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FORTY DRY RAIDS MADE HERE

NEW YEAR TO BE WELCOMED WITH GAYETY

Most Extensive Recent Celebration Planned in City.

'DRY,' SAY OFFICERS

Clubs and Hotels Will Have Parties.

The most extensive New Year's Eve celebration since the advent of prohibition is planned by hotels and clubs, Thursday night. Most places have reservations already to capacity. Many planned to observe the coming of the year 1926 with parties in private homes. Several programs will last until daybreak and include breakfast.

But it will be dry.

That's the promise of A. R. Harris, deputy prohibition enforcement director for Indiana, and Capt. William Paulsel, in charge of police booze squad.

Officers will keep a close watch on hotels and clubs. An extra large number of Federal officers will be in town.

Cost \$10 to \$25

Clubs and hotels are charging from \$3 to \$5 a person for reservations. It was estimated the average expenditure will be from \$10 to \$25 a person, including dinner, shows, taxis and other expenses.

E. P. Akin, Columbia Club secretary, said there has been a waiting list for several days. About 1,300 have reservations for the dance and entertainment. The club will be decorated with holiday trimmings and elaborate favors given, Akin said.

Three orchestras will provide music for about 1,200 at Indianapolis Athletic Club, Mrs. Edna Kuhn Martin, social secretary, said. Dinner will start at 10 p. m. followed by dancing. Special festivities are planned.

Gus Edwards, Emil Seidel's orchestra and Hausey's "Festivarians" have been secured by Howard Griffith, entertainment chairman.

Call sisters, xylophone players and dancers, Celia Wilson, ballerina; Marie Rogers, singer and dancer, and Antonia Nasero, baritone, are included on the program.

At Hoosier Athletic Club

Hoosier Athletic Club will have a formal dinner from 8 to 10 p. m. in the gymnasium, Carl Patterson, chairman, announced. About four hundred reservations have been

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MINERS, OWNERS DISCUSS PEACE

Strike Settlement Negotiations Resumed.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Negotiations broken off in Atlantic City in August, were resumed here today between representatives of hard coal miners and mine operators in an effort to make some agreement which will end the sixteen weeks' strike, which has brought hunger, privation, and desperation in the coal hills.

A joint conference between the two groups was to be held at Union League Club at 3 p. m.

Despite the silence of both the miners and the owners, it was learned that the operators had practically decided to stand firm on their latest proposal, that the miners return to work pending a settlement at the old wage scale and that negotiations for a five-year agreement then be undertaken, matters on which an agreement could be reached to be arbitrated.

The miners, on the other hand, were reported to be ready to urge the plan of settlement presented by Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania, which provided for a modified check-off system; promise of the operators not to increase coal prices; negotiation of a five-year contract; and wage increases during the term of the contract at any time arbitrators might consider coal mine profits justified such increases.

Radio Basketball

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES, through Merchants Heat and Light Company station, will broadcast the Butler-Missouri basketball game tonight which is to be played at the auto show building, State fairground. The game will start at 8 p. m. so tune in on WBBM, 268 meters, and listen to Blythe Hendricks' play by play description of the contest.

Hendricks broadcast the State high school basketball finals last year and made hit with radio fans.

The radio program of the Petis Light Ensemble has been postponed from 8:15 until immediately following the basketball game.

IOWA FARMERS DISTRUST AIDS OF 'SAMARITANS'

Delegates Fear Bankers Are Only Trying to Stem Anti-Coolidge Wave.

ADMINISTRATION FLAYED

Tariff Modification Is Demanded.

By Harold C. Place
Times Staff Correspondent

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 29.—With the crash of more than 200 banks sounding in their ears, Iowa farmers, bankers, business men and public officials met here today to devise a legislative program for relief of the economy distress in ten Middle Western States.

The meeting was called by the Iowa Bankers Association and the entire Iowa Congressional delegation was present. Representatives of the farmers entered the conference frankly distrustful. Leaders of twenty farm groups in ten States claiming to represent one million farmers met here last week and drafted a program.

This program called for opposition to a protective tariff for industrial products and demand that the Coolidge administration approve an export corporation to handle the surplus corn crop.

Inclined to Bolt

Iowa farmers attending today's conference are in accord with this program and inclined to bolt at slightest indication that this meeting, called by the bankers, is merely a subterfuge to block the movement.

Senator Smith Brookhart served notice that he will fight any plan which does not guarantee immediate relief. Iowa farmers are openly on the warpath against the Administration and particularly Secretary of Agriculture Jarlaine.

The Chicago speech of President Coolidge has created a storm of resentment throughout the central and northwest. Even more conservative farm leaders have bitterly denounced the Administration attitude toward the present farm crisis.

Farmer "Double-Crossed"

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TWO HURT IN \$70,000 FIRES

Destructive Blazes at Muncie and Yorktown.

By United Press

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 29.—Two men were injured, one seriously in destructive fires at Muncie and Yorktown early today.

The Muncie Motor Sales Company, distributor of Nash automobiles, was swept by flames, believed to have started from defective wiring. Only the walls of the three-story building were left standing. Fifty automobiles burned. Loss is estimated at \$60,000.

Payton Burgess' restaurant at Yorktown was destroyed, despite efforts of the Yorktown and Muncie departments. Frank Keys, Yorktown fireman, was struck by falling debris and suffered two broken ribs and internal injuries. Daniel Cox, building owner, suffered a badly wrenching shoulder while carrying out fixtures. Loss is estimated at \$10,000.

Two Muncie firemen suffered frozen hands and feet while fighting the motor company fire.

COURT QUASHES WHEELER BILLS

Senator Freed of Misuse of Office Charge.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Bills of indictment, charging misuse of office, against Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, were dismissed today by Justice Jennings Bailey of the District Court of Appeals.

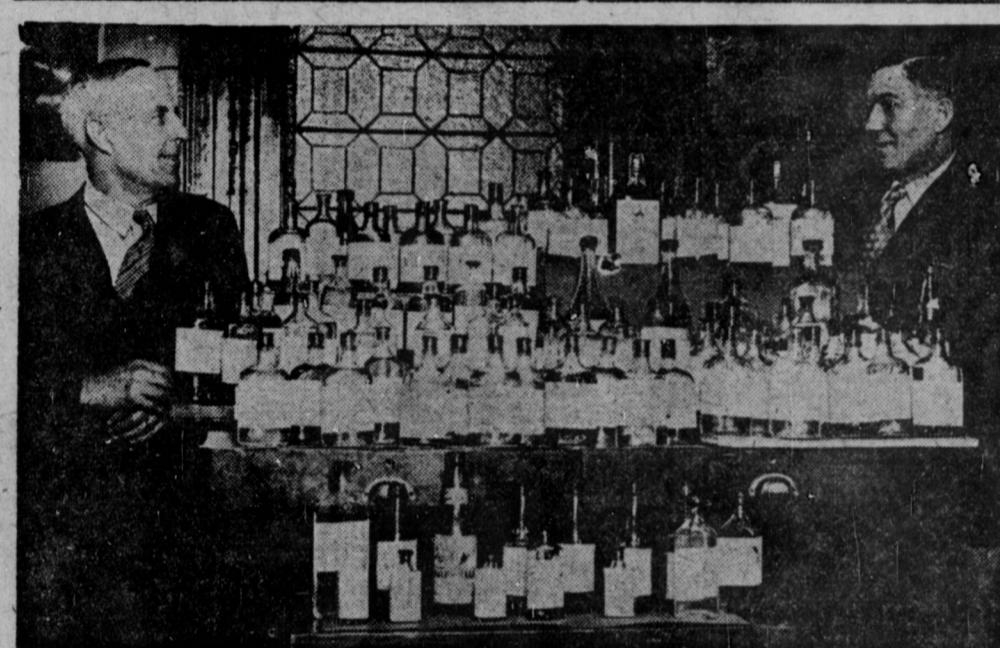
The documents accused Wheeler of conspiring with private clients to obtain more oil well drilling permits from the Interior Department than were permitted by law. Bailey said the indictments did not contain sufficient charges of law violation.

Dismissal of the indictments ended the cases begun against the Senator following his sensational prosecution of a senatorial investigation of the Department of Justice.

Hourly Temperature

6 a. m. 6 10 a. m. 10
7 a. m. 6 11 a. m. 11
8 a. m. 6 12 (noon) 12
9 a. m. 7 1 p. m. 17

'Mopping Up Squad' and What It Mopped



Above: Part of the two-score Federal agents, police and deputy sheriffs as they left the Federal building today to begin wholesale liquor raids in Indianapolis. Below: A. R. Harris (left) deputy prohibition administrator and George Winkler (right), prohibition group chief, with the evidence bought by agents prior to the raids.

Three Agents Who Gathered Evidence Get Picture of Night Life.

HAUGHVILLE IS PAID A VERY EARLY VISIT

Some of the Hosts Turn Out to Be Guests and Go Away With Those Who Came.

Haughville—the section of the city west of the river along W. Michigan and W. Tenth Sts. was just stirring after a busy night when a squad representing joint forces of the United States and Indiana State police, who spent six weeks' gathering evidence upon which to base wholesale raids today have intimate pictures of Indianapolis night life.

Bootleggers who sold the agents liquor also have intimate, if unpleasant, knowledge of how the agents operated.

The investigators spent approximately \$400 for ninety-two bottles, from half-pints to quarts.

Drinks cost from 25 cents to 50 cents each.

"Most of that stuff was regular 'dynamite' cut alcohol," one of the investigators said. "Three fellows said they had bonded stuff, but the majority of them were holding out vile liquor."

Liquor prices are expected to soar as a result of the raids.

Faced with the necessity of proving an actual sale of liquor in order to obtain convictions under the Indiana prohibition law, the agents resorted to most of the tricks in the Federal agent's repertoire.

"Picking up" girls from the streets the agents suggested they get a little liquor." The girls led the way to bootleggers' haunts. Almost always the agents were able to buy a bottle to take home. The bottles were delivered to the Federal Bldg.

Again the agents posed as traveling salesmen, one exhibiting a card of an oil firm for which he used to work.

One agent got a job as a taxi-cab driver and got thoroughly on the inside of this angle of the bootlegging business. Patrons frequently invited him to join them in a drink.

The agents not only took the risk of getting shot if their identity was disclosed, but also of being poisoned. They had to drink with their "friends" so frequently.

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PRELATE UNDER KNIFE

Cardinal Mercier Operated Upon for Stomach Ulcer.

By United Press

BRUSSELS, Dec. 29.—Cardinal Mercier, noted throughout the world for his defiance of the German war-time invaders of his native country, underwent an operation today for ulcer of the stomach. His condition subsequently was reported as good.

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Through Hoover advanced the suggestion, he advised against any drastic revenge steps at this time. He urged American conservation of rubber as the only move at present. Later, however, his statement indi-

cated he may think it wise to strike back by skyrocketing wheat and cotton prices.

The United States could demand \$8 a bushel for wheat and 75 cents a pound for cotton if it followed Britain's rubber example, the commerce secretary said.

"Our job now is to use as little rubber as we can," he said. "It is not our job to give or ask reprisal.

The American people are in the habit of helping themselves."

Citing British boasts that that nation is paying its war debt with the

Federal, City and County Officers Combine to Clean Up City—Warrants for Sixty-Five Alleged Bootleggers Obtained.

FORTY-EIGHT MEN TO GET POLICE JOBS

Shank and Safety Board to Augment City Force.

MAY HELP ALLIANCE

Many Prospects Said to Be Klansmen.

Forty-eight men, many of them said to be Klansmen, were to be added to the police force today by Mayor Shank and the board of safety.

The action is expected to cement further the alliance between the Shank faction and the Klan, leading to a fight against control of the Republican party by George V. Coffin, Republican city chairman. Recently Shank added men to the force.

"Why, we've got room for fifty-five," said Shank. "And we've got the money to pay them."

The force will number 550 with the additions, but a number of newly added officers may be dismissed when Mayor-Elect John L. Duvall assumes office Jan. 4. Duvall will have to cut the force thirty-four to fit next year's budget it was believed.

Action was contemplated this morning, but was delayed until 2 p. m. by trials before the board.

SALARY SLASH STRIKES SNAG

Judge Sustains Commission-ers' Demurrers.

Judge Harry O. Chamberlin of Circuit Court today sustained demurrers of Lewis S. Bowman, State auditor, and public service commissioners to an injunction suit filed against them by Lowell H. Patterson, local tax payer. Patterson sought to restrain Bowman from paying each commissioner more than \$5,000 yearly.

The commissioners' salaries were cut from \$6,000 to \$5,000 by a finance committee, authorized by the last Legislature to cut State expenses.

Eighteen Federal agents, eight deputy sheriffs and twelve city police were divided into nine squads. Each squad had two auto. One auto brought the defendants to Federal Bldg., while the other continued in the raids.

Those arrested were taken to the fourth floor and lined up in front of George Winkler, prohibition group chief.

Identified

An agent, the man who bought the liquor as evidence, stood by his desk and looked at the men or women—warrantors were out for a number of women.

A nod from the agent, was sufficient. It meant he recognized the man as one who sold him liquor.

Through a crack in a door to a darkened room looked other agents, who identified the men.

Then the arrested ones were subjected to questioning by Federal and city officers.

Six who were not identified were freed.

Friedens, relatives and professional bondsmen soon appeared and asked to see those arrested. They were refused.

Winkler alleged in his petition that the members of the school board are exerting an undue influence on the citizens of Marion County.

The change of venue would apply to a motion filed by Winkler Monday, in which he asked reinstatement of a restraining order preventing the school board from continuing negotiations with architects for the creation of six new school buildings.

Judge Givan, several days ago, restrained the board from going ahead with the program, and later dissolved the order.

The new buildings which Winkler seeks to block are at Schools No. 9, 14, 33, 37, 42 and 72.

The plaintiffs and defense were to agree upon a new court this afternoon, Judge Givan said.

THIEVES TAKE MANY SMOKES

Cigars and Cigarettes Stolen From Warehouse.

Thieves, who used a truck, broke into the Mitchell wholesale grocery warehouse at 125 N. Davidson St. during the night and took \$200 worth of cigars and \$600 in cigarettes. Raymond Crichton, superintendent, reported to police today.

George Holtzman, reported that thieves, who also used a truck, took a ton of brass boards and a quantity of other metals from the Hall machine shop, 224 W. Maryland St.

AGREEMENT APPROVED
By United Press
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 29.—The Mexican Senate has approved the El Paso border agreement as signed by Ambassador Teller and Secretary of State Kellogg.

591 NABBED IN 5 RAIDS