

## Baltimore Defies Sunday Blue Law

Stores Transact Business as Usual, With Arrests Between Customers

Baltimore, Dec. 2.—The order of the grand jury, the foreman of which is a former Presbyterian preacher, the Rev. Dr. Chalmers, for enforcement of the Baltimore Sunday blue laws of 1728, was more honored in the breach than in the observance. Every druggist and confectioner that dealt in soda ice cream, soft drinks and the like kept open as usual. More than a hundred proprietors or employees were arrested for working on Sunday, and five or six hundred more will be summoned on the charge of selling on Sunday.

The attempt to enforce the law as it was enforced nearly 200 years ago was a ludicrous farce. Newsboys sold their papers, bootblacks performed their usual Sunday polishing, and the hundreds of corner stores that dispense soda fountain concoctions, candies and cigars did a bigger business than ever, with the exception of a few timid women proprietors, who sold soda, but drew the line at cigars and candy.

Legal complications will surely result from the attempt to enforce the obnoxious laws. The attorney who is representing the ice cream dealers told the police early in the day that his people would go right ahead delivering goods as soon as they were free, and they did. Numerous drivers of ice cream trucks were arrested, released on bail, and resumed their deliveries. Justice Johnson at the central police court refused to entertain a second charge against offenders, once arraigned.

Every automobile garage closed in observance of the edict that no gasoline or other automobile supplies should be sold on Sunday. There was a good deal of early travel, however, and most automobilists seemed to have taken the precaution to lay in a supply yesterday.

William S. Busick, assistant manager of the Cawell and New Howard Hotels,

## DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN



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was arrested for permitting the barber shop to be open. The barbers were also arrested for working on Sunday.

Benjamin Jaffe, president of the Retail Confectioners and Cigar Dealers' Association, made the charge that Chief of Police Carter had "double-crossed" his association by informing him that no arrests would be made, but only names of offenders would be taken. Chief Carter denied the charge.

"I stated," said the chief, "that I would not cause arrests of retail dealers. I did not want to cause unnecessary trouble that might involve embarrassment to women and children. I shall keep up the crusade against drivers until I have them off the streets."

The state attorney's office says it is going to lodge the blue law issue entirely. Deputy State's Attorney Frederick Burton and Assistant State's Attorney Lindsay Spencer, in the absence of State's Attorney Harry W. Rice, outlined their policy. Mr. Spencer said:

"The position of this office would permit possible circumstances would permit

to prosecute all such violations to the limit with the hope that the public would be aroused to suffer no longer and make every effort to amend these laws, but we probably will not prosecute any of the cases that come up as a result of violations of these laws, for our dockets are crowded at the present time, and if there are any great number of these cases they will be set over for the January term. The new Republican state's attorney takes office in January. A movement is already on foot to have the Legislature meet in January repeal the law, but previous efforts in this direction have failed.

LONDON BRICKLAYER BECOMES A PEER.

John G. H. Backstraw, a London bricklayer, is the latest addition to the British peerage. His claim to the title of Lord Lennox, of Dumbarton, has been allowed by the courts and he has inherited an estate embracing ten square miles. It brings in a yearly rental of about \$180,000.

## Rescue Seven From Burning To Death

Revere, Dec. 3.—Quick work by Patrolman John P. Starkey of the Revere police department and George Sutherland of 126 Revere street at 2:30 a. m. saved Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Russo and their five children from being burned to death.

Sutherland saw smoke issuing from the Russo house, which is a two-story wooden structure with a cement store in front, at 428 Revere street. He hurriedly telephoned to the central fire station and then started for the Russo house. On the way he met Patrolman Starkey and they both tried to rouse the Russo family, and not getting any response, forced their way into the house.

The house was now filled with smoke and the two men had a hard time getting into the rooms. They found Mr. and Mrs. Russo nearly overcome, but able to get into the street. Going into the rooms where the children were, Patrolman Starkey and Sutherland found them practically unconscious. They brought the children out safely and the latter were taken to a neighbor's house.

All will recover. The children are James and Lucy Russo, twins, four, Louise seven, Louis eleven and Fanny thirteen. The fire department responded promptly and although the smoke was very thick soon had the fire under control. The fire started in the cellar from some unknown cause.

## Unblurrable Windscreens

London, Dec. 4.—Among the wonderful inventions to be seen at the Shipping, Engineering and Machinery Exhibition at Olympia are devices for securing speed, safety and comfort on sea voyages. There are models of luxury in berths, and an elaborate stateroom, with leaded window-panes.

Novelty is shown in electric steering-gear, and the double-reduction gear turbine, one of the greatest advances ever made in marine engineering, is displayed both by models and in the form of full-sized plant. An extremely ingenious device is the "Clear View" screen, suitable for locomotives, motor cars and aircraft, as well as ships, which secures an unobscured outlook by means of a circular window rotated by a tiny electro-motor, the result being that rain spray and snow are prevented from forming on the glass.

## To Win Canada's Great War Trade

(Montreal Herald.)

Brigadier-General C. H. Mitchell, C. M. G., D. S. O., gave an interesting talk at the weekly luncheon of the Canadian Club at the Windsor Hotel today on "Staff Work in the War."

General Mitchell went over with the Canadian forces early in the war and after distinguished service with the troops of the dominion was drafted into the imperial staff as an intelligence officer. He was one of the men who accompanied General Plumer to Italy at the time when the British and French forces were sent to the relief of the Italians on the Piave.

After dwelling at length upon the organization and work of the army staff and particularly the intelligence section, General Mitchell paid a great tribute to the imperial staff officers, from whom, he said, the Canadians learned everything that they knew about army organization. He said the imperial staff officers were thoroughly trained, untiring in their devotion and thorough gentlemen

through and through and, if he said nothing else in his address, he did wish to emphasize this tribute. In conclusion he said that the many splendid young men who had come back to Canada with the training of staff officers had a magnificent experience which would be invaluable to Canada in the trade war on which we are entering. The same qualities which went toward the successful operating and administering of a large army on active service, were precisely the qualities that were needed for leaders in the war of trade and commerce—using the word "war" not exactly in the military sense, but as meaning a competitive struggle.

## Court Season.

London, Dec. 4.—Next year it is understood that the court season will resume its pre-war appearance, and that the opening function will be an evening court for the reception of the ladies of the diplomatic and official circles. Though evening courts for the general circle are also likely to be re-established, it is understood that the afternoon garden parties at Buckingham Palace, which were so popular this summer, will be retained.

The Store of the Christmas Spirit.

Dec. 4, '19.

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