

'POOR ORPHAN' CAB ORDINANCE HUNTS A PAPA

1933-Model Taxi Law Is Still Cruising, Fails to 'Park' With Council.

Unable to find a father to "park" it in city council, a brand new 1933 model taxi ordinance still is cruising around the city hall today.

James E. Deery, father of the ordinance, spent weeks studying a survey of twenty-six other cities regarding control of taxis and writing his findings into an ordinance to conform with the Indiana law.

Vacation called "father" Deery and he enlisted the aid of Ernest C. Ropkey, president of the council, to introduce the "baby" at Monday night's council meeting.

Ropkey first called on the board of safety, which kicked the "baby" out into the drafty corridors of the city hall. Undaunted, Ropkey cruised into the board of works, trying to find a godfather for the christening in the council chambers.

The works board would have none of it, but suggested the city controller. Across the main lobby to the controller's office dashed the suave council president.

Evening Woolen Jr., newest member of the official administration family, was not caught in a political squeeze, but did call for a conference with Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan. Two hours were spent in the parley and the finesse of an old-time politician must have prevailed, because Woolen came out all smiles, while Ropkey trailed with a bewildered look upon his countenance.

"Ropkey will introduce the 'baby,'" was the word that made the rounds of the city hall in nothing flat.

Newspaper men and councilmen sat upright in their chairs when Ropkey made his appearance in the council chambers on time, his pockets crammed with important looking papers.

Expectation was in the air, but nothing happened. The regular order of business proceeded. Other ordinances were introduced, but not the taxi bill.

Finally a recess was called and the uneasy councilmen could not stand the strain any longer. They began to shoulder up to Ropkey and demand, "What's up? Why not introduce it and get it over with?"

"Why should I bring it here? Why should I be the father of this orphan?" Ropkey demanded. "Jim will be back by next meeting. It's his baby."

AGREE ON RAIL RATES

Fares Effective During State Fair Are Announced by Board.

Indiana steam railroads will charge one and one-half fare for a round trip ticket and the Indiana Railroad 1½ cents a mile for round trip to Indianapolis during the state fair, Sept. 2 to 8. It was agreed with members of the state fair board today.

JOHN BARLEYCORN TO DON NEW GARB

Repeal Will Change 'Liquor Traffic' to Big Business

The new setup in the liquor industry is described in the following article, the second of three written for The Times.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—If America finally says, "Come home—all is forgiven" to John Barleycorn, the country scarcely will recognize the prodigal.

What used to be called "the liquor traffic" will be more like "the spirituous-purveying enterprises." It will be all decked out with holding companies, stock issues, subsidiaries, scientific merchandising and all the fancy clothes that big business put on during the twenties.

Though only half the needed states have ratified repeal, the setup in the liquor industry is already a far different thing than it ever was in 1918.

Consolidations, reorganizations, dissolution of old companies, formation of new ones, new plans for selling and distributing, all figure in the frantic rush of the industry to prevent being caught flat-footed by repeal.

That's a real danger. For a nation which used to consume between 60,000,000 and 80,000,000 gallons of whiskey within only a year probably would greet repeal with only a couple of months' supply. This deficiency can't be supplied overnight.

"Bottled in bond" means that a whiskey has aged at least four years. Blended whiskey, however, can be bottled at any age, and distillers believe they can build up an adequate stock of this type of liquor in from twelve to eighteen months.

But the distillers are doing their best to follow the advice of Major A. V. Dalrymple, federal prohibition administrator. Dalrymple admits that prohibition is doomed, and urges that American distillers get busy so the country will not find itself entirely dependent on the Canadian and European stocks of whiskey which are eagerly waiting for the word "Go."

USE the grain that is bursting our warehouses and that we can't sell," Dalrymple advises. "Store the liquor in bonded warehouses and be ready to supply the American demand with good American whiskey. So the distillers are frantically scrambling to do that."

National Distillers Products Corporation, for instance, bids fair to develop into a liquor organization like nothing ever seen before prohibition. It is a \$25,000,000 corporation founded in 1924, and it is headed by the social-registerite Seton Porter.

Through a subsidiary, American Medicinal Spirits Company, it quietly has been getting a strong hold not only on the small stock of aged whiskey, but on distilling facilities. It now has some of the more famous old brand names—Old Grand Dad, Green River, Mt. Vernon, Old Taylor, Sunny Brook and McBrayer, and is acquiring Old Overholt.

The passing of the Old Over-



holt distillery, with 31,000 gallons of mellow whiskey, to National Distillers, is emblematic of the change in the industry. This distillery, at Broad Ford, Pa., has been making whiskey since two years before the war of 1812. It is the distillery in which A. W. Mellon once had an interest.

National Distillers created another sensation by offering the strangest dividend ever declared by an American corporation. It had on hand some 700,000 cases of whiskey in the wood more than fifteen years. It decided to distribute a part of this to stockholders.

ON Oct. 1, 1934, this huge company will give a warehouse receipt for a case of whiskey to every holder of five shares of the company's stock, the actual whiskey to be distributed to holders of the receipts when, as and if the law permits.

National Distillers has been the sensation of a sensational stock market, rising from a low of 16½ to a peak of 124½. Other stocks connected with repeal prospects have also skyrocketed. Long-neglected rye rose to a place beside dollar wheat.

Standard Brands, the famous food combine launched by the House of Morgan, is rumored to be "surveying the liquor field." As this firm includes the Fleischmann Company, large alcohol producer, it seems likely that the national distributing system of National Brands might be used in a brand-new method of selling liquors through food stores rather than saloons.

All producers of alcohol look forward to a potential interest in the liquor business, for alcohol is used to "rectify" or cut aged whiskey down to the legal 100 proof. Also, as many citizens have learned for themselves, alcohol can be used to make gin. Proper gin is distilled, but gin of a sort can be made by simply mixing

(Pictures by courtesy of the Joseph Finck Co., Schenley, Pa.)

Above—There's enough grain to make a quart of whiskey in that paper.

Upper Left—Bottles of whiskey leaving the distillery.

Upper Right—Barrels are opened prior to the bottling of the whiskey.

alcohol and certain flavoring matters.

Other distillers are making heroic efforts to prepare for the home-coming. The Schenley Distillers Corporation, for example, recently sold nearly \$3,000,000 of new stock to finance new warehouses and other facilities. The stock was sold before listing at \$15 a share. Immediately after listing it opened at \$34 and has touched \$47. Schenley Distillers has been acquiring other distilleries and stocks of whiskeys since 1920—one of the most recent ones the famous old James E. Pepper & Co. Inc., and its reserve stock.

One of the Schenley subsidiaries, the Joseph S. Finch & Co., owners of the Golden Wedding brand, is now enlarging its plant and war-housing facilities at Schenley, Pa.

Another subsidiary, the George T. Staggs Co., at Frankfort, Ky., is now producing large quantities of Kentucky Bourbon and rye.

Next—The future line-up of the wet and dry forces.

IMPORTED BEER SALES GAIN IN LAST OF JULY

Indiana-Made Brews in Drop, Figures of State Officials Show.

Sale of beers produced outside of Indiana boomed in the state in the last fifteen days of July, while Indiana-made brews dropped off, figures compiled in the office of Paul Fry, state excise director, showed.

The figures were produced by Sam H. Lesh, auditor and cashier in the excise department, and showed taxes received from the ten importers in the state as \$5,784.11, compared to \$4,903.27 in the first fifteen days of July.

Indiana breweries paid taxes totaling \$13,751.55 in the last fifteen days, compared with \$14,065.76 in the first half of the month. Total taxes received for the month for both imported and state-made brew were \$38,504.69.

The largest tax paid by an importer in the last fifteen days was by the Hoosier Brewery Company, the firm of William Clauer, which paid \$1,948.95. The other Indianapolis importer, the State Brewing Company, the firm of John Burke, paid \$467.60.

The smallest tax paid by an importer was \$84.34, by the Southern Indiana Beverages, Inc., Evansville importer.

Five state breweries paid taxes, and sixteen, to which licenses have been granted, have not started operation. The largest tax was paid by Berghoff, Ft. Wayne, \$5,288.85.

Other payments were: F. W. Cook Company, Evansville, \$3,326.54; Indiana Brewers, Inc., Indianapolis, \$2,251; South Bend Beverage and Ice Association, \$1,969.76, and the Kamm & Schellinger Company, Mishawaka, \$715.40.

At Peoria also, before the first of the year there is expected to be under construction one of the largest distilleries in the world, capable of making 100,000 gallons of bourbon and rye whiskeys a day. The Canadian firm of Hiram Walker—Gooderham & Worts is back of this, probably with one eye on future import tariffs.

The American Commercial Alcohol Corporation is planning improvements at its Pekin (Ill.) distillery that will enable it to turn from 6,000 to 7,000 bushels of grain a day into whiskey and gin.

Rumors of a continental merger between distillers of this country and four of the great Canadian companies persist. Canadian liquor shares have risen sensationally, for these companies have immense stocks of properly-matured whiskeys on hand. The British Isles wait hopefully, and mumble something about paying the war debts in whiskey.

With mixed feelings a great country waits to see what the long-banished John Barleycorn will look like at the home-coming—if there is a home-coming.

Next—The future line-up of the wet and dry forces.

DIVORCE SUIT DELAYED



Kathryn Carver

By United Press
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8.—A third delay was caused Monday in the hearing of the divorce suit filed by Kathryn Carver against Adolph Menjou, film star. Miss Carver was ill and the hearing was set for next Monday.

GAMING CHARGE FILED

Owner of Spark Plug Inn Under Arrest After Raid by Police.

John Starkey, 54, owner of the Spark Plug Inn, 3733 East Thirtieth street, was under arrest today on a charge of keeping a gaming device.

Raiding Starkey's establishment on the report that a "bunch of drunks" were in the place, police found one "jack-pot" coin machine and five punchboards, they reported.



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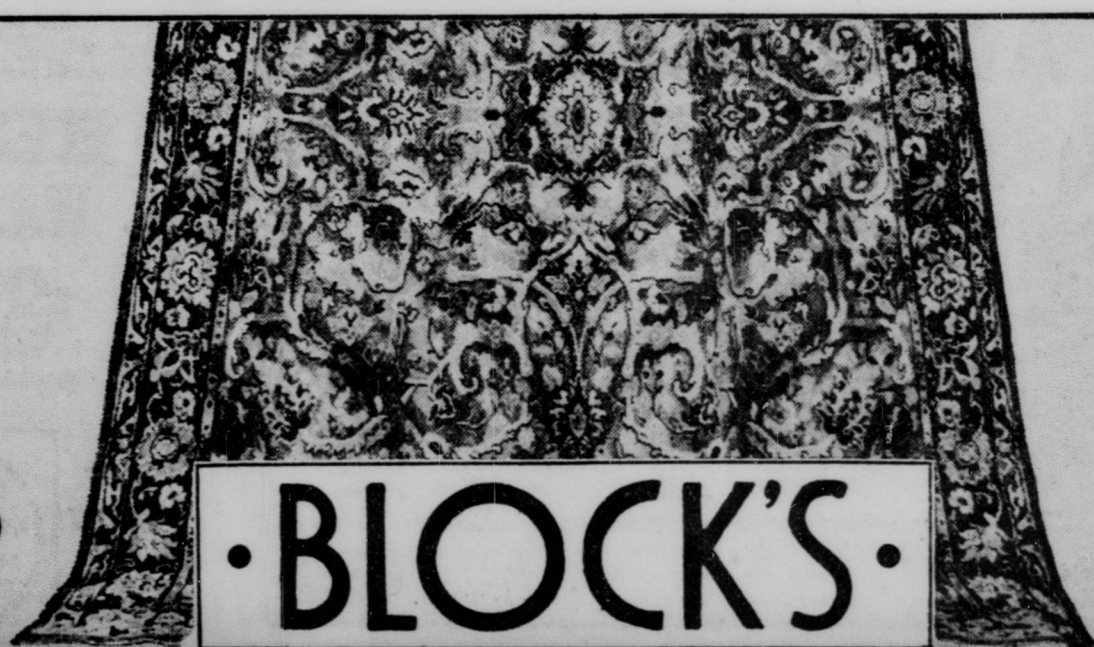
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