

## Dry Chief Raked Over Attitude on Rum Disclosures

**Haynes Accused of Purveying Public Information for His Own Gain in Book.**

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Washington, June 28.—Prohibition Commissioner Roy A. Haynes has added zest to the summer slumber which has overtaken Washington with the joint absence of the president and congress. It is all because Commissioner Haynes has written a book. Joining the literary chorus is not in itself remarkable in these days of best sellers and of over zealous censors, but in the manner of the book and its method of distribution that has caused trouble.

Mr. Haynes has written a book which undertakes to give sensational disclosures concerning his office, information which he has obtained officially but which he has not disclosed to the public. This information he proposes to sell to the public and for his own profit.

When the information was first given out that Mr. Haynes proposed to scoop the newspapers and make the public pay for the information to which it might be regarded as entitled through the medium of newspaper publication, it was believed the president would not approve the course.

### Harding Writes Foreword.

To the consternation of everyone, it was learned the president had written a foreword, thereby giving it even more than approval. It is intimated, however, that the president may not have known that Mr. Haynes was taking a flyer in finance on his own account when he wrote the introduction.

At any rate, the trouble reached a breaking point when certain newspapers to which the Haynes book had been offered for serial publication demanded of him details concerning certain sensational things mentioned in his prospectus.

Among them was the alleged attempt to bribe the department by the offer on the part of a brewing firm for the permission to operate openly in a certain city. Mr. Haynes responded he was helpless as the matter was in the hands of his publishers. The same demand was made upon Secretary of the Treasury Mellon who admitted the sensational acts had never been reported to him.

### Mellon Passes Buck.

Mr. Mellon was just leaving for Europe so he turned the matter over to a specially organized literary board consisting of Commissioners of Internal Revenue David J. Blair and Judge McKenzie Moss, assistant commissioners. These men went into conference with Mr. Haynes but without result.

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Such a precedent, it is realized, would be extremely annoying to the

public and would make the purveying of news an inside asset which would make office holding more attractive, perhaps, but would interfere with the theory of open covenants openly arrived at.

## Ku Klux Klan Will Meet Here Sunday

Lecture on "Americanism" to Be Given at Swedish Auditorium.

An exclusive Ku Klux Klan meeting will be held in Omaha Sunday at the Swedish auditorium. This is the first meeting to be held since the local kavener disbanded two years ago.

Among those who are privileged to attend are several district judges and other county officials. Admission can be made only by the presentation of the salmon colored card. It will be necessary to pass three sentries who will be armed with the proper credentials.

The invitations read:

Mr. Court House, Omaha.  
You are cordially invited to hear a lecture on "Americanism" to be given by the Ku Klux Klan, Swedish auditorium, 3 p.m. Sunday, July 1, 1923. This invitation will address yourself and ladies. Not transferable. Must be presented at the door.

## Child Takes Poison in Imitating Her Sister

While playing in the yard of her home Thursday with her sister, Phyllis, 3, and a neighbor girl, Virginia Davis, 2, Ruth Welch, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Welch, 310 South Twenty-sixth street, accidentally took poison.

Police were called and she was rushed to Lord Lister hospital, where it was stated her condition is not critical.

According to the parents, Ruth had seen her elder sister blow into the top of a bottle to make a whistling noise. Yesterday afternoon, while the three tots were playing, Ruth found a bottle containing poison. She raised the bottle to her lips, intending to imitate her sister. A quantity of the poison ran down her throat and also spilled over her face.

## Ex-Head of Union Files Charge of Conspiracy

Charging four officials of the Holistic and Portable Engineers' local union No. 571 of Omaha with conspiracy to keep him out of work Sylvanus L. Merica, 54, 5220 North Thirty-third street, filed suit for \$50,000 against them and the union in district court Thursday.

The officials are Fred Newton, president; Roy F. Slyter, vice president; William L. Hooten, secretary and Frank Parker, recording secretary.

The petition says that Merica, formerly president of the union, became delinquent in his dues in 1922, during an illness of his wife, and that he was refused readmission. Recently, he charges, the defendants caused his discharge from a job at the Cooke building on Howard street between Sixteenth and Seventh streets.

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## SOCIETY

### Miss Margaret Boggs Weds



## Personals

Mrs. J. F. Dimick is ill at her home.

The Yale Hollands leave July 15 for a three-weeks' trip in California.

J. P. Webster is visiting at Breezy Point Lodge, Big Pelican lake, Pequot, Minn.

Mrs. Thomas Cahill, guest of Mrs. J. W. Chapek, leaves Friday for the east.

Mr. and Mrs. George Engler and their son, Billy, are planning a trip during July to Greenlake, Wis.

The Misses Elizabeth and Dell Kern leave Saturday for Hollywood, Cal., where they will spend two weeks.

Mrs. J. D. Stine leaves Sunday for a trip to California, on up the coast to Seattle and Vancouver and the Canadian Rockies.

George H. Lee left Tuesday for New York to join the Cook Mediterranean tour, which sails from New York June 30, on the Tuscania.

Mrs. Wilbur Brandt and her son, Russell, have returned from a motor trip to Denver, Cheyenne and several mountain resorts.

Mrs. J. M. Souby returned Sunday from Tulsa, Okla., following 10 days there. Previous to that time she had been in New York for a few weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Barnhart and three daughters leave next week by motor for Oak Lodge, Lake Lida, Minn., where they will spend three weeks.

Miss Louise Tucker is visiting Mrs. J. Cosier at Grand Island. Immediately upon her return she will leave for Illinois to be the guest of friends until August.

Miss Helen Conway is leaving Sunday for Cody, Wyo., where she will

## Omaha Women to Raise Funds for Oil Portrait of Willa Cather

Omaha women are to honor Willa Cather, distinguished Nebraska writer, who was recently awarded the Pulitzer prize for the best novel, "One of Ours," published last year, by raising a fund to purchase an oil portrait of the author to be hung in the public library.

D. M. Vinsenhaler, in back of the movement and has named Mrs. W. J. Hynes as chairman. Mrs. Hynes will have the cooperation of a committee consisting of 11 other women. They will confine their efforts to women, as the fund is to be in the nature of a free will offering as a tribute from Omaha women to Miss Cather.

Other members of Mrs. Hynes' committee are as follows: Mesdames Luther Drake, C. L. George, Victor Caldwell, Frank Judson, A. L. Reed, John Caldwell, J. J. McMullen, Sam Burns, A. E. Currie, Myron Learned and Miss Edith Todd.

Mr. Vonsenhaler has communicated with Miss Cather, who is at present in Paris, with reference to the portrait and she has expressed deep appreciation. Miss Cather wrote that she

would immediately seek an artist, preferably an American, and the sittings would begin soon.

While Mrs. Hynes and her committee are making an intensive campaign for \$5 and \$10 subscriptions voluntary contributions are solicited.

"It will be impossible for this committee, in a limited time, to reach all persons who may wish to contribute to this fund," declared Mrs. W. J. Hynes.

Hynes' committee has the support of the First National bank, the United States National bank and the Matthews book shop.

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## Honoring Mrs. Fordyne

Mrs. J. W. Chapek gave a luncheon at the Fontenelle Wednesday for Mrs. W. E. Fordyne of Los Angeles, Calif., who left Wednesday for her home following a week's visit.

### Linch-Janssen

The marriage of Miss Esther Janssen, daughter of Rev. Gerritt Janssen, pastor of the Oak Street Methodist church, and Mrs. Janssen to Bruce Linch was solemnized Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, Bishop Homer C. Stuntz officiating. Miss Marie Janssen was maid of

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