

Dyball Charges Liquor Is Used by Lawmakers

Representatives Attack Bill Placing Burden of Proof on Householder in Rum Possession Case.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Lincoln, March 31.—Charge that more than 75 per cent of the members of the lower house drank liquor and enjoyed it during the present session of the legislature was voiced in the house today by Representative Dyball of Omaha.

"During the five-epidemic you were glad to get it, and you know it," he said. "You used it and benefited by it. Now don't be hypocrites or molly-coddles, but vote your convictions on this bill."

The measure under discussion was the Thatcher bill, placing the burden of proof for the legitimacy of a householder's claim on liquor found in his

home upon the householder himself instead of upon the state.
"This law is going too far," declared Representative Tolman, attacking the bill. "It would discommode physicians who had whisky or brandy in their cars or in their homes. Brandy is one of the best medicines in the world for children."
This statement was contested by Representative Whitehead.
The bill was advanced to third reading by a vote of 45 to 21.

55 in Gary Rum Ring Held Guilty

Indiana Town's Mayor, Sheriff and City Judge Among Convicted.

Indianapolis, March 31.—Fifty-five of 62 residents of Gary and Lake county, Indiana, tried on a charge of conspiracy to violate the Volstead act, were found guilty by a jury in United States district court here today.

Among the most prominent defendants found guilty were Rosewell O. Johnson, mayor of Gary; William H. Olds, sheriff of Lake county; William Dunn, judge of Gary city court, and Blaz Lucas, a Gary attorney.

Seventy-five persons living in Gary and Lake county were indicted by a grand jury last December on a charge of conspiracy to violate the Volstead act. Five pleaded guilty before trial, the indictment of Stanley Kosowski was not pressed and seven other defendants have not been arrested.

Death Sentence on Russian Priest Not Yet Carried Out

Moscow, March 31.—The death sentence imposed on Vicar General Butchkevitch, commutation of which was denied by the central executive committee, has not yet been carried out. It was said at 5 o'clock this morning.

7 Die in Kentucky Whisky Battles

All Killings Since Tuesday— 2 More Wounded in Duel Friday.

Harlan, Ky., March 31.—Eight miles of rugged mountain trail, impassable to wheeled vehicles, lay ahead of friends of Jess Pace and George Belcher today when they started from Straight Creek to a hospital here with the two men desperately wounded in a pistol duel yesterday.

Relay teams of stretcher bearers were to bring in the men. Cause for the duel was undetermined. Prior to this at least seven persons had been killed in two fights in this section since Tuesday. Moonshine whisky was blamed for both fights. Alex Lytle and Claude Short, deputy constables, were slain in a fight at the home of W. H. Gilliam, a brother official. Gilliam's son, 6, was killed in the fight.

Kelly Walker, a deputy sheriff; Isaac and George Strong and Mrs. Isaac Strong were killed in an encounter here in a house and the Strong family in Leslie county. Five small children escaped the officers' bullets by crouching under a bed.

Warmer and Some Cloudy, Easter Sunday Forecast

"Partly cloudy and warmer," was the official forecast for Easter Sunday. Meteorologist Robins said it might rain, but he doesn't think it will.

Extraordinarily low temperatures prevail in the middle west. Records were broken at Duluth, where the thermometer touched 6 below zero. Toledo 6 below; St. Paul 4 above; Dubuque 10 above.

Driver of Car in Crash Gets 30 Days; Companion Fined

A. B. Harris, 3228 Reynolds street, and Tom Wagner, 1501 Ames avenue, arrested Friday after a car in which they were riding struck another machine parked at the curb at Sixteenth and Lake streets, appeared in police court Saturday morning. Harris was sentenced to 30 days in

Woman Will Preside at State Music Meet



Mrs. Cora A. Beels.

The State Federation of Music Clubs will convene at Hotel Fontenelle next Tuesday morning at 10:30. The aim of the national federation is to help make America the music center of the world, and to aid this by having a music club in every city, in every state and a boys' and girls' auxiliary to every one.

Every musical organization in the state is eligible to membership and delegates from all of them have been asked to be present at this meeting. Mrs. Cora A. Beels of Norfolk is state president. She requests that all composers of the state send her a short biographical sketch as soon as convenient, for the national federation and the department at Washington.

Wagner was fined \$10. Wagner is alleged to have struck D. J. Linehan, 2504 Sherman avenue, in the jaw, after Linehan had helped to extricate him from the wreck.

Bodies of Slain Pair Destroyed

Georgian Hid Crime on Wo- men With Lye, Govern- ment Alleges.

Atlanta, Ga., March 31.—Cross examination of Victor E. Innes, on trial in district federal court here charged with using the mails to defraud in connection with the mysterious disappearance 10 years ago of Mrs. Elois Nelms Dennis and Miss Beatrice Nelms, sisters, was due to get under way today.

In his direct examination yesterday, Innes testified that he knew nothing about the disappearance of the two women. The government introduced a man, chopper, a cauldron and a quantity of lye in evidence as the instruments used to destroy the bodies of Mrs. Dennis and her sister. It is contended by the government that Innes defrauded Mrs. Dennis and Miss Nelms was then murdered with her, to cover up the crime.

Howard Hotel Proprietor Freed of Nuisance Charge

Because of an inconsistency in a verdict of guilty returned by a jury in federal court last Tuesday, Judge Woodruff Saturday discharged John Martig, proprietor of the Howard hotel, Tenth and Howard streets. The jury found him guilty of maintaining a nuisance, but not guilty of having liquor. His two employees, found guilty of selling liquor, were sentenced to jail for 30 days.

Charles W. Rogers, 818 North Sixteenth street, charged with having liquor in his place, was sent to jail for 30 days.

Uni Student Bound Over to Court on His Confession

Edward Manger, 21, 3710 Cass street, student at the University of Nebraska, alleged to have confessed to the theft of a car from W. E. Robinson, 413 North Twenty-ninth street, last December, was bound over to district court on \$2,500 bond in municipal court Saturday morning.

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