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WETS WILL WAGE WAR OVER THE ENTIRE NATION AGAINST VOLSTEAD ACT

Cleveland is to be Battleground of Fight to Repeal Volstead Act and Permit Brew—"Drys" Dared Out in Open In Challenge Issued by Enemies of Prohibition.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 16.—A nation-wide fight to decide the wet and dry question, with Cleveland the central battleground, was inaugurated today with the launching at a meeting by the National Association Against the Prohibition Amendment of a campaign to force repeal of the Volstead act, while the constitutional convention to force repeal of the Volstead act met in another assembly.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 16.—A fight to repeal the Volstead act and permit the sale of 2.75 per cent beer and light wines will be carried to the streets of Ohio this fall under the terms of the referendum law, according to Captain William H. Stayton, managing vice president of the National Association Against the Prohibition Amendment.

Petitions will be circulated and a vigorous campaign waged to determine whether public opinion has changed since the act became effective. "We are daring the drys to fight on an open ground," Captain Stayton said. "We feel that public opinion has undergone a change, and we have come to the home of the Anti-Liquor League and into a state that is dry before the national amendment, to determine whether we are right or wrong. If opinion has changed in Ohio, we will proceed in other states. No brewers or distillers will manage our campaign. It will be in the hands of business and professional men who have seen the error of the Volstead act and who are looking for a law that will correct its evils."

Captain Stayton said his organization has more than 250,000 members, 5,000 of them in Ohio.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16.—A diminutive senate page, preceded by Senator Frillinghuyzen, of New Jersey, walked into the senate chamber today bearing a bundle of papers about which his arms were barely able to reach. There was a buzz of comment, but no revelation of the nature of the bundle, until the senator a few minutes later submitted to the senate a petition carrying, he said, 15,000 signatures of New Jersey citizens, who were appealing for modification of the Volstead act.

The senator said that it came from the anti-dry league of his state.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16.—Enforcement of the national prohibition act would be transferred from the treasury department to the department of justice, under a bill introduced today by Senator King, Democrat, Utah. The measure was referred to the judiciary committee without discussion.

The bill also would transfer the secret service division of the treasury to the justice department, which would be charged with suppressing counterfeiting and other crimes, protecting the president and members of his family and performing the other varied functions now discharged by the treasury secret service.

Mrs. John T. McBee Passes Away

Mrs. John T. McBee passed away at the family home yesterday, January 16th, after an illness of many weeks. Mrs. McBee was 74 years, 10 months and 12 days of age.

Louise Searles McBee was born in the county, Ill., October 4, 1847, and settled near Butteville, Oregon. In 1899 she moved to Douglas county and on December 18, 1870 was married to John T. McBee. To this union five children were born all of whom are living with the exception of one. Left to mourn her death is her husband, John T. McBee, and five children, Walter, Sherman, and Joseph McBee of Brockway, Addie McBee, Jennie, and Laura Parker, Dillard, and three grandchildren, Ruth, Donald and Darrell Parker. One sister, Mrs. Julia Arrington, of Crescent city, also survives. These relatives were at her bed side till the end. She leaves one step-sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Her of Sherwood, Oregon, and most of friends and neighbors.

AGED WOMAN WARS ON THE HE-VAMPS

MAGNETIC SPRINGS, Ohio, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Mary McFadden, aged 89 years, appointed acting mayor while Mayor Brown spends the winter in Florida, announced a policy including war on male vamps, enforcement of the curfew, strict prohibition enforcement, and harmony with the council.

COLDEST SNAP OF WINTER IN PROGRESS

The coldest snap this winter is sweeping the northwest today. The temperature is generally expected to fall to 29 degrees and below tonight and Wednesday. Many districts of Oregon are covered with snow and ice. Snow to a depth of three to six inches followed high westerly winds in the Puget Sound territory. Eastern Oregon and Washington points are warned against zero weather.

CASHIER RELEASED ON \$20,000 BAIL

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 17.—Arthur Meininger, cashier of the Night and Day bank, who disappeared following the closing of the bank by the state examiners, who found an alleged shortage of three quarters of a million, was brought here after his arrest at Belleville, Illinois, and released on \$20,000 bail.

WALLACE FREYER SHOT IN LEG

Stray Shot Fired By Doug Tapp Believed to Have Struck Uncle.

DOCTOR IS SUMMONED

Sister of Injured Man and Aunt of Dead Man Went to Cabin Yesterday—Mother of Douglas Tapp At Cabin Where Son Was Killed

Wallace Freyer, uncle of Douglas Tapp, who was killed by C. M. Young Sunday night, was shot in the leg, evidently by the stray bullet fired by Douglas Tapp in the fight preceding his death, according to word brought out by W. H. Levins of Elkton, who reached Roseburg this morning. Dr. Wainwright of Oakland was called in to the Freyer cabin to attend the injury and Freyer's sister, Mrs. Sarah Hutchinson of Eugene and Douglas Tapp's mother, Ora Tapp, and her two sons, Johnny and George have gone to the cabin.

According to Mr. Levins, Freyer was so drunk that he did not even realize his own injury until the next morning when Mrs. Tapp reached the scene. The bullet plowed through the fleshy part of the leg leaving a nasty flesh wound but doing no serious injury. Mrs. Tapp telephoned her sister, Mrs. Hutchinson at Eugene and she reached Oakland yesterday evening and went out on the stage with Dr. Wainwright.

IRISH HAIL BIRTH OF A NEW NATION

DUBLIN, Jan. 17.—Ireland is slowly realizing its position as a free state. The Irish provincial government representatives are conferring in London today on an equal footing with the British cabinet relative to handing over the reins of government to the Irish statesmen. Ten thousand British troops will be evacuated within a week, and sixty thousand, the total occupational troops, will be gone before spring. The Irish press hailed Dublin castle's surrender to the Irish yesterday as the birth of a new nation.

NARCOTIC AGENT GETS OUT ON BAIL

SEATTLE, Jan. 17.—A J. B. Hamer, federal narcotic agent, is out on ten thousand dollars bail pending a hearing Saturday morning on charges of giving morphine and Yen Shee to an 18-year-old girl addict.

POINCARÉ MINISTRY FAVORS CONFERENCE

PARIS, Jan. 17.—The new Poincaré ministry will endorse the Genoa economic conference, according to advices from the Quai d'Orsay today. They will recommend the conference when they announce the ministry's policies to the chamber of deputies on Thursday, and Poincaré will propose himself as chief delegate to the conference. He will insist that the economic parity consider the Russian guarantees. Imposed as an attendance condition, as the conference's initial business. This is regarded as a concession toward the Russians on Poincaré's part.

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CREW ON SHIP ON PROFIT SHARING PLAN

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 17.—After signing the officers and some of the crew on a profit sharing basis the wooden steamer, Corvalla, left today for Cuba with coal as cargo. The officers and men are sharing profits and will receive a small flat wage and take chances with the operators in making a profit on the voyage.

TESTIMONY STARTS IN FATTY'S TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—The taking of testimony in the Ar buckle trial is to start this afternoon. There was no session this morning. The prosecution and defense desire to expediate the hearing.

THOUSANDS ATTEND FUNERAL OF OKUMA

TOKIO, Jan. 17.—A hundred thousand people gathered at the funeral of Marquis Okuma, one of Japan's oldest statesmen, who died a week ago. The funeral was elaborate, costing nearly a half a million dollars. It is estimated.

GERMANS PLEASED WITH APPOINTMENT

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—The German government announced its approval of the American government's selection of Representative Houghton, of New York, as ambassador to Berlin. The appointment at Washington will probably be announced shortly.

PORTLAND AGAIN IN GRIP OF WINTER

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—The city is again in winter's grip with snow on the ground, following an incipient silver thaw yesterday. A cold wave in the eastern part of the state is predicted for tonight.

TONGMAN FOUND GUILTY BY JURY

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—Dan June, Hoy Sing tongman, was found guilty of assault with intent to kill by a jury in the circuit court early today. June was accused of complicity in the attack upon Lee Wong, an aged Szech Sing tongman, into whose body six bullets were fired August 1. Wong recovered. The police are seeking Albert Wong, alleged accomplice of June, who fled.

BURCH TO FACE HIS SECOND TRIAL

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17.—Arthur Burch, the jury in whose trial disagreed after 72 hours of balloting, will face trial for the second time on March 27th. Both sides expressed satisfaction with Judge Reeves' decision.

Mrs. E. P. Blundell left for her home at North Bend today after visiting a few weeks in this city with her mother, Mrs. C. W. McAllister, and sister, Mrs. Earl Argo.

AMERICAN BEAUTY REPRESENTS U. S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Lillian Russell, the American beauty, sailed for Europe today with her husband, Alexander P. Moore, editor of the Pittsburgh Leader, as a special agent for the government to investigate intended immigration to America and report to Secretary of Labor Davis on their return. They will seek to learn why passports of delinquents are voided.

COUNTY TO BUILD LONE ROCK BRIDGE

Highway Bridges at Drain and Oakland to be Linked Together to Span River.

PLANS ARE BEING MADE

Court Appropriates Sum of \$8000 to Build Bridges and Make Improvements Leading to Popular Summer Resort.

A bridge to replace the Lone Rock ferry will be built during the coming summer, according to an announcement made today by County Judge Quine, following the completion of plans providing for the proposed structure. The Pacific highway bridges at Drain and Oakland are to be removed this summer and new structures built by the highway commission. By constructing suitable piers these two bridges can be linked together and are of exactly the right size to span the North Umpqua at Lone Rock. The bridges are of 15 ton capacity, and although not heavy enough to meet requirements for Pacific highway traffic, are suitable for travel on the Rock Creek road. Both bridges are practically new and are in good condition. When they are rebuilt all worn parts will be replaced and a bridge as good as new will result. Measurements have been carefully taken and the detailed plans for the structure are now being prepared. The task of tearing down and rebuilding the bridges will take only a very short time, and as soon as the weather will permit, the hardest task, that of constructing the new piers, will be started.

The new bridge will cost the county less than \$5000, it is estimated, and will serve the purpose for many years to come. The county court has agreed to appropriate the sum of \$3000 for the road from Glide to Rock Creek, of which sum \$5000 will be spent on the bridge. As the road is level throughout almost its entire length, the remaining \$3000 will accomplish a great deal in the way of constructing a good surface.

For many years the county has maintained a ferry at Lone Rock, but during the past few years travel to Rock Creek has become so heavy that a bridge has become a necessity. This year is expected to see even heavier travel to the popular resort and consequently the court desires to construct the bridge as soon as possible.

REGULATION OF JITNEYS AND FREIGHT TRUCKS IS CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL

S. P. Representative Appears and Asks City to Adopt New Ordinance Requiring Franchise of Motor Truck Lines Operating Freight Trucks In or Through City.

The jitney and truck problem in Roseburg is beginning to greatly agitate the city council, and it is expected that a new system of regulation, license and possibly franchise will be worked out at some future date and applied to the "for hire" cars and freight trucks operating in the city.

For several weeks the council has been discussing this problem but there has been a hopeless division and consequently there has been no action of any kind taken up to the present time. Some of the councilmen favor the continuation of the present ordinance, with, however, a higher bond and a larger license. Others maintain that the bond is high enough to cover a property loss and that the city is not concerned in personal damage as the person injured has access to the courts to settle claims for any personal damages sustained.

At the present time the bond is fixed in the sum of \$250 and the license is \$10 per year. In the event of property damage caused by a jitney driver who fails to settle such claims, the city has the right to collect the bond and settle the claim.

Several of the councilmen have advocated changing the bond to \$2,500 but others have pointed out that the men who are driving jitneys for the most part would be unable to furnish a bond in such a large sum of money and consequently would be unable to continue in the business which undeniably is well patronized by the people of Roseburg.

It is practically certain that there will be license placed upon trucks hauling freight within the city. At the present time heavy trucks operated by transfer companies and individuals are required to pay no license fees and in spite of the fact that they are operating over the streets and in places have caused considerable damage to the pavement, no fee has been required of them by the city. The council is practically unanimous in the opinion that these trucks should be required to pay an annual license to the city, but the method of applying an ordinance containing these provisions has not yet been decided upon. There is a question as to whether or not delivery trucks handling foodstuffs and various articles from the stores of the city should be licensed, or whether the regulation should apply only to freight trucks. It is a rather difficult matter to draw a line of distinction and this is a matter which must be worked out before the council makes any change.

At last night's meeting, Alvin D. Wick, representing the Southern Pacific company, appeared with a copy of an ordinance which he asked the city to adopt, requiring truck companies to procure a franchise. The ordinance would repeal the present regulation the city has in effect and would require all companies operating trucks and jitneys, either entirely within or partially within or even through the city, to have a franchise.

for which a specified sum might be required by the city.

Mr. Wick pointed out that the freight trucks are entering into direct competition with the railroad company and are using the highways which have been built at great expense and are rapidly breaking them down without returns. The competition is plainly unfair he stated, in that the railroad company is a heavy taxpayer, maintaining costly car shops, and operating valuable equipment within the state, while the trucks have little at stake and pay no tax other than the license fee and gasoline tax.

The city of Newberg, he stated, has adopted an ordinance similar to the one proposed and a revenue of \$4480 is being realized yearly.

The council entered into a discussion of this ordinance and a definition of the terms, license and franchise. License, it was explained, is a fee required for the purpose of regulation, while a franchise is the sale of the right to use the streets or other property belonging to the city. After a short discussion the matter was placed on the table until a future meeting but later in the evening was discussed again when a further question regarding jitneys was raised.

That the franchise system would completely eliminate the freight trucks was the general opinion expressed. It was stated that should all of the cities along the highway adopt the franchise ordinance, the rates to freight trucks would become so large that truck hauling would be prohibitive. It was also held that at freight rates are altogether too high and the automobile trucks should be allowed to compete until freight rates are reduced to the proper level. It was the opinion of the councilmen present that the railroad company can, if it will, haul freight much more cheaply than motor trucks, and that if it will reduce its freight rates to the proper level the trucks will be forced out of business as they will be unable to operate at a profit.

Although the ordinance will be considered, it was evident that there will be little opportunity of its passage. Letters were read from various cities answering the requests of City Recorder Whipple for information regarding charges for jitneys in those cities. Medford has an ordinance almost identical with that of Roseburg, charging licenses of \$25 for jitneys carrying less than 19 passengers, \$35 for jitneys carrying more than 19 passengers and \$50 for freight trucks. Salem has a new ordinance under consideration. Grants Pass has a straight \$25 license with no bond and Corvallis charges a \$10 license.

The council will probably consider this matter more thoroughly at its next meeting and will take some official action in providing a different system of regulation and license.

A Dangerous Curve



French Now Believe "Bluebeard" Landru Was Clever German Secret Agent

PARIS, Jan. 17.—Did "Bluebeard" Landru actually assassinate and then burn the ten women and one boy who disappeared after making his acquaintance or was he only a German spy whose alleged victims were his accomplices and who are hiding away to escape French court-martial?

The question has been raised again since the conviction of Landru on all eleven counts and despite the fact that he has been sentenced to the guillotine. It has gained wide credence since his attorney, the famous Moro-Giafferri, in leaving Landru's cell, declared: "Landru has made astonishing revelations to me. I cannot say what they are until the case comes up on appeal, but they are revelations that will create a sensation throughout the world." The "silly" theory to account for the disappearance of ten of "Bluebeard's" fiancées was raised shortly after Landru's arrest. His mysterious comings and goings at the villa at Gambais, where he is supposed to have killed most of his victims, had long led many of the Gambais villagers to believe that he was a German secret service agent. They even went so far as to declare that the smoke

seen coming from Landru's chimney was a signal to German aircraft.

W. O. W. Install New Officers

Oak Camp No. 125, Woodmen of the World, held installation of officers Monday night. E. N. Ewart, P. C. C., was the installing officer, assisted by E. W. Madison, of Grants Pass. The following officers were installed for the ensuing term: H. Carrick, P. C. C.; Frederick Porter, C. C.; Fred A. Fields, A. L.; D. S. Houser, Banker; M. M. Miller, Clerk; A. L. Bloom, Manager; M. Finkle, Escort; A. A. Schloeman, Watchman; John Dell Hess, Sentry. Following the installation a fine banquet was served under the direction of Mr. Schloeman, an experienced caterer. Initiatory exercises followed the banquet and a class of four were initiated. Neighbor S. E. Eddy, of the Medford camp, assisted by E. C. Stillman of the same camp, E. W. Madison of Grants Pass, and C. E. Wilson, district manager of the W. O. W., assisted in the initiation ceremonies.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—Improved methods of prohibition