

DRY GOVERNOR LAUNCHES RUM REFORM MOVE

DICKINSON WILL ASK CHURCHES TO JOIN FIGHT ON LIQUOR

Lansing, Mich., July 17 (AP).—Gov. Luren D. Dickinson sought today to employ his account of gay drinking parties at the recent national conference of governors as the springboard for a campaign to return prohibition to Michigan.

The 80-year-old Republican governor, teaching his adult Sunday school class at the Little Center Eaton Methodist Church yesterday, said he hoped his charges would start a nation-wide reform movement.

Dickinson, a "dry" leader since his youth, said in an interview today that he believed abuses of the liquor laws had awakened a sentiment for prohibition that required only an active leadership. He said he would issue a formal invitation shortly to churches of all denominations to join him in a new fight to outlaw liquor from Michigan by constitutional amendment.

He emphasized that his statement should not be interpreted as an indication that he would run for election as governor on a prohibition platform.

Has Open Mind.

"I am deliberately keeping my mind open on the subject of being a candidate," the aged party leader declared. "It is my observation that a governor who plans to run for office again sometimes permits that fact to color his acts. I am only human, so I am making no plans."

When Dickinson ascended to the governorship last March upon the death of Frank D. Fitzgerald, he made an unqualified statement that he would not seek re-election.

The governor indicated he might call a conference to outline plans for a prohibition campaign if the churches' responses gave him hope for success.

Meanwhile, he said, he plans to do everything in his power to have the Michigan Liquor Control Commission close rural drinking spots.

"Something must be done about those roadhouses, operating in inadequately policed areas," he said. "They attract young people to unwholesome surroundings."

Dickinson, retiring president of the Anti-Saloon League of Michigan, told the Sunday school class which he has taught for decades that his charges of drinking by men and women at the conference of governors provoked a response that "gives me the greatest satisfaction."

"I saw young girls drinking," he said. "It was such as common affair no one seemed to have any thought of its effect. Mothers set the example for their daughters."

Amon Carter, Back From Clipper Flight, Says He Heard No Talk of War

By BILL CORUM.
New York, July 17 (INS).—My good friend, Amon Carter, who has just returned from his third pioneer clipper flight, was telling me yesterday about his trip and conditions in London and Paris.

"I heard no war talk in either city," he said. "Neither the newspapers nor the people seem to be as much concerned with the probability of war as we are here. They are undoubtedly preparing and taking all reasonable precautions, but

I doubt, from what I saw and heard, if anybody there anticipates a war. At least, not at this time."

Which is the best possible news, isn't it?

Amon "fired" with his boots on and attended a formal party at Lord Beaverbrook's home in a Texas ten-gallon hat. He says the butler gave him a very strange look and stammered considerably when announcing "Amon Carter, West Texas," and he figures that rattling an English butler is worth flying an ocean for any time.

While talking to his son by trans-Atlantic phone, young Amon asked, "Are you still wearing your boots, dad?"

"Still wearing 'em?" barked Amon. "I can't get 'em off!"

These were the white T. C. U. boots with the horned frogs on the backs that Amon wears while following the football fortunes of the O'Briens and the Hales. Incidentally, the gentleman from Texas is enthusiastic over our plan to bring T. C. U. to New York City this fall to play a post-season game against a strong Eastern team for the free milk fund for babies.

He says if they are good enough, he thinks they will be glad to come, and he also thinks they'll be good enough. His personal choice of an opponent would be Fordham, because the Frogs have an old score to settle with the Rams. From what we hear, Jimmy Crowley's young men are also going to be capable of taking care of themselves this fall.

That should be a whale of a football game, shouldn't it? It might also be the beginning of an annual New York City Milk Bowl game. We hope so, and think the time is ripe for it.

COAST GUARD BOARD PROBES PLANE CRASH

GAS EXPLOSION THEORY IS STUDIED IN FATAL SEA ACCIDENT

New York, July 17 (AP).—A coast guard board of inquiry today began an investigation into the crash at sea of a coast guard "mercy plane" with a loss of three lives.

One theory before the board was that a "gas explosion" caused the hydroplane V-164 to crack up as it left the water after picking up a pneumonia-stricken seaman Saturday from the Ketch Atlantis, 100 miles southeast of here.

The sailor, George Temple Priest, 36, and two members of the plane's crew—Lieut. William Lee Clemmer, commander, and John Radan, Jr., pilot, of Bessemer, Pa.—were killed.

Five other men aboard the hydroplane were brought to the marine hospital at Stapleton, Staten Island. One survivor, Russell D. Hayes, a yeoman, was in serious condition.

At Woods Hole, Mass., where the Atlantic docked, its master, Capt. Frederick S. McMurray, expressed belief the three victims had been "blown to atoms" by a gas explosion.

Ship Takes Dive.

"We saw the big Atlantic plane take off," Capt. McMurray related. "There was a slight dive after she rose, but then she roes again and the motor seemed to be functioning perfectly. I said 'thank God, that's over,' and then our attention was directed to the fastening of our small boat in place after the crew returned."

"Suddenly there was an explosion. No one actually saw the explosion, but we saw the plane hit the water. One man was hurled into the water."

McMurray said none of the five survivors rescued by the crew of the Atlantis knew what had happened.

Capt. R. W. Dempwolf, New York district coast guard commander, said the V-164 had been especially designed for rescue work at sea and was the largest and most capable ambulance plane in the service.

PASTOR. FREED OF MORALS CHARGES, RESUMES DUTIES

Los Angeles, July 17 (AP).—Evangelist Joseph Jeffers, acquitted with his wife, Zelma Jeffers, on four morals charges, resumed his regular duties as pastor of the Kingdom Church today.

The evangelist delivered a sermon at the church yesterday.

A Superior Court jury which deliberated eleven hours late Saturday acquitted the couple of charges of giving nude exhibitions at their apartment.

The state had presented sensational evidence in purported motion pictures and photograph recordings of "parties" at the Jeffers place and in testimony of district attorney's investigators.

Small radio receiving sets have been developed with built-in, shielded loop antennas.

WEST BOOSTS ACCIDENTAL DEATH RATES

MOUNTAIN AND PACIFIC STATES HAVE HIGHEST AVERAGE, SURVEY SHOWS

Chicago, July 17 (AP).—The nation's highest accident rates last year were recorded in the Mountain and Pacific states and in Florida and Rhode Island, the National Safety Council reported in its 1939 edition of the analytical "Accident Facts."

For the forty-eight states the death rate for all kinds of accidents, per 100,000 population, was 72.2.

The Mountain states of Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico had as a group a rate of 102.6; Florida, 98.4; the Pacific states of California, Oregon and Washington, taken together, 96.6, and Rhode Island, 93.7.

The lowest rates, state health departments reported to the council, were 66.4 in the North Atlantic states, and 66.7 in the South Central states. The south Atlantic and North Central states approximated the national average, with rates of 72.5 and 73.4, respectively.

Rate in Various States.

Separate state rates ranged from 52.1 in North Dakota and 57.3 in Nebraska to 113.1 in Arizona and 141.6 in Nevada. Council officers said twenty of the forty-six states reporting (1937 data being used) had rates below the national average.

The national accident death rate in 1938 decreased 11 per cent from the previous year.

"The inherent hazards of day-to-day life in the West are an important factor in the high rate out there," R. L. Forney, the council's chief statistician, said today. "The Mountain states are still something of a pioneering region and the inauguration of safety work in the West has been relatively recent, although the Western states are just as keenly responsive to the safety program as anyone."

More Cars, More Deaths.

Forney said the fact motor vehicle deaths on a population basis were generally higher in the West was partly accounted for by California's per capita automobile registration, highest in the nation at more than one car for every three persons in the state, and involvement of out-of-state cars in accidents, the latter also helping to boost Florida's all-accident rate.

He said the good showing made by several Southern states, again figuring percentages according to 100,000 population, was due to a considerable degree to the fact that there was relatively less automobile travel in that section.

Natural advantages, he suggested, helped to give Plains states, such as the Dakotas, Nebraska and Iowa, low rates—"great distances with good views, roads straight and wide, not much congestion."

100 ATTORNEYS IN COURTROOM TO TRY O'DEA ESTATE CASE

Los Angeles, June 17 (AP).—With nearly 100 attorneys gathered today in Superior Judge Ruben S. Schmidt's courtroom, a long and bitter battle over distribution of the \$5,000,000 estate of 90-year-old Michael Francis O'Dea was forecast by court attaches. The attorneys represent 335 claimants to the estate.

O'Dea, a pioneer who never married, left no will when he died Jan. 23, 1938. He came to California in 1894 as an obscure lawyer, buying rural acreage which later produced millions through oil and real estate development. He was born at Toronto and reared at Rochester, N. Y.

Among the claimants are three persons, all past threescore and ten years of age, who say they are first cousins and have prior claim. They are Mrs. Mary Lynch McCarthy, Mrs. Bridget Lynch and James Lynch, all of Ireland.

Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita expressed regrets to the counselor of the United States embassy, Eugene H. Dooman, when Dooman called at the foreign office July 3 to call attention to the fact Japanese airmen had dropped bombs near the Chungking home of U. S. Ambassador Nelson T. Johnson in a raid on the Chinese capital the day before.

Dooman also pointed out that bombs fell close to the United States gunboat Tutuila, anchored in the Yangtze River at Chungking.

Dooman said he registered no protest but pointed out the danger to American interests of "indiscriminate" bombing. No apology was asked or given, but Arita promptly stated the bombing was accidental and expressed regrets.

Arita said the airmen took every precaution to avoid American property.

JAP ENVOY REGRETS BOMBS DROPPED NEAR U. S. DIPLOMAT'S HOME

TWO WOMEN LEAP INTO RIVER IN VIEW OF MANY MOTORISTS

Baltimore, July 17 (AP).—Police attempted to determine today what caused two young women, one of whom wore a leotard, to reading "when I'm full, take me home," to plunge 800 feet into the Patapsco River from a drawbridge.

The two, Miss Lucy Morrell, 22, and Mrs. Charlotte Elliott, 24, both Baltimore waitresses, were rescued by the crew of a cabin cruiser and brought unconscious to a hospital last night.

Benjamin Smith said he saw the pair climb over the railing in full view of hundreds of automobile drivers. They tossed their hats into the river and then their pocket-books. One began yawning, Smith told police, and as she started to fall she clutched at her companion.

One was yelling, "I don't want to die. I don't want to die," said Smith.

RETAIL CREDIT SALES INCREASE

St. Louis, July 17 (AP).—Credit sales in 13,000 retail stores in thirty-six cities average 4.1 per cent better last month than in June, 1938, the National Retail Credit Association reported today.

For the same period, collections increased 2.7 over June, last year, and the total sales made an average gain of 1.2 per cent.

Twenty-six of the thirty-six cities reported better total sales.

Both collections and credit sales increased 12 per cent for June over the same month last year at Albuquerque, N. M., and Pueblo, Colo., reported a rise of 9 per cent in credit sales.

Declines in credit sales for the month were greatest at Found Du Lac, Wis., and Helena, Mont. Both reported 10 per cent drops.

OLD MURDER CASE NEARS JURY STAGE

Los Angeles, July 17 (AP).—Lawyers entered final arguments today in the trial of James Burchiel, former Pennsylvania convict charged with a 1916 murder and kidnaping. Burchiel, brought here upon his release from prison in Pennsylvania, has testified he was "in Kansas City or El Paso" when 13-year-old Naomi Allred was kidnaped here and police officer, Thomas Kronschnabel, was shot to death.

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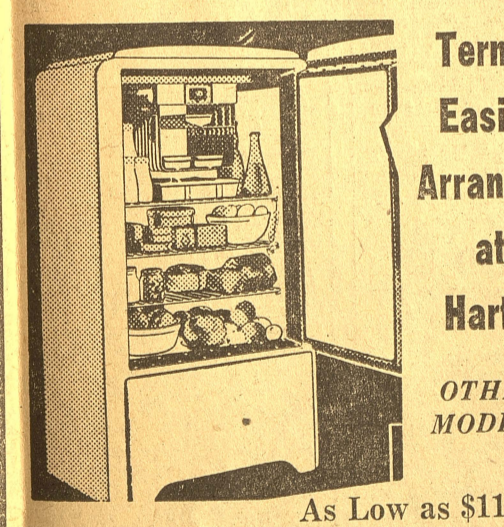
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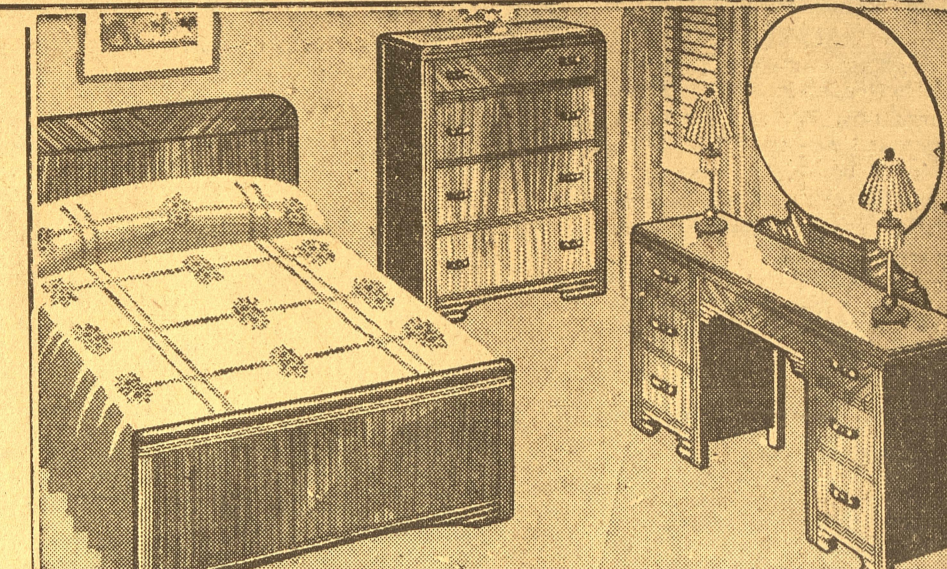
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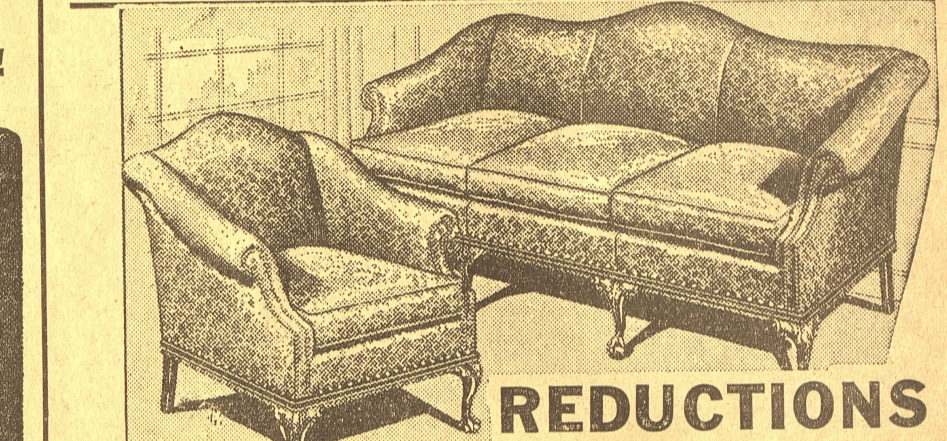


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