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LAWYER FACES MARION CLUB FRAUD CHARGE

W. R. Waddell Accused of Swindling Stockholders of Defunct Body.

HEARING BEFORE JUDGE

Misappropriation Alleged in Collection of Assets; Promises to Pay.

W. R. Waddell, attorney, 314 Board of Trade building, was accused of a scheme to swindle stockholders of the Marion Club, defunct Republican organization, at a hearing before Superior Judge Byron K. Elliott today.

Waddell, Deputy Prosecutor George Eggleston and John L. Niblack, former deputy prosecutor, declared, has been telling stockholders of the club that as little as \$7 was their share of the defunct organization's assets and offering to collect the money for 50 per cent less.

He would collect the \$47.50 due each stockholder and turn over to his stockholders only half of the lesser amount he had misappropriated as due, it was charged.

Widows Victims, Is Charge

The prosecutors declared that records show Waddell has collected \$2,100 from stockholders from County Clerk George O. Hutsell and that a man named J. J. Jones, for whom Waddell acted as attorney, has collected \$1,500.

Widows and relatives of dead club stockholders were among the victims of the schemes, it was charged.

Jones, Niblack said, would file a petition to be named administrator of the estates of dead stockholders.

Under the Indiana law anyone may be appointed administrator of estates upon application within twenty days of the death of the parties.

Appointed administrator, Jones, represented by Waddell, would collect the \$47.50 due each of the estates.

Waddell promised to make restitution when brought before Judge Elliott today on a bench warrant.

"I'm willing to pay," he stated.

"Willing? You have to pay?" declared the judge.

"This is one of the worst frauds I've seen around here and the person guilty is going to be punished."

Jury Investigating

Niblack, who retired as deputy prosecutor Jan. 1, but who had investigated the charges against Waddell before leaving office, said 100 estates for which Jones had acted as administrator are being investigated. Jones would file as administrator in cases where the size of the estate or the shape of the assets made it unnecessary for relatives to have an administrator appointed.

The grand jury is investigating the swindle scheme, Niblack stated. He asked Judge Elliott if he might cite Waddell for contempt of his court, but Judge Elliott instructed Waddell be given two weeks to make restitution. If he does not do so in that time the contempt charge may be filed, Elliott said.

Waddell made payments to two women he is said to have defrauded this morning.

Pays Women

Mrs. Helen H. Preston, widow of the late Charles Preston, declared Waddell had told her he could collect \$7 for her and offered to do so and give her \$3.50. Waddell collected the \$47.50 due her and had paid her nothing, she said. Waddell, who said he had not given her anything because he had not "seen her since," wrote her a check for \$47.50. "If that check isn't good, let me know," said the judge.

Waddell also gave Miss Florence Warrington, 271 Randolph street, a check for \$32.50. He was alleged to have told her he had collected \$3 for her and to have given her half, \$1.50.

The court asked Waddell about the case of F. Lorenz Gemmer, 2010 North Meridian street, administrator for the estate of his father, whom Waddell is alleged to have had \$15 coming. Waddell, it is alleged, collected the \$47.50 due him and paid him nothing.

ID IN FLU EPIDEMIC

College Kept Closed So Students Can Help Fill Prescriptions.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Jan. 2.—Opening of the New Jersey College of Pharmacy will be postponed a day because only 75 per cent of students reported.

Dr. Little Dean, said that a large number of students requested to be excused from classes, because they are working in drug stores and are badly needed to cope with the influenza epidemic.

OQUOIS CHIEF DIES

ian Leader to Be Buried in Syracuse, N. Y.

BUFFALO, Jan. 2.—The body of Cornelius Johnson, 99, former chief of the Iroquois, who died yesterday at his home here, will be taken to Syracuse Friday, for burial.

To CINCINNATI and return by telephone; basic rate only 70 cents. Advertisement.

Jiggs Deb

By United Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Corned beef hash, a dish generally regarded a piebald, was served this morning at the Ritz-Carlton hotel in one of the most fashionable parties of the holiday season.

Mrs. Richard Edward Breed introduced her daughter Jane to society Tuesday night at a large ball at the hotel. There was dinner, and later another debutante party joined and there was supper.

The dance continued and finally early this morning a breakfast was served at which the main dish was corned beef hash.

POWER LINES CUT; REWARD

\$1,000 Offered for Arrest of Tamperers.

Reward of \$1,000 was offered today by the Southeastern Indiana Power Company of Rushville, Ind., for information leading to the arrest of persons who have been tampering with the utility's high voltage lines.

Power shut-downs have been frequent four times within the last few weeks by malicious tampering with high voltage lines, the company announced.

The power company is a sister company to the Indianapolis and Southeastern Railroad Company, with offices in the Traction Terminal building and power shut-downs not only affect more than 3,000 light customers of the utility.

But the operation of parlor cars on the Connersville and Greensburg divisions of the traction company.

Advertisements offering the reward declare such sabotage is in violation of the law and is punishable by fine and imprisonment.

In one instance a high tension line was severed near Julietta, ten miles southeast of Indianapolis, in the Connersville division, it was said at offices here. In the other cases, the tampering was along the line in isolated places in the country.

RULE AGAINST STATES FIXING GASOLINE PRICES

Laws Unconstitutional. United States Supreme Court Holds.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—State regulation of the price of gasoline is unconstitutional, the United States supreme court decided today in two cases appealed by the State of Tennessee, which by statute in 1927 proclaimed that the sale of gasoline was a "public service" and created a board to prevent discriminatory and unreasonable prices. The court held the entire act invalid.

BURY INDIAN FIGHTER

Pony Express Rider Had Full of Adventure.

By United Press

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 2.—Meredith B. Hamilton, Indian fighter, scout and pony express rider under Buffalo Bill Cody, was buried there today. He died at the age of 84 years.

Born in Cincinnati and trained as a civil engineer, Hamilton began an adventuresome career as a pony express rider out of Kansas City in 1866. He was once seriously wounded by an Indian's spear and carried miles over the plains by a comrade to a camp where his wound was closed with a darning needle and linen thread.

Since 1871 Hamilton had been an engineer on the Minneapolis board of education.

PREPARE INAUGURAL

Committee Named to Arrange for Leslie Ceremonies.

Ezra O. Rogers, Republican state chairman, today announced appointment of the committee which will arrange for the inauguration of Governor-Elect Harry G. Leslie Jan. 14.

Charles L. Biederwolf, supreme court clerk, heads the committee. Other members: Archie N. Bobbitt, new state auditor; Bert Fuller, Leslie's campaign manager, and James McCann, Lebanon.

PUSH SCHOOL PLANS

Speed Action to Save Money on Bid.

Plans for the new Irvington high school, Riley avenue and Washington street, were rushed by the city school board this afternoon after Charles W. Kern, new president, announced contractors had advised him the city could save \$50,000 if the contract could be let before May 1.

The board conferred with the architects, McGuire and Shook to get action started.

Kern said the contractors could bid lower now than after May 1, when they will be busy. If they can have the Irvington job well underway before the rush they can bid.

CHARMED LIFE FAILS

Jumps Off Train Going at 60 Miles an Hour; Dies.

Seven Below in Indiana

ROYAL CENTER, Ind., Jan. 2.—The United States weather bureau thermometer here showed a temperature of 7 degrees below zero this morning.

OFFER \$25,000 FOR BEST DRY REPEAL PLAN

Telegram to Durant Motor Official by Hearst Reveals Contest.

'CAN'T STOP TRAFFIC'

More 'Liberal and American' Measure Is Urged as Substitute.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—William Randolph Hearst, publisher, today offered a prize of \$25,000 for the best plan to repeal the eighteenth amendment and substitute in place of prohibition a more liberal and more American measure.

In making known his plan in a telegram to Edwin J. Clapp of the Durant Motors, Inc., Hearst said:

"It never has been possible and never will be possible to prevent traffic in compact and concentrated alcoholic drinks."

His offer followed closely upon a demand from W. C. Durant, donor of \$30,000 in prizes for the best plan to enforce the eighteenth amendment, for the appointment of a congressional committee to "determine why the eighteenth amendment has not been satisfactorily enforced."

"I do not believe prohibition ever will be enforced," Hearst wrote.

"And I do believe that if a violent effort is made to enforce it during the next four years by the Republican administration, the next President of the United States will be a Democrat.... therefore, I think in offering a prize on how best to enforce prohibition, Mr. Durant offered a prize on how best to put the Republican party out of power."

Publish Liquor Survey Results

While these two developments were engaging the attention of supporters and opponents of prohibition, the New York Telegram, in copyrighted article, published the results of a survey showing that 24 per cent of the liquor sold in New York speakeasies contained poison in some form. Ten per cent of New York's liquor supply contained wood alcohol, the Telegram said.

Thirty investigators worked three weeks getting 504 samples from 400 drinking places in Manhattan. These samples all were analyzed by registered chemists, who found, the Telegram said:

That fifty-five contained wood alcohol.

That seventy others had poisonous impurities resulting from improper renovation.

That 362 others, while drinkable, either were purely synthetic or cut so they had only 5 to 20 per cent of genuine liquor.

The highest percentage of wood alcohol was one-half of 1 per cent.

Places selling wood alcohol were revisited for new samples, so that in some cases triple proof was obtained against them.

Advice to Whalen

The list of establishments selling wood alcohol was turned over to Police Commissioner Whalen for his guidance, and the telegram urged him to concentrate against them in his drive against speakeasies.

The newspaper said that sixty known deaths had occurred in New York City from wood alcohol drinking in 1928, or twice as many as in 1927 and three times as many as in 1926.

In an editorial the Telegram said the city has 20,000 speakeasies, and called on Commissioner Whalen to center his raids "where they will do the most good."

COMES HOME TO FIND AUTO IN GA-

RADE: OWNER SOUGHT.

By United Press

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A large coupe, in which the girl and another man were riding, followed the truck to its destination.

When the truck was halted the girl took charge of operations.

"Get out of that truck," she commanded, and Fallmer, still facing the pistol, obeyed.

It's Cigaret Money

While the bakery driver stood on

the ground the girl searched him rapidly and expertly and unhooked his money belt containing \$25.

"Is that all you have?" she asked disdainfully, "why that's hardly worth our time. But even so, it's cigarette money." She pocketed the loot.

And speaking of cigarettes, Charlene, give me a fag."

Lighting up a cigaret, she talked boastfully of her plans to stage a series of similar holdups in the near future.

"We're going to pay a few calls on your buddies, but here's hoping

WELD POLICE FORCES

Sheriff's Office to Be Allied With City's Law Arm.

In an effort to weld the police department and the sheriff's staff more closely, the county commissioners will meet this afternoon with Police Chief Claude M. Worthy and Sheriff George Winkler. Arrangements have been made to link the sheriff's office with police headquarters by a direct telephone line.

FIGHTS DISBARMENT

Attorney for F. Lee Smith Moves to Have Proceedings Dismissed.

A motion to dismiss the disbarment proceedings filed against W. Lee Smith, former Ku-Klux Klan grand dragon, who is serving a sentence in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth for conspiracy in the interstate motor theft ring, was filed in supreme court today by M. L. Clawson, Smith's attorney.

CHARGE DRIVER DRUNK

Abandoned Car After Crash, Say Police; Arrested.

The mercury dropped to a new cold mark for the season today. The United States weather bureau thermometer registered 5 above zero at 8 a. m., three degrees below the winter's previous low mark of 8 above, Dec. 21.

Tonight will be another cold night, but not quite as cold as last night, J. H. Armstrong, weather bureau head, predicted.

Thursday, however, the cold wave will break and temperatures will rise.

The lowest temperature in this state, 2 above, was reported at Ft. Wayne. The nearest point reporting a below zero temperature was Peoria, Ill., 2 below.

There was 2 inch of snowfall here in the last twenty-four hours, but only .1 inch lay on the ground in the downtown section, according to weather bureau records.</