

MIDNIGHT REVEL IN WINDY CITY

Performers, Managers and Guests Are Interrogated by Legislative Vice Commission.

SUGGESTIVE SINGING AND INDECENT DANCES

Girls of 15 or 16 Imbibing Mixed Drinks in Cafes, Some of Them More or Less Intoxicated.

By Associated Press. Chicago, April 12.—Agents of the Illinois Vice Commission late last night and early today brought condemnation to the fashionable guests of two downtown restaurants—

From these cafes only the managers and members of the cabaret shows were subpoenaed. They were questioned by the vice commission as to "smut" songs which are alleged features of cabarets.

From the tenderloin men and women sightseeing, "out stumping," were gathered in and brought before the commission. One woman, in hysterical fear of disgrace, tried to jump from a window when the invaders with their subpoenas reached a restaurant in the vice district. Another fell on her knees and wept. A man jammed a roll of bills into the hands of an officer.

"Take this for God's sake," he cried, "and let my party go. You don't know what this means."

Officers kept the rushing mob, some weeping, some laughing hysterically, from the doors and finally restored order. Then they were bundled into automobiles and taken downtown.

Chicago, April 12.—While the cabaret was in full blast, investigators of the legislative vice commission entered two downtown restaurants and a wine room in the tenderloin at midnight and brought performers, managers and guests to a hotel for interrogation. The inquiry lasted until 2 o'clock this morning.

From some of them the senators drew reluctant admissions that a few of the songs and dances "might be" suggestive and "perhaps had a bad effect on the diners." A girl stammering as she testified, asserted she never would sing "In My Harem," a song Lieutenant-Governor O'Hara was particularly inquisitive about.

The manager of a well known restaurant said the restaurant business had been degenerated into a vaudeville show and he did not know when it would stop. After investigators and members of the "slumming" party said they had heard an improper song in a place in twenty-first street the commission voted to recommend to Mayor Harrison that the cafe's license be revoked. The commission will call the attention of the state's attorney to the testimony of the manager, who said nothing indecent went on.

Young Girls Intoxicated. Senator Beall said he saw girls not more than 15 or 16 years imbibing mixed drinks in the cafe and some of them were more or less intoxicated.

Mrs. Maud Joseph did the singing and dances at a downtown restaurant. She said in one dance the performer "might just as well have had no skirts at all."

She stated that a girl did an Oriental dance wearing pink tights and a "sort of a skirt of black chiffon." She thought the dance was suggestive. She said a couple did a fancy dance, a combination between the "tango" and the "apache."

"Was it art or suggestion?" asked the lieutenant-governor. "There was no art in it."

The performers led a free for all dance on a space made by clearing away tables.

CALL FOR BELGIAN STRIKE IS ISSUED

It Is Expected that More than 300,000 Workmen Will Lay Down Their Tools Monday as Demand for Manhood Suffrage.

By Associated Press. Charleroi, Belgium, April 12.—Bill boards all over this city were covered today with red posters on which was printed the socialist call to the workmen to strike for manhood suffrage and the equal vote by laying down their tools on Monday when it is expected that more than 300,000 men will quit work in Belgium. The placards added:

"This is a strike of folded arms and not of raised fists. Respect the liberty of those who wish to work and the authorities will also respect the freedom of those who wish to cease work."

Complete passiveness is urged upon the strikers by the socialist unions, which tell them that "injury done to our opponents is injury done to our cause."

Government posters have been hung by the side of the socialist placards and these quote in full article 310 of the penal code, respecting those interfering with the right to work.

Employers to Aid Strikers. Herstal, Belgium, April 12.—Employers here, while deploring the strike, have decided to aid their hands in participating in the demonstration. One manufacturer has undertaken to feed 50 children as long as the strike lasts and others have agreed to pay the strikers a week's wages.

The strike here will be almost complete. Only enough workmen will remain at their posts to keep the machinery in working condition.

Catholics Won't Join Strike. Brugeles, Belgium, April 12.—The Christian unions—as the Catholic workmen's associations are known, to distinguish them from the socialist trade unions—have decided not to join the strike. It is believed here that nearly half the workmen of Belgium will refuse to quit their employment on Monday.

Lodge, Belgium, April 12.—Employers of this city posted notices today saying they will give their workmen who strike for manhood suffrage half pay for three days if they will return to work on the fourth day.

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Cuban Mayor Shot by Defeated Foes. Assassination May Mark Beginning of Bloody Feud between Parties.

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The motive of the assassination is known to have been political, Mendez having incurred the bitter enmity of the defeated liberals at the time of the election.

Six suspected men have been arrested in connection with the crime. Fears are entertained that the murder will be the beginning of a bloody feud between the conservatives and liberals.

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Pounds was sentenced by Judge Emery Speer to serve two years in the federal prison in Atlanta and to pay a fine of \$1,000. Rhodes was sentenced to serve three months in the Richmond county jail at Augusta and pay a fine of \$500.

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SUGAR STATES MEN LOSE OUT

By Overwhelming Vote Democratic Caucus Upholds Views of President and Underwood.

ANTI-WOOL DEMOCRATS ARE IN OPEN REVOLT

Declare that if They Meet Like Fate They Will Seek Alliance Among the Republicans.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 12.—By an overwhelming majority the house democratic caucus today voted down amendments to the sugar tariff schedule proposed by Representative Broussard of Louisiana and supported by members from the sugar states to eliminate the provision for free sugar in three years and provide an immediate ten per cent reduction to be followed by gradual reduction for six years. The vote against it was 86 to 15.

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By Associated Press. Raleigh, April 12.—The Carolina-Virginia game was called off on account of wet grounds. The teams will play a double-header at Greensboro Monday. It is announced, Carolina and Wake Forest play here Wednesday.

POPE HAS SUDDEN RELAPSE; VERY ILL

Bronchitis Sets in and His Temperature Reaches 103—Cardinal Merry Val Alarmed, but Physicians Continue to Issue Reassuring Bulletins.

By Associated Press. Rome, April 12.—The pope has suffered another relapse. Tracheal bronchitis has developed.

The condition of the pope is regarded as grave, especially on account of his weak state. This has caused the fear to arise that he will be unable to overcome the new attack.

The relapse is not generally known among the vatican officials even. Only the sisters and a niece of the pope were notified of the relapse. They drove hurriedly to the vatican. He thought he looked haggard and weaker, while the difficulty in his breathing had increased.

Cardinal Merry del Val communicated this bad impression to his own father, the Marquis Merry del Val, late Spanish ambassador to the vatican and now on a visit to Rome, who together with his wife and daughter, called this afternoon at the vatican.

CHARLOTTE'S LOSS BY FREIGHT RATES

Shippers Tell Commission Inequitable Tariff Costs City \$300,000 Annually.

Special to The Gazette-News. Charlotte, April 12.—The effect on Charlotte of freight rate discriminations was thoroughly gone into yesterday by local merchants and shippers in conference with Governor Craig and the legislative commission composed of N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, E. J. Justice of Greensboro and Senator W. B. Council. Last night a banquet was tendered the visitors, at which Governor Craig delivered the address. The conference held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 was given over to inquiry as to the amount lost by the city through being discriminated against. This was estimated by W. S. Creighton, manager of the Charlotte Shippers and Manufacturers' association, to be between \$300,000 and \$400,000 annually. Specific instances of discriminations were given in shoes, cotton products and groceries by prominent shippers of these lines.

Met by Charlotte Business Men. Governor Locke Craig and the members of the commission arrived in the city at 11:15 in the morning.

A joint committee of the Charlotte Shippers and Manufacturers' association and the Greater Charlotte Club met Governor Craig at the station and escorted him to the Selwyn hotel. Accompanying the governor was E. J. Justice of Greensboro, another member of the commission, Judge W. B. Council, of Hickory, the third member of the commission, arrived in the city from Statesville at 12:30 o'clock, was met by a committee at the station and escorted to the Selwyn.

At the Selwyn hotel Governor Craig and party were met by the Charlotte members of the governor's staff, consisting of General Thomas A. Robertson, Colonel T. L. Kirkpatrick, Major T. B. Whitted and Dr. B. R. Hunter. The local members of the staff had planned an automobile ride about the city for the governor and his party, but owing to the rain that part of the program had to be omitted.

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PATRONAGE WAR IN THIS STATE?

President Declares that He will Not Be Governed Solely by the Senators' Recommendations.

THOSE GENTLEMEN MAY REFUSE CONFIRMATION

Wilson Indicates that Daniels Will Have His Ear as to Filling Some of the Positions.

Gazette-News Bureau. Wyatt Building, Washington, April 12. From no less a personage than President Woodrow Wilson himself it was learned yesterday afternoon that President Wilson will use his own judgment as to whether he will accept the recommendations of Senators Simmons and Overman or Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, in the distribution of "pie" in the state. This will be more or less startling news to many North Carolinians who have pinned their faith to either one or the other of the senators or Secretary Daniels.

"Mr. President, there is more or less apprehension in North Carolina as to whether you will accept the recommendations of Senators Simmons and Overman or Secretary Daniels in the distribution of federal patronage. The president will use his own judgment in these matters, the long fixed rule which has been an unwritten law allowing senators to recommend appointments for federal jobs within the bounds of their own states will not be followed by Mr. Wilson. In such cases as the president deems proper the senators' recommendations will be accepted, but it was made clear that the president does not expect when the man recommended by senators is the man the president himself wants appointed.

Interesting Situation May Develop. Because of the known opposition of Secretary of the Navy Daniels to the appointment of Col. J. D. Watts as collector for the western district of North Carolina, it is rumored here that Mr. Daniels will tell the president certain things about other men who are slated for appointment to federal positions in North Carolina. Should Mr. Daniels continue the policy already begun of opposing Senators Simmons and Overman, a most interesting situation will develop. It may go so far that the senators from the state will refuse to confirm nominations that they must be held responsible for unless their recommendation for appointment are accepted by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Daniels, if he desires to do so, can have the first say with the president, but if Senator Simmons and Overman make up their minds to oppose appointments not agreeable to them, nominations cannot get through the senate.

The president wants the best men available, and in North Carolina is just as apt to act upon the advice of Secretary Daniels or former Governor Glenn, E. J. Justice, Col. W. H. Osborne or any other prominent North Carolinian in whom he has confidence as upon the advice of one or both senators. He made it clear he intends no reflection upon any other senator. He merely reserves his freedom of action. It was learned that the president has already conferred with prominent citizens of Wilmington in regard to the appointment of a man to succeed Thomas Wallace as postmaster. It has been understood for some time that J. J. Furlong would be recommended by Representative Godwin. It is known that the president has been given the record of Furlong and has intimated that he will not send his nomination to the senate. Just what the objection to Furlong is cannot be stated at this time.

Furthermore, the president will use his own judgment in the matter of accepting recommendations for postmasters already sent to Postmaster-General Burleson, and if for any reason they are objectionable the president does not feel that he will have to follow custom and appoint them.

NOMINATIONS SENT SENATE BY WILSON

By Associated Press. Washington, April 12.—Among the nominations sent to the senate today by President Wilson were:

To be third assistant secretary of state—Dudley Field Malone of New York.

To be counselor for the state department—John Bassett Moore, of New York.

To be collector of customs for the District of Beaufort, E. C.—Franklin P. Colcock.

To be United States judge for the southern district of Florida—Hydon M. McCall.