



DRINK AND DRUGS DRAG HIM FROM SCHOOL TO COURT

Former Principal of Classroom Pleads For Suspended Sentence

SERVED YEAR IN FRANCE

Former Judge and Two Attorneys Ask That He Be Released

From principal in the public schools in Landisburg and Pleasant View, to the United States Army, to employment at the American Railway Express Company warehouses, then to be brought into criminal court to answer a charge of theft of wearing apparel from the company, is the brief history of the life of D. J. Patterson during the last few years.

A former judge and two well known attorneys, one of them president of the bar of the county, appeared in court to intercede for Patterson, who is a native of Perry county.

Whisky and habit-forming drugs were blamed by the lawyers for the downfall of the man, and they appealed to the court to release him on probation in order to give him a chance to reform.

Former Judge James W. Shull, of Perry county, told President Judge George Kunkel and Judge S. J. M. McCarroll, of Perry county, that Patterson had always been respected in his native county, taught school there for several years, and at one time was principal of the Landisburg schools, later coming to Dauphin county to teach.

Drugs, drink and family troubles were blamed by the former judge, who said that just about the time Patterson started on his downward career he entered the army, served about a year in France, and returned, but failed to gain his former standing.

Charles C. Stroh, attorney for Patterson's wife, denied one of former Judge Shull's charges, but admitted that the man had always had a good reputation until recently, when he was arrested for larceny.

Scott S. Leiby, counsel for Patterson, also asked the court to suspend sentence.

On Probation Judge Kunkel permitted Patterson to be released on probation under bail, and because of that decision sentenced James Thompson, colored, to 30 days in jail.

Thompson, pleading guilty also, was charged with receiving the stolen articles. William Harris, alias Jerwick, charged with stealing \$200 in cash and jewelry from the residence and store of Lou Baum, by whom he was employed, was given from three years in the Eastern Penitentiary.

Select Jury For Trial of Prohibition Inspector Charged With Murder

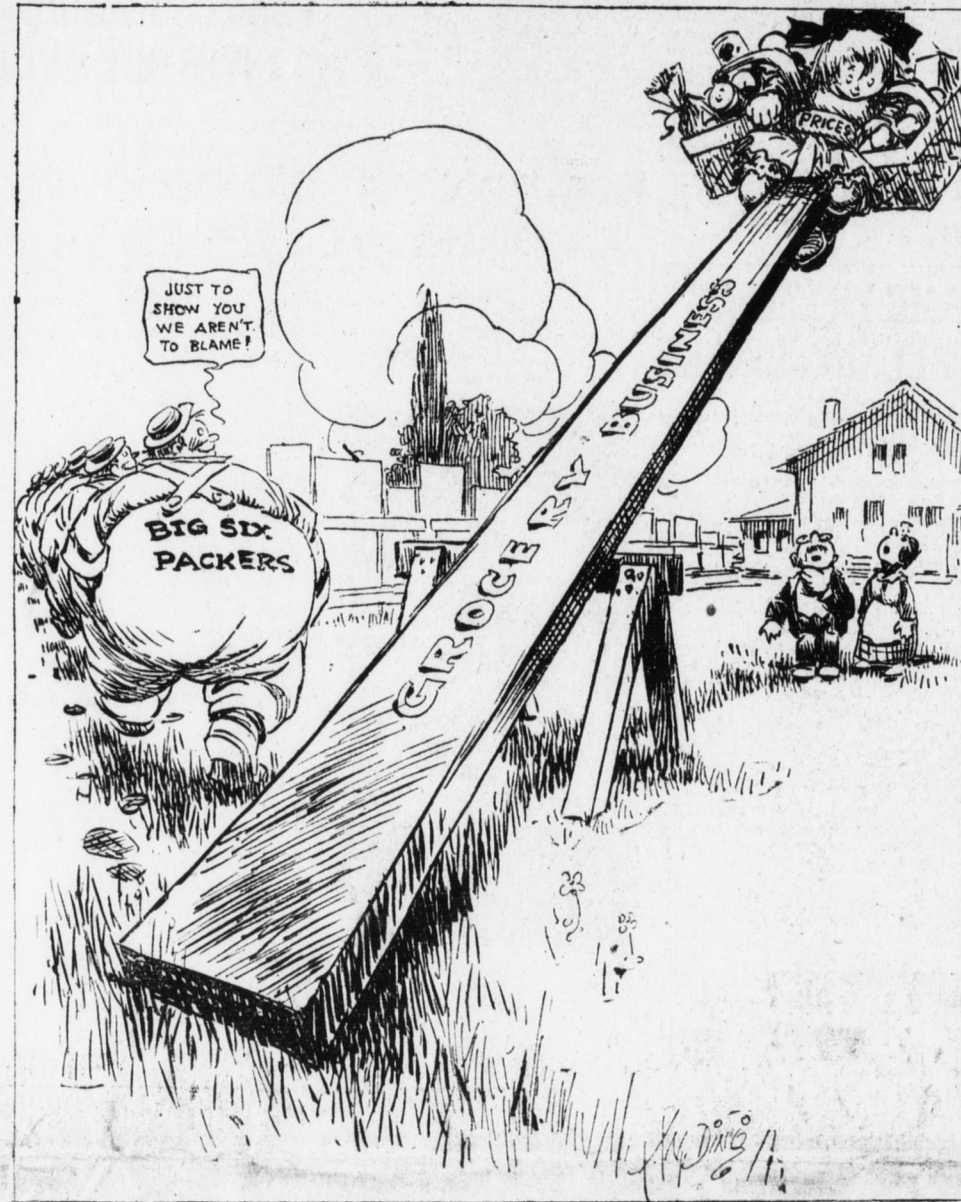
Manassas, Va., Dec. 29.—Difficulty in obtaining a satisfactory jury was expected to delay proceedings when William G. Hall, prohibition inspector, accused of murder, went on trial to-day. It was expected that the venire, which was called would prove inadequate in view of the general discussion of the case and widespread feeling against the defendant in this section.

Demotions against Hall and his deputies when they were assigned at Winchester last fall caused local officials to take every precaution against similar occurrences during the trial here.

Hall, who is accused of having killed Lawrence J. Hudson and Raymond Shackelford during a revolver fight between the two men and an automobile load of prohibition inspectors last March, will make his first appearance in court when the first shots fired came from the car occupied by Hudson and Shackelford. Hall was tried on the same charge last September, the jury being unable to reach a verdict.

Trial of the other prohibition officials, Deputies Harry S. Sweet, Sr., J. H. Sullivan and William B. Dunlevy, awaits the outcome of Hall's trial, it was said here to-day. The officers claimed that the men killed were engaged in illicit whiskey traffic.

Boy, Page Sir Isaac Newton!



BIG ROUNDUP OF BOOTLEGGERS TO FOLLOW DEATHS

Government Takes a Hand After Many Are Killed and Blinded

New York, Dec. 29.—One of the biggest roundups of bootleggers and manufacturers of illicit liquor ever made in this country, is impending as a result of the deaths and blindness which has followed the sale of poisoned liquor, Daniel L. Porter, supervising revenue agent for the New York district, announced to-day.

Evidence already in hand is sufficient, Mr. Porter said, to hold Adolph Panarelli, a Manhattan wine and liquor dealer; John Romanelli, a Brooklyn undertaker, and Samuel K. Saleeby, a Brooklyn druggist, the alleged principals in the distribution of poisonous liquor in New England, on charges of first degree murder.

The men are being held incommunicado during the 48 hours which will elapse before they are arraigned before a United States commissioner.

\$50,000 Bail Refused Bail of \$50,000 for immediate release of Panarelli already has been refused, Mr. Porter said. When the men are arraigned, Mr. Porter declared he would ask the commissioner to set the bail at \$50,000 for each defendant.

Twenty revenue agents to-day made a careful search of the premises on Bleeker street occupied by Panarelli and took away with them every bottle of liquor found.

Prelude of Terror to Red World Rule Shown by Bolshevik Papers

New York, Dec. 29.—The hideous details of a gigantic Bolshevik conspiracy to strangle industry and while the world was staggering under the blow to inaugurate a reign of terror that would give the trained agents of Trotsky and Lenin an opportunity to seize the governments of the world are now in the hands of the authorities in documentary form.

It was intimated that the government machinery for the apprehension and prosecution of the leaders of this insidious plot against civilization will be put into motion shortly.

CLERGYMEN ASKED TO WARN CONGREGATIONS AGAINST 'POISON'

Perth Amboy, N. J., Dec. 29.—To prevent wood alcohol poisoning, the city authorities have issued clergyman in all churches to warn their congregations to refrain from drinking any alcoholic beverage on New Year's day. The warning was issued particularly for the benefit of the large foreign population here. So far no wood alcohol poisoning cases have been reported here.

WAR MESSAGES FROM DEAD ARE BRANDED FAKES

"Mediums" Termed "Gibbering Old Women" by Professor of Theology

"Notoriety seekers and mercenaries, who do not believe the things they say and are only in the business from purely selfish motives, are wilfully misleading thousands." In these words Dr. S. W. Hannen, professor of Biblical Theology at Drew Seminary, Madison, N. J., scorned those who call themselves spiritualists, mediums and like names, and claim to have communion with the other world, and to be able to predict all manner of events.

Dr. Hannen in his sermon for the coming week, when he will conduct a series of meetings of Bible study at the invitation of Stevens Memorial Methodist Church.

"There are doubtless many scientific persons who are well meaning and sincere in these wild predictions which they make concerning the end of the world, and like unknown events," said Dr. Hannen this morning, "but the very truth, so often evidenced, of these predictions shows that the prophets are of unbalanced minds."

"There are very many theories which can be carefully worked out in the seclusion of one's study, but just go out in the practical world and try to put these theories into practice and see how soon you discover their impotence." "During the war there were many people who took advantage of the opportunity to exploit spiritualism and communication with departed spirits. It certainly stands to reason that if one of your pals, one who was near and dear to you and fought at your side, should be killed, and it should be possible for his spirit to communicate, he would not take some gibbering old woman as his medium. He would not make her mutter some unintelligible, senseless messages. He would communicate directly with you."

COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE PAY OF MINERS MEETS

Confers With Tumulty and Later Lays Out Program of Procedure

Washington, Dec. 29.—Members of the commission named by President Wilson under the coal strike settlement agreement to investigate wages and prices in the bituminous coal industry conferred with Secretary Tumulty to-day at the White House. The commission is expected to lay out a program for its work at meetings during the day.

Members of the executive committee of the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association also were in the city to-day and it was expected that the operators finally would tender their assistance to the commission in its work, in spite of objections that have been made by the operators to the Government's plan.

Empowered to Grant Raise—Under the strike settlement agreement with the miners, made by Attorney General Palmer with President Wilson's authorization, work has been resumed at the mines, a fourteen per cent. increase in wages has been given the miners and Government fixed prices on coal of \$2.25 per ton mine run at the mine have been retained. The commission is empowered to grant further increases, if that is necessary, and has been requested to report a decision within sixty days.

The members of the commission are Henry M. Robinson, of Pasadena, Cal., chairman; Rembrandt Peale, representing the operators, and John P. White, representing the miners.

Bituminous Operators Discuss Attitude on Commission's Action

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Representatives of coal operators in the bituminous fields met here to-day to discuss the attitude to be adopted toward the findings of the commission appointed by President Wilson to adjust wages of miners after settlement of the recent nation-wide strike. The operators assert that they had not committed themselves to accepting or endorsing any decision the President's commission may reach. Most of the mine owners opposed any raise in miners' wages above the fourteen per cent. set by Dr. H. A. Garfield, former Federal Fuel Administrator, which became the preliminary wage advance when the strike was settled at Indianapolis by Attorney General Palmer and the union leaders. They contended that any increase in wages above the fourteen per cent. would raise the cost of production and finally the consumer would be obliged to pay a higher price for coal.

PERSHING TO BE GUEST OF CITY IN EARLY SPRING

Commander of the American Forces in France to Address Chamber of Commerce

TO INSPECT U. S. DEPOTS General Plans to Visit Middletown and New Cumberland Plants

General John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, is planning a visit to Harrisburg. It was announced at the offices of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce this morning.

During his visit, he will be a guest of the Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon meeting.

An invitation to visit Harrisburg as a guest of the Chamber of Commerce when he inspects the aviation, ordnance and quartermasters' depots at Middletown and New Cumberland, was extended General Pershing December 13, by E. J. Stackpole, president of the Chamber of Commerce. The following letter in reply was made public to-day:

"I have just received your letter of the 13th, which was forwarded to me from Washington, and I appreciate very much the invitation you extend to me to visit Harrisburg during my tour of inspection of the aviation, ordnance and quartermasters' depots in the vicinity of Harrisburg next spring, but as yet no definite date has been determined upon. When I do visit the city, it will give me great pleasure to accept your invitation."

The invitation as extended by President Stackpole was contained in the following letter:

"We are advised at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce that you will in the near future visit officially the aviation and ordnance depot near this city, and also the quartermasters' depot near New Cumberland, opposite Harrisburg. The Chamber of Commerce will be pleased to have you as its luncheon guest on that occasion. The people of Harrisburg and the privilege of showing you in some proper way their appreciation of your splendid services with the American Expeditionary Forces.

"You have maintained in a world crisis the best traditions of the American people and American fighters. Being for the community, the Chamber of Commerce will be more than delighted to be advised that it will be highly convenient for you to break bread with us on the occasion of your visit to Harrisburg. Arrangements for the visit will be made when more definite arrangements for the time have been made by General Pershing himself."

Would Save Life by Forbidding Use of Rubber Tubing to Gas Pipes

New York, Dec. 29.—Steps to save life by forbidding the use of rubber gas tubing are contemplated by the city authorities, it was learned to-day from the result of discussions by the medical examiner's office that most of the city's accidental asphyxiations in cold weather are due to leaky rubber tubing connections with the fittings of winter gas occurred in New York city during November last and forty-three in the corresponding month a year ago, the figures being more than double with the result of winter.

Medical examiners found that tubing was the cause in three-fourths of the cases. In many instances the rubber was worn by use so that it leaked and gas flooded the house while the family was asleep. Sometimes a member of the household steps on the tube inadvertently and breaks the flow of gas for an instant. Then he retires and the gas flows on without ignition.

State Warns Against Use of Wood Alcohol

State officials are to-day outlining a campaign to warn the people of Pennsylvania against the dangers lurking in concoctions of wood alcohol and other substitutes for liquors and to arrange for the fullest measure of co-operation with Federal and local authorities.

The conference was called by Colonel John D. Moran, deputy commissioner of health, and attendees are James Poust, director of the bureau of foods; C. F. Kramer, of the State Board of Pharmacy; Dr. Thomas S. Ely, chief of the bureau of drug control, and representatives of the Internal Revenue and other Federal services.

Oves Names Three Clerks For Treasurer's Office

City Treasurer-elect Harry F. Oves announced to-day that he would appoint Joseph A. Minnaugh, at present a clerk in the treasurer's office, as chief clerk; Charles A. Madigan, 1715 1/2 North Fifth street, and George F. Dunkle, 1942 Derry street, deputy clerks.

Mr. Minnaugh has been connected with the treasurer's office for a number of years with the exception of the time he was in service. Mr. Madigan for the last several years has been a clerk in the Central Trust Company and Mr. Dunkle has had much experience in tax affairs as county tax collector in the Thirteenth ward.

MRS. VERMILY TO CONFRONT HUSBAND WHO AT 62 YEARS TOOK PART IN LOVE TRAGEDY

Miss Keeney Calls "Quits"

By Associated Press.

Monson, Mass., Dec. 29.—Miss Ruth M. Keeney, the Bucknell University professor of Spanish, who was left waiting at the church here when Dr. William Grey Vermilye, of New York, failed to appear for their announced wedding, said to-day she had closed the affair. Miss Keeney, with her father, George L. Keeney, returned to their home after an unsuccessful attempt to interview Dr. Vermilye at the New York hospital to which he went for treatment on the day he was expected to be married.

Mr. Keeney said his daughter had an engagement ring given her by Dr. Vermilye and that Dr. Vermilye had asked him for her hand in marriage during a visit here in September. Miss Keeney showed a newspaperman the ring which she said was given her by Vermilye. He assured her, she said, that he was free to marry.

500 LITTLE FOLKS GUESTS AT DINNER

Rotary Club Entertains Youngsters at Annual Christmas Dinner, Who Show Appreciation by Eating, and Eating and Eating

Four Melody Maids and an European musical act, a part of the Ma-jestic theater program for the week, the participants giving their services free. And then there was Charles J. Colta, a magician, who did all manner of amazing stunts and added much to the hilarity of the occasion. Altogether it was some party and after it was all over G. M. Steinmetz, president of the club, said: "I think it only one that ask any one of these present, hosts or guests, if you don't mind, I'll give the little ball was large enough. This year the big auditorium was scarcely sufficient to accommodate the throng. The Rotarians had it all planned. They were going to call for their little guests in automobiles, and many of them did. But a lot of boys and girls took no chances. Maybe they knew about the pictures and blowouts and the baby tents and pieces of automobiles in cold weather; at any rate they began to assemble at 10 o'clock, not to mention three who were on hand at 8.15. "We came right after breakfast," they explained, "to avoid the rush."

One of the early comers was a little girl who walked four miles yesterday to tell Father Christmas, chairman of the dinner committee, that his father is sick and that the family "had no Christmas." He asked to have his four little sisters admitted, and was overjoyed when he found that there would be places not alone for them, but for himself as well.

The hall was a picture in its Christmas decorations. A lot of yesterday a party of Rotarians under the leadership of Arthur H. Holman hung the walls and the ceiling in green and red garlands, holly and laurel being used in large quantities. The whole front of the gallery was screened in holly and long festoons hung from the ceiling beams.

After the family work Frank Davenport entertained the dinner committee, and Rudolph K. Spicer, master of ceremonies, the long tables were laid off checker-board style in green and red, so that the waiters assigned to the new just where they were to serve.

Mr. Davenport, in the absence of S. S. Rutherford, who was attending the funeral of a near relative, cooked the dinner and prepared everything from roast chicken to ice cream and cake that a boy or girl could enjoy. Well-known business and professional men and their wives in waiters' coats helped the food, while others presented the children with bags of candy, apples, cakes and oranges and gifts especially selected for the occasion.

These gifts were purchased by Mr. Bowman at wholesale rates and given to the club at costs. All the expenses were borne by the club members and the cost will be nearly \$800, including the hall, which Zumbo Temple, through Colonel Charles E. Covert, gave for the event at a reduced price. Daniel F. Miller, the custom clerk, helped the Rotarians greatly and received a vote of thanks.

The Dinner William S. Eschek opened the dinner by saying grace, and as soon as the ice cream had been put where it would do the most good, C. Floyd Hopkins opened the entertainment with moving pictures that included a Charley Chaplin film. After that C. W. Miller, physical director at the "Y," did a tumbling clown stunt that set the little folks wild and did several stunts for members of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium classes in a waltz drill. The Orpheum orchestra was donated for the occasion and played for the

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THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and Vicinity: Unsettled, probably snow to-night and Tuesday. Continued cold with light snow to Tuesday. Warmer Wednesday and Thursday. Strong southerly winds, becoming south to-night and increasing. River: The Susquehanna River and all its branches will fall slowly or remain stationary without much change in the condition. The river will continue ice-bound and nearly stationary at Harrisburg at a stage of 6.5 to 7 feet.

Wife Prostrated at News of Alleged Romance

KNOWLEDGE OF GIRL DENIED

Mrs. William Grey Vermilye is packing her effects at the home of her daughter, 2210 North Third street, as quickly as she can so that she may go at once to New York and confront her husband.

Mrs. Vermilye intends to visit her 62-year-old husband, the former Navy surgeon who is accused by Miss Ruth M. Keeney, a former instructor in Bucknell University, of having deserted her at the altar on Christmas Eve, the time set for their wedding.

Prostrated by News. "My mother is prostrated by the terrible news we have heard and will leave for her Brooklyn home as soon as she can pack her things," said Mrs. E. R. Baines, her daughter to-day.

"It is absolutely impossible for anyone to attempt to see Mrs. Vermilye," Mrs. Baines continued, "she is worn out and so shocked by the dispatch which we read in the paper. We have not heard from Dr. Vermilye but Major Baines is seeing about that part of the matter. Mrs. Vermilye has been living at 709 Green street since early in the summer. She came here from her Brooklyn home so as to be near her daughter who is the wife of Major E. R. Baines who has apartments at 2210 North Third street. Since publication of the Keeney romance the wife has been staying with her daughter.

Visited in City. The Vermilyes are in comfortable circumstances. Dr. Vermilye visited the city three months ago and

FOOTPADS GET \$10,000 AND CHECKS FOR \$65,000

Cleveland, Ohio.—Two armed footpads, escaped with \$10,000 in cash and \$65,000 in checks in a daring hold-up in the downtown section of James Hoduf, who was carrying the money from a savings and loan company to a bank.

ROBBERS GET \$7,000 AFTER SHOOTING CASHIER

Toledo.—Seven men to-day held up the People's Bank at Ottawa Lake, Mich., and escaped with \$7,000 in cash and Liberty bonds, after shooting Herman Rothfuss, the cashier. In their haste, the raiders overlooked \$20,000 in currency and bonds.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH MURDER OF BROWN

Mount Clemens, Mich.—A warrant charging Reatrice Workman, alias Cecelie Vester, with the murder of J. Stanley Brown, shot to death in his automobile near here, last Tuesday night, was issued here to-day.

DISCUSSING RAILROAD LEGISLATION

Washington.—While the joint congressional conference committee was discussing point of difference between the Cummins and Esch railroad organization bills here to-day in an effort to conciliate minor disagreements and pave the way to consideration of the all-important anti-strike provisions of the Cummins measure, high railroad union officials were gathering to attend a conference called by Samuel Gompers to formulate a definite policy to be pursued with regard to the offensive labor clauses of the Senate bill.

CREW PERISHES WHEN SHIP IS SWRECKED

Halifax.—The Belgian steamer Anton Van Driel has been wrecked west of Cape Race and all her crew perished, according to wireless dispatches received here to-day.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Paul R. Bucher, Penbrook, and Helen L. Hassler, Harrisburg; Mervin D. Hessinger, Hogestown, and Ida M. Hale, Bechtelburg; Henry F. Runkle, York, and Mary A. Baker, West Fairview.