TIONAL DRY AND SUFFRAGE LAWS OPPOSED

Real Estate Board Hears Former Congresssman Littleton Speak.

The passage by congress of national prohibition and national suffrage laws would be "crimes against constitutional government" and "will result in absolutism of government" was the warning last night of former Congressman Martin W. Littleton of New York City. He spoke on "The Ideals Which We Should Be Prepared to Defend" at the thirty-fourth annual banquet of the Chicago real estate board in the gold room of the Congress hotel.

Harrison B. Riley, president of the Chicago Title and Trust company; Henry P. Haas, president of the National real estate boards, and Valentine H. Surghnor, president of the Chicago real estate board, also spoke.

"Hot Impetus of Reform."

"Year by year," Littleton said, "we are driven by the hot impetus of reform and the sporadic aspirations for social betterment to disregard, set aside, and evade organic limitations.

"Apart from the ghastly loss in life," he said, "and the frightful waste of substance, perhaps the most lasting injury to civilization which the great European war will inflict is the derangement of governments and the disturbance of right notions of governmental power and individual liberty.

"At no time since the American revolution has it ever been so imperative that we should hold fast to the true conception of a representative republic.

A Sudden Relapse.

"After a hundred years of constitutional development, in which mankind seemed to be gifted with a genius to perceive, and endowed with a courage to establish the permanent blessings of a united government, we seem to have suddenly relapsed into a period of irretrievable absolutism.

"Commercial rivalry, industrial welfare, ancient grudges, and racial animosities may have contributed each its share to the precipitation of the war in Europe, but behind and beneath these contributing elements is one great cause — unlimited governmental power of the German empire.

Mr. Riley on "Peace."

Speaking on "Peace," Harrison B. Riley argued for an international tribunal to settle future controversies and favored the reduction of military and naval forces.

He urged it would be better for the allies to accept a "peace whereby Germany withdraws behind her own frontiers, giving the allies that much more than conquest."

Fraternity Initiates Members.

Five candidates were initiated into Chicago chapter of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity at the winter banquet of the fraternity at the Auditorium hotel last night. G. R. Fitzgerald presided, and the speakers were Stevens Holbrook of the University of Chicago law school and Bishop Elect G. A. Beckwood of Rock Island, Ill.

SUICIDE

Worry Over Explanation of Minor Irregularity Leads Department Manager to Kill Self, Police Say.

John F. Adams
KOEHNE PHOTO

Tells Why Council Has No Permanent Divisions

Several speakers prominent in city affairs addressed the Chicago Political Equality league at the Congress hotel yesterday.

Ald. Robert M. Buck, who spoke on "The Psychology of the City Council," explained why there were no permanent party divisions among the aldermen.

"When the matter before the council is one of great social significance," he said, "the division falls between those of socialistic and democratic convictions. When the question is purely local the division is geographic, since each alderman is working primarily for his ward."

Charles H. Sergel, president of the board of the sanitary district, explained possible improvements for the scientific disposition of sewage. The league adopted a resolution to support a bill providing for additional water power on the Desplaines river.

Mrs. Gertrude Howe Britton, superintendent of social service, and Miss Nellie Carlin, public guardian of Cook county, also addressed the league on matters of municipal importance.

New Protest Against Cicero Light Sale

Residents of Cicero are to assemble again this afternoon at Liberty hall, Fifty-second avenue and Twenty-second place, in protest against the proposal of the village board to sell its lighting plant to the Public Service company. Action on the company's bid, owing to protest made in former meetings, has been postponed to Feb. 26 by the board.

POLICE ORDERED TO KEEP SALOONS CLOSED UP TODAY

Schuettler Commands Arrest of Every Lid Tilter—Ignores Judge Barasa.

Extraordinary means to enforce the Sunday closing of saloons were taken last night by Chief of Police Schuettler.

An order was sent to all stations and then transmitted over the police telephone wires to patrolmen when they "pulled up" from patrol boxes to enforce the law. It was:

"See that all saloons on your respective posts are closed at 12 o'clock midnight. If any saloon remains open, arrest the person in charge."

The order apparently was an afterthought of the chief, and he took this means to notify the department that the lid was not to be tilted following the decision of Judge Barasa in dismissing the cases against saloonkeepers arrested last Sunday. The chief informed the mayor earlier in the day that a "boycott" order has been issued against Judge Barasa. The chief instructed commanding officers to book all violators outside the Maxwell street district, where Judge Barasa is at present assigned. They will thus be tried before other judges.

Statement by Mayor.

"As long as the law is on the statute books of Illinois and I am mayor of Chicago and have the power to revoke licenses, the saloons in Chicago must stay closed on Sunday," the mayor said.

"The law is that 'whoever keeps open any tippling house, or place where liquor is sold or given away, upon the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, shall be fined not to exceed $200.' That's pretty plain English, and I think that I can understand it. I intend to enforce it as I understand it."

"Do you think that such a ruling helps the wets?" the mayor was asked.

"I think it makes it harder for the mayor and the police to enforce the law," was the reply. "As to the general question whether Chicago and Illinois will ultimately be dry, I will let the people decide, but in the meantime I am going to do my duty."

Judge Barasa's decision was that saloons could remain open on Sunday for the sale of soft drinks and cigars.

Boerner to Test Order.

Henry W. Boerner, a saloonkeeper at 162 East Austin avenue, who has fought Mayor Thompson for the last year against his Sunday closing order, has filed his record, briefs, and abstracts in the Supreme court of Illinois to test Mayor Thompson's now famous Sunday closing order.

Boerner contends in his brief that inasmuch as a saloon is not a "tippling house" and the ordinance of Chicago allows saloons to open on Sunday that he has a legal right not only to sell soft drinks and cigars on Sunday, but liquor as well.

If the Supreme court sustains Boerner, any city or village in Illinois, by passing an ordinance allowing saloons to open, dram shop keepers may sell liquor in every such city, as well as soft drinks on Sunday.

G. O. P. Factions Bury Hatchet in Sixth Ward

Factional politics are being buried in the sixth ward to make way for the return of Ald. A. A. McCormick to the city council. The names of those who will carry on the McCormick campaign include leaders of the Deneen, Brundage and Thompson groups. Frank I. Bennett, commissioner of public works, and Clifford G. Roe, assistant corporation counsel, are on the committee, as is Aaron Jones, who was a candidate against Ald. Nance last year, and Hugo Friend, Ald. McCormick's opponent at the primary two years ago. Col. Taylor E. Brown is chairman of the committee, and Mrs. S. B. Shirk assistant

FREE

St. Louis Opens Biggest Bridge in America.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 20.—With a presidential salute of twenty-one guns by Battery A, Missouri national guard, St. Louis' free bridge, which has been under construction for more than ten years, was formally opened this afternoon.

Mayor Kiel unlocked a massive padlock releasing two chains across the structure and a motor truck laden with coal started on its way across to East St. Louis. It was the first load of coal that has crossed the Mississippi river on a bridge here without paying the arbitrary 20 cents a ton.

The structure cost $6,250,000. The railway over the bridge will not be completed for three months.

POLICE HUNT BURGLAR, USER OF CHLOROFORM

Adam Prochowski, "chloroform burglar," who confessed last fall to raids on 300 residences and apartments in Chicago, is again sought by the police, who claim he has jumped his $7,500 bond. It is said he fears the police suspect him of a part in the gold coast burglaries.

Walter J. La Buy, attorney for Prochowski, says his client is in temporary hiding because of this belief.

Mr. La Buy gave out a letter in which Prochowski announced his intention of leaving the city until the north shore burglaries were solved. He said he would return when called for trial.

Prochowski achieved distinction in October when he returned jewelry valued at $100,000 to the owners and confessed to burglaries covering a period of more than eighteen months.

Detective Sergeant Charles Wentzel of the West North avenue station asserted last night that the search for Prochowski will be continued. A trail of burglaries recently in cities of southern Wisconsin led the police here to believe that he may be in that state.

Man Dies in Third Attempt.

John Boyle, 57 years old, of 6044 South Green street, committed suicide last night in his home by inhaling illuminating gas.

Circuit Judge Annuls "Puppy Love" Marriage

Judge Charles M. Thomson in the Circuit court yesterday signed a decree annulling the marriage of Thomas Donald Gately of 6534 Lafayette avenue and Florence Evelyn Bone Gately, who were secretly married last fall.

Mr. Gately, who is a student at the Englewood High school, at the time of his marriage was only 18. His wife was a student at the Parker High school.

"What was the occasion of your getting married?" asked Judge Thomson of Mr. Gately.

"Just puppy love, I guess," he replied.

Kenosha "Drys" Steal March on Saloon Men

Kenosha, Wis., Jan. 20.—[Special.]—In an effort to beat the Wisconsin legislature to it, the prohibition supporters of Kenosha today surprised the saloon men by taking out petitions to demand the submission of the license question to a referendum at the coming city election. The petitions were signed by several hundred voters when they were offered to the public. An organization of 350 workers has been formed among the opponents of the saloon. Seven years ago the liquor men won by a two to one vote.

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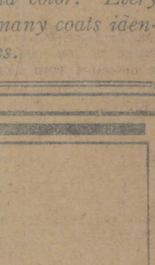

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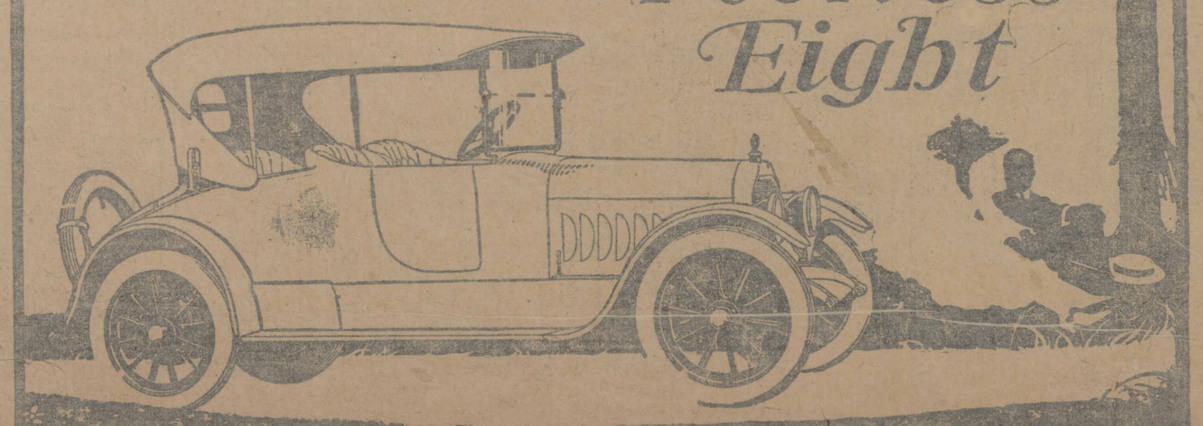

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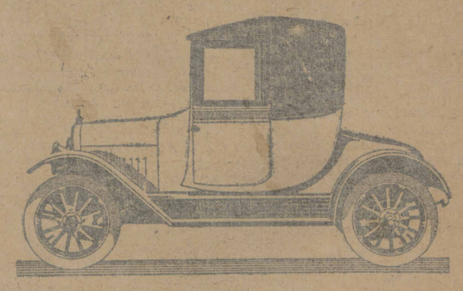

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