

### PADLOCKING JOB NOW COMPLETED

Last Case, That of Jos. Francis,  
Heard Monday; Government  
Scores Big Victory

The last of forty padlock cases affecting upper Wisconsin cities was heard Monday morning by Judge C. Z. Lane in federal court at Superior, bringing the hearing to a close one week after their start.

On the basis of the number of padlocks secured, the government won an overwhelming victory in its attempt to close buildings where intoxicating liquors had been sold. A total of forty padlocks cases were preferred by the government against saloons in Hurley, Wisconsin Rapids, Marshfield and Stevens Point. In ten of the Hurley cases the defendants made no answer and the padlock was granted by default. In the remaining thirty cases defendants filed answers. Twenty-eight of these cases were decided in the government's favor.

The last case to be heard on Monday was that of Jos. Francis, 25 Silver street. The basement of the Francis building was ordered padlocked for one year. The remainder of the building may be operated for legitimate purposes under a bond, Judge Lane ruled.

Of the 29 cases originating from Hurley, 28 saloons here were ordered closed. In one of the buildings owned by Jos. Rainert the government dismissed its case with the provisions that the bar in the building owned by him be removed and that the building at no time during the ownership by him be allowed to be used for soft drink purposes. In the case against Remigio Lerra, tried Saturday afternoon, the court denied the government's request for a padlock order, but placed the owner under a \$500 bond for a period of one year to guarantee against sale of intoxicants by him. This was because the federal revenue men who gained the evidence against the various saloons here were able to get only wine and not moonshine at Lerra's place.

Other Hurley places that were ordered padlocked on Saturday and Monday were, as follows: The Humala, 43 Silver street, Clement Vira and wife, owners; Edward Johnson, proprietor, 25 Silver street, Nando Santini, owner, proprietor unknown; 27 Silver street, Nando Santini, owner, James Santini, proprietor; the Montreal House, 47 Silver street, Peter DeFranco, owner, John Califano, proprietor.

In one of the places ordered closed on Thursday, the New Central, Gus Lerra will be permitted to operate a restaurant in the front part of the building and the second floor may be used for residence purpose, but no soft drinks of any kind may be handled in the building.

All of the places ordered padlocked by the government, with one or two exceptions, are now closed. Quite a number of them were closed as soon as the temporary injunction order was served on the building owners, while others continued to run until the padlock order was issued in court at Superior last week. The Liberty Bell on Fifth avenue, is still operating as usual, we understand. It is expected that U. S. deputy marshals will be here within the next week or ten days to place padlocks on each building ordered closed by the government.

Judge Lane and the various court attaches left Superior Monday evening for Madison, where federal court is in session this week in the hearing of a number of civil suits.

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