

HOW PUSSYFOOT JOHNSON WOULD DRY UP NATION

Shoot to Kill and Call Out Army and Navy, He Suggests.

NEW YORK, July 8.—"Pussyfoot" Johnson believes that within six months America can be made boney—that he or any other man "with ability, determination and guts" could accomplish this undertaking.

The noted prohibitionist, writing a copyrighted article in the August issue of the Cosmopolitan Magazine, released today to the United Press, outlines eight planks in the "bone-dry platform" as follows:

"First, I would deal drastically with judges who turn chronic liquor offenders loose with \$10 fines.

"Second, I would stop the criminal distribution of alcohol, denatured or otherwise, which can be done by purely administrative measures.

Attacks Parole System

"Third, I would attack the turning loose of tens of thousands of chronic offenders through the parole and pardoning system that has become a scandal in so many States.

"Fourth, if necessary, I would make full use of the Army and Navy.

"Fifth, I would make the fullest possible use of what is known as 'double jeopardy.' Where the Federal Court would not function I would call on the State courts, and where the State would not function I would make use of municipal courts. I have done these things before and I could do them again.

Watch Sacramental Permits

"Sixth, I would throw down the stairs or out of the window any department official who would issue permits for the releasing of liquor for sacramental purposes without first ascertaining if the liquor were to be used for those purposes.

"Seventh, when any public official charged with the enforcement of the law made public declarations that the law could not be enforced, I would demand that he immediately get out of the way and make room for someone who had the ability and faith in himself to make good.

"Eighth, I would shoot to kill; by that I mean that I would mean business. In other words, enforce the law up to the hilt."

\$50,000 GIVEN EARLHAM

By United Press

RICHMOND, Ind., July 8.—The building fund of Earlham College was increased \$50,000 today through the gift of an unnamed donor. The total amount of the fund is now more than \$300,000.

LABOR SURPLUS IS SEEN

Small Grain Crops Light in Nebraska, Says Government.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 8.—The Government farm labor division announced here today that small grain crops of Nebraska and South Dakota are unusually light and that outside labor will be required only in a few counties.

"These two States usually produce heavy crops of wheat, oats and other small grain, requiring several thousand outside men," it was said. "Unfortunately, this year severe droughts have seriously injured these crops and the drift of men from the South will more than care for the labor needs."

TALKS ON MATRIMONY

"Much fun has been poked at marriage, but it does seem that many modern marriages are only short cuts out of love," said Dr. Edmund N. Kerlin, First Evangelical Church pastor, in an address on "The Giver and Taker of Married Life," Wednesday night before the Y. M. C. A. Bible Investigation Club. Dr. Kerlin insisted that a saving sense of humor was needed as a shock absorber in modern matrimony.

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Contractors are held liable for defects in paving of sidewalks is the cheering word to Mr. Fixit today.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: I own a new bungalow at 2526 N. Adam St. The front sidewalk was put in about a year ago and now is all broken up. This spoils the looks of my place. I am paying Barrett law on it. If I report it to the city, would they charge me again? L. HAYNES, 2117 S. Delaware St.

Mr. Fixit was informed by A. J.

Middleton, chief inspector of the city engineer's department, that the bond of the contractor has not yet expired. He will be held responsible for defects.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: Holliday St., from Shelby St. to Barth Ave., and the 27000 block on Barth Ave., are so rough that they are impassable. People driving have to park their machines out on Shelby St. and walk in.

A. WALKER.

The streets department will investigate this complaint at once and also the following: H. D. Woodbridge, N. Traub Ave., and A Times Reader, 1900 block on Caroline St.

To the twenty-five tennis players who complained concerning Willard Park courts:

DEAR MR. FIXIT: We feel sure your sense of fair play will permit you to listen to our side of the story.

I am writing as representative of the tennis players of a certain "large company" to which you refer in your article appearing in today's Times.

Early in the season a group of young people here at the office conceived the idea of forming a tennis club. I immediately wrote to Mr. Jarvis of the park board, under date of April 29, and asked him if it could be arranged so that we might have a court or two at Willard Park. After repeated telephone conversations, I was finally informed that it was not the policy of the department to issue permits to reserve courts on Saturday afternoon, but I was advised to see the custodian at the park and see what he could do for us.

I called on the custodian and was told that, if the courts were not any more crowded this year than they were last, we would have no difficulty in securing courts, but was promised that one would be reserved, and possibly two.

I had no written permit for the court or courts, it is true, but thought we were perfectly within our rights in using the courts in the face of what I have written above. I assure you that this matter was taken care of in a regular manner, and

Mr. Jarvis probably has the letter on file that I wrote him; if not, I have a duplicate here at the office. Also, the custodian, if approached on the subject, can tell you of my personal call on him. We have not attempted to do any "bumping" and we stand along the line. "Bumping," as I understand your meaning is, "misrepresenting," "prevaricating," "lying."

Incidentally, last week our company furnished 1,000 rounds of floor salt for use on the courts. Your article does not mention this. Mr. Jarvis, or possibly Mr. McCure, could tell you something about this. If such is mentioned merely as an indication of our willingness to show our appreciation of the use of the courts, it is a very sorry fact that our company had

to be mentioned in this matter, and wish that you, Mr. Fixit, had asked some one here at the office who plays tennis to explain the situation to you. In fairness to us, I feel that the twenty-five tennis players who wrote you, asking about this permit, should understand our position in the matter more fully.

MISS LAURA GARTEN.

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