

BIG LOBBY OPPOSES FIGHT ON DRUG EVIL

Manufacturers Trying to Defeat Bill Pending at Albany.

INCREASES ACTIVITY OF MRS. VANDERBILT

Mothers Appeal to Her in Behalf of Children Who Have Formed Habit.

Albany, March 21.—Backed by large drug manufacturers of New York City, a powerful lobby was discovered here to-day working to defeat the bill now before the Senate designed to out a step to the traffic in morphine, heroin and derivatives of opium.

If the bill, which was introduced by Senator Frawley and goes to a third reading in the Senate on Tuesday, is passed these manufacturers will lose large profits because of the restricted sale of these and other habit forming drugs. Those lobbying for the drug manufacturers advance as a reason for defeating the bill that its provision making it a felony to sell the drugs except on a physician's prescription and a misdemeanor to have the drugs without authority is calculated to interfere with the practice of medicine.

The bill introduced by Senator Frawley and backed by Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, through her attorneys, Coulter & Bond, of New York, provides a penalty of from two to fifteen years for traffic in these drugs. The severeness of the penalty is designed to wipe out the traders who supply young drug users and even teach children the habit.

Frawley Tells of Evil.

When Senator Frawley learned of the opposition he said he did not believe it would be strong enough to defeat the bill, but admitted there was great danger when it came before the Assembly.

"The bill will go through," he said. "No decent, self-respecting man will dare to oppose it. I can't see how any one can have the face to say the drug evil should not be wiped out. The reason I am so interested in the matter is because it comes home to me down in my own district. If those opposed to the bill could realize the wrecks that morphine and heroin have made of young men and women that I knew as boys and girls and neighbors they would see the drug evil as I see it and work against it."

"As for this opposition and lobbying by drug manufacturers, I would like to tell them that they are shameless hypocrites, and I will if it continues. All the money they ever gave away to charities wouldn't pay for the stuff they sell. It is always the big man who knows better who is to blame in a case like this. Corner druggists who traffic in morphine and traders who sell to young criminals in embryo and in jail do not dare to show their hands."

No Hindrance to Doctors.

"Nothing in this bill will prohibit the practice of legitimate medicine. In fact, we are trusting the doctors and allowing the drug to be sold on their order. But we are going to see to it that getting the drug will be made difficult enough to prevent criminal traffic in it. The penalties are not as severe as I would like them. In the first draft of the bill I proposed that a term of five years in prison be given to all caught selling the drugs illegally and that this sentence should be compulsory on the judge, allowing no loophole for the convicted. This has been changed to imprisonment from two to fifteen years, which may work-out better than the other, because there are lots of traders for whom fifteen years is little enough."

It is the general opinion here that the Senate will pass the bill without a struggle.

Floyd S. Wilnot, Assistant District Attorney, who has been prosecuting sellers of cocaine, will go to Albany on Tuesday with Ernest K. Coulter, of No. 2 Rector street, attorney for Mrs. Vanderbilt, to watch the fight for the bill and be ready to supply statistics to Senators who are in doubt as to the evils wrought by morphine and heroin.

Appeal to Mrs. Vanderbilt.

Hundreds of letters from mothers appealing to Mrs. Vanderbilt to show them the way to cure their sons and daughters of the drug habit will be taken to Albany, should any examples of the sorrow and disgrace brought by morphine be needed. One of the letters received by Mrs. Vanderbilt stands out as a striking example of what the indiscriminate sale of drugs can do. The letter reads:

"Dear Madam: Having read what you have been doing to prevent the drug habit prompts me to write to you for advice and information. I have a son, twenty years old, who became addicted to the habit ten months ago. When he started he was a bright young man with a good education. In a few months he became a nervous wreck. We sent him to a sanatorium in Connecticut for two months, but after he came home he started using drugs again, and we had to send him to Bellevue."

"The last and saddest means of saving him was to have him arrested and kept in the Tombs for two months. This did no good, for even in the Tombs he managed to get the drugs. As a heartbroken mother I appeal to you. Is there anything you could advise me to do for him? Is there any place I can send him where he will be cured? I fear if something is not done for

him I shall lose my mind looking at him. The torture of seeing him being physically and mentally wrecked is unbearable."

Woman Threatens Suicide.

When Samuel Mondzic and William Moretzky were arrested as pickpockets on a 34th street crosstown car yesterday heroin was found in their pockets. In Moretzky's pocket was a letter from a woman patient in the Neurological Hospital saying that she would kill herself unless she could get some of the drug.

"My dear Willie," the letter ran. "I am torn to pieces because I can't get the stuff. My nerves are all ripped apart. Good God! Willie, if you only knew the misery I am in here—if you only knew how the hours drag and my soul keeps calling for relief from the pain!"

"Willie, I would give half my life right now for some of the stuff. Oh, if I could only hit the pipe so I could sleep! If you don't reach me with the stuff by 4 o'clock Friday afternoon I will kill myself. I can't stand it any longer. Get it to my bedside if you have to break down the door. If you don't I will find a way to kill myself or I'll make them kill me."

Moretzky, who is twenty-two years old, is supposed to have been on his way to the hospital when he was arrested. His people are well to do and four lawyers were in the Yorkville court to defend him yesterday when the two youths were arraigned before Magistrate Nolan. He lives at No. 45 Grand street. The court paroled him for a year on the disorderly conduct charge, on the promise of his family to have him cured of the drug habit.

Mondzic, who lives at No. 157 Clinton street and is also twenty-two years old, was sent to the workhouse for sixty days, and on the charge of having heroin in their possession both were held in \$1,000 bail.

Police Seize Opium Supply.

The police believe that in Henry Lewis, thirty-three years old, whom they arrested last night, they have the dispenser in chief of opium and morphine on the East Side from 14th street to the Bowery.

Lieutenant Hennessy, with Detectives Ransberg, Wuchner, Grotano and Lowenheim, raided Lewis's home, on the third floor at No. 224 East 10th street, about 9 o'clock. They pushed their way in when Mrs. Lewis refused admission.

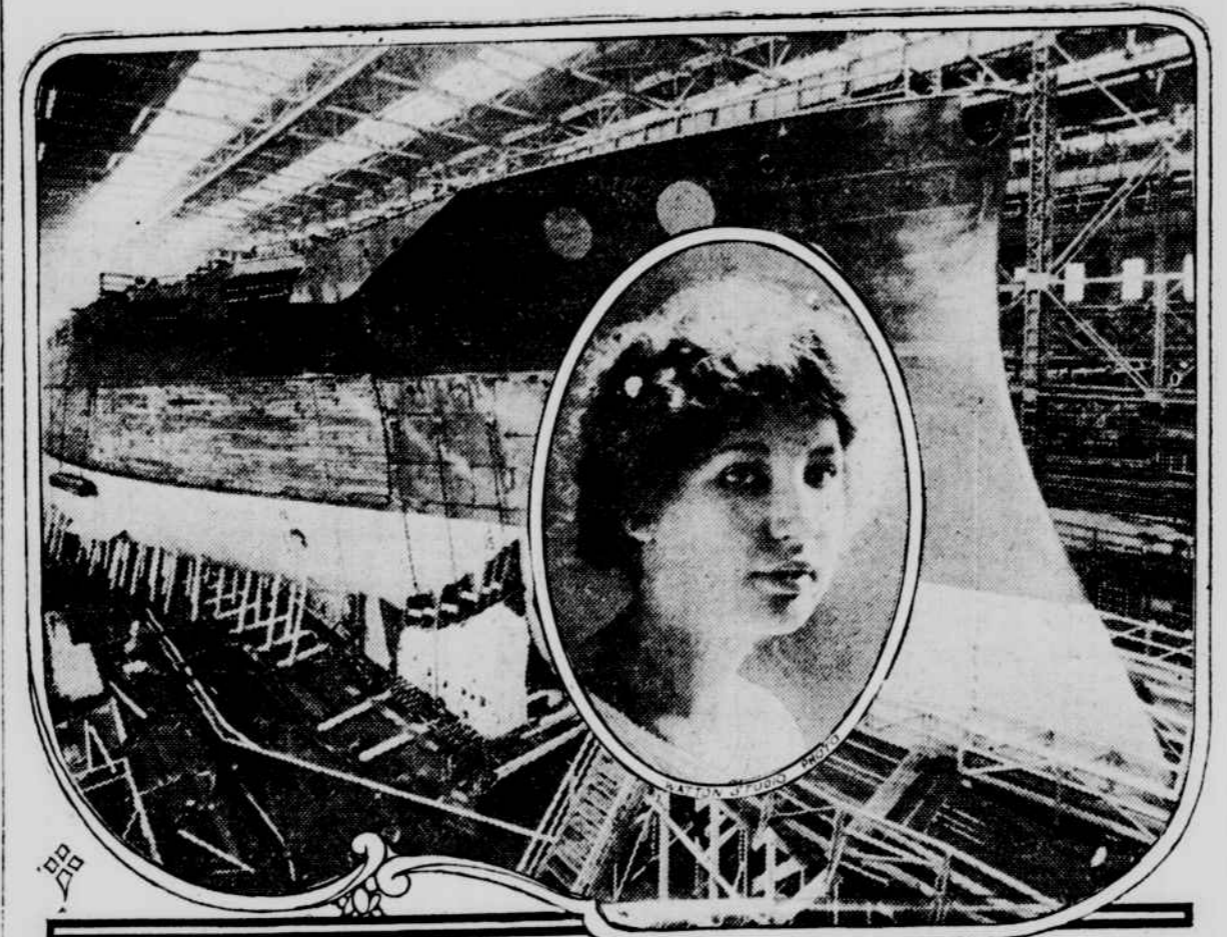
Lewis was grabbed before he had time to reach a loaded revolver which lay beside a box of cartridges. He was locked up at the 57th street station, charged with possessing and selling drugs.

In his room were found one \$40 box of morphine, one \$20 box of opium, twenty-five \$10 jars of opium, fifteen \$2 boxes of jense, two opium lamps and one pipe valued at \$25.

White to Get Lætare Medal.

Notre Dame, Ind., March 21.—Chief Justice Edward Douglas White, of the United States Supreme Court, to-morrow will receive from the University of Notre Dame the Lætare medal, awarded annually to the layman who has benefited Catholic society to the greatest extent during the year. This announcement was made to-day by President John Cavanaugh. The medal is a large disk of gold, pendant from the colors of the university, and bears on one side in Latin the inscription "Truth is mighty and will prevail."

BATTLESHIP OKLAHOMA ON THE WAYS BEFORE LAUNCHING AND MISS CRUCE, HER SPONSOR.



WILL STAND UNDER MISTLETOE TO NAME HUGE DREADNOUGHT

Champagne and State Flide To Be Used by Daughter of Oklahoma's Governor—Papa, She Says, Can't Come, Fearing to Leave State to Deputy.

The battleship Oklahoma will be launched to-morrow at the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company, in Camden, and will take her plunge christened with champagne, despite the petitions and protests that have been pouring in upon Governor Cruce of her name state ever since the launching was announced.

Any doubt on this point was set at rest yesterday by Miss Lorena Jane Cruce, the Governor's daughter, who will break the bottle on the ship's bow.

"Oklahoma, you know, is a prohibition state," said Miss Cruce, "and father was deluged with letters and petitions from ministers and Prohibitionists asking that mineral water be used; but you know the sailors are superstitious about it, so it will be champagne."

Miss Cruce, who is stopping at the Hotel Cumberland, said she was not at all nervous about her part in the launching, as

the state," explained Miss Cruce, "because he found once before when he left things in the hands of Mr. McAllister, the Lieutenant Governor, things did not go to suit him. For instance, Mr. McAllister during father's absence pardoned fifty convicts. Mr. McAllister is a lovely old gentleman and a Democrat, like father, and they are the best of friends, but—well, father thought it best to stay at home and run things in his own way."

There is another complication in the coming launching that ought to be mentioned. It might well strike trepidation into any girl's heart, but Miss Cruce said she was not afraid. It has to do with the fact that she and the other girls in the launching party will carry the state flower of Oklahoma, and that flower is nothing less than mistletoe. Pretty girls and mistletoe always have been a combination to cause complications, and in this case the situation will be further involved by the presence of a number of gallant young navy men, who, of all men, are never lacking in doing the proper thing.

However, whatever the complications may be in the coming launching, here are the dimensions of the dreadnought: Length over all, 583 feet; extreme beam, 85 feet 2½ inches; trial draft, 28 feet 6 inches; trial displacement, 25,500 tons; trial speed, 20½ knots. The main armament will consist of ten 14-inch guns mounted in four turrets, while the secondary battery will consist of twenty-one 5-inch rapid fire guns. She will carry 25 officers and 800 men.

A. P. ANSWERS HEARST Says His San Francisco Paper Violated By-laws.

The Associated Press filed answer in the Supreme Court yesterday to the action brought by William H. Hearst for an injunction to restrain the association from taking any steps to discipline him or discontinue its service to "The San Francisco Examiner," which he owns. The answer alleges that "The San Francisco Examiner," violated the by-laws of The Associated Press by getting out an edition in Oakland, Cal., and using the news supplied to the San Francisco paper for that purpose. The defendant asks for dismissal of the action.

U. S. BARS BANKER'S SONS Italian Would Keep Them Here Until Cured of Trachoma.

Louis Abolito, an Italian banker, of No. 412 East 11th street, who registered his two sons, Tobia, aged fourteen, and Salvatore, fifteen, as American citizens, on the manifest of the North German Lloyd liner Prinzess Irene, which arrived here on Thursday, delivered the two boys to the immigration officials at Ellis island yesterday in response to the government's demand.

Abolito, who had taken out his first citizenship papers, said he believed his sons, who never had been to this country, were entitled to come in as citizens. Both left the ship, although they were suffering from trachoma. They were ordered deported yesterday. An appeal was made to the Secretary of Labor by the father to have the lads held in this country and treated until cured.

TEACHER IN DANCE TOILS Parents Charge She Tangoes While Pupils Go Neglected.

Newton, N. J., March 21.—Miss Alice G. Walsh, a Frankford school teacher, attends so many dances that she is physically unable to give proper attention to her pupils, and sometimes she calls upon a fourteen-year-old girl to help her teach, according to some angry parents.

The charges have been filed with the Frankford Board of Education, and a hearing will be held in Branchville on Thursday afternoon, when Miss Walsh and her accusers will be called upon to make their statements. The complainants allege that because of Miss Walsh's conduct of the class they have to send their children to Longbridge, five miles away.

CONNIE MACK'S DAUGHTER ILL.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 21.—Connie Mack, manager of the Athletics, was called hurriedly to Philadelphia to-day by the illness of his daughter, who underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday.

POLICE BILL AID URGED BY MITCHEL

Expects Victory After Political Conference Over Measures.

KINGS COUNTY MEN NOW IN OPPOSITION

Livingston Fails to Bring Republican Leaders to the Mayor's Side.

In conference over ways and means to secure the passage of the Goethals police bills, Mayor Mitchell was in his office at the City Hall until 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Those with him were Assemblyman Francis R. Stoddard, of the 25th District; George H. Bell, George V. Mullin and Samuel S. Koenig, president of the Republican County Committee.

"Of course, I expect the bills to pass," said the Mayor. "You know, the Manhattan Republican Assemblymen are all for them. I hope to get the same support from those in Kings County."

"Is anything left to be done?" the Mayor was asked. "All that is left," he replied, "with vigor, 'is to go to the bat and vote." The Manhattan Republican Assemblymen met in the morning, and all of them—five—agreed to support the bills.

The argument used in each case was that as the Republican organization had been instrumental in securing the election of Mayor Mitchell it was up to its members to support him in this, his most important reform so far. It was pointed out that if the Assemblymen failed to pass the bills it might give the Democrats a chance to gain a technical advantage by passing them in the Senate. The failure of the bills to become law would surely be used as campaign material this fall, to the detriment of the Republican ticket, it was pointed out.

Eleven of the twelve Republican leaders of Brooklyn whose Assembly districts are represented in the Legislature met at headquarters, No. 152 Montague street, yesterday afternoon and decided not to endorse the police bills. The absentees were Charles P. Murphy, leader of the 18th Assembly District, who was out of town. It was said at the meeting that he was against the bills. According to Jacob A. Livingston, the Kings County leader, the division showed that six men were against the bills and five for it.

"The meeting was entirely informal," Mr. Livingston explained. "The stand taken by the eleven men present in no way binds the executive committee or the county organization. Our object in getting the leaders together was simply to get a line on the sentiment in the party."

Mr. Livingston has been trying hard to get through some sort of an endorsement of the police bills for days.

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- French Handmade Centrepieces, Cluny lace-trimmed, at \$1.95, 2.90, 3.75
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- embroidered, " 1.50, 1.90, 2.40
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