMINISTRATION LEADER IN STATE SENATE VICTOR IN TEST VOTE 27 TO 23

Sharp Clash Between Nejdl and Daily Marks Upper House—Debate on Motion by Democratic Member to Amend Rules.

CLOSE DIVISION OF POWER IS INDICATED BY FIRST CONTEST

Insurgent Republicans Win One Step in Fight by Joining With Men of Opposite Party, but Lose on Final Roll Call.

Senator James J. Nejdl, Whiting, won the first test of his power as Republican floor leader of the State Senate today by a vote of 27 to 23.

The fight came on a motion of Senator Perkins, Indianapolis, Democrat, to amend rules. Senator Daily, Indianapolis, Republican, defeated by Nejdl for president pro tem, supported the Perkins motion.

Nejdl bitterly arraigned the anti-administration Republicans.

Perkins' motion was to amend the rules so bills could not be reconsidered after indefinite postponement.

Nejdl shook his finger in the face of Daily as he thundered:

"Whether these rules are amended or not is immaterial to me. The whole question settles down to this, that it is a fight to determine who is the leader of the majority. You're a member of the rules committee," he said, looking at Daily. "Take 'em and amend 'em if you want to, I don't care, but you're wrong."

LOSES FIRST MOVE

Nejdl lost a motion to table Perkins' motion by a vote of 28 to 24, Daily and other Republicans voting with the Democrats, and Senator Holmes, Gary, Republican, refusing to vote, though brought in by the chief doorkeeper.

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Those arrested today: John Izor, 19, of 1229 Olive Ave. E. S. Beagles, 29, of 2338 N. Illinois St. Ernest Badger, 26, of 1245 Charles St. Ed Marshall, 36, of 125 N. Liberty St.

From the time the campaign started Monday until 2 a. m. today thirty-three alleged speeders were arrested.

Rikhoff, taking personal charge of the drive, directed his chauffeur to arrest two drivers, Louis Chevrel, 45, of 710 W. Tenth St., former race driver and race car designer, charged with going thirty miles an hour, and Edward Syracher, 29, of 1701 N. Illinois St., charged with thirty-four miles.

IN POLICE NET

Other drivers added to the list: Frank Hathaway, 23, of 928 N. Park Ave.; Roy J. White, 33, of 2513 Prospect St.; Edgar Joseph, 22, of 37 E. Thirty-Second St.; McKinley Callahan, 23, of 1249 Haugh St.; Carl Yates, 25, of 2018 W. Vermont St.; Earl Saxon, 25, of Greenfield Ind.; H. D. Dolly, 23, of 1516 Maple Lane; Gilbert Clark, 19, of 1465 N. Meridian St.; Lloyd Inman, 23, of 1820 Ludlow Ave.; Lawrence Johnson, 27, colored; 413 W. Fourth St.; Earl Lee, 16, of 4350 N. Pennsylvania St.; Arthur Roseberry, 25, of 237 S. Keystone Ave.

ON SLATE

Harry Pray, 35, of 55 N. Lewis St.; Ray Kean, 36, of 605 Fletcher Ave.; Leonard Trester, 16, of 1141 W. Twenty-Eighth St.; H. C. Williams, 23, of 602 N. Sherman Dr.; Claude Garvin, 42, R. R. 23, box 18; Albert Denny, 27, R. R. 0; Herbert Sprouse, 19, of 909 Buchanan St.; Louis Kauffman, 18, of 222 Richland St.; N. Huckleberry, 36, of 5645 Central Ave.; Ray Roach, 20, of 3021 Jackson St.; George Young, 21, of 1838 N. Capitol Ave.

Simon Kuan, 42, colored, 2515 N. James St., charged with failure to stop after accident and driving without auto license.

TAX EXEMPTION STRUCK

Bill Would Abolish Such Securities Issued in State.

Senator Robert B. Shirley, Woodbury, Democrat, is preparing a bill for a law to abolish all tax-exempt security issues by cities and other tax units in Indiana. It will lower interest rates on money borrowed by public corporations would not equal increase by taxes.

GROCERY IS ROBBED

Burglars broke the lock on the rear door at the Hoyt and Alman Grocery, 323 W. Twelfth St., and stole cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and candy.

All Tech Students to Gather Tonight

PRINCIPAL MILO H. STUARD of Technical High School will see all his students in one group for the first time in his thirteen years as school head tonight.

Technical has about 4,000 students. The lunch room, largest

hall at the school, accommodates only one-tenth of the body at a time.

"I wanted to see them all together once—this was one of the reasons for calling a special auditorium exercises at Cade Tabernacle at 8 tonight," said Stuard.

Students and a few guests will be admitted by ticket only.

The Rev. Orien W. Fifer, pastor of Central Avenue M. E. Church, will speak. Former Mayor Charles A. Bookwalter will be a guest.

Students will furnish music.