

KU KLUX CROSS OF FIRE SPOTS BOOTLEGGERS

White-Sheeted Alexandrians Start on Trail of Gentry Who Peddle Bad Liquor
STICK PLACARDS ON POSTS
Some Recently Prosperous Citizens Regard Klan Drive With Fear and Disfavor

Bootlegging in Alexandria has increased to such proportions that authorities are "apparently unable to cope with the situation," according to huge placards posted throughout the Virginia city yesterday by the local Ku Klux Klan.

Although the placards were tacked upon practically every telegraph pole in the central part of the city, Chief W. T. Goods of the Alexandria Police Department stated last night that he "knew nothing about the Ku Klux Klan or their posters."

The placards, which were headed "Warning," read in part: "We know that within the city of Alexandria the bootlegging traffic is increasing to alarming proportions, and the authorities are apparently unable to cope with the deplorable situation."

The future of our youth, our homes and our community depends upon the complete eradication of this evil. That we may not fail in our duty to preserve these things, it is incumbent upon the good citizens of this city to be especially vigilant, and to cooperate with the authorities in destroying the human vultures that are sapping the very vitality out of the life of our city.

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COUNTESS LOUISE LEDOCHOWSKA, well known in Washington society as the daughter of the late Governor Warfield of Maryland, who has obtained a decree of divorce from Count Vladimir Ledochowski of Poland, after two year's legal battle here and abroad.



JERSEY DRY CHIEF SUSPENDS HIMSELF FINGERPRINTS MAY TRAP HALL SLAYER

Samille Henry Con'e Acts as Result of Graft Charges
Murder Will Go Before Grand Jury Today.

Samille Henry Con'e, division head of the Federal prohibition unit in New Jersey, has suspended himself. His action is the result of charges filed with Prohibition Commissioner Haynes by Senator Walter Edge of New Jersey dealing with Con'e's record when he was in the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The papers were furnished Senator Edge by Commissioner Burke, of the Indian Affairs Bureau, and show Mr. Con'e was appointed special officer for suppression of the liquor traffic among the Indians in 1908 upon the recommendation of William E. "Pussycat" Johnson under the name of Sam Con'e.

The official who made the investigation, whose name is withheld, is alleged to have written Con'e April 2, 1919, as follows: "During the last ten months I have been checking up your cases. The result is that I have been driven absolutely to the conclusion that you have been grafting in a considerable number of your affairs. This conclusion is absolute and final."

Wants Honest Men As Liquor Trailers. A general house cleaning in the federal prohibition enforcement unit on account of the large number of "alleged political crooks" now on the payroll will be demanded of Congress, officials of the National Civil Service League announced yesterday.

Enforcement agents are appointed almost solely upon the recommendation of politicians, the league declares. At the annual convention December 7 and 8, Congress will be asked to place the prohibition unit "from top to bottom" under civil service.

U.S. COUNTESS WINS DIVORCE AND BABES

Former Social Favorite Here Gets Decree from Count Ledochowski.

LIVES NEAR LISBON, MD.
Daughter of Late Gov. Warfield Hasn't 'Slightest Idea' Where Her Former Husband Is.

Countess Louise Ledochowska, who was a favorite in Washington society at the time her father, the late Edwin Warfield, was governor of Maryland, has obtained a decree of divorce from Count Vladimir Ledochowski, with whom she was forced to flee, while on her honeymoon, from his ancestral estate in Woloszczak, Poland, at the outbreak of the war.

The countess, who is living at her brother's home, Oakdale Manor, near Lisbon, Md., was given the custody of her three children, Julia, eight years old; Mary, Jack, four; and Leon Stanislaus, three.

"I am living here with my brother for the winter," the countess told a Washington Herald, and I've the slightest idea where Count Ledochowski may be.

Under the decree, signed by Judge W. Forsythe at Ellipton, she cannot assume her maiden name. Rights of the son to his ancestral estates, however, were not alienated.

Miss Warfield first met the count in Houghton in 1912. It was said to have been a case of "love at first sight." Her father opposed the romance, but later relented.

At the wedding, held May 8, 1913, Cardinal Gibbons assisted in the ceremony. Cardinal Ledochowski, uncle of the bridegroom and Prefect of the Propaganda under Pope Leo XIII, was present.

The honeymoon was spent in Poland. At the outbreak of the war the count and his family escaped from the advancing armies to the home of relatives in Odessa. In 1916 they returned home. Later they came to America where they lived in a house on the former home in Maryland until 1919.

In the petition for a divorce desertion was alleged and occasions of infidelity at Nice, Monte Carlo and Monaco were cited.

The countess obtained in Paris January 18, 1921, an order for the children. There the count's possession of the children and carried them into Poland. The mother followed and on April 5 obtained possession of the children through an order of Polish court. She gave bond for 10,000 marks. Forfeiting the bond she made a dash for Czechoslovakia. The Supreme Court of Poland reversed the decision, returning the right to possession of the children to the mother. If never permitted to claim them.

When the action before Judge Forsythe was started, lawyers for the count argued the countess had become a Polish citizen and the court had no jurisdiction. This argument was overruled.

Residences Must go For Schools, Says Ballou
Northwest residential properties must be condemned if school buildings are to be erected, whether they are needed, declared Dr. Frank W. Ballou, superintendent of schools, last night, following his visit to Philadelphia, where he studied the system of proper condemnation used for schools there.

De Molay Order Confers Degree on 25 Members
Sixty members of Robert Le Bruce Chapter, Order of DeMolay of Washington, conferred the initiatory DeMolay degrees on twenty-five candidates in the Scottish Rite Temple, at Richmond, Va., Saturday. The ceremony, witnessed by many Master Masons.

Recorder Asks Capper's Support for New Building
Because congestion in the office of the District Recorder of Deeds is causing delay in recording important documents, Arthur G. Froe, recorder, has written to Senator Capper, urging him to support a movement in Congress for erection of a \$250,000 building.

Northern Chile Shaken Again by Earth Tremors

International News Service. BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 26. FURTHER slight earth tremors were felt today in Northern Chile, where hundreds were recently killed in the double catastrophe of earthquake and tidal wave, according to advices from Santiago.

The advices made no comment of casualties or damage.

TIERNAN DESERTS BRIDE; GOES HOME

Mad Romance of Professor Ends as He Returns to His First Wife.

Suppose a modern-day philosopher, like Diogenes of old, the lamp-bearing seeker for an honest man, were to step up to you on the street today and say to you something like this: "I am seeking the married couple whose union represents the ideal marriage—perfect communion of heart and soul, perfect sharing by each of the other's joys and sorrows, labors and triumphs, in short, where the constant thought of each is for the other's happiness at all times. Can you direct me to such a couple?"

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After observing this, may not our second Diogenes blow out his lamp and go his way satisfied?

Itinerant Vendor Act Proposed for District
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Body of Baby Goes by Mail To Undertaker

FEDERAL authorities probing sending through the parcel post to a local undertaker of the dead body of a baby girl.

The search, for the purpose determining the point from which the package was transmitted, has narrowed down to a dozen small postoffices in the vicinity of Albany.

POLICEMAN ASKED TO GUARD CHILDREN

Trinidad, Folks Declare Youngsters Are Not Safe Before and After School.

Declaring that traffic at Twelfth and K streets northeast is so heavy that it endangers the safety of school children, the Trinidad Citizens' Association Friday night passed a resolution requesting that a policeman, before and after school hours, be stationed at that intersection to protect children attending the Wheatley School, Mont-Bo avenue and Neal street northeast.

The membership committee, through Chairman Alfonso F. Jones, reported that 117 old and new members have paid up their 1923 dues. Jones stated that he expected that the association will go over the present membership, which is 359.

Almas Shrine Temple was invited to send a speaker to the association's January meeting to explain in what manner the residents of that section can co-operate with the general arrangements for the Shrine convention next June.

Dr. Robert W. McCullough was elected president of the association without opposition. The other officers elected are: Percival Hall, vice president; Mrs. F. W. H. Welshaupt, secretary; J. O'Carroll, treasurer; A. G. Southworth and Don H. York, delegates to the Federation of Citizen Associations.

Tuberculosis Death Rate
Counts High in Virginia
According to the latest reports from Virginia has the highest death rate from tuberculosis in the United States, with the exception of Tennessee, Maryland, Delaware and States known as health resorts for tuberculosis patients. The rate is 122.8 per 100,000.

The highest death rate in the Union is in New Mexico with 210.7 per 100,000 population. Arizona and Colorado also show a high death rate because of the fact that numbers of tuberculosis patients in an advanced stage go to these States. These reports show that North Dakota has the lowest death rate with 22.4, while the average in the United States is 24.1.

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BOOTLEGGERS FIRE ON PURSUING POLICE

Revenue Agent and Detective Believe They Shot One in Fleeing Auto.

OFFICER HIT WITH BRICK
Whiskey Car Escapes When Driver of Other Machine Loses Control.

Fifty shots were exchanged in a running gun fight last night on G street southwest between the occupants of a big touring car and Revenue Agent George Fowler and Detective Thomas O'Donnell, who were in pursuing machines. The revenue agent is certain he hit one of the men in the fleeing automobile.

The attention of Fowler was first attracted to the car at Third and G streets northwest by its excessive speed. One look convinced him that the machine was carrying a contraband load of whiskey. Notifying O'Donnell to be on lookout for the car, he met that officer and shortly thereafter they located it at First and F streets southwest. The occupants, said to be negroes, noticed the officers about the same time and started the machine, speeding south to G street and west on that street. Passing Third street they opened fire on the officers, who returned it.

Large crowds turned out at the shooting and near Four-and-a-Half street southwest someone hurled a brick at Fowler, the missile striking him in the neck and causing him to lose control of his machine. O'Donnell, in the meanwhile, had fallen behind the chase, his car being incapable of great speed.

Fowler's car ran on to the sidewalk before he could stop it. He hurriedly started after the suspected "bootleg" car again and chased it to Tenth street, where it was seen to have turned north. Here he lost track of it.

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