

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

Elmer Taflinger 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 Taflinger, Indianapolis artist.

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

In support of this, Taflinger 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, Taflinger avers.

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

Lists Many Artists

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

Taflinger 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, Taflinger 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 the sons and daughters."

Taflinger was born at 27 Bryam place, March 3, 1893. 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 Salis, deputy coroner, today will analyze a small quantity of alcohol found in the room where a man believed to be Jack Kelly died.

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 Avenue.

Police were told that Cook and Kelly had been drinking, when Kelly suddenly fell to the floor. Death was caused by acute alcoholism, Salis 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. Foy, F. E. DeFranz, C. E. Knapp, Helen Swoyer, Roy Wilson and R. O. Berg.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to H. Whipple, Nobles, Ind. Ford coupe, 500-600, from Noblesville. Harry Glass, R. R. 5, Box 44, Beech Grove, Chevrolet, coach, 119-71, from Marion. Al Cohen, 1018 North Meridian street, Ford, Tudor, 81-084, from Morris and Union street. A. Bowen, 2242 Broadview, Chevrolet, C. 7-531, from 700 Middle Drive, Woodruff place. R. Reinhard, 281 East Sixteenth street, Pontiac, coach, 123-58, from Meridian and Pennsylvania streets.

W. Vernon, 240 West Twenty-first street, Ford, coupe, 68-008, from Meridian and Marion streets. M. A. Bowen, 1530 North Senate avenue, Humble sedan, from 1530 North Senate avenue. D. Brown, Brownsville, Ind., Ford, coupe, from 900 East Morris street. C. L. Clark, 850-852 West Twenty-first street, Ford, coupe, 27-924, from 1018 Meridian and Marion streets. Christian, 2102 Barth avenue, Ford, coach, 19-401, from 2102 Barth avenue.

Those to whom the situation in the far east has been a mere Chinese puzzle will have an opportunity to get a clearer understanding of the chaos there when George E. Sokolsky speaks in English's theater Friday morning.

His home was in Meyersdale, Pa., where the funeral will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday.

In addition to the daughter, Mrs. Angus, he is survived by two sons, Samuel A. Jr. and John W.

Sweet Land of Volstead—No. 5

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

Times Staff Writer

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A FILE of steam tramps and schooner-rigged sailing vessels lay suddenly 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 club.

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 sugs of rum.

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

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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 malt ingredients, corn syrup and industrial alcohol leaped astoundingly.

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It was a gay revolt, not morbid, and vertically distributed through the population. Ill-nature 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, fumed and stewed during the middle years. The victory of 1917 '18, '19, '20, once and for all, definitely had turned sour.

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

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 a 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

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

The entirely disengaged "smoke," a low-grade "washed" alcohol mixed with water, retailed at 5 to 15 cents a shot.

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

fond of saying that one cause for the rise of teetotal statism was the exclusion by the pioneer male of the women from his convivial life and resorts.

Well, by no one 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 joy.

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Congressman Is Suicide in Grief for Dead Wife

Representative Kendall Will Be Buried on Wednesday: Bullet Fatal.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The body of Representative Samuel A. Kendall, 73-year-old Pennsylvania Republican, will be laid to rest on Wednesday, with his wife, whose death drove him to suicide.

Lieutenant Mathewson suffered fracture of one arm and both legs. Physicians said he probably would recover.

His bride, the former Margaret Phillips of New York, died shortly after she was taken to the county hospital, in the fashionable west end residential district of the International settlement of Shanghai.

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Dentist Takes

Seat in 1933

Legislature

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