

GIOVANNA TO BE 'BABY' OF WORLD QUEENS

22-Year-Old Princess of Italy, Bulgarian King Wed Saturday.

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ASSISI, Italy, Oct. 24.—A stately, dark-haired princess, Giovanna of the House of Savoys, will become the youngest queen in the world Saturday, when she marries King Boris III of Bulgaria, at the altar of the upper church of St. Francis of Assisi.

Marriage of the 22-year-old daughter of the king of Italy with the Bulgarian monarch will rob King Boris of his most widely known unofficial title—the bachelor of Europe.

King Boris, in ending at 36 his long wanderings as a "lonely monarch," will be married twice to the highly Italian princess.

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Pope Pius the couple will be married at a Catholic ceremony before the gold-draped altar here Saturday, and then sail on the yacht Ferdinand for Vienna in the Black sea, en route to Sofia, for ceremony at the Great Alexander Nevsky cathedral, where the Metropolitan Stephen will perform the ceremony of the eastern orthodox church.

The royal assemblage gathered today within short distance of Assisi, prepared to enter in state into this mountain town just prior to the wedding ceremony.

The wedding ceremonies will be impressive, but comparatively simple, conforming to the atmosphere of the simple little town of 5,400 souls which is perched on a mountain commanding a view of the magnificence of the Tiber and Tivoli valley regions.

Premier Mussolini will meet the royal parties at the station of Formia, where he will deliver an address of welcome.

Search of King Boris for a bride at one time became such a matter of tea-table gossip that every time he went beyond the frontiers of his country he was reported bent on a romantic journey.

Wales Still Left, Girls

DRYDEN, N. Y., Oct. 24.—The prince of Wales will reign as royalty's most eligible bachelor after Saturday when King Boris of Bulgaria and Princess Giovanna of Italy are married.

Widowers and bachelors under 80 are not eligible, and those more than 80 play by permission of the executive committee.

Careers of the 36-year-old heir to the British throne and the Bulga-

HOOVER MUM ON PREDICTION OF 4.4 BEER

Refuses to Voice Denial on Rumors Carried by Brokers' Wires.

BY PAUL R. MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Silence is being maintained at the White House in the face of rumors that President Hoover and his law enforcement commission soon may recommend 4.4 per cent beer.

The President and his associates have indicated they do not care to dignify an official denial unconfirmed information which has run over the private wires of brokers.

Officially, reticence of the administration is explained by the imminence of the congressional election in which prohibition is such an outstanding issue.

Privately, those in authority here suggest the unverified report may

have been spread by those interested in promoting the wet cause at the polls.

Administration leaders wish to avoid any possible charge of aiding either side with affirmations or denials, they say.

There is, however, a strong indication in highest quarters that the Wickersham commission is contemplating a report which may not be acceptable to some extremely dry organizations.

As reported by the United Press last Tuesday, those in positions of great responsibility here believe a modification of the law may be suggested by the commission.

The 4.4 per cent alcoholic content figure has not been mentioned before. One-half of 1 per cent is allowed by the Volstead act. Demands have been made by some wet organizations for 2.75 per cent beer. There is a dispute as to whether such beer would be "nonintoxicating in fact."

If the Wickersham commission should decide the cause of law enforcement would be better served by an increase in the alcoholic content of beer, the change would have to be enacted by congress, a majority of the house and senate. It probably would take the form of a proposed amendment to the Volstead act.

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CAPITAL POLICE WILL DROP PAID DRY LAW SPIES

Informers Scored by Board of Trade Committee
-After Survey.

BY LAWRENCE SULLIVAN
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WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Efforts are being made Washington the nation's "model city" through use of paid informers in prohibition enforcement will be abandoned by the capital police as a result of a vigorous denunciation of the practice by the public order committee of the Washington board of trade.

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George Offut, president of one of Washington's largest commercial

banks, was chairman of the subcommittee. He recommends that "paid work" informers will be dispensed with altogether and that the Board of Trade place its official seal of disapproval on the entire snooping scheme.

Produces Perjurers

"Such practice produces perjurers and contaminates the pathways of justice," the report concluded.

Offut read his report before a special meeting of the trade association, which was attended, among others, by two justices of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, two District of Columbia commissioners and William F. Shelly, chief of detectives.

Bounties of \$10 to \$50 for all who would report places in which liquor was sold have been offered by the Washington police for more than a year. The payments were made as soon as detectives established the reliability of the information.

Informers Leave Town

In several cases, however, the informers skipped before the resulting trial, leaving the government without a witness to testify that he actually had procured liquor on the rack.

ONCE WET CLUB NOW SALVATION ARMY HOME

Throw Out the Life Line's Strains.

By United Press

DETROIT, Oct. 24.—Singing of "Sweet Adeline" has been replaced by "Thrown Out the Life Line" in the building which once housed the Polar Bear Club, in Ecru.

A federal padlock, placed on the door of the club building by a federal court order, after a liquor seizure, was removed to permit the opening there of a Salvation Army branch.

A bullet shot straight up into the air from an ordinary pistol or rifle would have enough force on its downward flight to kill a person.

PRESIDENT OF CHINA BAPTISED AS CHRISTIAN

General Chiang Kai-Shek Becomes a Member of Methodist Church.

BY RANDOLPH GOULD,
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SHANGHAI, Oct. 24.—The Chinese National government was headed by a Christian today. In a simple ceremony Thursday General Chiang Kai-Shek became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

General Chiang, president of the government, was baptised by the Rev. Z. T. Huang, Chinese Methodist minister.

Plans for the ceremony had been made in advance and were carried out quietly in the presence of a few members of the president's family. He stopped in Shanghai en route to his home town in Chekiang province, south of this city.

General Chiang's mother-in-law, Mrs. Soong, long has been a member of the Methodist church. His wife, the former Miss Mayling Soong, and her brother, T. V. Soong, Nationalist minister of finance, are Methodists. They are graduates of Wellesley College and Harvard university, respectively.

The baptism occurred in the living room of the Soong residence.

The minister asked the famous general whether he desired to accept the faith of Jesus Christ, and join the church. Chiang answered in the affirmative, the minister sprinkled a few drops of water over his head, and he was baptised.

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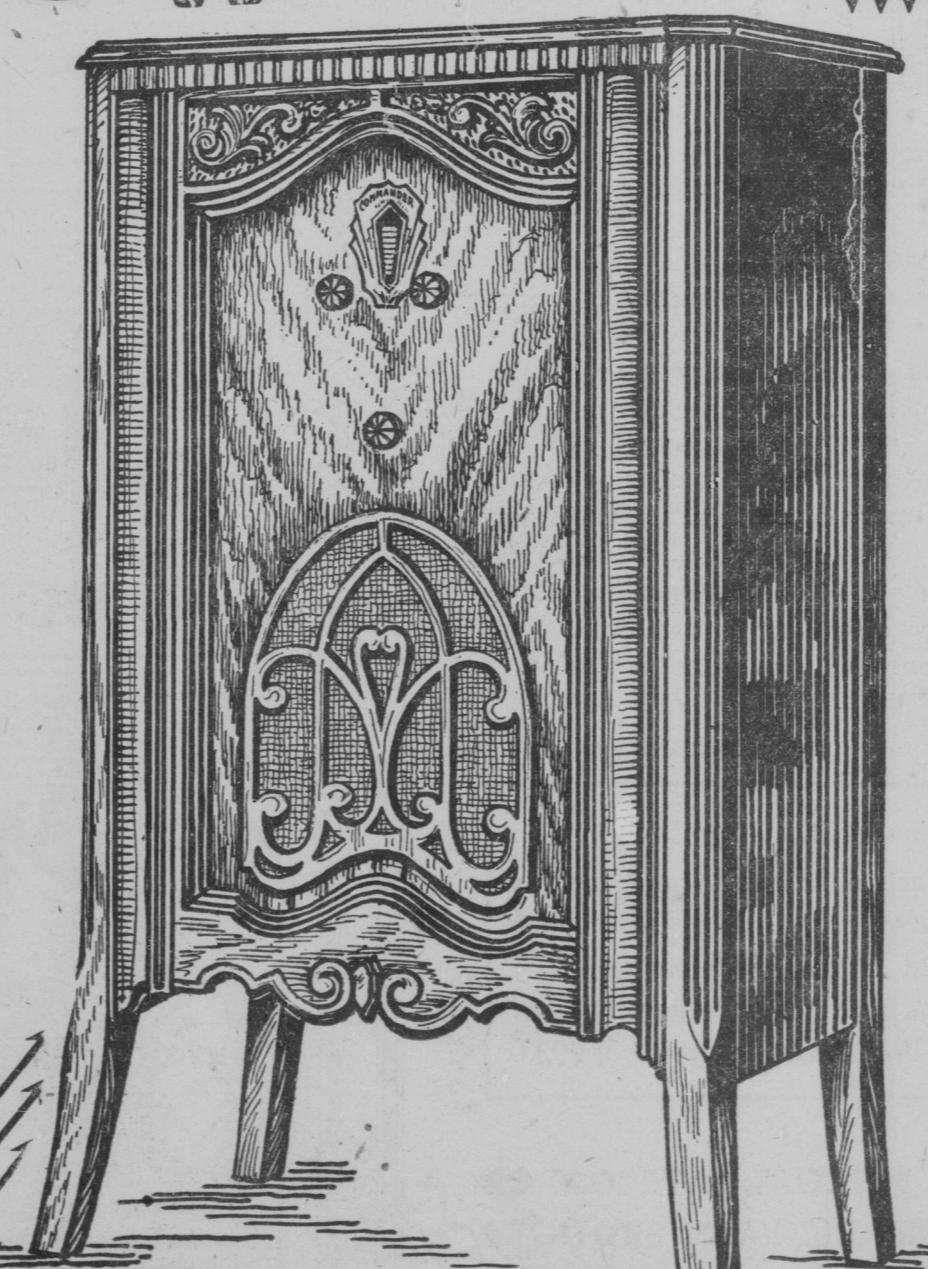
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