

Sunday 'Blue Laws' Demanded in D. C. by Reform Groups

Three Bills in Congress Expected to Result in Heated Battle—Opponents Play Puritans.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Legislation to enforce the observance of the Sabbath as a day of rest in the District of Columbia is being vigorously demanded of congress at this session by various religious and welfare associations.

The Religious Liberty association is sounding a warning of the activities of "professional reformers" in lobbying for the passage of District of Columbia "blue laws," asserting that "the leaders of the Lord's Day alliance, the National Reform association and International Reform bureau are demanding even more drastic Sunday legislation than is now proposed."

In a statement issued today the Religious Liberty association says:

"Chairman Focht of the house district committee states that some of these reform organizations are threatening the members of his committee and other members of congress to act on the pending Sunday bills for the District of Columbia. These reformers will not be satisfied until they have stopped the sale of Sunday newspapers, the sale of gasoline to automobiles on Sunday, Sunday concerts and Sunday theaters; in fact, they are planning on closing every door and every avenue of secular interest, leaving open only the avenue that leads to the church door on Sunday."

Bills in Congress.

The Sunday bills have been introduced, one in the senate and two in the house of representatives, two of which, authored by Senator Myers, democrat, of Montana, and Representative Zihman, republican of Maryland, provide for one day of rest in seven for employes in certain employments, preferably Sunday, and the third presented by Representative Fitzgerald, republican, of Ohio, forbidding any person to labor or employ others to labor on Sunday, except on work of necessity or charity, to keep open any theater, moving picture house, dance hall, place of public assembly or amusement for secular purposes, or to engage in unlawful sports on the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday. "Unlawful sports," it is explained by advocates of the bill, would be any games for which an admission fee is charged. The bill makes no exemptions in favor of those observing any day other than Sunday and provides for penalties of from \$5 to \$500 fines, or imprisonment of from one to six months, or both.

The Fitzgerald bill, the most drastic of the three, is endorsed by the National Reform association, the Lord's Day alliance, the Pastors' Federation of the District of Columbia, the Y. M. C. A. and the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Efforts Unsuccessful.

Efforts on the part of the reform organizations to get the Fitzgerald bill out of committee have not met with conspicuous success. No disposition is manifested either by Representative Focht, republican of Pennsylvania, chairman of the district committee on the District of Columbia, or other members of the committee either to hold hearings on it or as the Sunday law advocates prefer, to report it to the house without further delay.

"There are too many laws on the statute books now that can't be enforced," Representative Focht said today. "There is no immediate prospect of action on the Sunday bills for the district."

Against all "blue laws" under which, according to C. S. Longacre, general international secretary, Seventh Day Adventists are already being persecuted in various states, the Religious Liberty association protests and especially against the proposed action even for the District of Columbia, which the association fears would be the first move in an attempted nationwide insistence on the observance of Sunday and the restriction of the constitutional guarantees of religious liberty.

"In some of the states where drastic Sunday laws are now on the statute books," says Mr. Longacre, "reform organizations are carrying on crusades which hark back to the days when the puritans lorded it over the consciences of dissenters and non-conformists. Recently Sousa's band played high class music on Sunday afternoon in Binghamton, N. Y., and the Ministerial association arrested the promoters of the concert."

Would Stop Birds.

"The puritans if they had the power would, no doubt, stop the birds from singing on Sunday. It is a wonder they do not petition the God of heaven to stop the angelic choir that sings before the throne day and night without ceasing. The Ministerial association of Washington, D. C., had a Sunday law to arrest and stop the community concerts held on Sunday nights in the Washington Central high school auditorium so they protested because the concerts attracted so many other church members from the evening services. Now they are beseeching congress to pass a Sunday law which will virtually close up every place of public entertainment in the District of Columbia on Sundays so the church pews may be filled. They are in reality asking the civil government to enforce church discipline upon their members as well as upon non-church goers."

Among the reports of arrests of Seventh Day Adventists for pursuing their vocation on Sunday the following are cited:

T. B. Michael of Charlotte, N. C., was arrested and fined for taking pictures on Sunday in Lowell, N. C. He has appealed his case.

Were Painting on Sunday. Three Seventh Day Adventists of South Lancaster, Mass., were painting the interior of a store room on Sunday in Clinton, Mass., and were arrested for disturbing the peace and tried before the lower court and fined. All three appealed their cases to the supreme court of Massachusetts.

W. D. Taylor, contractor and builder of Lakeland, Fla., was arrested and fined for working on Sunday. He refused to pay the fine and was cast into

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Admiral Vogelgesang

This is the most recent photograph of Rear Admiral Carl Vogelgesang of the American navy, who has been officially "loaned" to Brazil to aid that nation to reorganize her naval forces.

Jail, but later the court suspended the sentence and released the prisoner.

Paul Swinson, Goldsboro, N. C., was arrested and fined for operating a gasoline filling station on Sunday. He has appealed his case to the superior court of North Carolina. "Unless the present day tendency toward religious and paternalistic legislation is checked," says Mr. Longacre, "it will not be long before a complete union of church and state will be perfected in America, such as held sway in the third and fourth centuries of the Roman empire when the church hierarchy of that day captured the civil government and dominated the state. It is high time that every lover of civil and religious liberty raise his voice in protest against these encroachments upon human rights and defend the correct ideals of true Americanism as conceived by the founding fathers of the American republic."

U. S. Appeals to Turks on Behalf of Patriarch of Patriarch

American Delegation Opposes Plan to Expel Greek Church From Constantinople—Little Progress Made.

Lausanne, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—Voicing the sentiment widespread through the United States, the American delegation entered a protest at the Lausanne conference against the Turkish plan to expel the Greek patriarch from Constantinople. No decision on this important matter was reached by the delegates.

The dispute over the Mosul oil fields, suddenly brought to the front again by the British memorandum insisting on Great Britain's mandatory rights, has likewise made no progress toward settlement.

Riza Nur Bey, the second Turkish plenipotentiary, informed The Associated Press Turkey would yield on neither of those questions—the patriarch must go and Mosul must be recognized as Turkish.

"We have done nothing except make concessions since our arrival," he asserted.

Turkey brought forward new arguments today to support its decision that the head of the orthodox church must be deported. A Turkish delegate explained that the former privileges held by non-Moslem communities sprang from the ancient Ottoman empire, which was a theocratic empire. But now had come the separation of the caliphate from the state, abolition of the monarchy and the establishment of a purely democratic regime. Hence the religious leaders of the various communities should exercise no right or privileges except spiritual.

Pennsylvania Coal Miner Convicted of Conspiracy

Wellsburg, W. Va., Dec. 17.—Another conviction resulting from the fatal Clifton mine fight during the coal strike last July, was returned in circuit court here. The jury, out 20 minutes, found Teddy Arunski, Pennsylvania miner, guilty of conspiring to incite striking miners to attack the plant of the Clifton Coal company.

A motion for a new trial was filed before court was adjourned until January 2.

Nearly 200 defendants are awaiting individual trials.

Woman Dies 18 Years to Day and Hour After Death of Her Mother

Eighteen years to the day and hour, following the death of her mother, Mrs. Helga Heuwinke, wife of Fred G. Heuwinke, died at her home, 198 Eighteenth avenue, Council Bluffs, following an illness extending over a period of nearly two years.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 from the home with burial in Walnut Hill cemetery. Besides her husband she is survived by one son, Marion; her father, Martin P. Schmidt; brother, Theodore Schmidt, and two sisters, Mrs. Leo C. Davis and Floyd McLean of Mt. Cleland, Ia. Mrs. Schmidt, her mother, died at 420 a. m. on December 16, 1904. The daughter died at the same hour yesterday morning.

Keller Ignores Second Call in Daugherty Case

Minnesota Congressman Again Refuses to Testify—Committee to Decide on Action Monday.

Washington, Dec. 17.—What action should be taken as a result of the refusal of Representative Keller, republican, Minnesota, to testify as to his impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty will be considered Monday by the house judiciary committee.

For the second time Mr. Keller failed to personally respond to a formal subpoena served on him after his dramatic withdrawal Thursday from further participation in the proceeding before the committee. Some members wanted to certify the case to the house immediately with a view to contempt proceedings there, but others were not so certain that the committee had authority to do so, since Mr. Keller had served formal notice through his counsel that he stood on his rights as a member of the house. It was his position that the committee clearly had exceeded its constitutional powers in issuing the subpoena, which it was contended, carried back of it the threat that if he did not appear he would be cited for contempt.

Says Rights Plain.

Representative Graham of Pennsylvania, ranking republican on the committee, insisted that the right of the committee was plain and that it should act at once. Representative Sumners, democrat, Texas, and other members of the committee, however, that there was no precedent so far as they could find, and that the committee should consider the matter deliberately. Chairman Volstead also counseled against too hasty action and after arguments, it was decided to put the matter over until Monday.

At the same time the committee voted to resume hearings on the impeachment charges next Tuesday. Witnesses will include Representatives Woodruff of Michigan and Johnson, South Dakota, republicans, who have attacked the attorney general in the houses' alleged failure to prosecute war fraud cases vigorously.

Want All the Facts.

Chairman Volstead declared it was the purpose of the committee to get all the facts it could about the charges, despite the withdrawal of Mr. Keller. He said Mr. Keller's charges that the committee had that were an effort to "whitewash" Mr. Daugherty.

Chairman Volstead has written to both Representatives Johnson and Woodruff asking for any assistance they could give in investigating Mr. Keller's charges, and both have offered to help in any inquiry into the charges they filed.

Announcing that he could submit at once a list of witnesses, including army officers and civilians who in his opinion, would substantiate "every statement made to the house," Mr. Johnson asked the privilege of appearing before the committee to cross-examine certain of the witnesses.

Jury in Brunen Murder Visits Scene of Crime

Mount Holly, N. J., Dec. 17.—The jury which will decide the fate of Mrs. Doris Brunen and her brother, Harry C. Mohr, who are on trial charged with the slaying of "Honest" John T. Brunen, circus owner, on March 10, returned to Mount Holly after a visit to the scene of the tragedy at Brunen, N. J. His men spent an hour in and about Brunen's former home, reconstructing the events from the narrative of Charles M. Powell, the confessed slayer, who plotted and urged the crime.

Supreme Court Justice Kalisch, presiding, expressed the hope that the cases will go to the jury on Wednesday or Thursday.

Texas "Houdini" Captured After Fourth Jail Break

Waxahatchie, Tex., Dec. 17.—Price Washer, escaped convict wanted by state penitentiary officers and Ellis county authorities, has been captured at Texas City, according to word received by Sheriff Henry Forbes. Washer has escaped from the state penitentiary twice, the federal penitentiary once and the county jail at Houston once, it is said. Sheriff Forbes left with a bench warrant for his return to this county to answer charges of burglary.

Veterans of Foreign Wars to Draft Compensation Bill

Cincinnati, Dec. 17.—The drafting of a new adjusted compensation bill, a request that congress expedite the execution of the Sweet bill for improvements in the present rehabilitation plans, and a discussion of the revision of some American histories in use in public schools, will hold the attention of the officers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who met here Sunday and Monday.

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Broadway Shall Be Dry, Yellowley Declares

New York, Dec. 17.—Determined the Broadway shall be dry for the holidays, E. C. Yellowley, acting prohibition director, announced he would invoke the power of the injunction to restrain 300 cafe and cabaret owners from serving intoxicating liquors.

The injunctions will be sought on the ground that each of the 300 already has been convicted of violating prohibition laws.

In order to curb trade Mr. Yellowley directed his agents to take the names and addresses of all persons caught in raids where liquor was found, whether in possession of waiters or hi-procked patrons.

Disarm Proposal Made Legitimate Part of Navy Bill

House Makes Slow Progress on New Budget Measure, Because of Wrangles Among Members.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Working on the new navy budget, the house failed to reach the section under which the president would be requested to negotiate with foreign powers in an effort to limit the building of war craft under 10,000 tons, but the section itself was protected against elimination on a technicality.

The vote by which the disarmament proposal was made a "legitimate" provision of the bill, not subject to a point of order, was 251 to 9. The leaders declared it would stand up when the measure is presented to the house for a final vote Monday. Chairman Porter and four members of the foreign affairs committee were amoking up the bill for consideration by item, the house made slow progress, due to constant wrangles. A fight developed over an amendment by Representative Hull, republican, Iowa, to cut the navy's enlisted personnel from \$6,000, as fixed by Chairman Kelley's subcommittee, to 75,000, but it was defeated, 81 to 23.

Representatives Tower, Iowa, and Tinsler, Kansas, republicans, backed the Hull attempt for a smaller navy, and Mr. Kelley, who made the principal fight for \$6,000, was supported by Representative Mondell, Wyoming, the republican leader, and Representative Britten, Illinois, ranking republican of the naval subcommittee, by which the navy bills were framed in former years.

An amendment by Representative Connally, democrat, Texas, to prevent enlistment in the navy of boys under 21, was defeated after an hour's debate.

Amundsen to Start Flight Over North Pole Next May

Nome, Alaska, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—Capt. Roald Amundsen, head of Arctic exploring expedition which left the states in June, who arrived here Thursday by dog team from Wainwright, said today that he expected to start in May an attempt to fly over the North Pole. He explained that he came here to visit civilization and to communicate with persons in the United States and Europe.

Capt. Amundsen expressed cheerfulness over the message received at the wireless station at Noorvik stating that the schooner Maud, in which he started on the expedition, was about 300 miles northwest of Wrangell island.

Rohrer Denies Statement Still Owners Protected

U. S. Rohrer, federal prohibition director, in a letter to Chief of Police Dempsey yesterday, denied statements accredited to him that certain members of the police department were furnishing "protection" for men who operated the mammoth still at 403 Baneroff street. This still was uncovered by federal agents last week.

Rohrer, in the letter, told Dempsey that he has no knowledge that officers had accepted bribes and thanked Dempsey for courtesies shown his department by the police.

Tecumseh Man Killed When Auto Hits Bridge

Tecumseh, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—George Cravey, 30, young farmer living near here, was instantly killed when a racing automobile driven by Edward Stagle of Oberlin, Kan., crashed into a bridge east of town. Stagle suffered concussion of the brain and possible internal injuries. Charles Pecke, another farmer who was a passenger in the car, was slightly injured. The men were coming to Tecumseh from the Cravey home when the accident occurred. Cravey is survived by his wife and two children.

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Senators Oppose Keeping American Troops on Rhine

Some Manifestation of Impatience Over Course of Administration—Irreconcilables Outspoken.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Senators interviewed were virtually unanimous in the opinion that the administration should withdraw the remnant of the American army of occupation from Germany with the least possible delay.

Many of them were surprised to learn that American troops were still being maintained on the Rhine. They had been informed months ago of the administration's intention to bring home all the troops and they had supposed that this had been fully carried out, although they had not followed the developments closely.

There was some manifestation of impatience over the latest information that the administration not only has consented to the pleas of the allied governments and Germany for the continued maintenance of the small body of American troops in Germany, but also has no definite plans for bringing them home.

Irreconcilables Outspoken.

Senators who formed the irreconcilable group which forced the rejection of the treaty of Versailles and the league of nations were the most outspoken in their criticism of the continued presence of the American troops on the Rhine.

Senator Johnson, republican, California, a member of the foreign relations committee, set forth the view of many senators in the following statement: "You ask me about the American troops now in Europe. I have no hesitancy in saying they ought to be brought home. Neither the wishes of our associates in the war, nor the desires of our former belligerents should weigh in the decision. Suppose there's trouble again—the press dispatches are constantly referring to possible invasion and seizure of territory—should not be involved in it. I want no more war, no more participation in Europe's squabbles that do not concern us. Our soldiers should get out of Europe."

Lenroot Has Proposal.

The administration's explanation of its failure to bring home all American troops in Germany is that such a withdrawal might be interpreted as a gesture having a significance in the delicate situation now prevailing abroad. Senator Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, had a suggestion to meet this obstacle.

"I appreciate the force of the arguments made by the administration," Senator Lenroot said. "But that might be overcome in this way. Fix a date in the future, say six months hence, on which date the United States will, without fail, bring home all its troops. Then the withdrawal could be carried out without any misinterpretation being placed upon the action."

Norris Denounces Policy.

Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, chairman of the so-called progressive bloc, made up of members of both houses, denounced the presence of the American troops on the Rhine as "an outrage."

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any more excuse for our maintaining troops on the Rhine than there would be for maintaining American troops in Canada," said Senator Norris. "No matter what allies say, or Germany says, the American troops should be brought home at once."

Senator King, democrat, Utah, expressed his viewpoint of many of the democrats who followed Woodrow Wilson in his demand for ratification of the Versailles treaty. "I believed that we should have entered the league of nations," Senator King said. "I contend that if we had, many of the present ills of the world would have been avoided. But having failed to ratify the treaty of Versailles, we have no excuse for maintaining troops on the Rhine."

Relief Workers Find Need Great

Nearly 200 Baskets Already Given Out by Volunteers of America.

Mrs. F. A. McCormick and her daughter, Alyce, efficient helper, declared that this will be the busiest Christmas the Volunteers of America have ever had in Omaha.

"The last two weeks, because of the cold weather and lack of employment, have been extremely busy ones," said Mrs. McCormick. "Already we have distributed nearly 200 baskets of food to destitute cases which required immediate relief because of sickness or lack of employment. Many of the cases were in deplorable condition, needing rent, food, bedding, fuel. So far we have met every request for assistance."

"From the number of applications already on hand, we expect that we will have calls for 500 Christmas baskets from desperately poor families. These will be given out at the local relief building of the Volunteers Saturday, December 23, at 8 p. m. Besides the well-filled baskets, clothing for children and candy and toys will be given."

The Volunteers, 114 North Fifteenth street, ask donations of foodstuffs, money and clothing and also ask any persons who can provide temporary or permanent employment to call up the relief department, Jackson 2290. Miss Alyce McCormick is now in charge of this department.

Fry of Florence Elected Head of County Farmers

Problems of Farmer Discussed at Annual Meeting of Douglas County Farm Bureau.

Problems and progress of the farmer during the past year were discussed at the annual meeting of the Douglas county farm bureau, which closed at Elkhorn Saturday.

Harry P. Fry of Florence was elected president of the organization. Mr. Fry had been filling the unexpected term of C. A. Reed, son of the late Senator Reed. J. E. McArdle was elected secretary and C. B. Noyes re-elected treasurer for a fifth term.

Mr. Fry and Mrs. O. M. Boettger were selected as delegates to the State Farm Bureau federation, which will meet in Lincoln during the first week in January. Mrs. Boettger will also attend the meeting of the Nebraska Home Economics association, to be held at Lincoln at the same time.

Ten Vice Presidents.

Ten vice presidents or representatives from various precincts were elected to act with the three head officers as a board of directors. They are T. E. Price of Florence precinct; Henry Stolteberg, Union; F. S. Isahn, Jefferson; Mrs. C. B. Noyes, Elkhorn; Millard Wickland, Valley; Frank Safford, Waterloo; Charles Saunders, Chicago; August Doll, Millard; J. C. McArdle, McArdle, and John Glissmann, Douglas.

"Pay just as much attention to the food of your child as you do to the feeding of your livestock," advised Mrs. Noyes in her report on home economic work during the past year.

Mr. O. M. Boettger gave a report on poultry encouragement and the effort to standardize the flocks.

Boys' and Girls' Clubs.

Mrs. Walter Bull told of the activities of the eight boys' and girls' clubs in the county. There are five sewing clubs, one canning club, one pig club and one corn club, with a total enrollment of 94 boys and girls.

Crop improvement was touched upon in the report of Charles Grau and W. J. Boettger stressed a few points in agricultural engineering.

H. T. D. Lackie and Dr. C. H. Hayes, active in tuberculosis eradication, gave statistics on the disease among cattle.

In a total of 9,856 cattle tested,

6.6 per cent showed symptoms of the affliction, they stated.

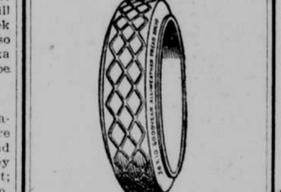
Broker Missing Eight Years Convicted of Grand Larceny

Salt Lake City, Dec. 17.—Milton D. Joseph, former Salt Lake stock broker, who disappeared more than eight years ago, with \$54,000 belonging to a bank in this city, was found guilty of grand larceny. Joseph was arrested at Miami, Fla., several months ago and, after a long legal fight, was brought to Utah for trial.

Shark Kills Missionary Teacher at Porto Rico

New York, Dec. 17.—Miss Katherine W. Bourne of Tarboro, N. C., a missionary teacher at St. John school, San Juan, Porto Rico, was killed by a shark while bathing on the beach at Borinquen park, near San Juan, December 14, according to a cablegram received at the Episcopal church mission house.

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