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## DR. CRIPPEN GUILTY.

### Court Warns Him Death on Gallows is Certain.

London, Oct. 22.—Dr. Hawley Harvey Crippen, the American practitioner and medical agent, to-day was found guilty of the murder of his wife, the American actress, Belle Elmore, and sentenced to death.

It was announced this evening that Crippen would be hanged on November 15.

The jury was out 30 minutes. When it returned, at 2:47 o'clock, and announced it had found the defendant guilty, Lord Chief Justice Alverstone asked the physician if he had anything to say.

Crippen replied in a low voice: "I still protest my innocence."

The Chief Justice then donned the black cap that had rested near him throughout the trial, and pronounced the sentence of death. Addressing the condemned man Lord Alverstone said: "You have been convicted on evidence which can leave no doubt in the mind of any reasonable man that you cruelly murdered your wife and then mutilated her body."

"I advise you to entertain no hope that you will escape the consequences of your crime. I implore you to make your peace with God."

As the Lord Chief Justice concluded a policeman stepped forward and, in the hush that had fallen over the courtroom, led Crippen from the dock.

The trial of Ediel Clara Leneve as an accessory of the fact in the murder of Mrs. Crippen will begin next Tuesday.

Those who had watched the progress of the case were convinced that an end of the trial would come to-day and for that reason they came early to get advantageous locations.

When court convened only one witness was examined and that was the defendant himself, who was recalled to testify regarding the use of hyoscin, the poison with which he is declared to have killed his wife.

Richard Muir then began the closing speech for the prosecution. He said the defense had relied largely on the theory that Crippen was too kind-hearted to commit murder. Counsel pointed out,

however, that the defendant had lived for months a life of hypocrisy, mocking the grief of his wife's dearest friends.

The prosecutor's speech occupied scarcely more than an hour. He concluded by saying the prosecution had proved, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the body found in Crippen's home was that of his wife, and that none but the prisoner could have cut up the body and buried it in the cellar.

### Fort Withdraws.

Springfield, Tenn., Oct. 23.—Official announcement is made that Dancy Fort, of Clarksville, recent nominee of the Montgomery County Committee for Senator to represent the counties of Montgomery and Robertson, has withdrawn from the race. This leaves the Hon. V. A. Bradley, of this county, who has been endorsed by the Independents, without an opponent. It is hardly thought at this late hour that Mr. Bradley will have an opponent, in view of the fact that it is generally conceded that Robertson County is entitled to the Senatorship and there is no other probable candidate in this county.

### Another Flower Fades.

Dayton, Tenn., Oct. 22.—In response to the almost unanimous demand of leaders of his own party, Prof. J. F. Benson, Republican candidate for Joint Representative, to-day announced his retirement from the race. This was done to promote the unity of the anti-Patterson forces in Rhea and Meigs counties and to assure the election of a Representative who will stand for law and order. This leaves J. R. Thompson, Democrat, and law and order Wm. Brown, anti-fence law, candidates to fight it out.

### \$400 Reward.

Paducah, Ky., Oct. 22.—At Cairo, Ill., where Fred Otterson, of Paducah, was killed on the night of October 8, a reward of \$400 has been offered for his slayer. James White, a saloon-keeper, accused of the crime, has disappeared. He is believed to be in hiding in Southwestern Kentucky.

White is 50 years old, 5 feet 10 inches high, weighs 140 pounds, and has dark hair mingled with gray.

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## ENJOINS SALOONS.

### Law and Order League Breaks Into Federal Court.

The storm which has been brewing for some weeks as to the saloon proposition in Memphis woke in all its fury yesterday when Judge John E. McCall of the United States Court, at the instance of members of the Law and Order League, issued a temporary order restraining 114 saloons in Memphis from selling liquor until Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock, when he proposes to hear argument as to whether the injunction should be made perpetual or shall be dissolved.

The complainants allege that the Governor, Mayor, State Adjutant-General and county Attorney-General are not trying to enforce the prohibition law in Memphis; that by reason of the declaration of the State and county Attorney-General to sign the bill, they are denied the opportunity to secure their rights in the State courts; that the law is being enforced in other counties in the State; that the failure to enforce it locally depreciates the value of their property here; that they are denied the "equal protection of the law," guaranteed by the Fourteenth amendment to the United States constitution, and that, in fact, by reason of the not enforcement of the prohibition law here, Memphis is in a state of insurrection.

### PAPEES BEING SERVED.

An injunction restraining 114 alleged saloons from doing business in Memphis until they appear before the United States District Court to show why they should not be adjudged nuisances, thus causing the deterioration of value of property in the adjacent neighborhood, was issued by United States Judge John E. McCall yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock. Following the issuance of the injunction and the preparation of the papers by Clerk of the District Court Dan F. Elliott, the proprietors of the different saloons were served with the papers as fast as they could be found by Deputy United States Marshal Zach Jolly. The disposition of the saloon men seemed to be to quietly acquiesce in the ruling, the majority of them giving orders to employes about the place to "shut up shop and go home." The saloon men are in the air regarding their next move in the affair, as they profess to have been taken entirely by surprise by the action of the Federal Court. The time set for the appearing of the saloon men before Judge McCall is Thursday, October 27, at 9:30 a. m. This means that no intoxicating drinks will be sold over the bars of the 114 defendants saloons during the next five days, at any rate.

### NO OTHER RECOURSE.

The injunction was issued by Judge McCall in response to the prayer of fifteen members of the Law and Order League, who claim that owing to the fact that the saloons are being conducted in open violation of the State law, and that gambling and other vicious practices are openly carried on in said saloons, the said saloons have become nuisances, and are causing the deterioration of the value of property owned by complainants in the city of Memphis, and that the State authorities, including Gov. M. R. Patterson, State Attorney Chas. T. Cates, District Attorney Z. N. Estes and Mayor Crump, have steadily refused to even attempt to enforce the four-mile law in Memphis and have allowed thieves and cut-throats to openly walk the streets of Memphis, making it unsafe for the self-respecting citizenry of the city to travel the thoroughfares after nightfall, the equal benefits and protection of the law. These rights, they are alleged, are guaranteed to them by the Fourteenth amendment of the constitution of the United States, which reads as follows:

"All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law."

The bill as filed in the District Court Clerk's office is styled J. M. Ward and others against F. B. Houston and others. The complainants in the case are: J. M. Ward, S. S. Preston, Jas. C. Penn,

J. W. McKinney, J. C. Sparr, N. T. Hannah, W. T. Walker, N. B. Black, R. F. Cardine, W. P. Watkins, J. W. Prescott, Chas. G. Carothers, G. W. Lewis, J. B. Keathley, W. C. Knight. All are citizens of Memphis except J. M. Ward, who lives in Collierville.—Commercial Appeal.

### LIQUOR LICENSE.

### Holding of One Prima Facie Evidence of Sale.

Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 23.—The Supreme Court to-day held that Federal liquor licenses is prima facie evidence of the sale of whiskey, and that no other evidence is necessary to obtain conviction. The opinion was delivered by Justice M. M. Neil, and the entire court assented in the opinion.

The case came up from Scott County and was styled Eber Diamond vs. the State. The Court said the errors assigned in this case presented the single question as to whether the plaintiff in error was properly convicted on the certificate of the United States internal revenue collector alone, showing a license issued to him as a retail liquor dealer, and without any evidence that he had made a sale to any particular individual. The State introduced no other evidence in the trial court and the plaintiff in error introduced none.

The Court said the presentment was found under chapter 479, section 16, acts of 1909, taken in connection with section 14, which related to liquor dealers. The opinion quoted a section of the acts of 1909, as follows: "The procuring of United States internal revenue license by wholesale and retail liquor dealers shall be taken as prima facie evidence that the parties are in the business and are subject to State and County taxes, unless established by proof that they are not so engaged."

The Court also referred to chapter 384 of the acts of 1909, wherein it is provided "that in all prosecutions for violations of the laws of the State prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, copies of the record in the office of the internal revenue collector of the United States for the district of Tennessee showing that the defendant has paid the internal revenue special tax as a liquor dealer shall be admitted as competent evidence, when such copies are certified to as full and true and complete by the internal revenue collector."

The Court also held that while necessary under the acts of 1899 to prove a sale to some particular person, no such necessity existed under the acts of 1909, because the fact or maintenance of such a business might be proven by the possession of internal revenue license. The Court held that a fine of \$50 was proper. The same statute referred to empowers the issuance of distress warrants, but this was not referred to in the opinion, though in such procedures the record from the internal revenue collector's office is sufficient evidence as in the criminal procedure.

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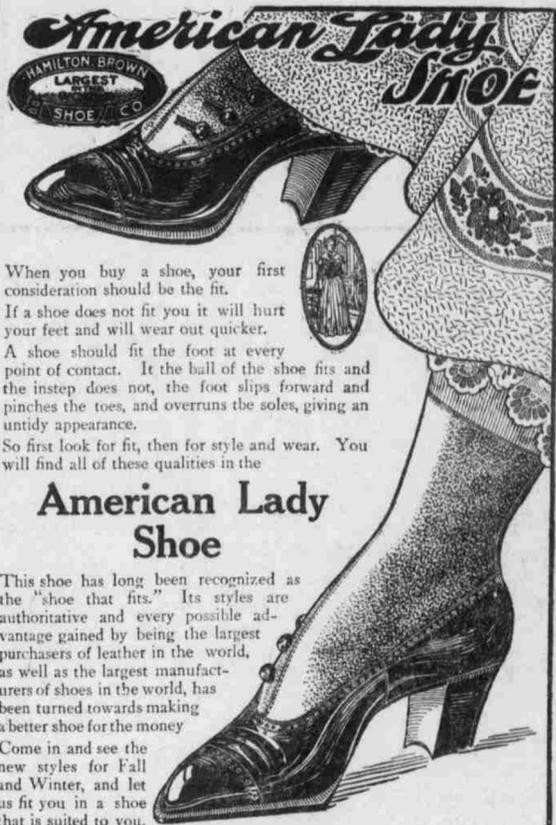


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### "Lid" Being Put On.

Chattanooga, Oct. 24.—The lid is being put on in Chattanooga this afternoon. Every saloon inside the corporation holding Federal license is being closed up by order of Judge S. D. McReynolds of the criminal court. The order was issued about 1:30 o'clock immediately upon reconvening court. Sheriff Sam Connor and his deputies were started out at once on their closing mission.

This action of Judge McReynolds follows the decision of the supreme court sitting in Knoxville last Saturday in which that body rendered the opinion that Federal licenses were prima facie evidence that whisky was being sold.

"Upon this decision of the supreme court," said Judge McReynolds, to a reporter of the Sentinel this afternoon, "I am acting. While that opinion is not final I think it is sufficient to act on. There has been considerable agitation of the subject and I think the proper thing to do is to act right now."

So every saloon holding Government license will be closed this afternoon by the Sheriff. They will remain closed until further notice is given by the

judge issuing the order. In acting Judge McReynolds stated that any keepers found open after being informed to close will be arrested and charged with violating the prohibition laws.

A list of all those holding such license was not furnished the sheriff, but about 2 o'clock he started down Market street visiting every place ascertaining whether or not they have license. If they do hold them their places will be closed immediately. So far as is known the goods are not being confiscated at this time. No evidence is being collected that liquor is being sold. If any further developments take place or if the saloon men choose to fight the order the matter of securing evidence will then be brought up.

It is not known how many places in the city have Federal license, but it is understood that nearly all of them have them. There are nearly 300 "drinking stands" in Chattanooga now.

The lid has already been put on in Memphis. Scores and scores of the stands were closed up in that city Saturday. The order was issued by Judge McCall.

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