

# PROTESTANT PASTORS OF CITY INDORSE PROHIBITION

## ENFORCEMENT IS ONLY FLAW, DIVINES AGREE

Shumaker Sounds Conviction National Prosperity Due to Dry Act.

## ONE VOICE DISSENTS

Single Minister Upholds Verdict of Episcopal Symposium.

Prohibition has been a boon to the health and wealth of Americans, and modificationists would be satisfied with "nothing short of intoxicating liquor," declared E. S. Shumaker, Indiana Anti-Saloon League superintendent, adding his prohibition views today to expressions from other Protestant ministers of Indianapolis.

Leader of Indiana dry forces, Dr. Shumaker, ordained Methodist clergyman, added emphatic indorsement of prohibition to the symposium precipitated by announcement in The Times Monday of the result of a survey conducted among Episcopal clergymen of the country by the Church Temperance Society.

A wide majority of the 3,000 Episcopalian who returned questionnaires, regarded prohibition as a failure and viewed modification as the remedy. Three local Episcopal ministers seconded this view.

While many Protestant pastors whose opinions are published today deplored tax enforcement of prohibition, only one, the Rev. W. C. Meinzen, pastor of Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church, expressed doubt of prohibition's success.

Under prohibition the United States has become the healthiest and wealthiest nation on the globe," said Dr. Shumaker. "The average life of our citizens has increased over four years and our wealth now exceeds that of the six other wealthiest nations by over \$3,000,000,000.

Enforcement, wherever it has been unsatisfactory, has been due to two things: Failure of citizens themselves to back up officials in securing enforcement, and ceaseless bombardment of prohibition by the lawless element.

"However, this country is infinitely better off under the Eighteenth Amendment and will never allow our government to be one of boot-leggers. Those wanting modification do not want a nonintoxicating, but an intoxicating liquor.

"Nothing short of that will satisfy those dissatisfied with the present alcoholic content of permissible liquors. But an intoxicating beverage which is sought for only can be procured legally through repeal or modification of the Eighteenth Amendment."

MR. MEINZEN—We feel and teach that whenever a thing is presented to us as law we should live up to it. As a church we feel that conduct along political lines should be left to the individual, and so Lutheran clergymen are chary of quoting their views on such controversial questions. As a church, we find justification in the Bible for a moderate use of liquors. As to the success or failure of prohibition—if the question of success depends on the number of drunks to be seen, then—well we see about as many now as we used to.

THE REV. S. W. HARTSOCK, Pastor of the North Baptist Church—It seems to me that the failure of the prohibition law, if any, is in the ability to enforce it. We are better off with it than we were under the old system. The sending of questionnaires was a pretty good idea. My personal opinion has been formed through contact with the working man. Prohibition is good regardless of the general depression that has been over the country in the last few years the working man has been able to keep on a steady level.

THE REV. C. P. GREENFIELD, Pastor of the Garfield Park Baptist Church—As far as I have been able to obtain the consensus, both in and out of the church, the Eighteenth Amendment is a success. Although there is a lack of enforcement on the part of some enforcement agents, the law, as a whole has been effective. Before we had prohibition—and I have been in the ministry twenty-six years—there were those who used to spend all they made in the saloons. Now these people own their own homes and automobiles. I believe that prohibition is a grand and glorious success.

THE REV. F. S. FERRIS, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church—Definitely, prohibition has not been a failure. I would oppose any effort toward modification, as would the Baptist clergymen with whom I have been associated in twenty years' fight against the liquor evil. The objection of inadequate enforcement cannot be raised against prohibition and in favor of modification. We need more rigid enforcement and more money to employ more enforcement agents.

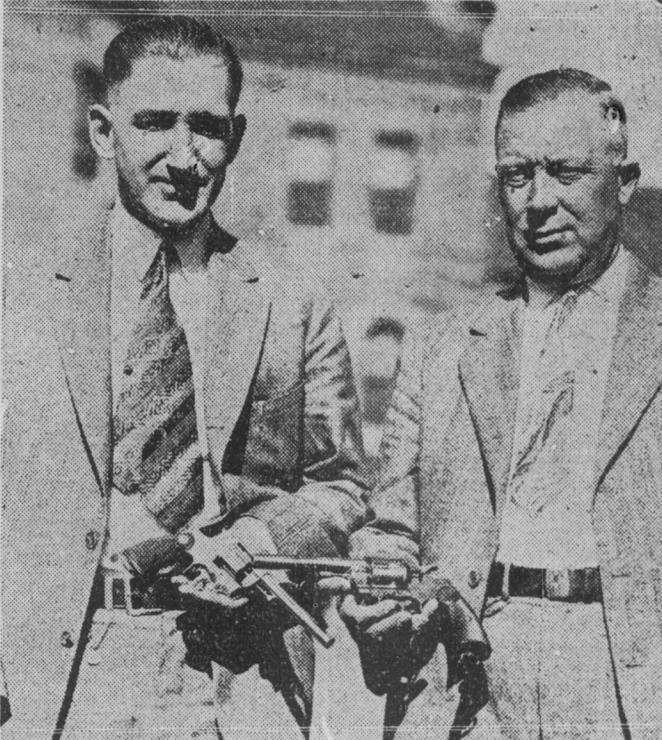
THE REV. A. W. SNYDER, Pastor of the Exeter Avenue Baptist Church—I think prohibition is a success. It can't be anything but a success. It must be a success.

THE REV. O. R. MCKAY, Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church—Baptist clergymen do not take the same view of the problem as the Episcopal clergy. Prohibition is a great and worthy experiment. It must be followed if the entire century is spent in its enforcement. The Government can not fail before law breakers. The only thing to do is go on and enforce the law. I believe in Presidential Candidate Herbert Hoover and his views of the question. I think persons interested in temperance will vote for Hoover.

THE REV. J. R. HINMAN, Pastor of the Hill Crest Baptist Church—I think prohibition is a success and always will be a success. If there is any failure in the law now it is in the administration.

THE REV. G. I. HOOVER, Secretary Indiana Christian Missionary Association—I favor the Eight-

## 'We'll Hold 'Em—Thanks'



## BOOST COUNTY TAX VALUATION BY 12 MILLION

Figures for 1929 Are Filed With State Board for Approval.

Marion County officials will use a \$12,000,000 valuation gain in making tax assessments, it was announced today following filing of final valuation figures with the State tax board by Harry Dunn, county auditor.

The final figures were worked out by the county board of review, Dunn and Schyler Mowrer, State tax board representative. They await final action of the State board, but it was considered likely that they would be approved.

The new total valuation figure for Marion County for 1928 is \$676,355,940, from which mortgages on land, soldier exemptions and other non-taxables amounting to \$25,435,440 is to be deducted. This leaves the total taxables, \$650,920,400, an exact gain of \$12,150,490 over the 1927 figure of \$638,796,910 net taxable valuation.

All valuations were raised, except that of farm lands, which was reduced \$1,055,690 over the 1927 figure.

Comparative figures are as follows:

Lots, 1928: \$204,399,780; 1927, \$199,467,870, gain, \$4,931,910. Improvements, 1928: \$273,611,400; 1927, \$297,313,750, gain, \$6,497,650. Total gain lots and improvements, \$11,429,650.

Farm lands, 1928: \$45,051,280; 1927, \$46,106,970, loss, \$1,055,690. Improvements, 1928: \$21,700,340; 1927, \$19,846,610, gain, \$1,853,730. Total gain farm lands and improvements, \$7,984,040.

Personal property, 1928: \$131,393,040; 1927, \$130,35,620, gain, \$9,040. The total gain without deductions is \$12,237,020.

In 1927 the total valuation was \$669,618,820 and nontaxable deductions of \$24,848,910 were made.

The final figures include all corporations operating in the State. Several protested, but were raised a total of \$3,000,000, over objections. The list included the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, which wanted a valuation of \$155,500, and was listed at \$500,000. They are said to have withdrawn objection when those making the valuation asked to examine the company's books.

## COUNTY OFFICIALS CLASH ON DEPUTIES

Council to Pass on Plea of Sheriff Killed by Commissioners.

Sheriff Omer Hawkins' request for sixteen additional deputies for a patrol system, killed by his political opponents on the county commission, will be passed on by his friends on the county council, controlled by the county Republican organization of which he is chairman, it appeared certain today.

George N. Montgomery, council president, leader of the Hawkins-Coffin ruling faction, charged the commissioners and Harry Dunn, auditor, ardent workers in the Dodson faction camp, had no authority to kill the request arbitrarily without passing it on to the council in the annual budget to be acted on Sept. 4.

After a hurried conference between Dunn, Clinton H. Givan, county attorney, also a Dodson man, and Montgomery, it was decided to have Hawkins rewrite his request to remove the doubt as to whether it is an "emergency" or an "additional" appropriation request.

If an emergency, the commissioners, Cassius L. Hogle and Charles O. Sutton, held the authority, it was agreed; but if it had been a request for "additional" money, the authority lay with the council, it was agreed.

In killing the item, Hogle and Sutton indicated they felt they were unwilling for Hawkins, on the eve of the campaign, to have sixteen additional jobs, and that appointment of "emergency" deputies lay with themselves.

## ABSOLVED IN DEATH

Free Motorist for Death of Man Run Down.

Coroner Charles H. Keever today absolved a man by the name of Sullivan, Merkle, Ind., of blame for running down and fatally injuring Joseph Rison, 71, of 521 N. Denny St., near Lawrence, Ind., last month. Rison died Monday at Methodist Hospital.

The coroner said he had learned that State Policeman Sheehan had investigated the accident, finding that Rison was deaf and that Sullivan had driven into a ditch in an effort to avoid striking the aged man.

## 60 CLERKS NEEDED

Mailing of 2,000,000 Ballots for the Election Is Big Job.

Distribution of ballots and other election supplies to the 3,610 precincts in the State will necessitate employment of sixty clerks, J. Otto Lee, clerk of the State printing board and secretary of the elections board announced today.

Printing of the 2,000,000 ballots, mailing and wrapping, will cost approximately \$25,000, Lee said.

Mason Is New I. N. S. President

AN NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Col. Frank Know, general manager of the Hearst newspaper interests, today announced the appointment of Frank Mason as president and general manager of the International News Service.

An 8-year-old boy who stole \$17 from the home of Mrs. Harley Pleson, 273 Parkview Pl., was sent to the detention home today. This is the second offense. Once before the boy took \$8 from the same place.

## SOCIALIST HITS OLD PARTIES IN ADDRESS HERE

Presidential Candidate Says Smith, Hoover Good, but in Bad Company.

Platforms of both the old political parties, Republican and Democrat, are interchangeable and to choose between Herbert Hoover and Al Smith is to choose between tweedle-dum and tweedle-dee.

Both these parties are owned and operated by the same class, the one per cent, which owns two-thirds of America's wealth.

Such was the premises of Norman Thomas, New York City, Socialist candidate for President of the United States, in addressing a crowd of 500 at the Knights of Pythias hall here Tuesday night.

With equal vigor he assailed both old party candidates and their platforms.

### Assails Both Parties

"Personally both Smith and Hoover are good fellows, but they are in bad company," Thomas asserted. He then dealt with the problem of those who feel that to vote for a minority party is to throw a vote away.

"Is it throwing your vote away to vote for something you don't want and get it?" he asked. "Or is it throwing your vote away to support something for which you really stand so that in time it will become reality?"

"The 1 per cent, which owns the wealth, are not throwing their votes away when they vote for either party. Neither is the politician who gets something, if his party is successful, throwing his vote away. But what about the rank and file, who work and are exploited and defrauded of their fair share in the wealth created by their labor?"

### Criticizing White's Stand

Criticising William Allen White's fear of Tammany destroying Puritan civilization he pointed out that he had only to turn to the "Ohio gang" or Indiana for shining examples of Republican honesty and effort to do civilization.

"But Tammany also faces more political corruption in New York City today than any time in history," the candidate declared. The tiger has not changed its spots, it has only had a manicure and the grafters donned golf togs.

In touching upon the religious question, Thomas agreed that it doesn't matter in which church the candidate may "pray," but it matters tremendously upon whom they "pray" and for whom they "pray."

### Scores Insull's Power

Both platforms trimmed on Muscle Shoals and Boulder Dam he said and asserted that due to private monopoly of electric power, Americans are paying \$489,000,000 more for the same amount of electric power than Ontario, Canada, where Public ownership prevails.

"Samuel Insull is becoming a greater master than Alexander the Great," he contended.

Because of the economic system, freedom in America is becoming extinct and peace is impossible according to Thomas. The Kellogg treaties will never stop war when the nations singing them are carrying on little wars at the time he continued.

### Offers Socialist Remedy

In closing he pleaded for support of a minority party which will bring about better conditions for the many instead of favors for the few. He cited the constant dread of the mass of mankind under present conditions, fear of unemployment, old age, debts and "keeping up with the Joneses."

These things could be eliminated by curtailing the competitive system, the candidate asserted, and urged that this be brought about by supporting the Socialist ticket.

### CLUB SEEKS MEMBERS

Massachusetts Ave. Merchants Start Campaign.

An immediate membership campaign is decided on by officers and directors of the newly organized Massachusetts Ave. Merchants' Association at the K. P. cafeteria.

All property owners and tenants on the avenue between Ohio and Tenth Sts. are eligible to membership in the organization, the chief purpose of which is to widen and provide better lighting facilities along the thoroughfare.

Bennie Brown of the Central Business College was named executive secretary.

### STORES PLAN OUTING

Employees of Leader and Globe to Join in Outing Thursday.

Employees of the Leader and Globe stores, 330 and 450 W. Washington St., and their families will picnic Thursday afternoon and evening at W. Tenth St. and Eagle Creek. The stores will close Thursday at 4 p.m.

### YOU MUST SLEEP

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## BUTLER IS MOVING TO NEW CAMPUS



## DANCER FIRST CHOSSEN TO KILL MEXICAN CHIEF

Woman Was to Scratch Both Calles and Obregon With Poison Needle.

BY G. F. FINE  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
MEXICO CITY, Aug. 22.—The story of how small group had held secret meetings for several months at the home of Mother Superior Conception, planning the murders of President Plutarco Calles and the late Gen. Alvaro Obregon, was related today in a police statement.

These plans directly were intended to bring to a climax the long series of church difficulties in Mexico, the statement said, and included besides assassinations, the bombing of the Chamber of Deputies, bombing of railroad bridges and the arming of rebel soldiers.

The statement was issued after questioning of twelve persons, including seven women, arrested immediately after Jose De Leon Toral assassinated General Obregon more than a month ago. Police attributed Mother Superior Conception to be the directing force of the group.

**Dancer First Selected**  
The statement did not indicate, however, that Toral had been especially selected by the group to kill Obregon. Each asserted the slender young confessed assassin merely was a friend.

The group first started meeting in April, and the statement related that Toral was a regular attendant. They discussed means of force to bring an end to the church situation.

The first plan approved was to send Maria Elana Manzano, a dancer who is under arrest, to Celaya in the State of Guanajuato during the spring festival. It was their plan that she dances with both the President and General Obregon and while dancing to scratch each with a poisoned needle.

**Recruited Martyrs**  
The statement continued that the bombs used in dynamiting the chamber of deputies several weeks ago were manufactured at a house adjoining that of Mother Superior Conception and that the bombs were manufactured with her knowledge. It said that she consulted some important outsider regarding all of these plans.

It was said by several, the police reported, that Mother Superior Conception aided in recruiting rebels for the church cause and that she told them she was "sending you to Heaven through martyrdom."

Toral will be tried within a fortnight.

Mother Superior Conception already has been arraigned and the prosecution announced they would demand the supreme penalty for a woman for her—twenty years' imprisonment.

**Reports Catamount Ambush**  
By United Press  
NEW ALBANY, Ind., Aug. 22.—Residents near here recently declared they saw a thirty-foot blacksnake, and a 500-pound tarpon in a river. Now John Fisher, a farmer, declares he was ambushed by catamount.

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