

RULING IS DELAYED ON STEPHENSON COURT TANGLE

HIGH COURT TO WRITE OPINION ON FREE PLEA

Supreme Justices Hold Careful Deliberation, Is Required.

GUILT DECISION SOON

Final Action Within Few Days Is Promised on Murder Appeal.

Necessity for a written opinion, which will determine the status of all life prisoners held in Indiana in regards to writs of habeas corpus, will delay the handing down of the Supreme Court decision on whether the writ of prohibition closing the habeas corpus to D. C. Stephenson should be made permanent.

At the same time it was intimated by Chief Justice David A. Myers that the decision in Stephenson's murder case appeal will be ready in a few days.

Supreme Court members who with the exception of Judge Julius C. Travis, now in Massachusetts, heard the arguments offered by Lenn J. Oare, South Bend, and Ralph N. Smith, La Porte, attorneys for Judge John A. Richter of the La Porte Circuit, felt that a decision must be reached only by the most careful deliberation as the decision will set a judicial precedent.

Question Before Court

Following three hours consultation Tuesday afternoon Chief Justice David A. Myers announced that it would be several days before the decision is rendered.

The question has become not only one concerning D. C. Stephenson's attempt to be taken to the La Porte Circuit Court on a writ of habeas corpus so that he might have an opportunity to be released on bail, but one to determine whether life prisoners may be at liberty while their appeal is pending before the Supreme Court.

On Aug. 20, attorneys for Stephenson asked for a preliminary writ of habeas corpus in the La Porte Circuit Court setting out that inasmuch as the Hamilton Circuit Court was without proper authority the conviction of Stephenson was void and asking that he be admitted to bail while his appeal was pending.

Hurrying home from Grand Beach, Mich., Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom that night filed a petition for a writ of prohibition which would forbid the execution of the habeas corpus. Judge Myers issued the preliminary writ and ordered Judge Richter to appear before the Supreme Court to show why this should not be made permanent.

Charges Insult to Court

Contending that it was an overt insult to the La Porte Circuit Court for Gilliom to go to the high court for a writ of prohibition when recourse is available through the court of original jurisdiction, Oare protested that such action was a reflection on Judge Richter.

He declared that it gave rise to the rumor that Richter was going to release Stephenson on bail.

"Although I personally feel that Judge Richter would not have decided wrongly, yet in such event then was the time to appeal to the high court and not before a judge is given the opportunity to pass on the question," Oare said.

Vigorous questioning on behalf of the Supreme Court was conducted from the bench by Justice Myers and Benjamin Willoughby, who pointed out the danger of permitting circuit courts to release life prisoners whose appeals are pending.

DAILEY AND LESLIE TO ADDRESS LABOR UNIONS

Both gubernatorial candidates on program at Evansville.

By Times Special
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 5.—Both candidates for Governor have been placed on the program of the annual convention of the Indiana Federation of Labor which convenes here Sept. 12.

Harry G. Leslie, Republican, will speak Wednesday and Frank C. Dailey, Democrat, will address the gathering Thursday.

A series of conferences by the various labor unions are being held in preparing for the State parley. Mayor Herbert Males will deliver the address of welcome at the opening session.

HOLT PAVING DELAYED

Engineers' Plans Not Yet Ready for County Council.

Consideration of paving the south half of Holt Rd., including a railroad underpass, was delayed by the county council Tuesday because engineer's plans and estimates have not yet been completed.

W. P. Holmes, vice president of the Wayne Township Civic League headed a delegation to the council meeting, turned away with the delay. They have been fighting several weeks for remedy from the dust and mud road nuisance.

A fight also has been encountered between the county and the railroads as to construction of the tunnel, the roads claiming the traffic is not sufficient to warrant such a large expenditure.

Ex-Chief Nabs Thief

By Times Special
BRAZIL, Ind., Sept. 5.—Frank W. Moore, former chief of police here, captured a bandit recently who attempted to steal his auto at his coffee shop west of the city.

'Y' Leader



BOOZE CONTROL IS REAL UNDER SWEDISH PLAN

Liquor Problem Solution at Last Is Found by Scandinavians.

Sweden tried prohibition. It failed. Now a right system of State control is being tried, says Howard L. Simms, Scripps-Howard foreign editor, who has made an intensive study of the Swedes, and hereewith presents the first of a series on the workings of the system.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS
STOCKHOLM, Sept. 5.—Commening with the idea that the liquor problem is essentially a human problem and that you can't change human nature merely by passing a law, Sweden is working out the world's most successful experiment in temperance and public morals.

I came to Sweden frankly skeptical. Swedes, history relates, around the 1850's were among the world's champion drinkers. Their national tipple was aqua vitæ, as they call it, schnaps, liquid fire distilled from potatoes.

They averaged something like 200 quarts a year of this stuff per family.

If the Swedes could find a way to regulate booze and become a temperance people, I thought, there is some hope for America.

Abolish Age-Old Evils

Well, they've done it. They've abolished the saloon, the blind pig, the bootlegger and the moonshiner. In a few years they have cut liquor consumption to half, lessened all kinds of crime by more than half, reduced drunkenness among the youth of the land to comparatively negligible figures, until today Sweden seems the very picture of social health and economic expansion.

The Bratt system of liquor control is what has done it. The system gets its name from Dr. Ivan Bratt, the young physician, social reformer, and temperance advocate who worked it out.

The most popular drink in Sweden today is a sort of near-beer, a brew with only a trifle more alcohol in it than is to be found in ours. It is illegal to have it run above 3.2 alcohol by weight, but the average is much lower.

This beer and light wines, with a small and strictly rationed amount of spirits, obtainable on a carefully worked out card system, represent the spirituous beverage of present-day Sweden.

Made Nation-Wide

The Bratt system was tried out tentatively in Stockholm in 1913. So excellent were the results of the "Stockholm experiment" that in 1919 the system became nation-wide.

Even then it was several years before the necessary enforcement laws could be passed, so the Swedish system has been in vogue nationally only four or five years. Yet remarkable progress in the direction of temperance, law and order has been made.

The total amount of spirits consumed in all Sweden has fallen about 40 per cent and in Stockholm about 50 per cent. Crimes of violence have fallen off from an index of 100 to 52 in the nation as a whole, and to 40 here in the capital and largest city.

Arrests for drunkenness have slumped from 100 to 48 for all Sweden and to 30 in Stockholm, the best results being achieved among the young folks—from 15 to 20 years of age.

These figures show a reduction from 100 to 17, no less!

Sweden is not attempting to drive her citizens into sobriety. She is leading them.

No Crime to Have Alcohol

Sweden does not make it a crime to have a limited amount of alcohol, but she does say that making a hog of one's self is a social crime punishable in various ways.

Here you may have a little, but you may not have much, the opposite of practice in prohibition countries.

Today Sweden has almost absolute control of her drink problem. By rationing her citizens down to a point beyond which there would be a popular demand for more, resulting bootleggers and the vast underworld of the rum trade so notorious in our own country, she has brought the nation to such a high state of temperance and public morals as to amaze present-day Americans.

Next: An interview with Dr. Bratt.

JOHN-MARY FETE SET

Annual Event Will Be Held at Bluffton Sunday.

By United Press

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