

REFORMERS ARE MENACE, SAYS CHICAGO JUDGE

Barrister Orders Dog Track Reopened and Bombards 'Blue Laws.'

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Reformers are a greater menace to the happiness and well-being of the public than all the gambling indulged in by citizens of the nation, Harry M. Fisher, circuit judge, declared in reinstating an injunction under which Chicago's two dog racing tracks were operating once more today.

The judge, in ordering the tracks reopened, affirmed the opinion of Max M. Korshak, master of ceremony, that the legislature by legalizing the pari-mutuel betting system for horse racing also had made it legal for dog racing.

The injunction preventing John A. Swanson, state's attorney, from interfering with the dog tracks had been withdrawn several weeks ago, when raiding forces from Swanson's office persisted in closing the tracks night after night in spite of the restraining order.

A force of raiders was in readiness to swoop on the tracks again today, but no action had been taken, due to the fact that Swanson was out of town and his assistant refused to act.

Judge Fisher's outburst against the state's attorney and the sheriff themselves in, the jurist said, "Pressure is being brought to bear upon them by pseudo-reformers who so far forget themselves in their fanatical zeal to impose their own and righteous wills upon a sinful multitude they would have these officers of the law violate the injunctions of the court."

After pointing out that "blue laws" often are carried to such extremes that they become ludicrous or what is more serious, an alarming menace to the civil liberties of the people," the judge's written opinion concluded:

"I have no hesitancy in expressing the opinion that these self-appointed guardians of other individuals' virtues are a greater menace to the happiness and well-being of our people than all the gambling indulged in by citizens of the entire nation."

PLEASANT RUN DRAWS 250 CHILDREN DAILY

Many and Varied Activities Make Playground Extremely Popular.

Activities at Pleasant Run playground, recently opened, are attracting 250 children daily, according to Miss Grace Gass, instructor. The boys have started a scrub baseball team, and probably will be strong contenders in the Kitten Ball League next summer. They organized too late to get into this season's league. Number ball, played by use of a circle, volley ball, maypole activities, swings and slides are keeping the 250 attendants busy every hour in the day.

"I would like to start several more playgrounds in sections of the city similar to Pleasant Run," said Jesse P. McClure, recreation director. "Thousands of children do not have the benefit of games or open air that it is possible to offer through the playground system. As soon as the recreation department is financially able, we intend to organize more grounds."

A butterfly in flight beats its wings nine times a second.

GREAT PAGEANT TO BE GIVEN NEXT WEEK

Dramatized Version of "Hiawatha" to Be Presented Free Each Night at Municipal Beach.

A DRAMATIZED version of "Hiawatha," Longfellow's famous legend of the Indian, will be the feature attraction at the municipal beach at Twenty-sixth street and White river during the coming week.

The pageant will be free to the public and will be presented each evening at 8:30 o'clock, starting next Sunday evening.

The character parts in the beautiful legendary history of a vanishing race are being taken by the life guards employed at the beach, supplemented by regular boy and girl patrons.

Due to the fact that all of the guards are college students most of them have had some dramatic training and are able to give life to the famous characters.

The leading character, Hiawatha, is played by William Krieg, Notre Dame student, with Miss Elinor Funk portraying his bride, Minnehaha.

Miss Florence Angelo takes the part of Nokomis, Hiawatha's grandmother. The continuity of the poem is provided by Charles Jones, Washash, as Nawadaha, musician and sweet singer.

Ray Prigler of Butler takes the part of the arrow-maker, father of Minnehaha, while Alexander Sabo appears as Gitchie Manitou, legendary Indian Great Spirit. John Marshall, Cathedral graduate, portrays Iago, the Indian story teller.

The part of the infant Hiawatha is played by Tommy Angelo. Others taking part are Vincent Macer as Famine, Billy Angelo as Fever, and William Martz, Indiana, Missionary Father.

The setting for the pageant is ideal, being on the water's edge and surrounded by large forest trees; elements which have changed but slightly since real Indians roamed this section.

The beach forms a natural amphitheater sloping down to the water's edge in a huge semi-circle, providing ample seating space for the spectators.

The pageant is being directed by Miss Hazel Abbott, in charge of pageantry for the recreation department, assisted by Joe H. Sullivan, supervisor at the beach.

Mrs. Constance West Jackson, graduate of the Ithaca, N. Y., School of Dramatic Art, is acting as critic.

BIG BILL DUE AT LYRIC

William Desmond, popular movie star, heads the cast of RKO vaudeville attractions slated for presentation at the Lyric starting next Saturday.

Desmond brings to the vaudeville stage a breezy little comedy drama entitled "The Right Man," in which he is supported by Mrs. Desmond, formerly known in the movies as Mary Mac Iver and Harry Shutan.

Desmond is said to have an excellent role, one that brings out all of his sterling acting ability.

He is now completing his vaudeville tour and will shortly make his reappearance on the screen via the talking films.

Desmond recently was interrupted in tour on the Keith circuit to play an important part in "No Defense," a Warner Brothers Vitaphone production, which was shown at the Lyric some weeks ago.

He "clicked" in the parlance of theater, and has now a signed contract for a number of productions to be forthcoming this season.

Bill is one actor who feels entirely at home in the "talkies," for at one time he was an outstanding favorite of the speaking stage. Among his most famous roles on the speaking stage are those in "Ben-Hur," "The Bird of Paradise," "The Man on the

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BOY BURGLAR CAPTURED AT PAPER STORE

Grain Thieves Are Held and Negro Flees From Police Shots.

Three alleged thieves were held by police today, another was shivering from the "draft" of a policeman's bullet and others were satisfied with small loot Thursday night, police reports revealed today.

Lee Marshall, head of the Peerless Wall Paper Company, 413 West Washington street, captured a youth who gave his name as Joseph Costello, 17, of Pricedale, Pa., when he found him climbing through a transom in the paper company store Thursday night.

Costello told police he was "bumming" around the country and reached Indianapolis Thursday afternoon. Eleven keys and a revolver were found in his possession. He is said to have admitted the theft of twelve automatic pistols from a Pennsylvania armory. Costello is charged with burglary and carrying concealed weapons.

Shoots at Thief

Patrolman George Paxton saw a Negro throw a brick through a window of the I. Cohen Grocery Company, 952 North West street, and seize two sacks of flour Thursday night. He ran west on Tenth street and Paxton fired several shots at him. The Negro dropped the flour but kept on running. One of the bullets entered a flour sack.

After he was knocked unconscious, Francis Jones, 25, of 620 Gerard drive, instructor at Indianola playground, Washington street and Elder avenue, was robbed of \$19.85. Jones was unlocking the door of the custodian's office when he was attacked.

Corn Thieves Captured

Two alleged corn thieves were held by police today after they were fired on by farmers and later captured by deputy sheriffs near Maywood. The men, who used motorcycles, are believed by police to be responsible for a series of grain thefts in the vicinity of Maywood.

Those arrested on vagrancy charges: Boyd Hickman, 21, of Monrovia, and Wallace Gravens, 18, of 1455 North New Jersey street. They were discovered in the field by Fred and Theodore Kraft and Dan Woehring of Maywood.

Mrs. Lafa Hoff, 327 East North street, apartment 7, reported the theft of a diamond ring from her home. The ring was valued at \$100. Theft of a cow valued at \$150 was reported by Henry E. Adams, R. R. 7.

In Gem Jam



Her gems may be of purest ray, but Rosika Dolly is far from serene. Compelled to return her famous \$260,000 string of pearls to Paris jewelers in lieu of payment, the American dancer was told by police that one of the strings was shy forty-eight pearls valued at \$10,000. She was ordered to appear in a Paris court to explain their disappearance.

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SNOOK STOICAL ABOUT VERDICT

Professor's Attorneys Are to Accuse Two Jurors.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 16.—Dr. James Howard Snook, condemned to the electric chair for the murder of Theora Hix, his college girl inamorata, remained "stoical" today as his attorneys prepared for hearing Monday on a motion for new trial.

"Dr. Snook is accepting his fate stoically," said E. O. Ricketts, chief of the former professor's counsel. Ricketts and associate counsel conferred with Snook last night.

"He revealed a few more details of the killing," said Ricketts, "but none that changes his story in any way, or could be classed as new evidence."

The attorneys reiterated they would file affidavits against two of the jurors who convicted Snook, charging "undue influence and prejudice."

The motion for new trial will be heard by Judge Henry L. Scarlett, who will then formally sentence Snook to death.

Snook, unless the appeals courts intervene, is expected to die during Thanksgiving week.

OGDEN GIVES OPINION

Notaries, School Heads May Administer Oath of Allegiance.

Notaries and public school executives may administer the oath of allegiance, required of Indiana teachers by the statute passed by the 1929 assembly, Attorney General James M. Ogden today notified Roy P. Wisheart, state school superintendent.

Wisheart asked for an opinion on the point. The bill was sponsored by the D. A. R.

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