BEGIN "BRICKBOTTOM" "PADLOCK" HEARINGS

Dist Atty Bushnell Seeks to Close 19 Buildings

Defense Contends Convictions Prior to June Cannot Be Considered

Hearing of "padlock" petitions brought Dist Atty Robert T. Bushnell of Middlesex against 19 buildings, alleged "resorts," in the "Brickbottom" section, on the Somerville-Cambridge line, were started yesterday in the equity session of Middlesex Superior Court.

The petitions are brought under the "padlock law," which went into effect June 16 last, which provides for the closing of a building to all uses for the period of a year when the premises have figured in three convictions for liquor law violations within a three-year period.

It is the Government's contention that each of the properties concerned in the petitions has figured in three liquor law violation convictions within the past three years.

Eleven Cases Before Court

Eleven of the 19 petitions are before the court for hearing, the other eight not having been assigned because, in those cases, special pleadings are pending.

The first petition considered yesterday was one against the premises at 196 Somerville av. Police testified to making arrests on and at those premises for liquor law violations, and records of eight convictions of various persons during the past three years were introduced.

Attorney William R. Scharton, representing the property owners, objected to the introduction of records of convictions prior to June 16 last, contending that the new "padlock law" is not retroactive, and that convictions prior to June 16 cannot be considered as constituting the required three convictions.

May Go Again to Highest Court

Six of the eight records introduced by the Government, attorney Scharton contended, could not be considered.

The records were introduced over Mr Scharton's exception, and Mr Scharton indicated that the Supreme Judicial Court may again be called upon to consider the so-called "Brickbottom" cases.

A petition relating to the property at 220 Somerville av, Somerville, was then considered, and the Government had introduced two records of conviction when court adjourned for the day.

The hearing will be resumed today. Asst Dist Atty Richard S. McCabe represents the Government, and the hearing is being held before Judge Frederick T. Greenhalge.

WONG GIRL MAY LET SALE OF BABY STAND

Satisfied If Child's Buyer Loves Little Daughter

While the State police began a search yesterday for the infant child of Helen Wong, 18, of Falmouth, who claims that her father, George Wong, Falmouth, restaurant proprietor, recently sold her baby for $75 to some Chinese women living in Tyler st in Boston's Chinatown, the young mother told reporters who interviewed her at a Dorchester-av, South Boston, lodging house last night that she was worried over the safety of her child.

"I want to know if my baby is in safe hands and is being properly cared for," she said with tears in her eyes. "If I find my child is in a good home, where she is loved, I shall be satisfied to have the baby remain there, for I am without money or employment."

Miss Wong, who is a Eurasian and very pretty, declared that she herself will search every unknown place for her child and will not cease until she has located the baby.

Her belief is that the alleged transaction involving the sale of her baby took place in a house in Tyler st, but she said last night that she was not positive of this address and had been unable so far to find the house.

On Tuesday Miss Wong appealed to the Falmouth police to help her move her belongings from her home. She said her father ordered her from home because of her plea to see her child again.

GETS TERM FOR NEGLECT OF WIFE, EIGHT CHILDREN

FALL RIVER, Feb 6—Manuel F. Leite of 61 Crescent st, charged with neglect of his wife and eight minor children, who told Associate Justice Benjamin Cook today that he had worked only three months in eight years, for the reason that his wife would not let him go out and seek employment, was sentenced to five months in the House of Correction.

Mrs Leite denied the statement made by her husband, telling the court that her favorite pastime is to remain in bed instead of going to work.

ADDRESSES SESSION ON RACIAL PROBLEM

Rev F. L. Brownlee Speaks at Worcester

Congregational Convocation Has Its Final Meeting

Special Dispatch to the Globe
WORCESTER, Feb 6—"The negro problem will never be justly solved in some far away section of the globe until we have solved it in our own respective communities," said Rev Fred L. Brownlee of New York today, in addressing the closing session of the Massachusetts Convocation of Congregational Ministers.

Education provided by Northerners for negroes in Southern States, he said, will help solve the problem, but pointed out that education increases the negro's sensitiveness to race discrimination and prejudices.

"Somehow and in some way," said Rev Mr Brownlee, "we must succeed in making race relations in America truly Christian. This is a hard job. It requires infinite patience and tact. It is easy to make heroes of missionaries who go to Africa. We put our hands upon their consecrated heads and send them forth with blessings and gifts to face thousands of heathen and sometimes savage negroes 5000 miles away.

"On the other hand, we are perturbed beyond measure and see our real estate investments vanishing if one respectable, educated, cultured and economically reliable colored family moves into our own community. If one lone brown-skinned boy seeks to swimm in a public bathing pool, while mothers are outraged. Chicago riots were touched off by one individual brown boy getting into Lake Michigan on the wrong side of a beach line.

"The most foolish kind of foolishness is to try to deceive ourselves by supposing that this tremendous and vital problem can be solved by one race for another race. It can be solved interracially, only by the dispassionate judgment and affectionate good will of members of both races."

The final lecture of the series was given by Rev Dr Frank C. Laubach, professor of psychology and social ethics in Union Theological Seminary in Manila, P I.

Just before adjournment, the convocation adopted a resolution to the effect that it had proved valuable and well worth while and should be made an annual affair.

Gate Crasher Crashed

Hostess (Spotting Uninvited Guest)—How do you do? I didn't see any invitation because I knew you'd be here just the same.—Border Cities Star.

HARVARD CLUB OF WASHINGTON DINES

Special Dispatch to the Globe
WASHINGTON, Feb 6—At the annual dinner of the Harvard Club of Washington held at the University Club here tonight the speakers were Henry M. Williams, president of the Associated Harvard Clubs and Henry Pennypacker, chairman of the Harvard committee on admissions.

Mr Pennypacker has been making a tour of the South in the interests of the university and talked to his audience here tonight on the new "house plan in Cambridge, on general questions of admission and other subjects related to the student life of the university.

In his tour Mr Pennypacker has visited Charleston, S C; Savannah, Atlanta, Raleigh, N C, where he has addressed high schools, and at Port Deposit, where he visited the Tome School. During his trip he has conferred with Southern secondary education heads on the subject of Harvard admissions.

WOMAN APPEALS TERM, FINE IN LIQUOR CASE

Mrs Viola Avajian, who conducts a restaurant at 11 Kneeland st, was found guilty yesterday in the second session of the Municipal Court by Judge Thomas H. Dowd of illegally keeping and exposing liquor for sale. She was fined $50 and sentenced to one month in jail. She appealed.

Nicholas Bourkniekl, who testified in favor of the defendant, said that the liquor belonged to him. Judge Dowd hesitated for some minutes, undecided whether to charge the witness with keeping and exposing liquor for sale.

The testimony of the Government witnesses, Sergt Duggan and officer Crowley, was that at 4 a m on Jan 27, while passing the restaurant they heard a noise inside and went in to investigate. The police claim they found two bottles of liquor under a table, which they produced in court yesterday. Sergt Duggan testified that all the food he found in the restaurant was a pound of steak, 30 eggs, a bunch of carrots and two heads of lettuce.

WIRE TROUBLE DELAYS TRAINS SEVERAL HOURS

FALL RIVER, Feb 6—Several trains on the Providence-Fall River branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad were delayed for several hours today due to wire trouble and the subsequent lack of the electric current necessary to operate them.

SAYS HUSBAND THREATENED HER

Mrs Wallace on Stand in Divorce Suit

DEDHAM, Feb 6—The contested divorce suit of Mrs Estella E. Wallace of Randolph against her husband, Clarence A. Wallace of that town, on grounds of cruel and abusive treatment, opened in the Norfolk Superior Court before Judge Wilford Gray late this afternoon. The libel has been on the docket for eight years, having been filed Oct 16, 1920.

Mrs Wallace, who was the only witness today, testified that she was married July 3, 1894, and had five children. She left her husband for the first time in 1918, returning to him in 1920 under an agreement that she was to be his housekeeper and care for his children. This worked well for a few months, she said, when he began once more to abuse her, beat her children and come home drunk. The only time that he ever told her he cared for her, she testified, was when he was drunk.

Mrs Wallace told how she had a key made for his tool chest, took three bottles of liquor out of it and destroyed them. Her husband threatened her frequently with his revolver, she testified, and her attorney exhibited the weapon in court, saying that she had given it to the Randolph Chief of Police.

Mrs Wallace was still on the stand at the close of court, and will resume her testimony tomorrow. Her husband is a well-known contractor in Randolph, and for several months the couple have been living in separate houses. Mrs Wallace was accompanied to court by their two sons and Mr Wallace by their daughter.