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### SENTENCES GIVEN PROHIBITION VIOLATORS

58,862 CASES IN 18 MONTHS

Reported to Justice Officers in U. S.; Fines Amount to \$5,000,000; State Penalties Vary

Jail sentences totaling more than 2000 years and fines amounting to over \$5,000,000 were imposed upon violators of the national prohibition laws in federal courts during the 18 months ended last Dec. 1, according to a summary issued by the department of Justice.

"The reports would seem to indicate," said the statement, "that the crowded condition of the federal dockets was due for the most part to the fact that the prohibition burden was not being shared by the state courts, except in one or two states, notably Kansas and Wisconsin. It seemed possible that other states could reduce the number of pending cases if they so desired."

#### Thousands of Cases

There have been 58,862 cases in the 18 months' period reported to the 88 department of justice offices in the United States. United States attorneys secured 27,301 convictions, with jail sentences aggregating 2045 years, 11 months and 24 days, and fines totaling \$5,220,558. There were pending 21,850 cases on Dec. 1, 1922, with more than 3000 new cases developing every month.

The reports indicated that states which were dry before national prohibition went into effect have less crowded dockets than those in former wet states, and there is a tendency in the dry states to prosecute in the state courts.

#### State Penalties More Severe

"In Kansas, where the state laws are being enforced in preference to the National Prohibition Act, because they provide more severe penalties," says the summary, "the federal courts have the cleanest dockets. The southern district of New York, which includes New York City, shows the heaviest congestion, and to Maryland the credit is due for having brought to trial and disposed of the largest percentage of prohibition cases in any federal district. In the case of Maryland, however, it is pointed out that no prosecutions are had in the state courts, and that the whole burden of enforcing the dry laws is put on the federal courts."

#### In Wisconsin

Wisconsin was reported as following the example of Kansas in giving penalties to suit the crime; the state courts are handling cases expeditiously and the federal dockets are free.

In Massachusetts the federal courts are overburdened, according to the United States attorney, who writes:

"As conditions now are and as they have been the attempt to dispose of cases by trial has been a good deal like trying to empty the ocean with a tin dipper. In the last year there were only 19 trials of prohibition cases, although there were 225 pleas of guilty. Two new judges for Massachusetts have been appointed lately."

### WOMEN ATTENDING ART EXHIBITIONS

North Shore and Other Clubs Interested in Displays at Art Institute

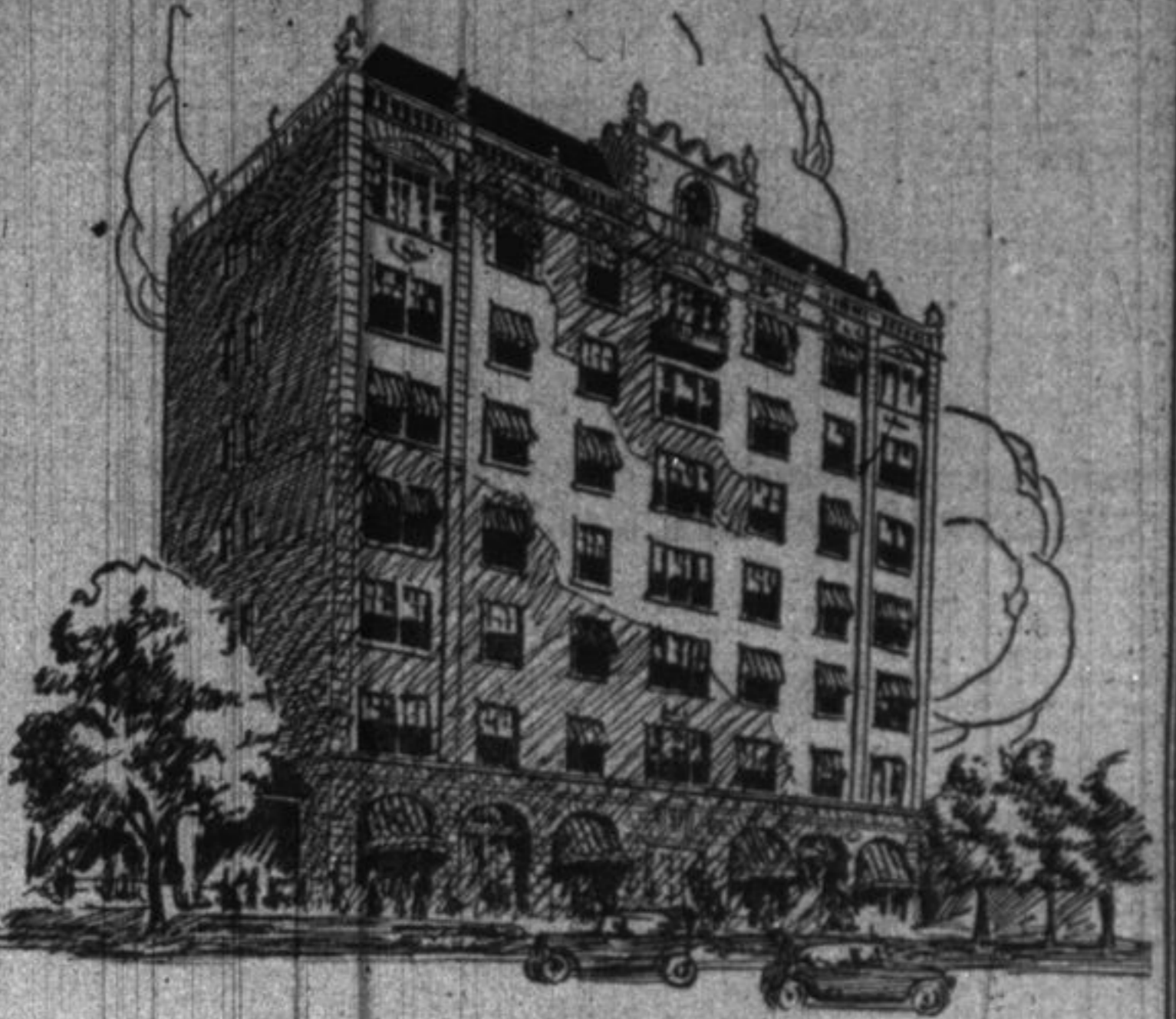
Perhaps in no way is there shown more convincing evidence of the growth of art feeling in the mid-west, than in the number of women's clubs attending the present exhibition of the Artists of Chicago and vicinity, at the Art Institute. There are sixty-five women's clubs directly interested, and as these will average about seventy-five members to each club, it will be seen that altogether there are about five thousand women directly interested in art. These clubs have "view days" at the exhibition, and assemble at certain hours during the day. For instance at ten thirty o'clock on February 23, the following clubs met in the galleries of the museum—Englewood Woman's club, Wilmette Woman's club, Current Topic club of Blue Island, and the Joliet Woman's club. At one o'clock the Portage Park Woman's club met, at one thirty the Millard avenue Woman's club, and at two o'clock the art section of the Illinois Federation of Women's clubs.

Some of the clubs meet to purchase pictures for their rooms, others, under the guidance of a leader, to study the paintings and sculpture exhibited. Many clubs give prizes for excellence in craftsmanship. Of the twenty-four prizes given at this exhibition, six are given by women's clubs. Many of the clubs have luncheons in the club room of the museum, where they meet to discuss the merits of the exhibition.

### JAMES J. MCCARTHY DIES, FT. SHERIDAN

James J. McCarthy, warrant officer at Fort Sheridan, and resident of Highland Park for two years, died of peritonitis, Feb. 25, in the Fort Sheridan hospital. The family home is at 602 Laurel avenue. He is survived by his widow and one son, aged two years. The funeral was held Wednesday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and burial was in Fort Sheridan cemetery, with military honors.

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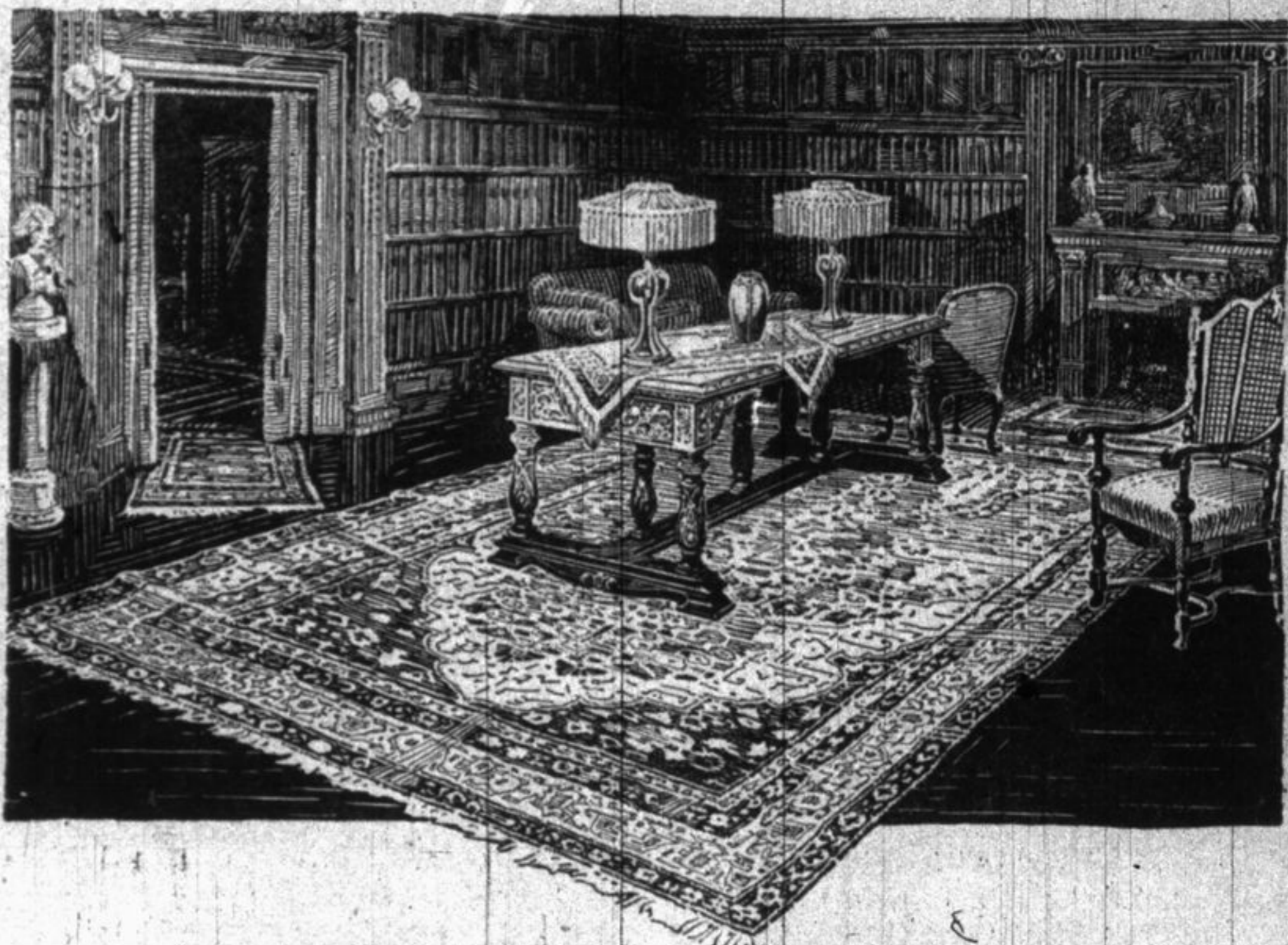
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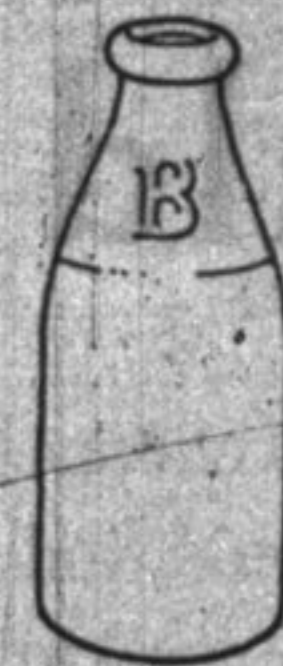
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