

Dry Sleuths May Be Retained by House Action

Kramer Vigorously Attacked For Violating Law, But \$200,000 Appropriation Passes.

Washington, May 23.—After heated discussion of the prohibition question during which Commissioner Kramer was bitterly criticised and as vigorously defended, the house voted today an additional \$200,000 for enforcement of the Volstead act until July 1.

Representative Volstead proposed the increase in the total of the deficiency appropriation bill to permit retention on federal pay rolls of 700 prohibition agents who Mr. Kramer had announced would be dropped for the remainder of the fiscal year because of shortage of funds.

An amendment was adopted, 77 to 38, less than one-fourth of the house membership being present, but another vote can be demanded before the bill is passed.

Value is Questioned.

Even the members who favored the amendment, however, doubted whether it would afford relief in time to be of much value, inasmuch as the bill after passage by the house must go to the senate.

During the wrangling Chairman Good of the appropriations committee, who opposed the Volstead amendment, said Mr. Kramer had violated penal provisions of law by incurring a deficit and "had himself liable to jail sentence."

"I want Mr. Kramer to obey the law just as much as bootleggers," he declared, adding that \$6,900,000 had been appropriated for prohibition enforcement during the current fiscal year.

Mr. Kramer was defended by Representative Byrns, Tennessee, ranking democrat of the committee, as a conscientious official doing his best to enforce the law.

Mr. Volstead defended Mr. Kramer's administration, declaring there was no ground for criticism.

No Funds Asked.

Declaring no estimate for additional funds for prohibition enforcement had been submitted to the appropriations committee and that no one had appeared before the committee to explain the situation, Mr. Byrns said that if the secretary of the treasury had requested funds he would have gotten all he wanted.

As the house milled through the deficiency bill today, a provision for the creation of an office of first assistant secretary of the treasury at a salary of \$10,000 a year and an amendment providing for purchase by the government of \$100,000 of farm loan bank securities were eliminated on points of order.

One provision approved would permit the Treasury department to spend any part of the \$18,000,000 appropriation last session for additional hospital facilities for disabled service men in the improvement of existing facilities. The original bill provided that \$12,500,000 was to be expended for new hospitals.

Hardware Dealers Hold Group Meeting

North Platte, Neb., May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—A group meeting of the retail hardware dealers of the North Platte district was held here. Hardware men from towns along the Union Pacific between Lexington and Julesburg and towns along the Burlington high line were present. A round-table discussion was held at the afternoon session, followed with a banquet tendered by the Chamber of Commerce. At the evening session addresses were made by S. R. Miles of Argos, Ind., national field secretary; Frank Bennett of Fremont, state field secretary, and George H. Dietz and A. L. Lahr of Lincoln.

Bellhops Are Suspected Of Theft of Actress' Furs

Jack O'Connell and Charles Meyers, bellhops, 520 South Sixteenth street, were arrested Sunday afternoon by Detectives Danbaum and Palmitig for investigation into the theft of \$1,500 worth of furs from the room of Elizabeth Brice in the Hotel Fontenelle, where she was staying while appearing as headliner on the Orpheum theater three weeks ago. The bell boys deny the charges.

Man Expected to Recover From Shock of 25,000 Volts

Walla Walla, Wash., May 23.—Although 25,000 volts of electricity passed through his body yesterday, George Henry, an electrician, is still alive and is expected to recover from the heavy shock.

Henry was injured at a mountain sub-station and was brought 25 miles in an automobile for treatment here. Two of his fingers were so badly burned they had to be amputated.

Well-Known California Religious Worker Dies

Los Angeles, May 23.—Rev. M. M. Eshelman, for 30 years a figure in religious work in southern California, died at his home at Tropico last night. He was 77 years old.

Mr. Eshelman was the founder of the Lordship college at La Verne, a Dunkard institution. About three years ago he became blind, but continued his work as a minister up to the time of his illness.

Marshal Takes Farmer to Lincoln on Liquor Charge

Bear Lake, Neb., May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Deputy United States Marshal Tom Carroll came here for Porter Collins, Blue Springs farmer, charged with violation of the Volstead act. He was taken to Lincoln. Collins was fined here last week for selling liquor.

Lad Bitten by Dog.

Tommie Decker, 10, 1553 North Seventeenth street, was bitten on the face by a stray dog yesterday while playing in front of his home. Police made an unsuccessful search for the dog.

Everett Hall, 12, 924 North Twenty-fifth street, was bitten in the right leg by the same dog.

Trio of Beau Brummels of 26 Years Ago; Know 'Em?



Do you recognize these three "swells" of 26 years ago? They are none other than George F. West, "Walt" Jardine and "Gus" A. Renz. They are left to right in the picture. Each of them has been in Al-Sart-Ben continuously and enthusiastically for each and every one of those 26 years during which the kingdom of Quivira has been in existence. Time has been kind to them all.

Suspect in Slaying At Kansas City Begun

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plained, "that there are some men in the world who have their own ideas of what law should be, and these men are not willing to accept the court's interpretation of it."

Wife Present.

Mrs. Mae Chester, wife of Chester, holding her 6-year-old daughter, Lola, sat in the front row back of the railing and listened closely to the questioning. She appeared to be 28 or 29 and wore dark clothing.

Next to her was Mrs. Lillian Chester, mother of the accused man.

It is expected nearly two weeks will be taken up by the trial, the defense, it is rumored about the courtroom, having many surprise witnesses ready.

Among these will be Dr. Martin Hansen of Broken Bow, Neb., one of the two men who captured Chester following his escape from detection while being returned to Kansas City.

Dr. Hansen's testimony, it is understood, will deal with events in connection with Chester's escape from the officers and is expected to prove a sensation.

Miss Barton was shot to death October 3, in the lonely Davenport road near the Blue Hills Country club while sitting in a motor car with her fiance, Howard Winter.

Winter was also shot and wounded by an assassin.

The trial is expected to be one of the most sensational in criminal courts here, throbbing with romance—the love stories of Kansas City and the sordid underworld.

Three Men Suspected.

The finger of suspicion soon after the death of Miss Barton pointed toward Denzel Chester and two companions, Fred Roberts and a third who has not yet been arrested.

Through many states he was trailed, as far west as California, and finally through a letter purported to have been written by "Alice King," a woman known in the underworld here as "Chester's woman," he was lured to Great Falls, Mont., and captured.

Three grizzled and veteran detectives were sent to bring Chester back to Kansas City.

"Kill Chester if he attempts to escape" were the orders given them.

Jumped from Train.

On the outskirts of Broken Bow, Neb., Chester mysteriously escaped from the stateroom of a Burlington passenger train.

The detectives said he leaped through two thicknesses of Pullman car window glass.

Posses were formed and for four days and four nights the territory in the vicinity of Broken Bow was combed for the fugitive.

Fortunately the prospect is not so hopeless as might appear. The party in power is pledged to economy and efficiency and you may be assured that every energy is being directed to redeem that pledge to the last degree and with all promptness.

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"The present congress has already provided for a joint committee on the re-organization of the administrative branch of the government. The task will require some time and ultimate results must await it.

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"Too much stress cannot be laid on the fact that eternal vigilance is the price of economy and efficiency. It requires persistent, determined, stony-hearted devotion to the public interest. Even the administration will loose a good deal of immediate loyalty on the part of a certain class of politicians, which will not be compensated to it at once in the appreciation of the public; for the public will not have the deep, immediate interest, or the active concern, which will animate the person who finds himself being pried loose from the stone floor of the cell.

Has Remained Silent.

Since then he has not spoken a word. He was removed to Kansas City on a stretcher, where thousands met the train and viewed him as he was borne from the railroad station to the hospital.

Efforts to force him to talk have failed, even to the extent of trying laughing gas.

Chester regained health sufficiently to be arraigned for his preliminary hearing in February, three months after his capture in Nebraska.

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Short Selling Brings Advance In Grain Prices

May Wheat Finishes Week at 46 Cents Over Low Point Of Season—Market Strained.

By CHARLES D. MICHAELS. Chicago Tribune, Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, May 23.—Removing grain market competition through legislative enactments appears to be the main object for which the farm organizations are working, according to statements issued by their leaders. Whether it can be accomplished successfully is a question. Without competition there would be no trade in grain or other commodities.

Leaders in the grain trade are asking why the leaders fear competition and why they avoid putting their co-operative schemes into force in the open market. If the schemes are sound and economically better than existing methods, they would drive competitors out and force a change to the new methods.

Reports from various sections indicate the United States Grain Growers, Inc., are going ahead with their pooling plans. From Fargo, N. D., committees report that 40,000,000 bushels of wheat to be raised in Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon have been pooled in the organization.

Demonstration Last Week.

The grain trade had a good illustration of the effects of speculative markets and of the workings of the Chicago market as the world's grain clearing house last week. The effect of short selling was clearly demonstrated by the advances. Comparatively few people outside of the grain trade comprehend the real benefits of short selling and its effect on the market. It creates both a seller and a buyer and goes further toward making a big market and keeping it alive than any other method.

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Market Strained.

As the short interest has been cut down, good general rains and a move for profits by leading holders might cause a sharp decline. The market acted strained at the last as Chicago May wheat is the highest of the country. But it is not expected any quantity of cash wheat will be brought here for delivery on May sales. No one has any definite idea who the shorts in May wheat are, while the longs are seaboard exporters who want the cash grain.

Expectations are that stocks of wheat, corn, and oats here will show a decrease for the week. The future course of wheat values is largely dependent upon weather conditions in the southwest and over the greater part of the country. Continued hot and dry weather in the southwest will reduce yields of wheat and oats.

Text of Address.

The text of the president's address follows in part:

"Everywhere we turn we note that government has in recent time assumed a more complex relationship to the public than it ever sustained before. The mobilization of man power, industrial forces and financial resources, which was made necessary in the war's exigencies, could only have been accomplished through the exertion of the utmost powers of government.

Many men thoughtlessly urge that the government took over the control, even the conduct, of many industries and facilities during the war; there followed a great increase in wages, a vast expansion of business activity. Therefore why not assume that continuance of such control and management, in time of peace, would enable continuance of the same liberality in compensation and profits, the same intense business activity?

"Those who look below the surface know that the things which governments accomplished during the war were accomplished at a staggering cost; a cost which society could not bear for long; a cost that left society burdened with debts which mortgage generations of the future. They know that the feverish seeming of prosperity was not genuine.

Must Adopt Efficiency.

"Every principle and device which promotes efficiency in private business should be adopted and applied in government affairs. I will trust the public official who decides his public problem as though it were his very own.

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Fresco Man Starts for Venezuela by Airship

San Francisco, May 23.—James Otis, San Francisco business man, started on a journey to his plantation near Caracas, Venezuela, in an airplane. The journey, which involves about 5,000 miles, will occupy about four months, he expects.

Otis is accompanied by William Morris as pilot, and Charles L. West. The party will make no attempt at speed, but will gather data and make maps of the country observed, with the idea of aiding any attempt to establish a regular air line for the route. The plane is capable of a speed of 130 miles an hour.

The first over-night stop will be San Diego and the next two on the schedule are Tucson and Phoenix, Ariz. From Phoenix the party will travel for some time over Mexican territory.

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Divorce Court. Petitions.

Margaret Young against John E. Young, erunter. Ruth G. Cain against Goldie Cain, erunter.

Tallest Person in United States Dies



Bernard Coyne.

Dubuque, Ia., May 23.—(Special) —Bernard Coyne, premier giant of Iowa, 9 feet 2 inches in height, died at his home in Anthon, Ia., after a short illness. Coyne was only 18 and one of the tallest persons in the United States, although he was but little seen outside of the home circle of which he was fond.

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Trade Boosters Visit 21 Towns First Day Out.

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Most Hopeful Influence.

"To my mind, the federal land bank is the most hopeful influence in bringing us back to prosperity," said Mr. Engels. The general willingness of the farmers around here to part