

AMENDMENTS LOOM FOR DRY MEASURE

House Not Expected to Object Much to Stringent Liquor Law Codification, but Senate Leaders See Several Flaws.

The "bone dry" bill introduced in the House by State Representative Frank Wright, Lynn, and recommended for passage by the House Public Morals Committee, will likely pass the lower House, but will meet its Waterloo in its present form in the Senate, according to expressions of several members of the General Assembly today.

Amendments to modify the measure are being prepared.

The bill, known as House bill 24, one of the most drastic dry laws possible to draft, is backed by the Indiana Anti-Saloon League and contains a codification of State liquor laws.

Various State laws which have been held invalid because of technicalities are corrected and made to conform with Federal dry laws.

James J. Nejdl, Republican Senate floor leader, declared the measure would not pass the upper House in its present drastic form.

Nejdl expressed opposition to wording of the bill, which makes "possession" of intoxicating liquor a violation.

World single Out Vendors

"If the law was drafted so as to make possession of liquor by bootleggers or persons known to be bootleggers or vendors of liquor, there would be little opposition to that clause," Nejdl said.

He declared the provision which made "odor of intoxicating liquor upon or about the operator of such motor vehicle or motorcycle, shall be prima facie evidence that he is under the influence of intoxicating liquor" as too drastic, and pointed out many instances in which smell of liquor would in no way point to the person as being intoxicated.

Senator Rowland Hill, Carthage, while in favor of prohibition, said:

"I am afraid of all this radical-

ism. The State of Indiana is supposed to be dry and yet this continues the agitation, I believe, is turning the people against prohibition. I wouldn't want to see the old saloons back, but I'll declare, it's not fair to the boys to continually be agitated with some such measure as Schumacker proposes.

"I know what I'll do, if this thing is too drastic. I'll just explain my vote on the question and vote against it. I believe a lot of the boys feel the same way."

Fears Effort of Agitation

Senator Murray S. Barker, Thorn-ton, Republican caucus chairman, declared he was afraid the radicalism of the bill would defeat aims of the sponsors.

Representative John W. Thiel, Lake County, is said to be preparing an amendment which would give householders permission to make wine for their own use. Another amendment would increase penalty for drunkenness to a fine of not less than \$60 or more than \$500 and a sentence of six months on the Indiana State Farm. A third amendment would strike out all reference to county jails, substituting the Indiana State Farm.

Thiel has a change which would eliminate the smell of liquor as prima facie evidence of intoxication.

Thiel declared that in Lake County policemen several times have mistaken odor of garlic for liquor. Thiel in expressing his opposition to the measure, said he might present an amendment striking out the emergency clause and another to eliminate the enacting clause, which would kill the bill.

Patent Medicine

According to interpretations of the measure the bill would include patent medicines and flavoring extracts in its ban on "every other drink, mixture or preparation of like alcoholic content (one-half of one per cent or more) whether patented or not, used, or reasonably likely or intended to be used, as a beverage; and all other intoxicating beverages, drinks or preparations whether alcoholic or not, used, or intended for beverage purposes."

The bill sets out that "it shall be unlawful for any person to purchase, receive, manufacture, transport, ship, possess, sell, barter, exchange, give away, furnish, or otherwise handle, or dispose of any intoxicating liquor." Penalty on conviction is \$100 fine and not more than \$500 and imprisonment of not less than thirty and more than six months in county jail for first offense.

This section would ban all private club "parties" or serving of drinks in private homes.

Prescription Sale Provided

Provision is made for sale of grain alcohol by druggists on prescription of physicians or to registered dentists.

The bill makes it unlawful to "own or to have in his possession, or under his control or to use or to assist in using any still or distilling apparatus for unlawful manufacture of intoxicating liquor." Violation is termed a felony and penalty is imprisonment from one to five years and fine of \$100 to \$1,000.

Transporting is made felony with a penalty of imprisonment of one to two years with fine of not over \$1,000.

Intoxication in a public place is made a misdemeanor and penalty is \$10 to \$100 fine. Imprisonment in jail of not more than six months may be added.

Operation of motor vehicle while intoxicated is made a misdemeanor and fine of not more than \$500, with imprisonment of not less than thirty days or more than six months at Indiana State Farm is provided.

Driving Would Be Banned

It is made mandatory for the court to prohibit such convicted persons from driving any automobile or motorcycle for any period not exceeding one year.

A section which would strike at exclusive clubs makes it "unlawful for any person to directly or indirectly keep or maintain by himself or by associating with others, or to in any manner add, assist or abet in keeping or maintaining a club, house, or other place where intoxicating liquor is received or kept for use, gift, barter or sale, or for the purpose of distribution or division among the members of any such club or association."

The bill provides that any such clubhouse be declared a common nuisance and penalty is fixed at not \$500 and imprisonment in county jail for not less than thirty days or more than six months.

Confiscation of automobile or other transporting craft is provided.

HUGHES GETS REQUEST

Indiana Seeks Official Copy of Child Labor Amendment.

Secretary of State Frederick E. Schumacher of Indiana today telephoned Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes for a copy of the proposed child labor amendment to the Federal Constitution.

ratification of the amendment by the States is in progress, but as yet no official copy has been received in Indiana. It is necessary for the secretary of State to deliver the amendment to the General Assembly before it can vote on ratification.

Three-fourth of the United States must ratify the amendment before it becomes effective.

Canary Theft Charged

Walter Dockstetter, 37, of 128 W. Tenth St., was arrested on grand larceny charge today in investigation of theft of sixteen canaries, valued at \$250, reported by William Stemer, 3211 Grace Land Ave.

Rewards Offered for Theft

Bennie Miller, 21, colored, 1124 Trumbull Ave., and Lawrence Houson, 21, colored, 1831 Peck St., were fined \$100 and cost and sentenced to thirty days in city court today on charges of stealing a \$24 overcoat.

Sentences Given for Theft

Ernest Relaford, 15, of 237 N. Highland Ave., is missing, police were told today by his mother, Mrs. May Norton. Mrs. Norton offers \$100 reward for location of the youth, who is said to have left home Dec. 24. He has gray eyes, brown hair and a fair complexion.

Death Sudden



THOMAS C. LEE

Taken Ill While at Work Under Auto.

Thomas C. Lee, 42, of 332 N. Dearborn St., former city councilman, died at his home early today after he had been taken home from the postoffice garage and where he had been taken suddenly ill Friday night while working under an auto.

Physicians were of the opinion he was the victim of monoxide gas.

George Covert, 3601 N. Keystone Ave., garage foreman, said Lee told him he was suffering from stomach pains. Covert said the man the auto under which Lee was working was not running at the time.

Lee was not thought to be seriously ill when taken home. Dr. E. J. Brennan, 501 Hume Mansur Bldg. who was called, treated him for apparent gas poisoning. Later Lee became suddenly worse and died before Dr. R. J. Peters, 8203 E. Michigan St., who was called, could reach the home.

Mrs. Lee said her husband was in perfect health when he left for work.

Coroner Paul F. Robinson will hold an inquest.

Lee is survived by a wife, three children, father, brother and three sisters.

He was a former boxer. He was appointed mechanic at the garage just four years ago today.

During his career as a pugilist, Lee boxed in the lightweight class. He was a rugged battler and engaged in a number of important bouts on a tour of the East. He did not reach the heights of boxing, but was aggressive and rated a hard man to defeat. He was a man of exceptional physical strength.

BERRIES SELL AT REDUCED PRICES

Southern Cucumbers Appear on Market.

Strawberries were selling at city market today at 50 to 60 cents, reduction of 5 to 10 cents since last Saturday. Practically no changes were made in other fruit prices, with offerings normal for the season.

Southern cucumbers supplanted the homegrown variety with prices correspondingly lower, at 20 to 35 cents each. The homegrown kinds last week sold as high as 60 cents each.

Tomatoes were scarcer than for some time, but prices held fairly steady at 35 to 50 cents a pound. Other vegetables were unchanged in price.

Recent advances in wholesale citrus fruits had little effect on retail quotations. California oranges sold at 35 to 50 cents a dozen; tangerines, 45 to 60 cents; lemons, 25 to 35 cents; Florida oranges, 30 to 70 cents, and grapefruit, 5 to 15 cents each.

Southern green beans sold at 25 to 30 cents a pound; cranberries, 20 to 25 cents a pound; cauliflower, 20 to 50 cents a head; celery, 10 to 15 cents a stalk; head lettuce, 15 to 25 cents; California green peas, 30 to 35 cents a pound; radishes, 15 cents a bunch; Southern carrots, 15 cents a bunch.

WATER COMPANY DENIED PETITION

Loses in Initial Fight for Increased Rates

Petition for a preliminary injunction restraining the public service commission from enforcing rates for the Greensburg (Ind.) Water Company, under an order of Dec. 12, fixing the valuation of the utility's property at \$25,000 was denied in Federal Court Friday afternoon by Judge Samuel Alschuler and A. B. Anderson of the Circuit Court of Appeals, and Judge Robert C. Balfzell, district judge of Indiana.

Judge Alschuler pointed out that the only question before the court was whether the injunction should issue and said the court was not satisfied that an exigency existed. The utility may put into effect the increased rates proposed by the commission without prejudice to the utility's case in court, pending final hearing of the case.

The commission granted the utility an increase in valuation from \$190,000 to \$225,000 but the company wanted a valuation of \$400,000.

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KHL, Los Angeles (395 M), 8 p. m. (PST)—Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.

CNRO, Ottawa (435 M), 8 p. m. (EST)—Varied program of orchestra, solo and organ numbers.

WBZ, Springfield (337 M), 8 p. m. (EST)—The Harvard-Princeton hockey match.

WEAF, New York (492 M), 11 p. m. (EST)—Vincent Lopez and his orchestra.

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