

# COUNCIL INVESTIGATES CITY EXPENDITURES

## OPPOSITION OF DRY LEAGUE TO 'AL' EXPRESSED

Anti-Saloon Organization Head Preaches Two Sermons Here.

If Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York should secure the Democratic presidential nomination in 1928, his support will not come from the Anti-Saloon League. This was made very plain by Dr. F. Scott McBride, superintendent of the national organization, in a sermon he preached Sunday night at Garfield Avenue M. E. Church.

"Al" stands for alcohol, in McBride's opinion.

To members of the league "modification" means "nullification" and the organization is going to fight hard to prevent any less stringent wine or beer laws from being passed, he explained. To rally evangelical churchmen to support of this cause was the purpose of McBride's speech both Sunday night and Sunday morning. The morning sermon was given at Central Avenue M. E. Church. In each case the customary little envelopes and pencils were passed and contributions to the league's "war chest" sought.

Tall, with back hair, and dressed in the sober garb of the ministry, McBride stood in the pulpit as an American St. George slaying the dragon, formerly the bartender, but not the bootlegger.

**God's Will**

"Prohibition is part of the Constitution of the United States because it is God's will," he declared, with an earnestness that is convincing.

The Eighteenth Amendment was passed by the largest expression of approval ever given to any part of the Constitution and prohibition is here because the people want it.

The only trouble with enforcement is that the wets don't want to try it. They are trying to detour around the Constitution with light wine and beer.

Even at its worse, with friends of the bootlegger in enforcement offices in the large cities, prohibition has proven its worthlessness. If we would bring back the old saloon conditions for just six months, every one would be for prohibition. They forgot how rotten those old days were.

A smile crossed the speaker's face when he related how the "wets," as he terms them, are taking up the cry of "save the youth."

**Charge Others**

"Maybe we were mistaken about the saloon keeper and didn't understand that he was running his business for the benefit of the youth of our country," he said.

Besides naming Smith as a possible wet Democratic candidate, McBride also charged Senator James Reed of Missouri, a Democrat, and Nicholas Murray Butler, Columbia University president, a Republican, with dampness.

"We newspapers," meaning newspapers, "mean that take a stand for modification of the Volstead act, were scored roundly by the speaker.

Today McBride addressed Methodist ministers' meeting. He will leave the city tonight.

## DRY AGENTS HINDERED IN COURTS

So Contends Federal Director Harris—Convictions Difficult.

Legal machinery governing operation of Federal prohibition agents is too intricate, Ansell R. Harris, director of State prohibition activities, contends.

"Although Indiana is pretty well 'cleaned up' as far as liquor is concerned, it is difficult to secure convictions because of the existing laws," he explained.

"If a man witnesses a murder, it is not only his privilege but his duty to turn the murderer over to authorities. But in liquor violations, the case will invariably be dismissed if arrest or seizure is made merely because a citizen or an officer witnesses the violation. Red tape necessary to an arrest or search handicaps the Federal agent.

"I believe the liquor law should be made applicable as in other crimes. If the prohibition department could shake off the shackles of existing laws, results would be even more in evidence. Indiana would soon be actually dry."

### IS A MULE TOUGH?

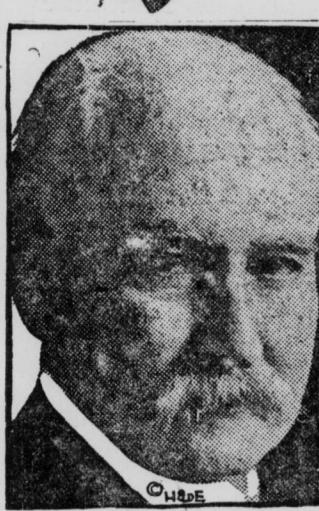
WASHINGTON.—The Army mule knows how to live up to the tradition of his toughness. During recent infantry maneuvers in Panama, a heavily laden mule got lost. Forty-seven days later he was found in a ten-foot hole into which he had fallen, his heavy pack still on his back, and ready for action.

Near the summit of Mount Everest climbers have been known to fall from sunstroke, though the air was below freezing.

### Falls From Auto; Revolver Fired

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 22.—An unidentified Negro attempted to hold up Mr. and Mrs. John King while they were riding in their car. He fell on the pavement as he jumped toward the car. His skull was fractured and at the same time his revolver was discharged accidentally, the bullet entering his right thigh and setting fire to his clothes.

### Accused in First Oil Case Trial



## SCREAMS ROUTE BURGLAR FROM WOMAN'S ROOM

### Takes Refuge in Basement—Week-End Loot Totals \$710.

Awakening to find a burglar in her bedroom early today, Mrs. Cleo Barnett, 815 E. Eleventh St., screamed and frightened the burglar so that he took refuge in the cellar, she told the police emergency squad.

Mrs. Barnett said she watched the man move about the room for several minutes, then screamed. She called police when she heard him run into the basement. The burglar had fled when police arrived, but Lieut. Fred Winkler said he was unable to discover how the man might have entered or left the house.

### Five Places Burglarized

Five other burglars obtained more than \$350 in loot over the week-end and two bands obtained \$360 in hold-ups.

A daylight burglar entered the delicatessen of William J. Holtegall, 3003 Central Ave., Sunday and stole \$20 from the cash register.

A clever burglar at the A. and P. grocery, 6131 E. Washington St., pried open a coal chute to get into the store. Merchandise valued at \$48 was taken. The home of Simon Lasbrook, 933 N. Jefferson Ave., was entered by burglars who took jewelry and a jewel case and a radio and clothing, valued at \$250.

A lone bandit entered the Standard Oil station at Twenty-Ninth St. and Capitol Ave., Sunday evening and sat down to warm himself. H. C. Goodwin, attendant, said he was visiting with the man when the bandit drew a gun and took between \$250 and \$300 from the cash drawer.

### No Trace of Bandit

No trace of the bandit, who Saturday night held up an Atlantic and Pacific grocery, 2634 N. Harding St., escaping with \$60, has been found by police, according to J. M. Gould, manager; the bandit came to the store as he was counting his money. The bandit flourished a gun and grabbed the money, escaping in a closed automobile. Lieut. O. D. Thomas and squad arrested four men driving a car south on Capitol Ave., at a high rate of speed shortly afterward. Liquor was found in the car and they were charged with operating a blind tiger. The driver also was charged with speeding.

A burglar entered the Morris Flestain tire shop, McCarty St. and Madison Ave., Saturday night through a rear window, taking \$85 in money and a \$25 revolver. A man who asked to use the washroom stole \$24 from the cash register at the Great Western Oil Refining Company station at Park Ave. and Eleventh St.

### WILL GET PLATE BIDS

### State Secretary Makes Dec. 20 Date For Opening.

Bids on the 1928 State automobile license plates will be opened Dec. 20, it was announced today by Secretary of State Frederick E. Schortemeyer. The 1927 plates which will be ready for distribution about Dec. 15, were made at Anderson, Ind.

### STOLEN CAR IN CRASH

### So Say Police, Arresting Driver on Theft Charge.

Robert Reed, 2531 Highland Ave., was arrested late Sunday on a vehicle taking charge, police alleging he stole an auto belonging to John Donahue, 3167 Boulevard Pl., from in front of that address. He was taken in the investigation of an accident at Fifteen and Mill Sts., having driven the car in the crash, it is alleged.

No lack of cordiality on the part of the Joyce family, which Peggy

bitterly said was one of the causes for the break between her and Joyce, is apparent in the latest marriage. David, the groom's brother, acted as best man and the ceremony was performed in the home of Joyce's mother.

The new Mrs. Joyce is a strikingly beautiful woman who loves outdoor life and is proficient in various sports.

The marriage recalls the short-lived romance of Peggy Hopkins and James Joyce, which ended in divorce courts after little more than a year.

At the time of the divorce trial, Peggy bitterly accused the Joyce family of responsibility for the break. Court settlements gave Peggy something like \$1,200,000 as a dowry, but she was directed to settle several claims out of this. It is thought that after these claims were settled that about \$80,000 remained. Since that time, Peggy has written more history into her matrimonial life by a marriage to Count Morner, which ended with a Paris divorce last spring.

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