

**RECLUSE, ILL, LIVED ALONE WITH HER CATS**

Neighbors Find Her in Precarious Condition and Send Her to Hospital

**GAVE HER FOOD TO PETS**

Niece Says She Was Barred From House—Five Animals Roamed at Will

Prefering a life of solitude, Miss Elizabeth Johnson, a septuagenarian, has lived at 1217 North Franklin street for more than thirteen years, with five cats as her only companion.

Visited by no one, she became a recluse, who desired to be left alone, that she might be with her cats. The animals roamed about the house at will, frequently gaining out of windows at passers-by.

Miss Johnson became so devoted to her feline friends that she neglected to nourish her own body. This led to disability which prevented her from following her usual habit of scrubbing her front steps at midnight on Wednesdays. Neighbors suspected something wrong and an investigation followed.

When the police went to the house today they found the aged woman crumpled in a corner of the dining room. She was in a comatose condition. The cats hissed unconsciously and had to be driven from the room.

Hundreds of milk bottles strewed the tables and chairs, while the appearance of the house gave every evidence of neglect. Rooms were festooned with cobwebs and the stairway leading to the second floor was blocked by them.

Two beds on the second floor had not been disturbed for more than ten years. Miss Johnson refused to sleep in them after the death of her brother, a former policeman of the Park and Lehigh avenues station.

Dr. W. N. Leddom was called by the police, and he said Miss Johnson was in a precarious condition from lack of nourishment. She would have died from starvation in a short time had she not been found, he said. He ordered her removed to the Philadelphia Hospital. She is not expected to recover.

An examination of the house after her removal revealed the fact that its occupant seldom used any room except the dining room in the last ten years. She made her bed on a couch in the dining room. A small stove in this room furnished her food was delivered to her. A niece, Mrs. Elizabeth Enoch of 4118 Penn street, Frankford, told the police her aunt had refused to admit her to the house. Only last week, she said, she had been turned away.

**"DRYS" GATHER FORCES FOR FIGHT IN CONGRESS**

Prohibitionists Encouraged by Favorable Action of Committee on Bill

**BRYAN DIRECTING HAND**

Webb Measure Author Confident of Stronger Support This Year Than in 1914

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Temperance workers from all parts of the country are coming to the capital today to prepare for the most vigorous campaign ever waged for the prohibition of alcohol. Encouraged by the action of the House Judiciary Committee in favorably reporting the Webb bill for prohibition by constitutional amendments, the nation-wide workers announced their purpose to engage at once in a personal canvass of members of the House.

Back of all of the forces enlisted in the campaign for a dry nation is William Jennings Bryan, who expects to be in Washington frequently throughout the session of Congress.

Representative Webb, of North Carolina, author of the prohibition measure, was optimistic today, but refused to predict positively the passage of his amendment. He said:

We can already count on stronger support than we had two years ago when the same measure passed the House by a majority of thirteen. At that time, too, the committee merely reported the bill out. Now the committee recommends that the bill do pass. We can count on a much stronger vote than two years ago, because in the meantime many additional States have enacted State prohibitory laws. At present sixty-nine per cent of the territory of the United States is dry, and this territory has sixty per cent of the entire population of the country. The present session is the proper time for action on this resolution. I purposely refrained from pressing the measure last session so as not to bring it into the political campaign.

The present expectation is that a rule favorable to consideration of the Webb resolution will be reported immediately after the holidays so that the question can be pressed for a vote early in the new year. The proposed amendment would "forever" prohibit the sale, manufacture, transportation and importation for sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in the United States.

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**War Mills Grind, Defying Winter**

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damaging to trenches, which have a tendency to crumble and cave in. Thus, it is the British Tommy's idea to keep the mortars busy, as any projectiles are wasted. Even if there are no casualties, the soft condition of the earth rendering explosions doubly effective.

Though the air activity was stopped in this part of the line during the snowstorm, yet the fact remains that the weather seldom completely suppresses the everlastingly alert airman. Yesterday it drizzled almost all day and clouds seemed at times to be resting in the trenches. The day was dark and forbidding. Nevertheless, there were many war planes abroad, and at least one German machine was brought down in a thrilling battle near Arras.

Through tempests of wind, rain and icy blasts the airman got aloft, stopping only when it was impossible to see.

Only eight years ago at the first aviation meet in history, which took place at the now war-battered Rheims, before a pilot sounded he first looked at the sky, then set his finger and held it up to see which way the breeze was blowing. And one day when an aviator flew a few feet, from the aerodrome to the city, rounding the now fresh-baked and shell-scared towers of the famous cathedral, a correspondent who was present called the item as a news event of world importance.

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