

## BEER RACKET IS CAPONE'S BEST, SAYS RANDOLPH

Chicago Drinks 25,000,000 Pints Weekly, Asserts 'Secret Six' Head.

*By Times Special*  
NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Chicago's present consumption of illegal beer is 25,000,000 pints weekly, and the money available to Al Capone's syndicate for "protection" is upward of \$2,000,000 per week, according to figures made public today by Colonel Robert Isham Randolph, president of the Chicago Chamber of Commerce, and spokesman for the Chicago business men's committee for the prevention and punishment of crime, colloquially known in Chicago as the "Secret Six."

"The figures set down by our operatives," Colonel Randolph will say in Collier's Weekly Friday, "are for Cook county, which is to all intents and purposes identical with Chicago. There were found in Cook county some 20,000 beer joints, served with beer by professional bootleggers, the bulk of whom belong to the organization headed by Al Capone."

"Such smaller beer-running gangs as flourish in the city pay Capone tribute for the privilege. Capone is the vice lord of Chicago, and without his beer trade he would not be the menace that he is. All other illegal operations of his band are but outgrowths of the beer racket."

### Beer Pays Protection

"The impudence with which he and his men operate houses of prostitution, perpetrate pay roll robberies and jewelry holdups, muscle their way into labor unions and merchants' associations, is due to the protection paid law-enforcement weaklings out of a treasury that beer profits have filled."

"Consider Capone's profits in beer. He and his syndicate control the illicit business from manufacture to distribution. They own a string of breweries and control the output of many others, operating them periodically or constantly, depending upon how often the law enforcers are bribed."

"Exactly how many barrels of beer the syndicate sells in Chicago each week could only be told by Capone, himself. Our investigators estimate that the 20,000 'spots' average five barrels per week, the syndicate profiting from the handling of 100,000 barrels of beer every seven days, making Cook county's normal consumption of beer some 25,000,000 pints a week, or six pints per inhabitant."

### Sales in Bulk

"Most of this is sold in bulk. Much of it is bottled in the syndicate plants where it can be labeled 'Canadian Ale' as easily as not. Usually the syndicate keeps up a pretense that the draft beer, delivered in barrels, is only near beer, but even the policemen on the beat laugh at that."

"Our investigation shows that it costs Capone \$1.80 to brew a barrel of beer and that other manufacturing charges, such as cooperage, bring the total to no more than \$3. The standard normal price charged to speakeasies is \$55, leaving a gross profit of \$52."

"The least expense of distribution is trucking. The highest item is protection. Armed guards who accompany the trucks and gunmen hoodlums who collect from the proprietors of the speakeasies can be had by Capone for \$100 to \$150 a week. Higher salaried gangsters are needed to fit the police and still more intelligent operators are used to see the right politicians."

### Pay Roll of 2,000

"The closest estimate we can make of men on Capone's pay roll is 2,000, counting brewers, truckmen, armed guards, collectors, fixers and custodians of brothels, gambling houses and handbooks which his syndicate directly owns."

"Capone's business is an expensive one. How far his bribery extends into the police department is a matter of conjecture. Sergeants, lieutenants and captains on the force are the men Capone must fix, and some of them have become suspiciously wealthy in recent years. When a police captain can make \$2,500 monthly by shutting his eyes to the weekly delivery of truck-loads of beer in an obscure alley, what do you think he will do?"

"Capone can set aside \$20 from the profits of each barrel of beer and use it as a slush fund. That figure is what our investigators believe he allows for protection. Profiting from the sale of 100,000 barrels of beer a week, he could thus have the staggering total of \$2,000,000 to lavish on corruption each seven days."

### ACTRESS SEEKS DIVORCE

*By United Press*  
Ethel Kenyon Charges Husband Is Too Temperamental.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26.—Edward Sutherland, film director, is defendant in a divorce suit filed by his wife, Ethel Kenyon, New York actress. They were married Feb. 6, 1930.

Miss Kenyon charged her husband is temperamental, and that he forced her to accompany him on rounds of night clubs after a hard day's work.

### Wire Trouble

Even the switchboard operator of the Indiana house of representatives comes in for a share of the praise and invective heaped on the members of the general assembly for the personal and corporation income tax bills.

In her case it was injective of a fluent if not high order. Taking an incoming call, she was greeted by a woman's voice saying:

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself for passing that income tax bill. People no sooner get together a little money and 'make something of themselves' than you pass a law taking it away from 'em."

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself, you dirty 'suck and such and these and those,'" and a slam of the receiver was the conclusion.

### On Program



## PROGRESSIVES AIM AT HOUSE RULES REFORM

La Guardia Hopes to Break Administration's Lower Branch 'Steam Roller.'

*By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance*  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Although election of the next speaker of the house may be at stake, progressives in that body are fighting for a much important victory with their demand for liberalization of the rules governing legislative procedure.

Led by Representative F. H. La Guardia (Rep., N. Y.), they hope to pave the way for enactment of a large batch of progressive legislation in the next congress, in which their group will hold the balance of power.

Among these measures are the Norris Muscle Shoals plan, the lame duck amendment, the Wagner un-

employment insurance proposal and the anti-injunction bill.

### Rules Change Asked

The La Guardia group demands a procedure to prevent administration from blocking a vote on any controversial measure.

They can accomplish this by two changes—a rule permitting a majority of any committee to call a meeting over the head of the chairman and the three leaders, and a rule requiring a vote on any bill held in committee if 100 members ask for it.

They are counted on to destroy the Longworth-Snell-Tilson steamroller.

Since the next house will consist of 218 Republicans, 216 Democrats and one Farmer-Labor member, a bolt of even three members would be disastrous to the Longworth-Snell-Tilson machine.

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## DICTATOR IS URGED

Revolting British Parliament Member Sounds Proposal.

*By United Press*

LONDON, Feb. 26.—A government which, by consent of the people, would rule with dictatorial powers but could be overthrown by parliament, was the goal set today by Sir Oswald Mosley, wealthy young socialist member of parliament, who has revolted against leadership of Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald.

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**Bar Association Elects**  
**SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Feb. 26.—**

of the Shelby County Bar Association, Israel, second vice-president, and Ed K. Adams is the new president; Wilbur W. Thurston, secretary-treasurer.

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