

Bone Dry Era To Be Short, Say Hotel Men

Saloon Dead, However, and Hard Liquor Is Doomed, According to Delegates To Big Convention Here

Predict Beer's Return Saratoga Springs Boniface Says Prohibition Will Cause More Polygamy

Fifty hotel men from among delegates attending the Hotel Men's Convention here expressed their views yesterday on prohibition, its effects generally and the chances ultimately of mitigating the rigors of the prospective drouth. On four points all were agreed. These were: That the saloon is dead, never to be resurrected. That future generations of Americans will never know the taste of hard liquor unless they go out of the country to acquire the knowledge. That the bone dry era will be short lived, because such a measure as the Volstead bill, limiting alcoholic content of beverages to one-half of one per cent, cannot be enforced and will be repealed as soon as the people reach that conclusion. And that in consequence a more liberal régime will arise, with a law permitting the sale of light wines and beer in licensed restaurants.

One of the men interviewed said "hip pocket" liquor in "dry" territory had increased his furniture bill one-half. Another suggested that if absolute prohibition prevailed for any length of time America would become a nation of polygamists. Day of Saloon Past Said A. C. Stephens, of the St. Clair Hotel, of Toledo, president of the Ohio Hotel Association: "Total prohibition is a mistake which the voters will rectify at the first possible opportunity. The day of the saloon, however, is past. Whisky and brandy will never again be freely sold in this country. "What the hotel men should fight for is a law which would permit the selling of light wines and beer with meals. If a man is allowed to drink only with his food he will not get drunk. That has been the universal experience of the hotelkeepers. The men who made prohibition possible were certainly not the men who took a class of beer or even a highball or two with their food, but the men who stood in front of a saloon bar hours at a time and sipped up glass after glass of 'hard' liquor. For such men I admit that prohibition is a desirable thing. "It may be argued that such a law would be discriminatory; that it would favor the rich man and place the poor man at a disadvantage. But that does not necessarily follow. Restaurants serving plainer, less expensive meals could be licensed with just as satisfactory results if they were properly checked up by the police. We don't want any Raines law hotels; but I am hopeful that a solution of the problem may be found along the lines I have indicated.

Bar Revenues Eliminated "Of course, prohibition is hurting the hotels. The bar revenues have been completely eliminated in most cases, and I expect that within the next six months most of the larger hotels will do away with their bars entirely." The corkage charge scheme, which permits hotel guests to bring their own bottles into hotels and have them served at a charge which ranges from 25 cents to \$1 for each bottle, does not have the Ohio hotel association's president's unqualified approval. "It is difficult to know just what to do with that idea," he said. "The hotel man can hardly refuse to accommodate his guests, and he cannot afford to install lockers and provide the service without making a charge. On the other hand it looks rather like an evasion of the law, and I know that no reputable hotelkeeper wishes to evade the law. I would say that that is just one of the problems which hotel men have to solve in this connection, and I would hesitate to guess what the ultimate solution may be should total prohibition continue.

Charles A. Gonder, manager of the Hotel Dempsey, at Macon, Ga., spoke of prohibition from the viewpoint of an experient in the Dempsey in a dry territory. Georgia was "dry" before national prohibition was anything more than a hope of the Anti-Saloon League. "Our chief trouble is with 'moonshine' whisky," Mr. Gonder said. "I believe that if prohibition actually did prohibit it would save the hotelkeepers money. I know that my furniture bill is half as large again since prohibition came into Georgia. "It works out this way. In 'wet' territory no hotel guest ever thought of taking liquor, good or otherwise, to his room except as an emergency proposition. But as it is in Georgia to-day men come to the hotels with bottles of so-called whisky which contain Lord knows what. They take these to their rooms, sit down and drink. They not only make trouble for the hotel men themselves, but they stop their illicit drinks over the expensive veneers and spoil them. I have seen mahogany tables in the Dempsey so corroded as to be beyond restoration. If the stuff does that much damage to wood veneers, what do you suppose it does to the lining of the stomachs of the men?" Federal Enforcement Urged Mr. Gonder's conviction is that prohibition will prohibit only if its enforcement is placed in the hands of the Federal authorities. "Evaders of the liquor laws are not afraid of petty officials who may be 'influenced,'" he said. "But most of them are afraid of the Federal authorities. George A. Farnham, of the American Hotel, Saratoga Springs, who was president of the State Hotel Men's Association for 1919, said: "It is an amazing and impossible thing that people should be denied the right to eat and drink what they choose. When the people of this country consider this thing in their right minds, free from war hysteria, I don't think that prohibition will last very long. Mr. Farnham also advanced the theory that if the people of the United States are denied liquors they will eventually turn to polygamy. "That is no idle jest," he declared. "In support of the theory I refer you to the world's history. There is not a nation on the face of the globe where prohibition is a national custom which is not also a polygamous nation. This is apparently a result of prohibition."

Bail Release Refused To Alfredo Gonzales

Court Decides Former Head of Costa Rica Must Keep Security on File

Alfredo Gonzales, former President of Costa Rica, cannot recover at this time the \$25,000 which he put up as bail October 10, when he was arrested in a \$253,000 libel suit brought against him by Lincoln G. Valentine. Justice Delahanty decided yesterday that Mr. Gonzales must wait until the Appellate Division has passed on an appeal from a decision by Justice Gierochi vacating the order of arrest. Under the decision of Justice Delahanty the proceeding by Mr. Gonzales to recover the \$25,000 is stayed and the City Chamberlain must hold the money until further developments.

In arguing for this stay Samuel Ecker and William Rand, representing Jerome Rand & Kresel, for Mr. Valentine, told the court they feared that if Mr. Gonzales drew this bail money he would at once return to his native country and never return, in which case any judgment obtained against him in the suit would be uncollectible. Mr. Valentine made an affidavit quoting Central Americans here to the effect that Mr. Gonzales had announced his intention of going back to Costa Rica, because of the coming elections there and for business reasons. He came here because of the political turmoil in his country at the time he left.

The court order does not prevent Mr. Gonzales from going to Costa Rica. Mr. Valentine, an American citizen, sued Mr. Gonzales for libel because of published statements that Mr. Valentine and other Americans were responsible for the revolution that ousted the defendant from the Presidency.

Head of "Love Mill" Once Clergyman at South Ozone Park

Assistant District Attorney Kilroe Declares Albertus Also Sought His Wife Through Circular Letter

The District Attorney's office continued to delve yesterday into the mysteries of the inner circles of the Nueva Esperanza or New Hope Society, Inc., which shut down its Madison Avenue and 127th Street marriage mill last Wednesday on Assistant District Attorney Kilroe's official ukase. John Albertus, president of the society and director of the editorial policies of "The Matrimonial News and Cupid's Advertiser," official organ of the Hopers, which has been suppressed, formerly was a Lutheran minister. The Rev. Wilhelm Mortensen, superintendent of the Inner Mission and Rescue Work Society, telephoned Mr. Kilroe yesterday and gave him some information about Albertus, who has disappeared.

Albertus, who offered his clients wives with formidable bank balances as well as personal charm, formerly was rector of a Lutheran church in South Ozone Park, Long Island, Dr. Martensen said, according to Mr. Kilroe, but ceased being a clergyman of the Lutheran Church in October, 1915. Albertus was admitted to the ministry in 1908 and once had a pastorate in Fort Wayne, Ind. He is also said to have been a Greek teacher in a western high school at one time.

Mr. Kilroe gave out the text of a mimeographed form letter which he said Albertus had sent out to women all over the country, over his own signature. The document began "My Dear Lady Friend," and then Albertus modestly enumerated the qualities of mind and spirit and pocketbook that made him a good matrimonial catch. He admitted he was "not a society man," and that he preferred "quiet home life, books, automobile and motor boat rides" to the "400 and their balls." He insisted that although he

Wills Property to Wife After Quarrel; Ends Life

Y. M. C. A. Secretary, Recently Returned From France, Turns on Gas

Orville Verner Thomas, forty-two years old and for ten months a Y. M. C. A. secretary in France, committed suicide by gas yesterday, the Jamaica police say, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Butters, 19222 Chichester Avenue, Hollis, Queens, where he had lived since his return overseas. Trouble between Thomas and his wife is said to have brought about melancholy. They separated shortly after his return from France and she since has been living at 130 West Eighty-fourth Street, Manhattan. He left a note instructing that she receive the proceeds of his life insurance policy and most of his personal possessions. "Good-bye; forgive and forget me," the note concluded.

Mr. Butters, with whom Thomas lived, said that in addition to his matrimonial troubles the man had been worried over his physical condition, having been told by his physician that he was suffering from kidney trouble and never would be any better. Thomas's body was discovered in the bathroom when Mr. and Mrs. Butters returned from the theater early yesterday morning. The door was locked and the hall was filled with gas.

Cigarette Maker Proves Claim to Stolen Tobacco

S. Anargyros, a Cigarette Manufacturer, Established Yesterday in the Supreme Court his Ownership of 1,000 Pounds of Turkish Tobacco which he Said had been Taken from his Establishment, hit by bit, over a period of two years, by George Danielides, Danieldes, an employee, was arrested.

The tobacco had been held by the police until Anargyros could establish his claim to it, which he did by proving that it was of a type that only he imports.

Best M. B. A. Entertains Vaudeville Followed by Dance at Palm Garden

The Mutual Benefit Association of Best & Co., Fifth Avenue and Thirty-fifth Street, presented its fourth annual entertainment last night at the Palm Garden, a dance following the vaudeville performance. A gift of several thousand dollars from the firm to the association, which is an organization made up and managed entirely by the employees, was announced. The association maintains a medical, dental and nursing service for members. In the last five years, it was stated, illness among employees has been reduced 80 per cent. Among the box holders last night were Ansell Ball, president of the company; T. Arthur Ball, vice-president, and Philip Le Bottellier, general manager.

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Negroes Protest Against "Legalized Murder"

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced yesterday that a representative had informed the Department of Justice that the recent fighting between negroes and whites in Arkansas was not the fault of the negroes, who were being exploited under what amounted to a system of peonage, and organized merely to obtain redress by lawful means. A telegram has been sent by the association to President Wilson asking for an immediate Federal investigation into the trials of negroes arrested for the Arkansas affair. The association declares its information leads to the belief that these trials constitute "legalized wholesale murder." The telegram to President Wilson said: "Eleven negroes have been sentenced to electrocution in Phillips County (Ark.), six of them having been convicted in seven minutes, according to press reports, by a jury of which no colored man was a member. Fifty-four negroes have, according to the press, been sentenced to terms of from one to twenty-one years in state prison. No word has come of proceedings against white men, although upward of twenty-five negroes were killed in the disturbance."

Aged Woman Braves Fire Until Pet Dog Is Saved

Mrs. Mary Tracy, seventy-six years old, refused to be removed from a fire in the tenement at 55 First Avenue yesterday until the safety of her aged and decrepit fox terrier had been assured. Mrs. Tracy's escape from the third floor had been cut off by flames, which resulted from an explosion of a benzine tank which had burst below. When a fireman climbed in at her window and started to pick her up she refused to submit. "Save my dog or let me die, too," she said. Another fireman appeared. He picked up the dog, and the terrier and its mistress were carried down the ladder together. The firemen also rescued Mrs. Loretta Cuccerelli and her six children from the rooms on the second floor. Other families in the building made their way out unassisted.



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