

WINE WOMEN AND SONG

Toronto Alderman's Demand for Probe Into Performances Up in Queen's Park Sets Off a Bomb—Bitter Words Exchanged as Members Call for Housecleaning

HOUSE COMMITTEE MAY INVESTIGATE

When Ald. John Cowan brought forward a U.F.O. Executive resolution and moved in City Council early yesterday morning to have Judge Coatsworth conduct an inquiry into the "last night" party of the 1921 Legislature, he touched a match to a bomb fuse. It simmered and sizzled all yesterday morning in Parliament Buildings corridors, and, when the House opened in the afternoon, exploded with a bang that will probably be heard across the continent.

Hon. Thomas Crawford, Conservative member for Northwest Toronto, in tones of indignation, demanded a statement as to the Government's proposals. Members joining in discussion, agreed as to the gravity of a situation where the honor, not only of a Government, but of the whole Legislature, was at stake.

Drury Had Heard of It.

Premier Drury made tacit admission that he had long ago heard that the laws of decorum and of the statutes had been broken on that last big evening, but declared that in subsequent investigation he had assured himself that "the honor of no Minister of the Crown was involved in a way that would merit any severe censure."

Although Hon. Mr. Crawford and others in no uncertain tone voiced a demand for a "cleaning of skirts," the House, after listening to the Premier's statement, let the matter drop without taking any definite action.

It is understood that, following publication of Ald. Cowan's notice of motion, the Drury Cabinet met to discuss the matter before the opening of the House. What the Cabinet decided could not be ascertained. The Premier, after the adjournment of the House, declined to discuss the subject further or to indicate whether the matter was now ended.

In other quarters, however, The Globe was assured that the Government does not propose to let the affair rest at its present stage.

Two Parties, Liquor and Girls.

In brief, the rumors and allegations as to the "last-night" party at the 1921 Legislature have been to the effect that not only one party was in progress, but two, into the small hours of the morning, and that liquor was obtainable. Liberal and U.F.O. private members have been mentioned as having been in attendance. The jollifications were said to have taken place in a certain committee room and in a Minister's apartment, and it is said that there were one or two girls in attendance, and mention has been made of "kissing."

K. S. Stover, Liberal member for Algoma, and J. Walter Curry, K.C., Liberal member for Southeast Toronto, entered yesterday's discussions to question, if not the right, at least the propriety, of the Toronto City Council moving to investigate the moral conduct of members of the Ontario Legislature. Mr. Stover expressed his opinion that it was none of the business of the Toronto City Council, and Mr. Curry—a Toronto member, too—intimated (mentioning a Council trip to Windsor and