

'HOOSIER' LABEL 'STIGMA,' SAYS ARTISTS IN SUIT

Elmer Taftinger to File for
Change 'in Place of
Nativity.'

Petition asking that circuit court change "the place of his nativity" was to be filed today by Elmer Taftinger, Indianapolis artist.

The term "Indiana artists," as far as state officials are concerned, "amounts only to a stigma" in the Hoosier state, the suit alleges.

In support of this, Taftinger cites the fact that Thomas Hart Benton, New York artist, was given the contract to paint murals at the Chicago world's fair, depicting the history of the state, while Indiana artists were ignored.

The contract was awarded by Richard Lieber, Indiana state director of conservation and head of the Indiana world's fair commission, Taftinger alleges.

The commission, appointed by Governor Harry G. Leslie, held no competition for the awarding of the contract, the suit declares.

Lists Many Artists

Indiana artists also were ignored in the Indiana World War Memorial plaza project, now near completion, Taftinger charges.

A long list of Indiana artists "competent to do and perform in a highly commendable manner any kind of artistic work" is given in the petition.

Taftinger charges further that Hoosier artists and craftsmen also were not recognized in contracts for the George Rogers Clark memorial at Vincennes "the only thing supplied by Indiana was the dirt," the suit alleges.

In asking change of the site of his birth, Taftinger requests the court designate "some place more conducive to artistic recognition by Indiana officials."

Worked With Belasco

The petition explains, however, "the petitioner loves the state of Indiana and is proud of the great contribution to art which has been made by her sons and daughters."

Taftinger was born at 27 Byram place, March 3, 1891. He began his art study in the city public schools, continued it at Manual high school and at the Art Students' League of New York.

He served as art director for David Belasco for eight and one-half years, and made eleven trips to Europe. He also studied in Italy. For the last four years, he has conducted life drawing and painting classes in the Pierce building, Market and Pennsylvania streets.

DRINKING DEATH PROBED

Quantity of Alcohol to Be Analyzed by Coroner's Aid.

Dr. John Salb, deputy coroner, today will analyze a small quantity of alcohol found in the room where a man believed to be Jack Kelly died on Sunday.

The man, about 50, whose permanent address is unknown, was found in the room of Francis Cook at a rooming house operated by John Price at 16 South Senate avenue.

Police were told that Cook and Kelly had been drinking, when Kelly suddenly fell to the floor. Death was caused by acute alcoholism, Salb said. The body was sent to the city morgue.

DENTISTS HOLD PARLEY

All-Day Conference of Associations Convened Here Sunday.

Broadening of the dental associations' interest in public health and professional standards were discussed Sunday at an all-day conference of trustees and officials of the Indiana State Dental Association and component district societies in the Washington.

Tentative program for the diamond jubilee convention of the Indiana association, to be held May 15, 16, and 17, in Indianapolis, was outlined.

SIGN KEITH CONTRACT

Socialist Leaders Complete Deal for Norman Thomas Speech.

Contract for the rental of Keith's theater for the address by Norman Thomas to be given in Indianapolis Wednesday night, Jan. 18, has been signed, local Socialist party leaders said today.

The lecture by Thomas will be followed by seven other lectures by authorities on social and economic questions in the Y. M. C. A. building on consecutive Wednesday nights.

The committee in charge of the series, which is sponsored by the League for Industrial Democracy in New York, is composed of Gertrude Brown, Harold E. Fey, F. E. DeFranz, C. E. Knapp, Helen Swoyer, Roy Wilson and R. O. Berg.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen below:

C. H. Whittell, Noblesville, Ind., Ford coupe, 880-886, from Noblesville, Ind., Harry Glass, R. 2, Beech Grove, Chevrolet coach, 119-761, from Noblesville, Ind.

Abe Cohen, 8108 South Meridian street, Ford touring, 81-084, from Morris and Union streets.

A. Bowen, 2212 Broadway, Chevrolet coupe, 5-324, from 700 Middle Five Wood-run place.

R. A. Reinhard, 2814 East Sixteenth street, Pontiac coach, 123-018, from Vermont and Pennsylvania streets.

Vern W. Peacock, 246 North Mount street, Ford coupe, 68-006, from Meridian and Maryland streets.

Harry Hicks, 1533 North Senate avenue, Hummel sedan, from 1330 North Senate avenue.

David Brown, Brownsburg, Ind., Ford coupe, from 900 East Morris street.

Clair Brown, Brownsburg, Ind., Ford coupe, from 2024 Roosevelt avenue.

Leiter L. Christian, 2102 North avenue, Ford coupe, 139-401, from 2102 North avenue.

THE TIDE TURNS AGAINST DRYS

Huge Section of Population Clings to Gin and Brew

Forrest Davis presents today the fifth of six articles on the amazing twelve-year Volstead era and the factors leading up to it—a subject of increased interest with the present battle in the lame duck session of congress.

BY FORREST DAVIS
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A FILE of steam tramps and schooner-rigged sailing vessels lay sullenly off the three-mile limit beyond Sandy Hook. That was Rum Row.

In Chicago, Alphonse (Scarface) Al Capone, recently of the Five Points, New York, had, by reliable report, 700 "guns" enrolled in his private beer militia.

In California prohibition enforcement agents padlocked a Redwood tree, which innocently sheltered a still. Now and again an agent of the federal government shot a citizen suspected of transporting a few slugs of rum.

Periodically, hardy guzzlers died like flies from the effects of inadequately "cooked" industrial alcohol.

The newspapers and public forums had become cluttered with the utterances of red-faced gentlemen angrily seeking to prove (1) that prohibition would, if it hadn't already, prohibit; (2) that prohibition did not prohibit; (3) that Volsteadism had increased crime; (4) that Volsteadism had diminished crime; (5) that prosperity was traceable to prohibition; (6) that prosperity was in a way related to prohibition.

In spite of the Volstead act and state enforcement measures, some of which rivaled in barbarity Great Britain's penal code in the eighteenth century, speakeasies multiplied in city and village; the consumption of wine grapes, prepared meat ingredients, corn syrup and industrial alcohol leaped astoundingly.

THE country, if we were to credit the anxious assertions of the startled clergy, educators and parents, was on a prolonged jamboree.

And in 1926 the late Wayne B. Wheeler announced with justifiable satisfaction that each congress since 1916, which adopted the eighteenth amendment, had grown "drier."

The American people, no matter how they voted, would not, it was obvious, give up the drink.

By the end of 1923, when alarmed prohibitionists began loudly to upbraid the drinking classes for flouting the law and, especially in 1925, when Smedley Butler retreated from his dry command in Philadelphia, the outlines of a nation-wide passive rebellion clearly could be made out.

The people increasingly spurned the graces and fruits of prohibition. The wets, still convinced of the impossibility of political redress, redoubled their undirected attempt to drink the dry regime under.

The importance of the silent, unorganized prohibition revolt can not be overemphasized. Had the citizens submitted, enforcement would have presented no problem.

It was not the weakness of the



government—although as a matter of fact congress never was willing to appropriate sufficient funds effectively to dry up the land—but the refusal of the people to accept, which nullified the eighteenth amendment.

THE social, moral and economic arguments which finally brought about a reversal in this year's general election would have gone for nothing if a vast bloc in the population had not steadily agitated in the direction of their thirsts from Jan. 16, 1920, onward.

It was a gay revolt, not morbid, and vertically distributed through the population. Ill-naturedly generally was reserved for the orators and debaters on both sides.

Mr. Wheeler, Bishop Cannon, the Rev. Deets Pickett of the Methodist Board of Prohibition, Temperance and Public Morals, fretted and stewed during the middle years. The victory of 1917 '18, '19, '20, once so sweet, definitely had turned sour.

No access of enforcement severity, no appeal to patriotism, good morals, or sportsmanship seemed able to budge the dogged rebels in all classes. They were drinking down the eighteenth amendment.

The rich insisted upon cocktails, aged whiskies and vintage wines. The middle classes, economically speaking, carted bottles to country club dancs, cached flasks in lockers, poured rivers of cocktails at home parties.

Business men were compelled to offer a snifter to customers who before prohibition would have declined to drink "during business hours."

The working classes made home brew and grape wine, and drank in old-fashioned saloons in factory neighborhoods, unchanged except for name and the littered condition of the front windows.

The smoke-dispossessed gulped "smoke," a low-grade "washed" alcohol mixed with water, retailing at 5 to 15 cents a shot.

THE most noticeable increase in the ranks of the drinkers during the Great Revolt came from the frailer sex.

Historical students have been



Rollin Kirby's prohibition scarecrow shows apprehension as the tide of anti-dry sentiment becomes overwhelming.

fond of saying that one cause for the rise of teetotalism was the exclusion by the pioneer male of the women from his convivial life and reason of the Volstead.

Well, by no means knows what social process, prohibition opened the swinging doors wide to the women folk. Once the saloon became an unregulated, outlaw institution, the girls entered into full possession of its joys.

The amazing increase in drinking among women during the Volsteadian rebellion certainly is not one of the least of its significant aspects.

In the years from 1923 to 1927—

the political tide had actually begun to turn in the latter year, widespread discussion developed the novel idea that national boneyard prohibition was not as irrevocably fixed in our system as had been supposed.

The wets, thoughtful as well as more indignant, summoned courage; the unnatural, hypocritical censorship so long applied to wet sentiments was relaxed.

Presently, on many hands, questions were asked as to the effect of Volsteadism on crime, prosperity, health and the drinking habits of the people.

There were no pat answers. Statistics generally were unreliable, satisfying the bias of whichever side collected them. The dries claimed credit for the country's seeming good times, but disavowed blame for the alarming increase in violent crime.

ORGANIZATIONS of distasteful wets sprang up. The Moderation League, Inc., for example, Captain William H. Stayton, Baltimore shipping man, braved the wrath of the Anti-Saloon League with his association. Opposed to the prohibition amendment, which soon would be exhibiting a list of contributors from among the most highly placed industrialists and church-going men of the republic.

The acrid dispute of the period did little to clarify the dilemma. But it did reassure the gallant drinking rebels that the change might be possible.

As wet leaders arose, their example stimulated others until it no longer was a signal for excommunication when a Christian brother ventured to doubt the heaven-sent nature of Volsteadism.

And so swiftly did the amendment rise and decline in popular esteem, that within a few months the dries definitely were forced on the defensive. Nation-wide boneyard prohibition was on its way to the boneyard.

The rapid succession of events which culminated in the repeal victory at the polls in November will be discussed in the last article of this series.

TED NEWBERRY, GANG CHIEFTAIN, SLAIN IN STATE

'Ride' Death Is Added to
Long List of Unsolved
Chicago Killings.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—The ride assassination of Edward (Ted) Newberry, last of the active north side gang, "his shot" was added today to the long list of unsolved underworld killings on police records.

Newberry's body, riddled with bullets and shotgun slugs, was found Saturday on a lonely road some fifteen miles east of Gary, Ind. It lay today on a movie slab in Chesterton, Ind., awaiting claimants.

The widow was reported on the way from Miami, Fla. Gang associates of the slain man professed to know nothing about her.

Newberry, a soft-voiced, suave man of powerful physique, had lived through the major era of gang dominance.

He started in with Dion O'Banion, and lived to see Al Capone behind prison bars.

He was memorable as the only major gangster, who ever turned traitor to one gang, and joined another, to live to profit by his perfidy.

Newberry had been allied with George (Bugs) Moran and Joe Aiello prior to the St. Valentine's day massacre in 1929.

He had left the garage where seven Moran gangsters were mowed down by machine gun fire only a few minutes before the slaughter began.

He was accused of having "put the finger on" the men in return for an assignment of the north side territory by Capone's syndicate.

Whether or no, he joined Capone immediately thereafter.

When his body was found in a ditch, Newberry wore costly clothing, including silk underwear and a silk shirt, and had on one of the diamond encrusted belt buckles that Capone gave to his friends in his heyday.

C. OF C. COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN RENAMED

Several Heads Are Chosen by Borinstein.

Reappointment of several major committee chairmen has been announced by Louis J. Borinstein, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce president.

The civic affairs committee will continue to be guided by William Fortune, chairman, and Dr. Charles B. McCulloch, vice-chairman.

Charles F. Coffin was named legal affairs committee chairman and James W. Noel vice-chairman.

C. H. Rotger, City Trust Company receiver, will remain as industrial commission chairman, and Paul Q. Richey, Russell M. Seeds Company president, as marketing chairman.

Theodore B. Griffith was named marketing committee vice-chairman.

Chairmen of the five major divisions of the industrial commission also were named. They include Charles B. Crossman, engineering; George S. Olive, financial; C. L. Harrod, location; George Vonnegut, distribution, and William Higburg, chemical.

Hunt Owner of Burning Home
Police are searching today for Pete Stanach, 1045 Kelcham street, who fled from his burning home late Sunday night while firemen were fighting the blaze. Damage of about \$500 resulted.

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Entire New Show Starting Friday
DANCE BALLROOM

Man, 75, Injured by Auto
Mike Redington, 75, of 416 West South street, was taken to City hospital this morning in critical condition after being struck by the automobile of Charles C. Gardner, 42, of 5832 Guilford avenue, at Kentucky avenue and West street.

HIGH SCHOOL

KNOWING your "A. B. C.'s" in HI-HO land is something else again. Here's the letter A. Cut out the puzzle pieces, blacken their backs (for you may want to turn them over), and form the silhouette of the letter A by rearranging them.



Tough beasts, these hippos! How many shots did you take to bag him? Here's the way the blocks go together to form his silhouette.



ATTORNEY HURT
IN AUTO CRASH

Harold Taylor, 70, Driving in Borrowed Car, Skids and Hits Abutment.

Harold Taylor, 70, of R. R. 1, New Augusta, prominent attorney, suffered severe lacerations of head and scalp and a painful eye injury early today when the automobile he was driving crashed into an abutment on the Stop 6 road, as he was driving into the city.

He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital, where his condition is said to be serious, due to heavy loss of blood.

Merritt Smith of New Augusta, was first to reach Taylor after the accident, although he did not see the crash. Marks on the road indicated that the car had skidded and gone out of control.

The automobile, a large sedan, is property of Everett McGriff, 4185 Carrollton avenue. Mrs. McGriff said this morning that Taylor was a caller at their home Sunday night, and borrowed their automobile when he was unable to start his own car.

In the Air
Weather condition at 9 a. m.: North northwest wind, 13 miles an hour; temperature, 34; barometric pressure, 30.00; general condition, overcast, light fog; ceiling, estimated 800 feet; visibility, 2 miles; field, good.

MOTION PICTURES
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ANN HARDING
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