

HUERTA AS HE ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES

LOCAL OPTION BILL ON FINAL VOTE IN HOUSE

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business and political interests blocks the popular will. After Mr. Williams' speech the House, on motion of Mr. Kitts, Erie, rescinded its action limiting speech.

Kitts' Bitter Speech

Mr. Kitts, Erie, remarked so much had been said on "this monotonous question" that anything said now was like "graveyard wind." Members, he said, had been haunted by it and he desired to make an oration at the laying of the cornerstone.

"I come here to represent my constituents and not Martin G. Brumbaugh," said Mr. Kitts, who then declared the local option movement was "political hysteria, inspired by the Governor of this State." He said the issue was settled last November. "You know, it, I know, and the Governor knows it," asserted Mr. Kitts, who then protested against "clogging the wheels of the Legislature" with an issue decided by the people who voted on the question last November. Mr. Kitts asserted that 144 men had been elected against local option.

The county unit was assailed by Mr. Kitts, who said it would give backwoods districts an undue power. The Erie man voiced a protest against impressions given about conditions in Pennsylvania by advocates of local option and said that extreme cases had been cited.

Crowd Hisses Him

Sharp criticism of the attitude of the throng that gathered here for the local option bill hearing on April 6 was made by Mr. Kitts. He then said the local option movement was a reflection of "religious hysteria inspired by 'Billy Sunday.'" When he charged that Sunday was out for the "mighty dollar," his statement brought out a storm of hisses from the crowd.

Ministers who had preached and prayed for local option were denounced for the extreme stand they had taken on the liquor issue by Mr. Kitts. He made a plea for the compensation idea to accompany local option and said the business had been recognized by the general assembly.

Called Y. M. C. A. "Rabble"

The Erie man said that he preferred to trust the liquor question to "the wisdom of the broad-minded judiciary" than to "the rabble of the Y. M. C. A., the women's clubs and the Anti-saloon League."

Mr. Kitts denied that "any liberal-minded Democrat" was bound by the Democratic State platform and said the Republican platform did not refer to local option. He sharply criticized the method of adopting the Democratic platform last year.

In closing the Erie man declared members should stand up despite "coercion" or threats by the Executive to stomp districts of men who opposed the bill.

Graham Speaks

Mr. Graham, Philadelphia, in a brief speech declared he felt that the time had come to put the liquor question to a vote of the people. He said he intended to vote as his constituents desired and that he would be a weakling if he was led any other way.

"Too Many Laws"

Mr. Beyer spoke for "personal liberty" saying that the local option issue had been behind religious persecution. He declared that the policy embodied in the bill "brutalizes government and discredits the church." Further, the Philadelphia member asserted it is not the function of the Legislature or the Governor to teach men to be industrious and sober, but rather that of the clergy. There is a tendency to make too many laws, said he, and then remarked that time had been consumed over local option which should have been employed in enacting important legislation.

Governor Brumbaugh's attitude in behalf of the bill was assailed by Mr. Beyer as "objectionable" and he said that he questioned the propriety of some of his efforts. During his speech, Mr. Beyer declared that it was not for the Legislature to pass too many restrictive laws and that there were lines of demarcation between the executive and legislative branches of the government.

Men opposed to local option have firm opinions about the right of the people to rule and the people expressed themselves at the last election, said he.

Mr. Beyer said that what the state needed was more religion and less politics, and, carrying out the referendum idea in the local option bill, he said, the people should be allowed to vote on Sunday baseball, moving pictures, vaccination and amusements on the Sabbath with as much justice as on the licensing of liquor.

Members Eat Lunch

During the speeches a number of the members had lunches brought in and sat at their desks munching sandwiches while the orator went on.

Shortly before 1 o'clock Mr. Sherman, Wyoming, began to speak in behalf of the bill, saying that he felt the question was so important that the members would endorse the bill to the end. The principle underlying local option is nonpartisan and if enacted will restore popular rule. Mr. Sherman declared that in the time that had come for the people to have their way. The organized liquor dealers, he said, had throttled the will of the people in years gone by.

Mr. Ramsey, Delaware, said he felt that no speech could change a vote and called attention to the fact that the Republican platform did not contain any reference to local option.

Defends Liquor Lobby

The issue was carried into the November election and the people having ruled on it at that time it is not a question of popular rule now. He said that if a vote had been taken a week after the session began there would have been an overwhelming majority against the bill. Since then there has been a remarkable change for the measure backed by the Governor. Members must answer for their votes at home.

Mr. Ramsey asked if it was any worse for the liquor people to have a lobby than for the Governor of this state to send "his servants" out through the state lobbying for the bill.

The Delaware man called the attention of the house to the fact that if a county went "dry" at an election licenses would be in the hands of the courts just as at present.

In closing Mr. Ramsey said members should vote as they thought best and then go back home and take their "medicine."

Blind Member Speaks

Mr. Lanius, York, the blind member, said local option was not hysteria but a natural growth of a movement that had been before the people for years. He remarked that last session there were ninety votes for local option.

It is time to change a law when a judge does not heed a remonstrance signed by three or four times the number of petitioners for a license, contended Mr. Lanius. The York legislator then remarked that the House had passed the bill to restrict the use of drugs and if it had the right to do that without infringing on personal liberty it can pass local option.

Mr. Roney said the question of liquor should be settled on broad,

McIntyre and Heath In "The Ham Tree"



FEW people may be aware of the fact, but Thomas Kurton Heath was born in Philadelphia, having first seen the light of day in a Spruce street home in 1860. Mr. Heath, however, did not grow up in Philadelphia, for at the early age of eleven he packed up all his earthly possessions in a carpetbag and small box and started out with his uncle's concert company, which traveled by

team from town to town, determined to elevate the stage. Heath and another youngster by the name of Miller did what was known as a "statue clog." After they had struggled over a big part of the eastern country they left for Texas, where Miller died of yellow fever, leaving Heath without either a dancing partner or a meal ticket. It was then that Heath met McIntyre, and the two practiced all night so that they could accept and

fill an engagement in San Antonio, where they both had been stranded with a combined capital of 8 cents. That was about forty years ago, and the two comedians have been inseparable ever since. Both are in possession of over \$500,000 today, but they never tire of talking of the dark days when it was a question whether they ate or not. Beginning under the white circus tents, they have passed successfully through circus, variety, minstrel,

farce comedy, vaudeville and into musical comedy, and the echo of mirth has always been resounding behind them as they passed on. There perhaps is not a parallel on the stage where two fellows have "stuck" to each other the way McIntyre and Heath have. McIntyre and Heath in John Cort's elaborate revival of "The Ham Tree" are booked for the Majestic Saturday afternoon and evening.

MOSQUITOES SHOULD BE EXTERMINATED

Dr. Dixon Says That Now Is the Time to Start the Fight Against Pests

Now is the time to start the fight on mosquitoes if people would be free of the pests during the good old summer time, according to Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, the State Commissioner of Health. The commissioner has been studying the night-singing insect for many years and soon after he assumed office began a series of experiments looking to extermination of the bugs. He made a series of tests on his own property, near Philadelphia, by placing ducks on ponds and dams and found that the fowl were the greatest destroyers of the larvae. "These are the commissioner's ideas about fighting mosquitoes: "Mosquitoes born now not only live all summer, but each female lays, according to the species, about 150 eggs. These, multiplied by the generations of a season, would add up to millions of mosquitoes. As their breeding season has begun, we must be diligent in our efforts to destroy their breeding places. Should we fail in our efforts we will be annoyed by their buzzing

and their biting and by an increase of malaria fever, and should yellow fever be introduced to our shores it would make for a serious epidemic. If we have to use rain barrels for our water supply, they should be carefully netted so that the mosquito cannot reach the water and lay its eggs. If fresh pools exist about our places they should be filled up, or drains should be laid carrying away the rain water and not permit it to collect and become stagnant. If our swamps are too large to drain and fill up, they should be treated with petroleum, so that the oil will prevent the larva of the mosquito from reaching the atmosphere to breed. It will then drown for the want of oxygen. "In country places ducks, particularly mallards, will do much to keep down mosquito pests, as they are very fond of the larva and pupa. "Tomato cans, sardine boxes, broken cups, any vessel that will hold the rain water, will afford favorable breeding places for mosquitoes. One tomato can half full of water will be sufficient for the rearing of thousands of mosquitoes. "The saucers under the flower pots in and around our houses offer favorable breeding places. Water vessels that are set out for birds and animals are often found full of mosquito larva. Therefore such receptacles ought to have the water changed daily so as to destroy any eggs that may be laid in them. Water pitches in rooms that are only occasionally used have often been found fertile breeding places, and where houses were well screened they were filled with mosquitoes, owing to the fact that maybe one or two female mosquitoes had found access to the water in these pitches of a spare chamber."



GUARDING DUTCH NEUTRALITY. A SENTRY ON THE HOLLAND-BELGIUM FRONTIER. (Press Department, Eastman Kodak Company.)

LIBERTY BELL WILL BE SENT TO FAIR



Philadelphia, April 20.—Liberty Bell, the treasured emblem of the birth of the nation's independence will be shipped to San Francisco and exhibited at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition as a result of the efforts of William Randolph Hearst, who will also stand the \$30,000 expense incidental to transporting it to the coast and back in a private car with a committee accompanying it.

Mrs. Amelia E. Barr, dean of American woman writers, in an interview. "When the war in Europe is over," she continued, "women must become old fashioned again or the men must turn Mormons. I lay the blame for childless women on the mother who has brought up her girls to do nothing."

THE LESSER EVIL. Mrs. Homespun—"What'll we contribute to the minister's donation party?" Farmer Homespun—"Wal, I dunno, Hannar! Taters is 'way up, pork is 'way up, fowl is 'way up—we'll save money by giving him money."—St. Paul Dispatch.

Father Time Gets One More Stiff Punch From Brothah in Plug Hat

The tiny, ever-chuckling guardian spirit of the Dauphin county marriage license bureau once again joyously and with perfect abandon swayed traditions, conventionalities and the years into a coked but early this afternoon when the Rev. Solomon W. Hutchings, a colored pastor of Burlington, N. J., and Mrs. Agnes Danglerfield, this city, took out a license.

Both had been married before. The minister's first wife having died in December, 1911, in Schenectady, N. Y., while Mr. Danglerfield departed this life in December, 1913. The Rev. Mr. Hutchings, who wore the cloth of the calling and a plug hat, said he was tired of being lonesome. The bride-to-be is only 56; the groom elect is a little older; he's 70.

Selsh Wives Are Childless, Says Mrs. Barr



AMELIA BARR. New York, April 17.—I would a man I would not live with a woman who refused to have children," said

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