

REFORM GROUP HURLS REBUKE AT W. C. T. U.

Support of Prohibition Ills
Called Poor Citizenship
by Women's Council.

BY DANIEL M. KIDNEY

Prohibitionists "who persist in their folly" may find themselves beyond the pale with the social-elect in Indiana and elsewhere.

Such taboo on ardent drys, who push their prohibition views into the most unwelcome places, was suggested as an avenue for advancement of the program for repeal of the eighteenth amendment here Tuesday afternoon.

The occasion was a meeting of the Indiana division officers and advisory council of the Woman's Organization for National Prohibition Reform.

It was held at the home of Mrs. Jacquelin S. Holliday, 1050 West Forty-second street. Mrs. Frederick M. Alger, chairman of the Michigan division, was guest speaker.

'True Temperance' Keptnote

Sixty women, prominent socially in Indianapolis and the state, were present and a membership drive was planned.

A general meeting is to be held later at which Mrs. Charles H. Sahlin, New York, national chairman, will speak.

"The temperance" was the keynote of the meeting—and tea was served.

In the open forum discussion, following Mrs. Alger's talk, the idea of social ostracism for unregenerate drys was advanced.

"For years these W. C. T. U. women and their like have sneered at us because we have not joined in their cause," one of the women declared.

"Now I suggest that we return the compliment and on the very grounds that they have always taken, which is good citizenship. Surely no good citizen longer can support prohibition because in doing so they are aligning themselves with the bootleggers and racketeers."

Points to Alcohol Deaths

The latter charge was based on statistics presented by Mrs. Alger regarding her home city of Detroit. While before prohibition Detroit had 1,500 licensed saloons they now have 20,000 speakeasies, she declared.

Taking up the pre-Volsteadian prohibition arguments point by point Mrs. Alger presented facts to show that the reverse of everything promised has proven true.

A case in point was the increase in the alcoholic death rate in 1929, it being six times that of 1920.

Advocates State Control

In closing her plea to support repeal of national prohibition and leave control of liquor to the individual states, Mrs. Alger painted a dire picture of the moral catastrophe the dry era has become for modern youth.

Dr. F. S. C. Wicks, pastor of All Souls Unitarian church, agreed with this conclusion and declared:

"Right here in Indianapolis we have had a Kirkland case, except the girl didn't die, and nothing is to blame but the wrecking of moral brought about by the excessive drinking of bad liquor by young men and women in these days of prohibition."

Dr. Wicks said he is leaving shortly for Scandinavia to study the Swedish plan of liquor control, which, he believes, may be the best answer to the American problem.

Invite New Members

At the close of the meeting membership cards were distributed and many were signed. No dues are demanded, and all who are interested in "prohibition reform" are invited to join.

Reasons for joining the organization are set out on the membership card as follows:

"Because I believe that national prohibition has created lawlessness, hypocrisy and corruption and because I believe that the cause of real temperance has been retarded."

Mrs. Richard Edwards of Peru is joint general chairman for Indiana with Mrs. Holliday. Other Indiana division officers are Mrs. Charles Harvey Bradley, treasurer, and Mrs. Robert F. Scott, secretary.

CHAPLAINS TO SUFFER FROM ECONOMY AX

Band Also to "Go" at National Sanitarium at Marion.

MARION, Ind., June 10.—Economics which will be effected when the national sanitarium for World War veterans here goes under supervision of the United States veterans' bureau on July 1, will disperse with the band, and with the two chaplains, according to information received here today.

Local officials said John E. Ale, regional veterans' bureau commander at Indianapolis, had confirmed the intention to disperse with the band, but would not comment on the report the chaplains likewise would suffer from the economy ax.

Unofficial information has been received by both the Catholic and Protestant chaplains, however, that their services will not be required after July 1, it was reported.

CRASH TOLL INCREASES

First Quarter of 1931 Shows Gain in State of 7.72 Per Cent.

Auto accidents took 7.72 per cent more lives in Indiana during the first four months of 1931 than during the corresponding four months of 1930, according to a report announced today.

The accident toll for the nation during the four months this year was approximately 9,100, amounting to a 5 per cent increase over the corresponding period of last year, the report shows.

In Indiana the report shows 307 deaths up to May 1, 1931, caused by autos, and 285 from January 1 to May 1, last year.

Wabash Pioneer Is Dead

WABASH, Ind., June 10.—Dr. P. G. Moore, 86, pioneer of Wabash and active in State Historical Society work, died Monday of an apoplectic stroke.

Cult Leader



John Christian Armand, above, 60-year-old hermit of Fairfax county, Virginia, and one-time follower of King Benjamin Purcell of the House of David, has decided to become a religious leader in his own right.

Reputed to have been wealthy, he has sold his land and is to begin a preaching trek to Michigan to start a cult.

GIRL, 23, FACES EXECUTION FOR RIVAL'S MURDER

Quarter-Breed Indian Is
Convicted; Mercy Is
Not Recommended.

By United Press
JEFFERSON, O., June 10.—With a stoicism characteristic of her Indian forebears, Julia Maude Lowther, 23-year-old mother, today awaited pronouncement of the sentence which will send her to die in the electric chair for the ambush slaying of her paramour's wife.

Convicted of killing Mrs. Clara Smith in a plot with the victim's husband, Tilby, the West Virginia hill girl became the first woman to face electrocution in Ohio, when a jury of twelve men found her guilty without a recommendation of mercy.

Defense counsel was to file motion for a new trial before the death sentence is pronounced Thursday.

Under Ohio law the girl must die within 100 days unless she wins executive clemency.

Mrs. Lowther left the courtroom without portraying any emotional reaction to her fate. She was calm, almost indifferent, as Prosecutor Howard Nator described her plot with Smith, a trucking contractor, to "eliminate the one obstacle to their illicit romance."

Mrs. Smith, the prosecutor said in his final demand for the girl's life, was driven to a lonely road near Ashtabula by her husband, and shot by the quarter-breed Indian girl on May 29, 1930.

Tilby Smith was executed in Ohio penitentiary Aug. 17. He was convicted twice of plotting his wife's death.

PURDUE—ALUMNI ELECT

Ray F. Mead, '21, Voted President of City Association.

Ray F. Mead, '21, today became president of the Purdue Association of Indianapolis, succeeding Henry B. Steeg, city plan commission secretary-engineer.

Steeg became vice-president. Other officers are: Charles C. Baker, secretary; Carl E. Vogel-sang, treasurer, and Dorothy Sheerin, Claus E. Best and Bruce Shields, directors.

TEX GUINAN IS BACK, VENTING IRE ON FRENCH

Thinks She'll Come Out to
Indiana; Likes Sound of
French Lick.

By H. ALLEN SMITH
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, June 10.—Texas Guinan, who can shoot her name in a dishpan with a .45 at seventy-five yards, came back to the United States Tuesday night with a boat load of handsome girls and the conviction that Napoleon Bonaparte has turned thrice in his grave.

"The French government ought to be ashamed," said Texas, "to have permitted a company of thirty-three to cross the ocean without telling them, before they started, that they were not welcome. They ought to have their socks shot off."

Miss Guinan said that she has immense respect for the French people, "but all those ministers, they

don't even know the French and Indian war is over. The first thing I'm going to do, if I have time, is to go to this place in Indiana called French Lick. The name sounds glorious to me. And if anybody sees me with a French fried potato in my mouth, I hope I get the hoof and mouth disease. God knows I've got the former."

Miss Guinan was resplendent in white riding breeches, rhinestones and a white fur coat when reporters reached her on board the French liner Paris late Tuesday in the lower bay.

"All I can say," she said, "is that 3,000 miles is a terrific long way to go to jail. And it's a fine reception I got in the country where Marshal Joffre decorated me—one out of fifteen women he decorated for extraordinary service during the war—back in 1918. I sang my lungs out in the trenches and in the French and American hospitals, and then they throw me out of the country. And to think, that I studied French when I was in a convent. Sacre bleu! Mon dieu! Golly!"

Newton County Man Buried
RENSSELAER, Ind., June 10.—Edward Day, 77, well known Newton county resident, was buried in Monon, Ind., Tuesday, after short services here. He died on his farm near here Sunday.

RUM RUNNING BOSS ON AIR OVER HOOKUP

Bares Prices of Booze in
Interview From 12-
Mile Limit.

By United Press
NEW YORK, June 10.—A man described as captain of a rum runner outside the twelve-mile limit was interviewed by Ford Frick,

newspaper man, for radio listeners Tuesday night. The broadcast, over a Columbia network, brought from the captain a statement that liquor prices, f. o. b., rum row, are \$15 a case for Scotch, \$17 a case for rye and \$20 a case for champagne.

And for this very liquor, the captain said, the American public pays from \$60 to \$75 a case for Scotch, \$70 to \$80 for rye and about \$100 for champagne.

"The difference in the market prices," he said, "must take care of the risk in running the blockade and it must cover losses."

The microphone was installed aboard the rum craft and connected with a short wave set on the yacht Alta Rocca. It then was transmitted to the shore station at Asbury park and rebroadcast through station WABC.

BOND SHORTAGE TO GRAND JURY

Made Good, but It Will Be
Probed, Says Orr.

Although the \$2,500 bond shortage in the office of John C. Kidd, state insurance commissioner, has been made up by a bonding company, the matter is to be placed before the Marion county grand jury.

This announcement was made today at the office of Lawrence F. Orr, chief examiner of the state board of accounts.

Shortage was disclosed by a board of accounts report made by Ure M. Frazer and E. P. Brennan, field examiners. It is this report which will be filed with the grand jurors, it was said.

Explanation of the missing \$2,500 in Liberty bonds is made in the report by Charles Unger, former securities clerk under Kidd. It is that while clipping coupons on the bonds, which were on deposit with the state insurance commissioner by insurance companies, he stuck the bonds in his pocket.

Then, Unger's explanation continues, "I inadvertently carried them home where they were lost."

COURT REPORTER DIES

Funeral Services Thursday for Mrs. Dolores M. Brunning.

Last rites for Mrs. Dolores M. Brunning, 20, of 1131 South Senate avenue, juvenile court reporter, will be held at St. John's Catholic church at 9 Thursday morning. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

Mrs. Brunning died at St. Francis hospital in Beech Grove after an illness of several weeks.

In addition to the husband, Theodore Brunning, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Shannon; three brothers, Frederick, Edward and Francis Shannon, and a sister, Miss Mary Shannon, all of Indianapolis.

CIRCUS FINALE TONIGHT

Proceeds of Elks' Benefit Event to Aid City's Poor.

Final performances of the Robbins circus, staged under auspices of Indianapolis lodge No. 13, B. P. O. E., are being presented this afternoon and tonight at Thirteenth street and Keystone avenue.

Proceeds of the circus will be used by the lodge to purchase Christmas baskets and aid poor in Indianapolis. Previous performances of the circus have been held at the South Keystone avenue circus ground.

BOY, 6, KILLS BROTHER

Shotgun Blast Tragic Climax to Quarrel Over Crackers.

YORK, Pa., June 10.—A 6-year-old boy, William Trone, today shot and killed his 7-year-old brother Charles, after the two had argued over a handful of crackers.

Another brother, George, 9, witnessed the shooting.

The two boys, George told police, were in bed and started quarreling over possession of the crackers. William finally climbed out of bed, went to an adjoining room and obtained a 12-gauge shotgun, returned and fired at Charles. The elder brother's face was blown away.

Rob Gas Station Attendant

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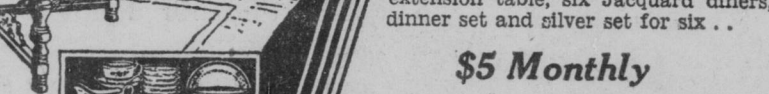
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