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WASHINGTON MAY GET NEW WORLD CONFERENCE

WHAT WILL FEDERAL COURT DO WITH GARY LIQUOR CASES?

E. CHICAGO OFFICERS ARE SENTENCED

Given One Week To Arrange Affairs Before Beginning Sentence

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 14.—Edward P. O'Donnell, chief of police of East Chicago, and Thomas Downey, captain of police, were found guilty by a jury in Federal court yesterday afternoon of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law, and were sentenced to two years each in the Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kas., by Judge Anderson as told in late editions of The Times yesterday. The jury returned a verdict of guilty after deliberating forty minutes. O'Donnell and Downey were given a week in which to arrange their affairs before beginning to serve their sentences.

Nick Vukonovich, Nick Popovich and John Stipanovich, who pleaded guilty and who testified for the government against O'Donnell and Downey, were each sentenced to serve four months in the Marion county jail.

Indianapolis dispatches say that there is a great deal of interest in what Judge Anderson will do now in the Gary liquor conspiracy case. Judge Anderson, before sentencing the defendants, said there was a vast difference between the guilt of the three foreigners and that of Downey and O'Donnell, police officers, sworn to uphold the law. He said foreigners coming to this country and finding corrupt officers "making fish of one and flesh of another" were easily drawn into ways of crime because of the bad examples before them.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 14.—The entire morning session was taken up with the arguments of counsel. Frederick VanNuy, United States district attorney, and Floyd J. Matlock, his assistant, arguing for the government, and Samuel M. Ralston arguing for the defense. Mr. VanNuy and Mr. Matlock said that in 1920 East Chicago and Indiana Harbor were the "widest open towns" in the country. The government counsel repeated charges made at the opening of the trial that O'Donnell and Downey had made no effort to stop the illicit sale of intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Ralston, in his argument for the defense, charged that the witnesses who testified against O'Donnell and Downey testified through spite. He said the two officers did make attempts to stop the sale of intoxicants in East Chicago and Indiana Harbor in 1920. The case went to the jury about noon but the jury was excused for luncheon and ordered to meet to begin deliberations at 1:34 o'clock. The jury returned a verdict at 2:16 o'clock and was excused.

O'Donnell and Downey said they had nothing to say before they were sentenced. No attempt will be made to appeal the case, it is said. ALFRED KISNER RELEASED. Alfred Kisner of South Bend, who was sent to jail a week ago under \$2,000 bond after being bound over to the Federal grand jury on a charge of perjury, was released from the Marion county jail yesterday and permitted to return home on his own recognizance by Judge Anderson. Kisner was a government witness in the Gary liquor conspiracy case involving Agnes Seabo and a number of other defendants. He said he could not remember what he had testified to before the Federal grand jury last spring when he was on the stand by the government, and he was arrested upon Judge Anderson's order and charged with perjury. He was shown that he has a wife and child dependent upon him for support.

TO BOB OR NOT TO BOB

To bob or not to bob. That is the question which is expected to bring forth volumes of oratory at the Hammond Industrial high school next Tuesday afternoon. Bob what? Hair, of course. Girl's hair. In the high school the bobbing question has become uppermost. The school is divided. Some of the girls say, "Bob." An equally large section says, "Don't bob." Then there is left the undecided class cries despairingly, "What to do? What to do?"

Boys also are interested. They also are divided. Their advice to the girls is conflicting. Lifelong friendships and much future happiness hang in the balance. So the debating class took it up. It was decided to hold a regular debate and let the pros, cons and neutrals have a say. The debate will be next Tuesday and the contending factions have been marshaling facts and practicing speeches before the folks at home. Worse yet, the mothers and fathers, who are admitted to have some interest in the bobbing subject, have been invited to attend. They may even be permitted to take a hand if Mary or Richard espouse principles contrary to those laid down under the parental roof. Anyway, it's going to be an interesting affair and if hair doesn't fly during the wordy battle, it certainly will afterwards if the "to bob" side wins.

POLICE CAME JUST IN TIME

Last night August Gloza, of West Hammond, left his wife on the sidewalk to walk into a saloon to purchase some cigars. Five men seated at a table immediately left their lunches and beer and began rising him up. When he went out they followed. Words passed between Gloza and the men. Gloza was informed that they wanted him and were going to get him. He "stalled" for time until Sergeant John Okraj of the West Hammond police arrived. Three of the men ran while Bert Jones and James Doolan, 1542 E. 14th, Chicago, were arrested. At the hearing this morning in which the men were charged with disorderly conduct and threatening to do bodily violence, Gloza explained that he was still working at the Conkey plant as foreman in the bookbinding which was recently declared "open shop." He said he had information that "sluggers" from Chicago were after him and from their actions he inferred that the quintet planned to beat him up last night. However, he had no substantiating evidence and after the men had told their stories they were released. They claimed to be structural iron workers who had come to Hammond with a contractor to try to land a job on Hohmann st. and had wandered to West Hammond in the course of the evening. Both admitted they were drunk.

NOT HIS WIFE JUST LANDLADY

Mrs. Harriet Rosenbaum, 231 Plummer avenue, who figured yesterday morning in the trouble between Charles "Burnham" Smith and Sergeant John Kormala of the I. H. B., railroad police, today registered strenuous objection to the Smith which was appended to her name in The Times story. She wishes it understood that Charles is not her husband and that her only dealings with him are in the capacity of landlady. She says Smith rents one of her rooms when he happens to be in West Hammond. Furthermore, Mrs. Rosenbaum makes a vital correction to the story of the shooting. She insists it was not Smith who took a pot shot at Kormala, but that Kormala fired at Smith over her shoulder and pretty near bumped her off instead. Another thing, the officers didn't have a search warrant when they came to her house to arrest Smith. They searched the place high and low. In closing, Mrs. Rosenbaum said: "And put at the bottom of the correction, that the I. H. B. railroad is going to pay for this."

CAN'T ARREST GUESTS OF BOOTLEGGING HOSTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Prohibition officers and agents will not be upheld by Federal authorities at Washington in making arrests of innocent persons who may be the guests in the homes of Volstead law violators, prohibition commissioner Raynes announced today. "The practice of California enforcement agents taking into custody persons who are guests in the homes of bootleggers or other violators, is wholly contrary to the instruction of my office and to the spirit of the dry law," Raynes said. "It will not uphold any agent if he oversteps the bounds of propriety."

7 PRISONERS ESCAPE WHILE POLICE JABBER

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 14.—While the police headquarters less than 100 feet away were scheming how to capture "Terrible Tommy" O'Connor fleeing convict, who was erroneously reported here, seven prisoners in the city jail sawed the bars of their second floor cells and dropped to the ground by means of blankets. All seven escaped. The entire police force had been summoned to headquarters, Chief Saunders having received a "tip" that O'Connor was here and was preparing to blow up a Des Moines bank. The seven who escaped today included Henry and Alfred Todd, of the notorious Todd gang.

ROTARY KIWANIS CHARITY CONTEST

Thursday night at McCool's alleys, the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs will stage a tournament for the benefit of the Hammond Social Relief Organization. This organization is handling relief work among the needy in Hammond this winter. Among the features of the program will be bowling contests between five men and two men teams, representing the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, a contest with bowling balls between the two youthful impressarios, Murray Turner and Dick Hoffe, the final appearance of the Imperial Quartette and side issues too numerous to mention. The entire receipts of the evening, including the admission fee, will be donated to the Relief Association. All who are interested in supporting the association, in ved blooded sport and a friendly evening, are invited to attend.

MAYOR GLOVER PASSES OUT PLUMS

Crown Point's Executive Announces List of New Appointments.

[SPECIAL TO THE TIMES] CROWN POINT, IND., Dec. 14.—Mayor-elect Edward C. Glover has announced his appointments for the various city offices to serve during his term beginning January 1st. The city marshal and street commissioner jobs have been consolidated and Joseph P. Young has been appointed to look after this work. Night Watchman, Peter Berleau. City Attorney, August Bremer. City Engineer—Bradford Woodward. Engineer at Waterworks, Frank L. Knight. Sexton, Will Lampher. Joe Lump will remain in charge of the fire station. City Treasurer, J. J. Steeb and Clerk Luther Rudolph will establish an office at the city hall which will be open each day for the convenience of persons wishing to transact business in connection with these offices such as paying of taxes, issuing of permits, etc.

WIFE IN TROUBLE; DISOBEYS HUSBAND

Sells His Private Stock At Robertsdale and Cop Puts In Appearance.

"Wives, don't be disobedient!" "When you husband commands you obey!" This advice comes from a wife. She is Theresa Palko. Mrs. Palko, pretty and 27, lives with her husband in a newly constructed store building in the Calumet avenue Water Gardens, Robertsdale. Today, penitent and chastised, she goes about her housework with a heavy heart. She disobeyed her husband. Unknown to him and against his alleged explicit command she entered the forbidden chamber in the basement of their home. There she found his private stock. She tasted the grape or raisin or whatever it was. Then inspiration seized her. "Pin money for Christmas," she said to herself. When male customers entered the little store on Calumet avenue she cast the knowing wink across the counter. Her Christmas cheer fund increased. Her husband's private stock decreased proportionately. Then Policeman Orr dropped in. Pretty Mrs. Palko smiled the "moonshine smile" before she thought twice. Too late. Officer Orr was over the counter and had seized a quart of the forbidden nectar. At the police station she was charged with violating the liquor law. She was released on bonds of \$500. She will be arraigned tomorrow. "Wives obey your husbands!"—Mrs. Palko.

P. T. BARNUM WRONG PUBLIC BE PLEASED

Ho! Skinnies! The circus is coming. Gee whizz! Clowns, horses, bands, 'n' everything. Oh boy! It's sure goin' to be some doins. Ah, tain't nether, it's a Shriners thing, Ah, tain't nether, it's the biggest thing you ever seen. Look at them pictures. Madam Bend, when my father was in New York, he saw her at the Hippodrome, and he sed it was the best he ever seen, and he orto know, cause he's the smartest man in the world. The above dialogue, in a measure, tells the story of Orak Shrine Circus, which will open in Hammond, December 15th to January 7th in Orak Temple. Such well known stars of the sawdust world will participate in this wonderful program. Madam Bedini and her \$10,000 troupe of blue-blooded stallions, horses that do everything but talk. Each one a blue ribbon winner, and conceded to be the greatest array of performing horses ever gathered under one trainer. The O'Kura Japanese, direct from the Imperial Theater of Tokyo, garbed in the quaint costumes of the Mikado's Imperial Court, their feats of juggling will not only amaze, but will entertain. The Marvelous Mills, who seem bent on one thing only, and that is to play hide and seek with death. As aerial artists, the Marvelous Mills are leaders in their line. The dainty Howard Sisters, suspended in the air, will perform feats that will satisfy the most fervid thrilled fan. Victor's dogs, ponies, monkeys and mules are the zenith in canine and equine training, and a hearty laugh is in store for all those who are fortunate enough to see this wonderful performance. The Arthur Borella, and the Kenneth Walte Company of clowns, ten in number, will supply the comedy for the circus. These names in the circus world mean the champions in their art. A number of mechanical devices will be introduced so that the fun part of the program will not be lacking. The cycling Heuman's residents of Hammond.

HOLMES AGAINST NEW FEDERAL COURT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 14.—C. Oliver Holmes, a senator from Lake county, contemplates introducing in the senate a resolution requesting the congress not to create another federal court for Indiana. He will set out in his resolution that such an extra court would cost approximately \$25,000 a year and that United States commissioners, if granted, could do some of the work now being done by the court.

INTERNAL REVENUE DEPUTY FOR HAMMOND

Hammond's Christmas present from Uncle Sam comes a little early—but not too early. This present has been coming for a long time. In fact, it's the office of the deputy collector of internal revenue. Here one may pay income tax, assessments on liquor and other government excise. A Dick Maddux, genial and hard working, will be in charge. He announces the hours from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m.—or later as occasion warrants. The office will be on the third floor of the postoffice building. It will care for the people of Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago—and suburbs.

LENGTH OF SESSION IS UNDECIDED

House Members Caucus And Select C. H. Smith As Speaker Instead Of Otto Field

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE] INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 14.—The general assembly went to work today with absolutely no understanding as to the length of the session, or definite solution of the question whether matters other than the reformatory re-location would be considered. Several members of both branches had measures ready to throw into the happer in event the bars were set down. Chief of these perhaps was a state bonus bill sponsored by the veterans of foreign wars, and which would provide a cash bonus of \$10 for each month of service, or its equivalent paid at the rate of \$30 monthly when devoted to educational purposes. The proposition if successful, would be submitted to the voters at the next general election. The state tax board would fix a tax levy to raise approximately thirteen million dollars to cover the bonus. Senator Alfred Hogston, Marion, planned introduction of a bill to repeal the teachers' pension fund act. Outstanding feature... of the majority caucus of house members last night were the selection of Clause A. Smith, Gibson county, as speaker, and failure to promise the administration that the session would be limited to discussion of only the reformatory question.

PLEADS FOR OLD FASHIONED COMMUNITY XMAS SPIRIT

In speaking of holiday trade conditions to a representative of The Times today, E. C. Minas, of the E. C. Minas Co. store, said: "When you say or hear it said 'times are very poor, money is short or tight, and everybody is anxious,' just let yourself feel ashamed. Has our land been shot up? Have our homes been destroyed? Our mills and factories ruined? Our means of making a livelihood withdrawn? No! We would like to see more of the old fashioned, whole-souled community spirit here in our town. We would be thankful, on this coming Christmas day, if we might win some small credit to our account as a store that stands for American institutions, a store that reaches out to greet and encourage good citizenship on all occasions. "And so, mindful of the advantages that America enjoys today we urge upon our 'neighbors' an old fashioned Christmas spirit, for a lively, sane, old time trade over the holidays, trusting you will do your part and buy the merchandise we have assembled here for you. The value, the beauty, the utility and the luxury of old times is here waiting to be turned to its right account, in making life livelier for our customers. Christmas holidays should mean a great deal to us this year, as we exchange greetings and good wishes. One that the family and friends will long remember as an old fashioned, old home day. "There's a reason for the Christmas spirit in America."

SHARRER ELECTED CHIEF OF ORAK SHRINE NOBLES

The goat in the check suit, pearl gray spats, white vest and brown derby, smoking a fat cigar and rattling money in his pockets at the entrance of the Shrine circus will be none other than our playmate, Dr. H. E. Sharrer. He was elected Illustrious Potentate of Orak Monday evening. To quote him verbatim, "It was damned fine of the boys." That makes Doc the chief whip-cracker, head stake puller, and paymaster of the shabang with the authority to hire and fire. He will cut in on the short-changing at the main gate. Dr. Sharrer didn't want the office. He wasn't a candidate. He declined. But the Shrine simply wouldn't listen to his objections and so he finds himself once more with the honor and responsibilities of the job of bossing fourteen hundred Nobles. Dr. Sharrer has been a member of the Imperial Council for fifteen years. WAY BACK, WHEN— He was Illustrious Potentate of Orak for six years, beginning in 1909, and when he first took office the Shrine consisted of 110 petitioners. It was granted a charter at New Orleans and ten of the petitioners had dropped out. Now it is one of the strongest and liveliest shrines in the country and Dr. Sharrer is one of the live wires that caused it to gain this distinction. The other Illustrious Potentates since Sharrer retired in 1914 were William Ray, Judge V. S. Reiter, Waldo Bailey, George C. Locklin, A. J. Smith, William Earl and Win Hunter. The shrine at the meeting Monday evening also elected Judge Reiter, John W. Moreland and Harley Locklin as representatives to the Imperial council meeting at San Francisco along with Dr. Sharrer, who is a life representative. Dr. Sharrer is the only living member of the Imperial Council who has nominated a candidate from Imperial Outer Guard to Imperial Potentate, his candidate being Elias J. Jacoby. Dr. Sharrer nominated Jacoby for outer guard at New Orleans and finished by nominating him for Imperial Potentate at Atlantic City, eleven years later. The new half million dollar temple will be officially dedicated January 2. Dr. Sharrer is one of the recognized leaders of the Shrine in the country. The editor having received threatening letters from the doctor, warning him not to print his picture again, it is omitted on this occasion.

JUDGE NORTON BEFORE HAMMOND KIWANIS

Hammond Kiwanis yesterday at their regular weekly luncheon enjoyed two noteworthy events—the annual election of officers and an address by Judge E. M. Norton of the Lake county juvenile court. About the election: George Geyer was elected president of the enterprising Kiwanis Club for the ensuing year. Other officers are: Vice president, P. J. Mann; treasurer, Paul Pedler; trustee, Judge V. S. Reiter; directors, A. M. Turner; O. L. Downs, W. J. McAlister, R. F. Fox, Dave Lovgren, Reverend John Parrett, and Dr. Maxine Ildings. Judge Norton startled his auditors with the assertion that the paramount problem of this county, overshadowing all else, is suppression and elimination of the mental delinquent, the moron, the originally insane that infect and multiply in communities of high birth rate and low morale. He advocated founding of institutions to afford medical treatment for the curable and segregation for the incurable.

1,000 ACRE OPTION FOR SPECULATIVE INQUIRY

Albert DeWolf Erskine, broker and real estate man of Chicago, who secured an option on 50 acres of the East Chicago Company's property, north of the Indiana Harbor canal and east of Calumet avenue and 500 acres of the Schlesinger tract south, said yesterday in a telephone conversation that he was unable to say by whom and for what purpose the option was secured for the 1,000 acres. The Chicago real estate man said he had been employed by a down town banking interest to obtain the option from the East Chicago Company, but was not dealt in on the facts of the possible transaction. Mr. Erskine said that in his opinion it was simply a speculative inquiry and the probable purchase of the land in question was doubtful. Opinions have been advanced as to the location being spotted by interests of the steel or oil mergers. Other conjectures are being elicited of a provisional nature but the facts still remain in the dark. However, it is known that men are working on the grounds under option at present making borings, evidently to determine the best location for foundations.

EXTRA BULLETINS!

[BULLETIN] [INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE] CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 14.—Dominic Benigno, alleged slayer of Wilfred C. Sly and George K. Fanner in a payroll robbery on December 31, last, was today found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to death.

[BULLETIN] [INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE] LYNDON, Ky., Dec. 14.—Fire this morning destroyed the plant of the Kentucky Military Institute here. All of the students escaped uninjured.

[BULLETIN] [INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE] WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Prohibition Commissioner Haynes announced today that he will seek jail terms for brewers who violate the Volstead law. The commissioner stated he has instituted proceedings against several breweries in Eastern Pennsylvania.

[BULLETIN] [INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE] WAUKON, Ia., Dec. 14.—Earl Throst confessed today that he murdered Miss Inga Magnuson, pretty 24-year-old school teacher, in her isolated country school house near Dorchester. "I killed her because she turned me down," Throst told Allamakee county authorities.

[BULLETIN] [INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE] DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 14.—Authorities after careful investigation today said they believed no charge could be placed against Miss Jehane Lamore, 26, who late yesterday shot and killed Ras Cooksey, 40-year-old negro janitor. Miss Lamore, nurse in the National Guard Army, drew a Revolver and shot the negro after she declared he had attempted an assault on her.

[BULLETIN] [INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE] LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Irish peace treaty was universally welcomed and acclaimed, said Premier Lloyd George this afternoon in an eloquent appeal to the House of Commons to ratify the pact. "It was given wider publicity than any other treaty with the exception of the treaty of Versailles."

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TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

High Officials of Administration Want President Harding to Act

BY GEORGE R. HOLMES [STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE] (Copyright, 1921, by I. N. Service.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A world conference to discuss economic and financial readjustments will be called within ninety days after the adjournment of the present armament conference, according to the beliefs privately expressed today by influential European statesmen now in Washington. Their beliefs are shared by some high officials of the Harding administration.

WASHINGTON MAY GET IT. Whether the proposed conference will be held in Washington, in London or in Paris, remains to be determined, but the view is held that one of the three capitals will witness the assembly of the world's leading financial and economic figures before March 1. Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon President Harding and members of his cabinet to call the conference in Washington. Foreign visitors now here have gone so far as to impress upon American officials that the success of such a conference depends largely upon America's taking the initiative.

Thus far administration officials have refused to commit themselves. They have listened attentively, even sympathetically, to the proposals that have been made informally, but have said little. President Harding informed at least two European statesmen who approached him, that he could not permit serious consideration until the present Washington conference is ended. TOO MUCH OF A HURRY. To call another world conference while the first is in the making was rushing things too fast, the president believed.

The end of the Washington conference is now in sight. Unless all signs fail, the conference will be out of Washington, by New Year's and it will then rest with the administration as to whether Europe's pleas are to be heeded. European statesmen however, assert their belief that if President Harding does not take the initiative, Lloyd George will—and with much less chances for success. Regardless of who initiates the conference, American participation in it is regarded as virtually certain. By the time the present conference is ended, the administration hopes to have the foreign funding bill passed by congress which will put into the executive's hands the power to arrange settlement of the \$11,000,000,000 which Europe owes the United States.

Influential members of the administration are convinced that America cannot escape participation. They merely point to the unsettled state of foreign indebtedness and the fact that America's foreign trade has shrunk 100 per cent since the war ended as twin proofs that America's interests are too vital to permit inaction. FOUR VITAL PROBLEMS. According to the views of European visitors, so expressed to members of the administration, the conference would deal generally with four pressing problems: (1) German reparations. (2) Foreign indebtedness. (3) Stabilization of exchange rates. (4) Tariffs.

The root of the whole situation is in the first two problems, according to Europe's spokesmen. Once settled these two problems, get them on a stable basis so the government can figure on the future with some degree of certainty, they believe, and the rest of the world's economic ills will be well on the road to cure. In this connection, it has been suggested informally here that payment of German reparations and all foreign loans be arbitrarily put off five years to afford to the government's concerned a breathing spell. The distinct coldness with which American officials have received suggestions looking to cancellation of indebtedness has effectively stopped hints of this character. It is felt that it is useless to propose cancellation, the Europeans are suggesting the next best thing—postponement for five years, and long-time credits after that.

Some American officials are convinced there is a good deal of merit in the suggestion, and that some such arrangement will have to be made before the world can get back to a stable economic basis.

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