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THE THWARTED PETITION AND THE WILL OF THE WETS

Will the second largest city in the United States vote dry at the coming spring election? The wets are contesting the validity of the petition by which the question would find its way to the ballot at that time. Fine-spun technicalities are receiving careful attention from the Election Commissioners, all of whom are accounted as wet, or at least decidedly moist. Already 44,279 signatures have been declared illegal by this sovereign body—those same signatures which were secured by the unselfish labor of hundreds of public-spirited citizens in that most tiresome, most convincing measure of devotion—the house-to-house canvass.

The objection, for the most part, has been that some forty thousand Mrs. Thomas E. Smiths did not sign their maiden names to the petition, the names under which they had registered as voters. This method of thwarting the peoples' will, however, was anticipated by the drys and they had secured 40,000 superfluous names for just such a contingency. Even so, if the ruling stands the petition will fail on the required number by 952 names.

But this raising of superfluous technicalities to prevent the people of Chicago from having the kind of city they want—be it wet or dry—is only the sequel. The liquor forces wrote the first part of this story into the record of the legislature last winter. At the time the Lower House was considering a resolution to submit to the people of the State—"Shall Illinois be dry?" The wets said this was unjust. They claimed that the people of Chicago had fundamentally the right of self-government and that they should be allowed to settle this question for themselves. Just now they are abusing that right by an abominable shift. They are occupying the seat of authority and imposing their will on the people. Meanwhile, Chicago is ready for the question. The people are ready to destroy the saloon. It is to be hoped that some unbiased court will be able to set aside the absurd technicalities and let Chicago decide the wet and dry question at the next election.

"BILLY" SUNDAY, MAN OF THE TIMES

All those who have a mania for tagging and tabulating the human species will find they have their hands full when they try to run the Rev. William A. Sunday into any of the well-known moulds. No sooner do you place him in a square hole than he pops up round. He is quick and agile as a cat in his movements, and as capricious as a monkey in his thoughts. Those who have a wholesome respect for order and system should not attempt to catalog "Billy" Sunday for fear of upsetting files and throwing their pigeon-holes into an uproar.

When viewed as a product of the times, however, he is not such a strange and baffling phenomenon. An attempt, rather, to catalog and analyze his great audience would be a less ambitious undertaking and might throw some light on "Billy" Sunday, the man.

He wants to be heard. He demands to be heard by the people who live in this breathless age of modern science—who travel rapid transit by rail, speed in motor cars, "express" themselves in elevators, fly in aeroplanes; a people whose transportation has brought the 50th Streets factory ten minutes from the Loop, connected the peaceful suburbanites with the Opera and theater, annihilated the distance between Stock Yards and down-town labor meetings. Thus the evangelist of the times speaks to people of a hundred contacts a day where, a generation ago they had one or two—the farm, the mill or the factory. He demands the attention of men whose minds have been in the whirl of the competitive system all day long, who are constantly seeking outlets for nervous energy thus created, who read headlines and "thrillers" on the elevated, often hanging to straps, and demand the so-called "punch" in every word. At night, he must compete for their attention with the movies—the greatest counter-attraction.

If it any wonder then that the Rev. William A. Sunday is "Billy" Sunday as we know him to-day who rolls sentences of vituperation into a ball of fur and delivers it over the plate. He has taken the pulse of the times and meant to save his generation. Truly can it be said, "He is wise in his generation."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Lieutenant W. H. Burke, who has been stationed at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., has been transferred to Fort Sheridan. Mrs. Burke and the Lieutenant will live at the officers' club, Fort Sheridan.

Mr. Howard Rheingans who is stationed at Great Lakes was the guest on Sunday of Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Unanast.

Little Mildred Schadewitz has returned from the Evanston hospital very much improved.

Mrs. Albert Nafe is improving after an illness.

The Erwin Hembrook home on McDaniel's Ave. is in quarantine for measles.

Mr. Harry Sheahan who has been with the one hundred eighth engineers stationed at Camp Logan, Houston, Texas is spending a ten day furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Sheahan of Central Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. William Loehl who have been occupying the George F. Coard home on Deerfield Ave. have moved to Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mead of Orchard Lane are now occupying the house.

Campbell Chapter O. E. S. will meet this evening in Masonic Hall at seven thirty at which time initiation will take place.

Mr. Edward Conrad who was on the sick list for the past week is very much improved.

August H. Kopp son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kopp was among the boys that left Chicago last week for Camp Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Holstrom of Owentsia Ave. announce the birth of a baby boy, Thursday, March seventh.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Carqueville have returned from a five weeks stay in California.

Mr. McGregor Willets has returned from Columbian Preparatory School.

Mr. Thomas Clements came up from Akron, Ohio, to spend Sunday with his family.

Mr. John Schaefer who has been stationed at Camp Grant with the Quarter Master's Corps for the past six months has returned home, having been honorably discharged from the army owing to ill health. Mr. Schaefer regrets very much that he was unable to continue in the service.

Mr. W. E. Brand who spent the past month in Alabama, returned home last week.

The Eastern Star surgical dressing class which meets the first and third Fridays of each month at Masonic hall will meet tomorrow afternoon. All members and their friends are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins of St. Johns Ave. have moved into Mrs. Emily Meecham's flat on North Ave.

Mr. Harry Stapple of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station spent the week end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Stapple.

Mr. Fred Garling who has been ill for the past week with pneumonia is at the present time every little improved.

Mr. and Mrs. John Osborne have moved from the Meecham flat on North Ave., to Lewellyn Ave., Highwood.

John Peters who is with the U. S. Navy is spending two weeks with his relatives here. Young Peters has seen a good many places since he joined the navy two years ago. He has been "over there" four times.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Ebenezer Church will meet next Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. L. Brand.

Mrs. Albert Kreuger is in Springfield attending the funeral of her brother Mr. William Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnston of Evanston.

Walter A. Jones, the genial steward of Old Elm Club has just returned from a health and pleasure trip through Colorado, Arizona, and the Mexican border and California. He has been away about two months.

When the Book Drive is on next week give the book you prize the most; not the one you care for least.

Remember, during the Book Drive next week that our soldiers and sailors want books that are still alive.

When the book drive is on next week, send your latest war book you may not read it again and the boys in khaki will be better prepared for conditions "over there" for having read it.

Next week the Big Drive for books for soldiers and sailors will be on. Give what you can. Don't give thoughtlessly. Give wisely and generously.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Rutledge who spent the past winter in Chicago have returned to their home in Ravinia. The Moon residence on N. Second St. is in quarantine for measles.

Mr. Joy Bournique who has been with the Coast Patrol in the east, spent a few days last week at his home on E. Central Ave. visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bournique. He is about to enter the naval aviation training.

Mrs. N. J. Ross formerly of the Avenue House, Evanston, now of Grand Rapids, Mich., is spending a few days this week with Mrs. J. L. Miller.

Mr. S. H. Bingham of 612 North Sheridan Road has just returned from the East. While in New York, he met his son, Ensign Samuel H. Bingham, Jr. who was en route to report on the U. S. S. Pennsylvania, flagship of the United States Atlantic fleet.

Miss Betty Ludwig was hostess to twelve little friends to celebrate her birthday on Saturday. The little people played games and enjoyed a very pleasant time. When refreshments were served a big birthday cake with lighted candles was given the place of honor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Waller of N. Green Bay Road announce the birth of a son, March fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pearce and Mr. Frank Baker of Chicago were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. White of Green Bay Road.

Mr. Carl H. Booth has returned from a trip to New York.

Miss Helen R. Coale had as her guest over the week end, Miss Leslie Christine Johnson of Chicago.

A regular monthly meeting of the North Shore Catholic Woman's League will be held at Winnetka Woman's Club today at 2:30 p. m. Nominations to officers for the coming year will be in order. Mrs. Edward Gudeman will speak on Food and Market while Miss Louise Thompson will be soloist. The hostesses will be Mesdames Vollmann, Ryan, Ingram and Miss S. O'Brien.

Sgt. Arthur Ralph who has been at Fort Worth, Texas, has been heard from. He is with the 22 U. S. Aero Squadron A. E. F. and in his letter to his brother John Ralph he says he is "somewhere in England".

Mrs. N. K. Wagoner of Kentworth was the guest on Monday of her son and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wagoner.

Miss Edith Ralph was the week end guest of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Gibbons of Everett.

Mrs. Harry Rudolph is on the sick list this week.

Rev. Howard Kuist of Union College, LeMars, Iowa, will arrive tomorrow to spend a few days with his father Mr. C. A. Kuist.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hilek who spent the past few months in Chicago have returned to their home on Glenview Ave.

Miss Olga Benson is seriously ill at her home on Green Bay Road. She has been confined to her home the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones and family of Evanston were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Richards.

Mrs. Edward Reid and two children Alice and Emily left Sunday for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will remain indefinitely.

The Auxiliary of the Spanish War Veterans will give a dance at the Sheridan gymnasium on Saturday evening, March 16th.

Services are held in this church as follows: Sunday, Sunday school at 7:15, Epworth League at 6:45 and evening worship at 7:45. Wednesday evening prayer service at 7:45. Choir rehearsal at 8:45. S. M. B. club every Tuesday evening. Boy scouts meet from 6:30 to 9:00 p. m. Thursdays. Open house Saturday evening for all young people to which the Fort Sheridan boys are most cordially invited. Friday evenings, cantata rehearsals.

About seventy members of the congregation and citizens from the north end of Highland Park boarded a special train at Highwood Tuesday evening and went into Chicago to hear "Billy" Sunday. The special left Highwood at six o'clock. The members of the party are all very enthusiastic over Rev. Sunday and enjoyed what he said.

Tonight about twenty men from this church will attend the meeting to be held at Hemingway Methodist Church, Evanston. Dr. Dowey, who is in charge of the Men's Bible class in connection with the Billy Sunday campaign.

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet tomorrow afternoon at two thirty o'clock at the Patriotic League room.

Even Mr. Edison could not devise something to make the Bolsheviks keep their minds on the main issue.

Now, it begins to appear is getting the book for Trotzky.



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On account of his belated arrival Rev. F. R. Evans was unable to preach on Sunday evening as was announced.

Rev. Unanast delivered a very impressive sermon at that time on the subject, "All Things Work Together for Good to Them That Love God."

Sunday morning (March 17th) at 10:45 the Pastor will give a summary of the year's work. He intends to leave on next Tuesday to attend the annual meeting of the Illinois Conference to be held at Dixon III.

Howard Kist intends to arrive here from Le Mars, Iowa on Friday of this week, preparatory to attending the conference session also where he is to be ordained. He will, in all probability occupy the pulpit on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Bible School will meet at the usual time 9:30 a. m. The lesson for next Sunday is "Jesus Sending Forth the Twelve," Mark 6:1-31.

The K. L. C. E. meeting held from 6:30 to 7:30 p. m. will discuss the topic, "The Art of Living with Others," J. Pet. 3:8-16.

English prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER EQUIPMENT FOR GREAT LAKES

Bids to be Received for Modern Fire Alarm System. Work to Start Soon

Plans for providing Great Lakes with fire fighting equipment of the most modern type are now being worked out. When the three large engine houses now under construction in Camps Perry and Paul Jones and Main Station are completed, these plans will become a reality.

The equipment already ordered, which is to be located in the new engine houses as soon as they are completed, includes three gasoline driven pumping engines. Bids are also being taken on a modern city type fire alarm system with forty-eight automatic succession type pull boxes.

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