

## EDISON CITES PERIL OF OLD SALOON DAYS

Bitter Period Is Called to Mind by Inventor in Questionnaire.

By United Press  
NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 18.—The spectacle of the pre-prohibition saloon, as it affected the lives of the women of America, was called to mind today by Thomas A. Edison, noted inventor, in a reaffirmation of his views on the dry law.

Edison wrote answers to six questions submitted to him some time ago by Dr. James K. Shields, head of the New Jersey Anti-Saloon League, who made them public to-day.

The inventor said that prohibition had been of great benefit to the working classes and had improved the standing of the United States in world trade. The question and answers follow:

"1. Do you approve of the eighteenth amendment? If so, why?"

"A. Yes. This is a necessary aid to permit practical enforcement of prohibition all over the country."

### Has Helped Industries

"2. Has it helped industrial and economic life at home and strengthened the industrial standing of our nation abroad?"

"A.—Yes, and to a greater extent than is realized."

"In your judgment are children better fed, clothed and educated since the coming of national prohibition than they were before?"

"A.—In my judgment, I would say decidedly yes. In support of this opinion and in this connection let me cite my experience as a manufacturer which is similar to that of other manufacturers."

"On pay days, before prohibition, hundreds of pale-faced women, shabbily-dressed, some with faded shawls around their heads, appeared at our factory in West Orange. They were waiting to get some of their husbands' money before he got to a saloon."

"Within a year after the amendment not a single woman appeared. Surely we Americans do not want a return to this state of affairs. Undoubtedly the condition of the mothers indicates the condition of the children, although they perhaps are a little better off than she, because she will do anything, even to giving her life, to protect them."

### Cites Youthful Angle

"4. What attitude should the womanhood of America hold toward prohibition, and why?"

"A.—Woman is the custodian of the home and the children. She certainly, if a normal woman, does not deserve introduction of narcotics into her home, which in many cases changes a human man into a brute."

"5. Are the boys and girls of America more likely to develop a higher degree of physical and mental fitness and become in every way better and more useful citizens under national prohibition of the liquor traffic, or under the old license system or any other form of state or government control?"

"A.—Yes; they certainly can not develop on alcohol and other narcotics."

"6. Should the eighteenth amendment be retained as a blessing to our American homes today and those of our future generations?"

"A.—Yes. Enforcement is getting more practical day by day. We now attack the large manufacturer right in our midst instead of men with flasks and home brew."

### In the Air

Weather conditions in the air at 9 a. m.:

South wind, ten miles an hour; barometric pressure, 30.08 at sea level; temperature, 31; ceiling, 700 feet; visibility one mile; field good.

### Winds Halt Sea Flyers

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ROME, Dec. 18.—The flight of twelve Italian seaplanes, led by Italo Balbo, air minister, from Italy to South America, was delayed to-day in the Mediterranean as strong northeast winds halted navigation between the Balearic islands and the mainland.

### More Speed for Lindy

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—With a speed of 238 miles an hour, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh will have the fastest commercial airplane in the world, it is believed here, following tests of a new wing for his Lockheed Sirius.

The wing, which allows landing gear to fold up and is said to permit speed increase of 28 miles an hour, will be submitted for the present wing.

During a test flight to San Diego, 107 miles, a Sirius similar to Lindbergh's broke the record, maintaining an average of 192.6 miles an hour, making the trip in 33 minutes 20 seconds, although the plane's motor was much smaller than that now used by Lindbergh.

### Flying Club Elects

Charles Cedarholm was re-elected president of the Hoosier Flying Club Wednesday night at the annual election of officers at Hoosier airport.

Norman Wantner was elected vice-president, and Miss Dorothy Biddle was named secretary-treasurer. Plans for a basketball team were discussed.

### Arrivals and Departures

Curtiss, Mars Hill Airport—R. W. Hayes, St. Louis, Mo., in a Monocoupe; J. T. Rankin in Fairchild, B. Richard in a Fledgling and S. Patten in Robin, from Grosse Isle, Mich., to Columbus, O.

T. A. T. passengers included J. D. Thompson, St. Louis, Mo., to St. Louis, and Reed Salisbury, Washington, to Pittsburgh.

Hoosier Airport—Walker Winslow, in Travel Air, to Lafayette and return; Charles L. Wetheren, department of commerce inspector, in Stinson, from Richmond, Ind.; Lieutenant Matt G. Carpenter, national guard plane, to Fairfield, O., and return.

### Trustee-Elect Dies

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Dec. 18.—Edward Mitchell, 48, trustee-elect of Jeffersonville township, is dead, victim of heart disease.

## Stockman Pupils to Present Revue at City Institutions



### ALCOHOL POISON OUT

Safer Denaturant Will Be Used After Jan. 1.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Instructions went out from the office of James M. Doran, industrial alcohol commissioner, today directing that the new, non-poisonous denaturant for industrial alcohol, called acetone, be substituted for the present poisonous formula "number five" on Jan. 1. Formula number five contains wood alcohol.

### 14 BOX CARS BURNED

Blaze Believed Started by Tramps Riding Freight.

Fourteen box cars that were fired Wednesday afternoon still were blazing today on the Big Four railroad siding at the Post road near Ft. Benjamin Harrison.

The blaze was started, it is believed, by tramps who attempted to warm themselves in one of the cars. Efforts of the fire department to extinguish it were unavailing. Truck company No. 21 of the Indianapolis fire department was called to the scene early today after deputies sheriffs had investigated.

### GARY ORDINANCE WOULD FORCE PROPER HEATING

Measure Aimed at Landlords of Various Dwelling Places.

GARY, Ind., Dec. 18.—The Gary city council has ordered drafting an ordinance which would compel owners of apartments, flats and other rented dwelling places to maintain proper temperatures in their buildings.

The program will include: November tap routine, Helen and Francis Teepee and James and Fred Kafader; song and dance, Mary Louise Revel; rhythm, Virginia Agnew; toe solo, tap, Maxine Heironimus; Betty Jean and Dorothy Claire Karstadt; buck, George and Vernon Kafader; Marjorie Ryan; song and dance, Charlotte Minta; Betty Ham, Marion Lee Vastinder; buck and wing, Joe Ann and Keith Jackson; song and dance, Mary Elizabeth Karstadt; tiller, Wanda Jean Goodwin, Roberta Ehlers, Rosemary White, Maxine Heironimus, Dorothy Claire Karstadt and Betty Jean Karstadt.

An added feature with the revue company will be Santa himself.

### Former Resident Dies

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 18.—Thomas L. Nicholson, 34, former resident here, is dead of pneumonia in Chicago. He was graduated from Wabash college, and was a World War veteran. He was the brother of John Kenyon Nicholson of New York, a playwright. The body will be brought here for funeral services and burial.

### Steal a Meal

Mrs. Joseph Mitchell, 1222 Park avenue, prepared a meal Wednesday afternoon, before she went shopping for an hour. When she returned she found uninvited guests had eaten the entire meal.

Mrs. Ida Glancy, who lives upstairs in the building, said two men came there "to fire the furnace."

They gained entrance to Mrs. Mitchell's house through the basement door.

### Upper Left—George and Vernon Horton.

Upper Right—Mary Elizabeth Karsadt.

Center—Left, Rosemary White; right, Marjorie Ryan.

Below—Betty Jean Karstadt.

Youthful Cast Will Dance and Sing Day Before Christmas.

A score of youthful dancers, and singers, pupils of Miss Ernestine Ewing of the Stockman dance studios, Sixteenth at Illinois, will bring joy to young and old, inmates of city sanitarians, hospitals and orphans' homes the day before Christmas.

Presenting a revue of a dozen sparkling numbers, they will appear at these institutions next Wednesday under auspices of The Times.

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"Yep," he replied; "I need the money."

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