

SECRECY IN DEEP STUDY OF DRY LAW

Hoover's Enforcement Commission Silent Through Two Years of Investigation—Report Due Soon—Recommendations Veiled.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Anyone claiming that a woman or ten men can't keep a secret must look elsewhere than President Hoover's law enforcement commission for corroboration.

Drawing near the close of two years of the most extensive investigation ever made into prohibition, at least ten of the commission's members can point to an unmarred record of silence.

Its members include such figures as Roscoe Pound, Frank J. Loesch, Ada M. Comstock, William S. Kenyon, Kenneth R. Macintosh, Monte M. Lemann, Paul J. McCormack, William J. Grubb, Newton D. Baker and Henry W. Anderson.

It was the eleventh member and chairman George W. Wickert, who imposed the secrecy rule after the commission held its organization meeting May 28, 1929.

Except for a few addresses during 1930, he himself has remained silent on the subject.

Report Expected Soon. The commission's report is expected soon, but rumors and guesses as to what the members might or might not recommend have flown so fast and covered such a wide range of possibilities that the commission issued a blanket statement saying none was the official view of the body.

Up until the very end of its prohibition deliberations, the commission itself apparently has refrained from deciding on the major recommendations it would make concerning the dry law.

Even in its preliminary report submitted last January the commission added a proviso. In recommending six bills, ranging from those to decrease congestion in the courts, to those to strengthen

padlock proceedings and transfer prohibition enforcement from the treasury to the justice department, it added: "Without prejudice to any ultimate conclusions, we think that in the interest of promoting observance of and respect for law the national prohibition law may well be strengthened and its effectiveness increased in these important particulars."

During its long delving into prohibition the commission has amassed the greatest volume of material ever assembled dealing directly with this subject.

In addition to the mass of expert verbal testimony given before it, dealing with every phase of the question, and the voluminous reports of special investigators, the commission's library now holds statements and official documents from governors, attorneys general, judges and police chiefs from every part of the United States.

Difficult to Agree. Then there has been the struggle to get the 11 highly individual minds of the commission to agree on one program.

Even before the long arguments which have marked the closing days of this much-publicized prohibition deliberation, there has been apparent unanimity on one point—the commissioners are weary of their job.

They want more time for their own private pursuits, and desire the comparative peace that is expected to prevail at commission headquarters once the report has been delivered from their own hands to those of the man who set them their task—President Hoover.

AROUND THE COURT HOUSE

(Reported by Jackson County Abstract Co., Sixth Street and Central Avenue.)

Circuit Court
H. N. Taylor, Louise Walker and R. A. Taylor incorporate as Dead Indian Lumber Company.

Southern Oregon Credit Bureau vs. Walter H. Jones—For money.
George W. Porter vs. Theodore Noel, Jane Doe Noel and Jessie M. Minear—Lien foreclosure.

Oliver A. Colby vs. Margaret Colby—Divorce.

Oak Street Garage vs. Walter Williford—Chattel lien.

Probate Court
Estate of Earl James Cameron and Rob Roy Cameron, minors—Admitted to probate.

Real Estate Transfers
Lorinda Hall to Alice A. Hall et al—Deed to lot 11, block 1, Lumsden's Add., Medford.

Frank E. Anderson et ux to Frank G. Anderson—W. D. to W 1/2 of lot 1, W 1/2 of lot 2, block 3, Gray's Add., Medford.

Jan. M. Hurley to Myrtle March—W. D. to lots 7 and 8, block 55, Central Point.

R. O. Stephenson et ux to J. A. Davis et ux—Q. C. D. to lots 8 and 17, block 9, College Hill Add., Medford.

Samuel C. Osborne to Alma L. Osborne—W. D. to land in Sec. 14, Twp. 32 S., R. 2 W.

Theo J. Haines et ux to Rosetta Pleister—Q. C. D. to lot 13, Stuart Acres.

Ralph Mark et ux to Coar M. Mehl—W. D. to W 1/2 of W 1/2 of Sec. 5, Twp. 49 S., R. 3 E.

W. E. Mooney et ux to Loren Fowler—W. D. to land in Sec. 27, Twp. 32 S., R. 3 E.

TRAFFIC TO HOLY CITY AIDS ARABIA

Pilgrims to Mecca and Medina Leave \$25,000,000 in Coffers of Ibn Saud—Season Starts in January, Subsides in May.

By James A. Mills.
JEDDAH, Kingdom of the Hedjaz—This kingdom, principal state of Arabia, is starting to collect its yearly revenue, estimated at \$25,000,000, from pilgrim traffic to the sacred cities of Mecca and Medina.

The money goes into the public coffers of Ibn Saud who, besides being king of the Hedjaz, is emperor of the Nejd. As such he is caring for the Wahabee, the fierce desert warriors who are the fundamentalists of the Mohammedan religion.

The pilgrimage season starts in January, and from far corners of the Moslem world, by steamship or train, on camel, horse or donkey, in ox-cart or automobile, or wearily afoot, faithful followers of the prophet are beginning to stream into the country.

The flood of visitors will not subside until May.

Jeddah Clearing House.
And this squat, torrid town on the burning shores of the Red Sea is one of the chief clearing houses for the traffic.

Its normal population of 20,000 is bustling with the business of caring for the vanguard of the 1921 pilgrims, awaking from the drowsy atmosphere that holds the place through the last seven months of each year.

Jeddah is the port of Mecca. There are numerous foreign steamship agencies here and about a hundred Europeans are engaged in the business of importing and exporting pilgrims.

This year they have had to overcome effects of a tragedy of last May, when 600 pilgrims perished in a fire aboard the steamer "Asia."

Other Revenue Slim.
Were it not for the pilgrim traffic it is considered doubtful if Ibn Saud could keep his government going.

The population, only a little more than that of New York City, is scattered over an area equal to one-third of the United States, and there are great stretches of desert, barren plains and mountainous waste in which not even the nomadic Bedouins can keep body and soul together.

The living which the tribesmen make by breeding camels, horses, sheep and goats, is scant. There is little left for taxes or other public revenue.

So when followers of the Prophet begin to stream into the country, the government seizes its opportunity.

Fees—And More Fees.
At Jeddah, for example, each arrival must go through quarantine, paying a fee of \$6 for the process of being thoroughly scrubbed, deloused and vaccinated.

This takes place at a station called Suakin, which was once a market place for the sale of slaves, camels and concubines to wealthy merchants and desert sheiks of the east.

Once free of the quarantine, the pilgrims start for Mecca or Medina, the holy cities. The indigent cross the burning sands by foot, walking at night and resting through the heat of the day. Others ride camels, horses or mules or sit hours on end in creeping ox-carts.

But the more affluent travel by motor-bus and the wealthy hire automobiles, mostly of American make.

200,000 in a Year.
King Ibn Saud profits here, for he receives \$25.00 as his share of each automobile fare and \$2 for each motor-bus passenger. There are nearly 700 cars and buses engaged in the traffic.

The pilgrims have numbered as high as 200,000 in one year and it is estimated that each leaves from \$250 to \$500 in the country.

A large part of this goes into the king's coffers. Besides the direct head taxes, he maintains a series of hospices, camps, restaurants and relief stations to care for weary travelers who cannot afford to speed across the desert.

Heavily Religious.
The basis of all this business is religious. The devout Mohammedan believes that a single visit to the huge black Kaaba, stone at Mecca and a drink from the sacred well of Zam Zam washes away his sins, while four visits to the holy of holies assures him a seat in Paradise.

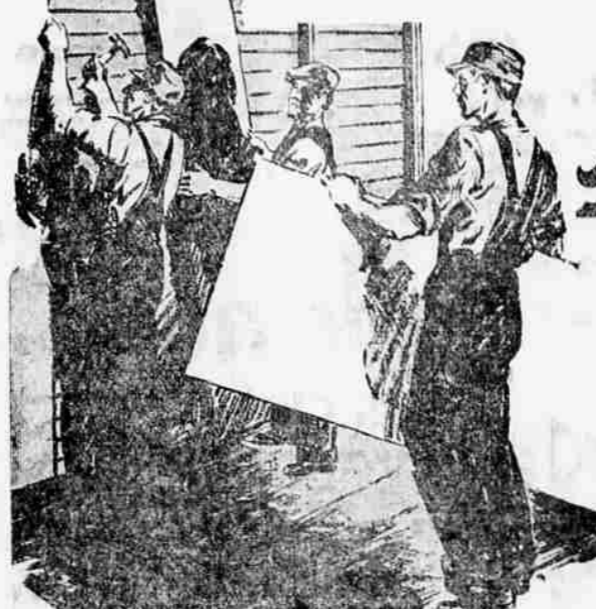
And the Moslem paradise is a real one. It is a place of "perfumed gardens, filled with tall trees, fragrant flowers, luscious fruits, singing birds and cool streams, where a man is waited upon by any beautiful and virtuous wives, each as tall as a palm tree."

For 12 centuries the faithful have been flocking to the gate of this future life. Many, indeed, spend years to reach their haven of spiritual salvation, only to collapse from exhaustion at the end of the weary trek.

Quit Spending Money.
SALFORD, Eng.—(AP)—Salford has locked the city pocketbook and thrown the key away for a year. The council voted to suspend all capital expenditures for 12 months in an effort to keep down taxes.

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