

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 today.

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, 30.1; level, temperature, 31; ceiling, 700 feet; visibility one mile; field good.

Winds Halt Sea Fliers

ROME, Dec. 18.—The flight of twelve Italian seaplanes, led by Italo Balbo, air minister, from Italy to South America, was delayed today 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 Mary Hill Airport—R. W. Hayes, St. Louis, Mo., in a Monocoupe; J. T. Rankin in Fairchild, B. Richard in a Fledgling and S. Patton in Robin, from Grosse Ile, 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. Wether, 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 at Jeffersonville township, is dead, victim of heart disease.

Stockman Pupils to Present Revue at City Institutions



Upper Left—George and Vernon Horton. Upper Right—Mary Elizabeth Karsadt. Center—Left, Rosemary White; right, Marjorie Ryan. Below—Betty Jean Kerstadt.

ALCOHOL POISON OUT

Safer Denaturant Will Be Used After Jan. 1.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Instructions went out from the office of James M. Moran, industrial alcohol commissioner, today directing that the new, non-poisonous denaturant for industrial alcohol, called alcotrate, 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 Peck 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 deputy sheriffs had investigated.

GARY ORDINANCE WOULD FORCE PROPER HEATING

Measure Aimed at Landlords of Various Dwelling Places.

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

"Failure of landlords to maintain proper temperatures in apartments and homes is proving a genuine health menace," according to Councilman L. C. Christopher, who asked passage of the ordinance. "I personally know of a number of cases where children have been made ill through lack of heat," he asserted.

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 a 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, 1232 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 Clancy, 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.

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NAUGHTY MOVIE SHOW PUTS 288 JOHNS IN COURT

Playboys Parade Before Judge, Their Wives Eyeing Them.

By United Press
CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—The parade of 288 playboys into Judge David Moylan's courtroom Wednesday was a dramatic event in the lives of some, especially those who chanced to be wives of members of the cast.

In the crowded courtroom there were doctors, lawyers, truck drivers, laborers, beauty parlor specialists, barbers, taxi drivers, clerks and collectors.

Each of them had paid the nominal sum of \$150 for a ticket that was to have admitted him to a "Parisian" movie. The movie was in progress Tuesday night and every man in the 288 was anticipating the "Dance of a Thousand Nations," which was to be given by seven young women after the main performance.

But police intervened when the entertainment was at its peak and hauled the 288 off in patrol wagons. Twenty-nine loads they made.

Then came the solemn procession into Judge Moylan's court.

Wives were there looking for husbands and there were words and confusion. Many of the men were named John Smith, but seemed to have been nicknamed William or George.

Judge Moylan asked how they pleaded and all pleaded guilty. So the judge fined everybody \$5 and costs, and suspended both fines and costs. There were cries of "Hurrah for Moylan" and hand clapping, but the judge did not take a bow.

Seven girls those who were to have danced, were held for investigation. The man who was said to have operated the movie camera and a minor youth also were held.

A projection machine and four rolls of film—"The Plumber's Experience," "Don't Look Through Key Holes," "Montmartre Nights" and "What a Girl!"—were seized.

FLAYS INSANE PLEA

Crime Commission Opposes 'Expert' Court Battle.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The courtroom "battle of experts," which often ensues such cases as the Leopold and George Remus trials and others where insanity is involved, is a "scandalous" proceeding and should be abolished, a subcommittee of the national crime commission has decided.

A nation-wide change in the method of presenting psychiatric evidence in the courts is one of the recommendations submitted to the commission in the sub-committee's report on the medical aspects of crime.

FEAR GOLD FAMINE

Metal Fast Being Cornered in France and America.

By United Press
PARIS, Dec. 18.—Gold continued to pile up in the vaults of the Bank of France today, causing European economic experts to repeat their warning of "a gold famine" in the future.

The weekly statement of the bank today showed a total of \$2,900,460,037 francs gold reserve. An increase over last week of 458,479,547 francs. The proportion of gold to paper money is 53.77 per cent.

With more than \$6,000,000,000 in gold locked up in the vaults of French and American banks and taken out of circulation, London and other world finance centers are said to be looking for possible gold fields which can produce the yellow metal as fast as France and America can hide it away.

SHOP GIVES EARNINGS TO CLOTHE CHILDREN

Week-End Proceeds Donated to Give Needy Merry Christmas.

A leaf in the cash ledger of the Penn Service shop, 124 North Pennsylvania street, from Saturday noon until Sunday night, will carry across its face, "Clothe-a-School-Child."

For today James Angelo, proprietor of the shop, offered one-half of the proceeds from Saturday noon until Sunday night as his donation to the "Clothe-a-School-Child" movement.

"We'll clothe just as many children as the ledger shows and in addition eleven employees have volunteered to donate their working wages during the Clothe-a-School-Child day toward helping the youngsters we care for."

The other half of the shop's proceeds will be given for the purchase of toys for the city's poor.

Now "ain't dat sumpin'?"

Bandits Face Fight for Life

Death by the electric chair will be the penalty made mandatory for the two Clinton bank bandits pictured here if they are convicted of murder in the shooting of Joe Walker, Dana, member of the posse which pursued and cap-

James M. Clark

William Martin

tured the bandit quintet Tuesday. Clark and Martin, alias William M. Long, and Walter Dietrich, respectively, are held in jail at Newport, Ind., awaiting the convening of the Vermillion county grand jury next Tuesday.

The New Year's Dances—No. 1 Know Your Tango and You'll Shine at Dances



"The Havana" . . . a smart new tango demonstrated by Arthur Murray and an assistant.

TAKE DRY FIGHT TO HIGH COURT

Supreme Justices to Rule on Clark's Opinion.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The government's decision to take directly to the supreme court the New Jersey ruling that the eighteenth amendment is invalid was taken today as an indication that the issue would be settled by early March.

In the ordinary course of appeals it would take about a year for a supreme court decision to be reached.

Attorney-General Mitchell decided to speed up a decision by the highest court by eliminating the usual appellate court procedure.

His instructions, to this effect were issued, it was believed, in order the prohibition enforcement would not be handicapped by any cloud on the amendment.

Legal experts generally seemed to think that as a matter of actual law, there was little possibility of the supreme court upholding Judge Clark's decision.

This view is held by constitutional lawyers among wets in the house.

Representative Leonidas Dyer (Mo.), a wet, ranking member of the judiciary committee, said today that he regarded the eighteenth amendment as in a different category from all other constitutional amendments, since it took away certain rights from the people, and, therefore, should have been submitted to conventions rather than to legislatures.

ROCHFORD RITES SET

Wife of Former Judge Will Be Buried Saturday.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at the home at 9:30 and at St. Peter and Paul cathedral at 10 for Mrs. Josephine Heffernan Rochford, 62, of 2226 North Meridian street, widow of former Superior Judge John J. Rochford. Burial will be in Holy Cross cemetery.

Mrs. Rochford was born in Greenfield and educated in the schools there. She was married to Rochford in 1888 and they moved to Indianapolis in 1892.

Mrs. Rochford was active in the Altar society of St. Peter and Paul cathedral, ladies auxiliary of the A. O. H., Division 8, and the woman's auxiliary of Robert E. Kennington post, American Legion.

Surviving besides the husband are: four daughters, Miss Marie Rochford, Miss Gertrude Rochford, Miss Julia M. Rochford and Mrs. Josephine Cosgrove; three sons, Paul T. Rochford, Philip B. Rochford and Charles A. Rochford; a brother, John Heffernan, Greenfield; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. James Heffernan and Mrs. Anna Rochford, Indianapolis, and nine grandchildren.

OFFICER GETS SENTENCE

By Times Special
WABASH, Ind., Dec. 18.—In city court here, Arley Sisk, town marshal of Sidney, was fined \$100 and costs and given a forty-five-day sentence for possessing liquor.

The officer said that seven bottles of white mulled whiskey found in his automobile at North Manchester had been placed there by a man he bought it from. Sisk said he obtained the liquor for his wife, who is ill.

Motorist Killed

By United Press
GREENFIELD, Ind., Dec. 18.—Albert Cliff, 55, Detroit, was killed today when a Wiley Sisk, town marshal of Sidney, was fined \$100 and costs and given a forty-five-day sentence for possessing liquor.

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'TOOK RAP' FOR HUSBAND; FREE, SEEKS DIVORCE

Mrs. Boyd, Pardoned, Files Suit Asking Custody of Three Children.

Pardoned with sixteen months of her minimum sentence unserved, Mrs. Frances Boyd, 29, of 139 1/2 East Twenty-second street, convicted on a forgery charge last spring, has instituted divorce proceedings against Clarence Boyd.

After she "took the rap" on a crime because of alleged coercion by the husband, he instigated divorce action against her. However, he did not press the petition.

She asks custody of their three children. Pardon was granted her by Governor Harry G. Leslie on recommendation of Criminal Judge James A. Collins, prosecuting attorney, and trustees of the Indiana women's prison, to which she was sentenced from two to fourteen years for forging a \$245 note to the Commercial Credit Company in 1929.

Almost two months ago the husband was charged with conspiracy to commit a felony, in connection with the same case, which dealt with alleged fraudulent sales in their radio shop.

He was acquitted on grounds that only the husband or wife could be guilty of the conspiracy, and that in this instance it was the wife who had been found guilty.

Evidence later was presented to the Governor to indicate that Mrs. Boyd's crime resulted from coercion on the part of her husband. He granted the pardon Dec. 10.

Boyd probably will file a cross-complaint in answer to her divorce petition, which was filed Tuesday in circuit court.

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