

Dropping of Drug Control Increases Use of Narcotics

Reports Are Addicts Able to Obtain Supplies by Getting Unlimited Number of Prescriptions

Two prominent physicians having a large practice among drug addicts admitted yesterday that conditions among the users of narcotics had been "frightful" since the State Department of Narcotic Drug Control was abolished. They added that as soon as the order requiring addicts to carry cards so that prescriptions could be controlled was annulled they had received a rush of as many as 500 "patients" a day.

One of them pointed out that there is now nothing to prevent an addict from going to five or six or even more doctors in twenty-four hours and getting a prescription from each. He said that in addition to the increase in the legitimate trade surreptitious peddling is going on in increased volume and that no cures now are practicable.

Sara Graham Mulhall, who besides being First Deputy Narcotic Drug Commissioner has been chairman of the Mayor's Committee for Social Service under both the Mitchell and Hylan régimes and has charge of the welfare station in the Bowery Mission, declared that this is now practically deserted. Formerly it handled an average of 600 sufferers a day and often

sent up twenty-five for the cure within twenty-four hours. She explained that no addict applies for the cure if he can obtain his drug.

Druggists' records show that doctors no longer are keeping their prescriptions at the minimum. In a case revealed yesterday an addict formerly unable to get more than three and a quarter grams a day received sixteen on one prescription, besides what he may have gotten by going to other doctors.

Justice John J. Freschi, in the Court of Special Sessions yesterday, in discharging seven men and women for having narcotics in their possession called attention to the lack of law covering these cases. He said that the only law covering such cases was a Federal statute, and this could be applied only to persons having possession of narcotics for the purpose of sale.

Health Commissioner Copeland has called a meeting of the Board of Health for next Wednesday. At this time it is expected that the Police Commissioner, representatives of the District Attorney's office, Chief City Magistrate McAdoo, Justice Cornelius Collins and other officials will see what can be done to provide some means for prohibiting the possession of narcotics.

Jury Finds Grave Digger's Slayer Guilty in 4 Minutes

It took a jury before Judge Alfred Talley in General Sessions yesterday just four minutes to return a verdict of murder in the first degree against Jacob Rosenwasser, twenty-five years old, of 125 Stanton Street. The verdict was said to be the quickest in the state in a murder charge. Rosenwasser will be sentenced to the electric chair next Friday.

The prisoner was charged with the murder of Jacob Mazura, a grave-digger, of 91 Willett Street, on January 29 last.

Federal Drive on Building Combines Depends on Funds

Congress Must Furnish \$250,000 to Meet Expense or Nation's Campaign Cannot Be Started

Immediate action in the proposed Federal drive against the nation-wide combinations in building materials uncovered by the Lockwood committee on housing, it was learned yesterday, depends entirely upon the willingness of Congress to appropriate at least \$250,000 for the purpose.

Colonel William Hayward, United States District Attorney here, said he had communicated with Attorney General Daugherty in connection with the matter, and that the Attorney General had told him that, contrary to ex-

pectations, his department could not meet the expenses of the campaign out of its present funds. Mr. Daugherty pointed out, said Colonel Hayward, that Congress would have to provide the money.

It was intimated in other quarters that United States Senator Calder, who is chairman of the Senate Committee on Reconstruction, one of the functions of which touches on the housing situation, probably would be asked to introduce a bill for the appropriation. The Senator is expected to be in the city to-morrow, and it was understood that State Senator Lockwood, chairman of the Lockwood committee, would confer with him with regard to the matter.

There was considerable discussion in labor circles over the defeat Saturday of the candidates for office in the Dock Builders' Union who were thought to represent the influence of Robert P. Brindell, its former leader, now serving a term in Sing Sing. It was the general sentiment that the action foreshadowed a similar ousting of Brindell agents in each of the seventy-odd unions affiliated with the Building Trades Council. This move is construed by some labor men as a preliminary housecleaning preparatory

to the reorganization of the council, as ordered by the American Federation of Labor.

John Donlin, head of the Building Trades Department of the A. F. of L., who was instructed to proceed with the reformation of the body, is not expected to do anything until after July 4.

Barkeeper Held as Slayer of Customer in Saloon, Accused of Theft, Is Shot

John Murphy, thirty-five years old, of 524 Vanderbilt Avenue, Brooklyn, was shot and killed in a saloon at 655 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, last night. Walter Murphy, of 552 St. Marks Avenue, a saloonkeeper, was arrested on a charge of homicide.

According to the police, Walter Murphy stepped out of the saloon for a minute shortly after 9 o'clock last night. When he returned he said that he had seen John Murphy taking money from the cash drawer. Five shots were fired, two of them striking John in the right temple. He died instantly.

Chew's Wife Did Not Forge Check, Witness Insists

Memory Refreshed, Woman Now Asserts She Knows Jean Sothern; Veteran Saw Defendant Injured

The trial of Captain Beverly Grayson Chew at Governor's Island on charges of forgery, impersonation and desertion from the army was further complicated yesterday when one of the witnesses for the defense, Mrs. Dora S. Brill, of the Sunshine Millinery Company, 152 West Forty-fifth Street, testified positively that Mrs. Chew, who is better known as Jean H. Sothern, the actress, was not the woman who forged a check for \$57.50 at that store. Mrs. Brill, who previously had tes-

tified that she did not know a Jean H. Sothern, declared on the stand that she had known Mrs. Chew for two years under her stage name. Upon cross-examination by Captain Thomas L. Heffernan, the prosecutor, the witness explained that her memory had been refreshed by the publicity given the wife of the defendant.

Asked by Captain Heffernan if the check which the woman who was with Captain Chew made out to the sister of the witness, Mrs. Sunshine, the proprietor of the millinery establishment, had been made good, Mrs. Brill said that it had not.

Officers and former soldiers of the 16th Infantry, with which Chew served in France, took the stand yesterday to tell of the defendant's record and to corroborate testimony that he had served in a region subjected to shell fire and gas attack. Rex E. Watkins, formerly mess sergeant of Company F, of the 16th Infantry, was the only one of these witnesses who could say that Chew had suffered any injuries and none could say positively that the defendant had ever been wounded, as is contended.

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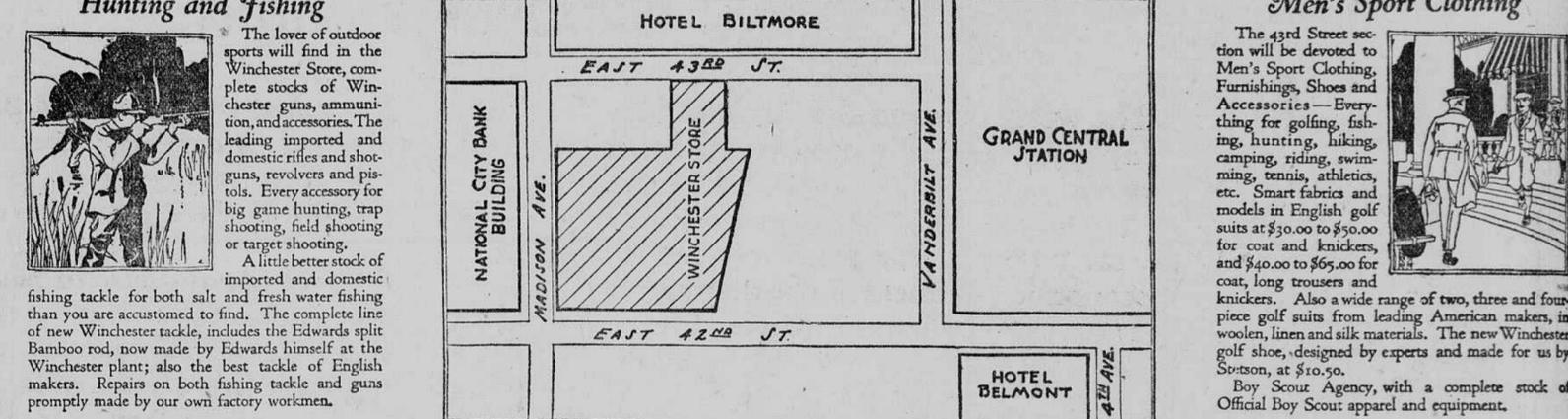
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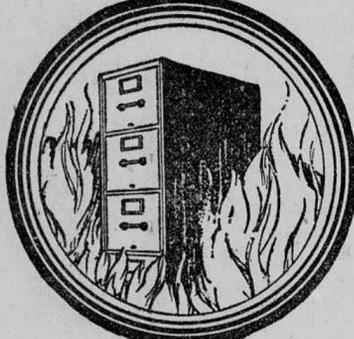
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