

# 11 COPS FACE U. S. COURT IN BOOZE SCANDAL

Protection to Speakeasy Operators Is Charged in Testimony.

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Unidentified policeman were in the place, and Aug. 15 agents saw Van Sickle and Volger drinking. Jeffrey claimed.

Aug. 16 four police in a squad car, Quinette, Brown, Stricker and an unidentified man, entered the place and drank from a four-ounce bottle, Jeffrey told the jury. Bridwell and another patrolman entered later, and Van Sickle and Volger visited the place twice, the district attorney said.

## Demanding Intoxicants

Jeffrey said his evidence would show that in 1929 and early this year Brown and John O'Brien went to speakeasies on Indiana avenue and demanded intoxicants from Negro proprietors.

The Negroes, Jeffrey promised, would charge that the officers never paid for their liquor, and will say they were afraid to ask for money. The witnesses further will state that they gave money to the police several times.

Another witness will say that Hoagland once went into a restaurant, obtained a quantity of alcohol and became so intoxicated he could not leave until 3 a. m., Jeffrey said.

Speaking for the defendants, Bonifield said that Hogue had been a total abstainer twenty years, and that Quinette, a policeman only forty days, had no uniform when the agents were making their investigations.

## Conspiracy Is Denied

"Hague and Quinette were never in Sally's," he said, referring to a place operated by a witness. "They can't even know her."

"Hundreds of persons are buying liquor these days," he declared. "It's true, of course, the police took cigarettes or cigars occasionally because it is a sort of unwritten law on this police department, as on other departments, to accept them."

Markay said Van Sickle, his client, had dropped into the speakeasy several times, but always with an officer or district man, and without intent to enter in a conspiracy.

## Five Challenges Used

Five pre-emptory challenges were exercised by the defense before the jury was selected. Judge Baltzell quizzed prospective jurors, and emphasized questions as to whether they served in the World or Spanish-American wars. Many of the police were veterans and members of veterans' organizations.

The indictments contained four counts: one for the police, charging conspiracy; two charging sales by Schischoff and Vilaschoff, and a fourth alleging a nuisance.

In the courtroom was Charles R. Myers, president of the board of safety, which suspended the policemen when they were arrested by the government.

Suspicion that certain police were permitting open and flagrant law violations on their beats had been current for some time.

Anti-Saloon League leaders conferred with the city board of safety, presented a list of more than twenty alleged liquor vendors, and demanded action.

Investigations by undercover men is continuing, it is declared, and more policemen may be indicted by the next grand jury.

## CITY AIRPORT WELL WILL BE EXAMINED

Tests to be started on Thursday by Board of Works Board.

Tests of the well at the municipal airport will be started Thursday afternoon by Louis C. Brandt, works board member, and M. G. Johnson, assistant engineer, to determine the regular flow of the well.

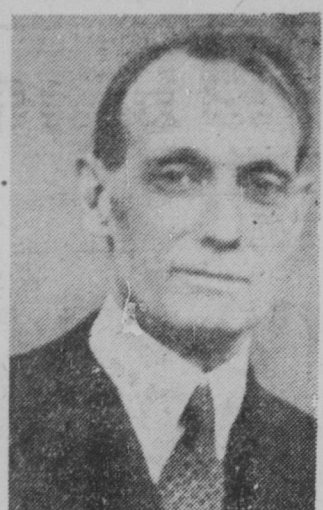
Decision to place temporary pumping equipment at the well was made today after the board learned the flow is irregular. During the tests, city officials also will examine the quality of the water, which several tests already have shown to be polluted.

M. Tucker of the Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc., radio department, will arrange for radio service here this week at the airport. The transmitting station will be installed in the building for opening of the line Dec. 1.

## Sunday Hunter Fined

WARSAW, Ind., Nov. 12.—Clyde Gripe, Kosciusko county farmer, was fined \$1 under a law making it an offense to hunt on Sunday. Gripe was hunting on his own farm.

# Promotions to Educators



William A. Hacker

## MINISTER WILL TAKE NEW POST

The Rev. Floyd Van Keuren Leaves Christ Church.

The Rev. Floyd Van Keuren, rector of Christ church, has resigned the post he held for more than five years to accept a directorship of the social service commission of the diocese of New York. Episcopal church, it was announced.

The resignation has been accepted by the vestry of Christ church. Having filled the rectorship of the historic church since Oct. 1, 1925, the Rev. Mr. Van Keuren will succeed Bishop Gilbert in the New York position. The resignation becomes effective Dec. 29.

During his five years' service, terminated by the resignation, the Rev. Mr. Van Keuren accomplished the organization of the Christ church boys' choir; built a new parish house; founded the Margaret Ridgely Memorial Library of Religious Education; and a modern church school was set up with new methods in progressive education. Recently a new memorial baptismal font in the church was dedicated.

## EX-COP ADMITS MURDER IN JAIL

Alleged Confession Solves Detroit Mystery.

DETROIT, Nov. 12.—Peter Wentala, 35, a former policeman, was held on a technical charge of murder today after he admitted he beat William T. Jones, 50, former Grand (Miss) minister to death in a police headquarters cell block.

Jones died of head injuries Monday night about two hours after he was locked up when he told a police clerk that he was the man who killed Jerry Buckley, radio announcer slain by gunmen last July.

Less than twenty-four hours after Jones' death, which caused a furore in police ranks because of insinuations that he was the victim of a police brutality, Wentala was arrested in a small downtown hotel.

After brief questioning, Wentala made a statement to Duncan McCrea, assistant prosecutor, in which he declared that he was a cell mate with the ex-minister and punched him to the concrete floor of the cell when Jones "took a poke at him."

He said he didn't realize he had killed Jones.

Wentala, an iron worker, was dismissed from the police force several years ago for intoxication.

## UNITED DRY VOTERS GROUP IS FORECAST

New Organization Needed, Editor Says; Scores League Head.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—Charles C. Morrison, editor of the Christian Century, predicted today reorganization of the dry voters in the United States without special recognition of the Anti-Saloon League.

"F. Scott McBride, league superintendent, has led the children of the eighteenth amendment into a sea that has failed to part and open a dry path," said Morrison.

"The fate of prohibition will be determined in the next two years. It will stand if the people who believe in it can be rallied to one standard. It will fail if the present drift is allowed to continue."

## SCHOOL CHIEF ACCUSED

Boone Grove Principal Charged With Shooting Holes in Auto.

VALPARAISO, Ind., Nov. 12.—Eugene O'Bryan, principal of the Boone Grove high school is at liberty under \$500 bond pending trial in Porter circuit court here as an aftermath of a Halloween episode.

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## Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to:

Homer Muncie, 816 River avenue, Ford coupe, 1928, from Pennsylvania and Georgia streets.

Mrs. J. E. Barlow, 241 North Holmes avenue, Chevrolet sedan, found at Vermont and Madison streets.

Gerard Sticker, 1127 East Market street, Ford coupe, found on Crawfordville road, west of city.

# PLAN TO MAKE SHIPS' OFFICERS DRUG SLEUTHS

U. S. Customs Bureau Is Considering Proposal to Search Berths.

BY CECIL OWEN  
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Ships' officers of leading passenger lines plying between United States and oriental ports would be sworn in as special customs officers so they might legally search passengers' staterooms and luggage for smuggled narcotics under a plan being considered by the United States customs bureau.

The plan proposed to the bureau would place the officers in the role of "dollar-a-year" men acting as spies on the customs bureau.

The greatly increased their authority over passengers and permit them to search staterooms and baggage for hidden contraband.

In the opinion of customs officials the plan, if adopted, should be limited strictly to narcotics. If in search for drugs, however, an officer should see liquor or hidden jewelry, he might feel it his duty to report it, as steamship companies are liable for undeclared merchandise smuggled aboard their vessels.

The narcotics bureau said today that smuggling of narcotics through Pacific coast ports alone amounts in value to hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly.

The plan is not aimed at passengers so much as it is at members of the crew who have been a practice of secreting in staterooms, unknown to their occupants, sizeable quantities of narcotics.

Passengers in whose cabins such contraband was found would not be prosecuted unless there was evidence to show they were implicated. In the case of their smuggled articles found by the inspecting ships' officers, passengers would be given an opportunity to declare the goods prior to fines or prosecution.

## JOURNALISTS TO ATTEND SESSION

Sigma Delta Chi Chapters to Ohio Monday.

Delegates from four state university chapters and from the Indianapolis alumni chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, honorary professional journalistic fraternity, will attend the sixteenth annual convention of the organization at Columbus, O., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Edwin V. O'Neil, 5716 College avenue, national president of Sigma Delta Chi, will preside at the convention.

Harlan V. Hadley of Butler university, Vincent R. Fowler of Indiana university, Joseph Taylor of De Pauw university and M. C. Schwartz of Purdue university are delegates from the four undergraduate chapters of the state, and Don Hoover of the Indianapolis News and Earl Muehlitz of the Indianapolis Star are delegates from the Indianapolis alumni chapter.

Marion E. Few, editor of Editor and Publisher; Frank E. Mason of International News Service, and Fred Fuller Shedd of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, president of the American Association of Newspaper Editors, are speakers at the convention, all sessions of which will be held on the campus of Ohio State university.

## BANK RECEIVER TROUBLES GROW

Difficulties in Suits Rise Again to Puzzle Ogden.

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## KING GEORGE IS HEARD

U. S. Radio Listeners Tune In on Broadcast From London.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—The voices of King George and Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald were heard in every corner of the world today when they opened the round table conference in London.

Radio listeners in the United States who tuned in at 7 a. m. in the eastern time zone and at 4 a. m. on the Pacific coast heard the speeches of the British king and premier with a clarity never before achieved in an international broadcast.

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# POLA'S PRINCE USES FISTS TO AVENGE INSULT

Husband of Movie Actress 'Satisfied' After 'Duel' on Board Ship.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Prince Serge Mdivani, who is in the midst of divorce proceedings with Polo Negri, arrived on the liner France today and admitted that he had waged combat with bare fists in the ship's gymnasium, because he believed a lady had been insulted.

The opponent in the bloodless battle that was held at dawn, was Henry Robles, an actor, who, with two other thespians, makes up a vaudeville team known as "The Rolling Stones."

Passengers said the "duel" took place just before sunrise Tuesday, after a party Monday night, following considerable drinking on shipboard.

Interested in Quarrel

Robles had words with another gentleman leaning against the bar. Prince Serge, who had promised to put Robles in the movies, grabbed the hand of the principal Rolling Stone and urged him to desist.

"I didn't want to desist," said Robles. "I wanted to fight. The prince insisted on holding my hand. I asked him if he would fight me. He said yes."

A few passengers gathered in the gymnasium. Fists flew, but experts at the ringside said both gladiators had difficulty in landing effective punches.

Good Friends Again

After two jabs and a futile left hook, Prince Serge declared he had received satisfaction.

Today the prince said the only reason he consented to fight the Rolling Stone was that Robles had used unsuitable language in front of a lady who had lingered in the bar-room.

"I'm not sure just what happened," said Robles, "but anyway the prince and I are friends, aren't we prince?"

## IGNORE GOODS, BUREAU WARNS

Unordered Merchandise Again Floods City.

If you've received unordered Christmas cards, neckties, pencils or other goods through the mails, you need pay no attention to the politely worded request that you remit a dollar or more, the Indianapolis Better Business Bureau reiterated today.

The statement came as Indianapolis folk again were bombarded with unordered Christmas merchandise.

"I do not have to buy, pay or send the goods back," the bureau declared. "All you are required by law to do is to hold the goods, unused, until a properly accredited representative of the sender calls for them."

If any merchandise is used, the recipient can be held liable for payment, says the bureau.

## STEFFEN WILL SPEAK

Director of Mendelssohn Choir to Appear at Church Dinner.

Elmer Andrew Steffen, director of the Mendelssohn choir of Indianapolis and director of music at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral will discuss "The Meaning of Church Music," at the Fellowship dinner of the Northwood Christian church, Thursday night at 6:30.

Mrs. E. W. Naylor will be chairman of the meeting and Mrs. Carolyn Ayres Turner, musical director for the church, will direct a musical program.

Arrangements committee includes Miss Ruth B. Carter, chairman; W. B. Dennison, Ed Manlove, Mrs. J. O. Jaqua, Dr. T. F. Reavis, Wallace O. Lee and Dr. T. W. Grafton.

## Disbarment Case Advanced

WABASH, Ind., Nov. 12.—A demurrer by Charles A. Sala, North Manchester attorney, filed in Wabash circuit court here where a petition asks that he be disbarred, was overruled by Judge Switzer, who named a committee to prosecute Sala. He is alleged to have failed to turn over some money to a claimant in the course of settling an estate.

# BOSTON EDUCATOR TO VISIT CITY SCHOOLS

Professor to Inspect Institutions; Speaks at Shortridge H. S.

Indianapolis educational institutions will be visited this week by Professor James L. Tryon, Boston, making a tour of western schools and colleges.

He formerly was a lecturer of international law at the University of Maine, was active in R. O. T. C. work, was a newspaper editor and later was admitted to the Maine bar.

Professor Tryon will be a guest of local Alumni Technology Association at the University club tonight, and spoke at Shortridge this morning. He will visit Butler Thursday.

## PROMISES TAX SURVEY REPORT

Group to Present Findings Early in December.

Recommendations being drafted by Governor Harry G. Leslie's tax committee for solution of Indiana's tax problems will be submitted to state senators and representatives before the 1931 general assembly convenes, probably soon after Dec. 1.