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The Lawyer's Revolt

The first effect of the drastic Jones bill, providing five years imprisonment and \$10,000 fines or both for first offense violators of the Volstead act, is the formation of a voluntary committee of lawyers in New York to nullify it by defending those accused free of charge. These lawyers include able men, among them seven former Assistant United States Attorneys, whose sense of justice has been outraged by providing major penalties for what a decade ago was a legalized act.

These lawyers speak ominously of the "rumble of a legal drum" and of "fighting this measure with the same vigor as the New York bar displayed in the case of the enforcement act known as the Fugitive Slave Law," which was passed to protect slave owners, and therefore equally as sacrosanct as the Prohibition law. Like the latter, it diverted the whole machinery of the Federal Government from courts to army, to the sole task of enforcing this one law which in its ferocity and inclusiveness surpassed any measure ever passed by Congress except the Jones' law. It laid drastic penalties upon persons, who violated it and the courts went so far as to rule that bystanders who refused to assist federal agents retake slaves were guilty of treason.

The anti-slave states, aided by groups of lawyers, actuated by the same principles that actuate the New York group today, proceeded to fight the law, and to nullify it by defending violators. It was another instance where a drastic law defeated itself because not sustained by public opinion in the states affected. Even the power and might of the federal government could not enforce an unjust law, even though supported by the Constitution.

Frederick R. Conder, Jr., who heads the movement against the Jones bill in New York states that the lawyers will offer their services as counsel to persons indicted under this law and fight their cases in court. They propose to interest themselves especially in the cases of small and poor offenders and will endeavor to see that juries understand the wide divergence between this "crime" and the penalty it may entail.

The revolt of the lawyers has been a long time coming, but it seems at last underway. And it means that the enforcement of prohibition will be thrown into the courts themselves. This has not been the case heretofore. Hitherto prohibition cases have been handled by having the offenders plead guilty in batches through arrangement with district attorneys. Out of 8731 convictions last year, 7841 were so obtained in federal courts, and that is the only way the calendars have been kept reasonably clear.

Faced with the heavy penalties provided by the Jones law, a jury trial will be demanded now in nearly every case. The consequent congestion of the courts will delay trials for years. As the New York World says:

The present court machinery could not possibly be equal to such a demand. When Emory R. Buckner was District Attorney, it will be recalled, he estimated that if jury trials were demanded in all cases eighty-five more courts would be needed in New York alone. Under present conditions, according to H. L. McBain, professor of public law at Columbia University, "violators of the law would live and die before their cases could be brought to trial." Pendleton Howard, lecturer on criminal law in the same university, says that to grant jury trials the present court machinery must be increased "a hundredfold," and reminds us that "it is futile to pass a law designating drastic penalties without providing court machinery to carry out the law."

But given the additional hundreds of millions of dollars to establish additional courts, convictions will not be forth coming because the penalties provided outrage the sense of justice of jurors. Few will send a youth to prison for five years because some snopper induced him to sell a pint of booze. So the fanatic will next demand abolition of the jury system and a remaking of the Constitution to fit the Prohibition law, an effort partially successful already. The Jones law itself is a plain violation of the Constitution, which expressly forbids "excessive fines, cruel and unusual punishments."

Chief Justice Called

The fact that Chief Justice Taft misquoted the oath of office when administering it to President Hoover was discovered by 13 year old Helen Terwilliger of Walden, N. Y., who heard it over the radio broadcasting the inaugural to her eighth grade history classmates. She wrote the Chief Justice telling him that he had wrongly said "preserve, maintain and defend" the Constitution, instead of "preserve, protect and defend" as defined in Helen's history text.

The Chief Justice replied that he quoted from memory, admitting that "my memory is not always accurate, and one sometimes becomes a little uncertain," but insisting that what he really had wrongly said was "preserve, maintain and protect," and not Helen's version of his mistake at all.

Helen's insistence that she was right and the Chief Justice wrong, caused three movietone concerns to dig deep into their inaugural news sound films to decide the point, and they proved that the girl was right and Mr. Taft wrong, that his second recollection of what he said was as faulty as his first.

The news film showed President Hoover and Chief Justice Taft in his traditional skull cap. In between the inaugural music and the cheers from the crowd could be heard the clear, cold voice of the Chief Justice, saying:

"You, Herbert Hoover, do solemnly swear that you will faithfully execute the office of the President of the United States and to the best of your ability that you will preserve, maintain and defend the Constitution of the United States."

So, as the Chief Justice admits, persons in public service have to be very careful nowadays on account of the radio, for the children are keeping tabs on them.

LICENSES ISSUED
 Albany—Herman P. Steidel, Albany and Amy D. Ashley, Sacramento, Cal., were issued a marriage license late Wednesday and Floyd Dempsey, 24, Seattle prizefighter, and Lulu Orr, 18, Eugene, were issued a license to marry, by the Linn county clerk.

REIGH COUNT IN
 Newmarket, England, (P)—The American racer, Reigh Count, is among the horses accepted for the Newbury spring cup trials April 13. He was allotted a top weight of 120 pounds. Reigh Count is reported doing well at exercise on the famous Heath.

NORWAY UNITED WITH SWEDEN THRU MARRIAGE

Oslo, Norway, (AP)—A firm link was forged between the royal families and peoples of Norway and Sweden and two young heirs were made glad Thursday as the solemn words were pronounced in the old church of Our Holy Savior which made Crown Prince Olaf of Norway and Princess Martha of Sweden man and wife.

The Norwegian capital has not been given an opportunity in a long time or such festivity and rejoicing. It rose to the occasion with a vast outpouring of the populace which thronged the lavishly-decorated streets and squares in the vicinity and along the route of the wedding procession. Volleys of cheers greeted the bride and bridegroom and their entourage as they drove to the church and then emerged after the wedding.

The wedding ceremony itself was a comparatively simple service and because of the limited accommodations of the modest edifice was witnessed by a few hundred persons only.

The most enthusiastic demonstration was outside where the Norwegian people, who have taken their

crowns prince's young bride to their hearts, outdid themselves showing how welcome was the nuptial event to King Haakon's subjects.

All points of vantage, even to the house roofs, were occupied by spectators, thousands of whom had poured into the city from all parts of Norway to pay tribute to their future king and his princess. Wireless came into play to give the population as a whole an opportunity of hearing, if not seeing, the memorable ceremony. The Norwegian Broadcasting company had even fitted loud speakers along the streets adjacent to the church so that the immense crowds were able to follow the entire service.

Absolute silence reigned at first, but when the words "I will" were uttered by the prince and princess, the great throng raised cheer after cheer. Then the royal salute was fired from the castle, steamers in the harbor sounded their sirens and the populace gave vent to its great enthusiasm.

SCIO

Mrs. J. F. Sanders, who has been in a Salem hospital for some time, is making satisfactory recovery and is expected home Thursday.

Mrs. Vannie Shelton is reported

getting along satisfactorily in the Albany General hospital. Mrs. P. H. MacDonald is caring for the babe during the absence of the mother.

Joe Halec was in Scio on business this week. He stated his saw mill is turning out about 9000 feet of lumber a day and that ready sale is had for the product, delivered at West Scio. Joe and Mr. Yocubets are running the mill they recently purchased from Mr. Short.

The Floyd Shelton baby is recovering from a serious illness. A heavy downpour of rain saturated the soil in the Scio region Wednesday. Crop prospects are encouraging at this time.

Report cards for the fourth six weeks were given out in the high school Tuesday.

The Juniors and freshmen, losers in the Sphinx subscription contest, will give a picnic for the two victorious classes Friday afternoon at Green's bridge, if the weather permits. Attendance is limited to student body and faculty members.

MRS. MATHIAS RECOVERING
 Turner—Mrs. Ada Mathias is recovering from her serious illness. Although she is very weak and still not able to sit up, Mrs. Mathias is

slowly improving. Mrs. I. H. Small, her sister-in-law, and also Mrs. Schilling are caring for Mrs. Mathias during her illness.

Scio—The monthly business meeting of the Scio Christian Aid society met with Mrs. Lester Arnold east of town on her birthday. The members spent the afternoon sewing quilt blocks. Lunch was served by the hostess. Quilting occupied the attention of the Christian Aid on Wednesday at the church.

Lincoln—Guests at the home of Gus Lake Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mills of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walling of Salem, Mrs. Al Walling and daughter, Miss Fay Walling, and Miss George Mills, home from Mountview where she is attending the Normal school.

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