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BREWERY LOBBYISTS TELL HOW TO PAY BONUS BILL PROHIBS OPPOSE METHOD

Effort to Show Congress Way Out of Tangle Is by Tax on Better Beer—Would Increase Alcoholic Content to 2 3/4 Per Cent.

By W. H. ATKINS, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Prohibition, like politics, is producing bed-fellows. The brewers have joined in the war on home-brewed beer. They say the government is losing revenue. Few will doubt that. But get inside the big tent and listen to the brewery champions. Some of the ablest in their ranks are in Washington. Congress knows it, and as the demands increase for some modification of the Volstead law, congress is weighing some of the brewers' claims.

While congress is pulling its collective hair, trying to wiggle in and around the bonus problem, the brewers step right in and point the way out of the dilemma. The brewers have bombarded congress with a neat digest of the tax problem and how to solve it. The brewers say the way out is to increase the alcoholic content of cereal non-alcoholic beverages to 2 3/4 per cent and thereby enrich the United States treasury by \$500,000,000 a year.

Is It Logical? Soft as a revenue producer as a negligible source, say brewers. Brewers quote roams of experts upon expert medical advice to show that consumption of alcohol is far more deleterious to the human stomach than would be any of your most zealous prohibition enforcers, in the height of genuine enthusiasm, consider the dangers of the present enforcement situation than our very friends? Not a chance. It is a direct warning to con-

It is believed that an increased alcoholic content in cereal beverages, not reaching the intoxicating level, would accomplish at one stroke the greatest single aid to the government in enforcement of prohibition.

Some brewing of heavy ales and stout is destroyed. Incentive to use of spirituous liquors would be diminished. Absence of this use would by so much suppress illicit distillation, diversion of alcohol, and would destroy the industry for intoxicating liquors.

"More Palatable" Beverage. Congress further was informed by counsel for the brewery industry that by supplanting a more palatable and higher alcoholic content, like beer of higher alcoholic content, a great deal of the country's industrial unrest would disappear. They plead that labor would be more content and even more efficient, citing the fact that labor-unionized of spending their hard-earned cash for hard liquor of questionable ingredients, would become interested in the cereal drinks, purchased at nominal cost. It would be a step in improving people's stomachs and in their pocketbooks, at least a part of the people inclined to indulge in stimulating drinks, they said.

As the brewers lay most stress on the fact that the government needs more revenue, their appeal comes at a time when congress is deeply perplexed over finding new ways of furnishing revenue without further adding to the tax burden of any particular class.

Cereal beverages, if raised in alcoholic content to the 2 3/4 per cent figure, they argue, are capable of raising a half billion dollars a year for the treasury, if a rate of 16 a

barrel is imposed, or a rate which would average twenty cents a gallon.

Tax of "Wet Days." Prior to prohibition heavy beers and ales were produced at the rate of 60,000,000 barrels a year. The tax was \$1 a barrel. A few other special taxes were added, which increased the taxes slightly.

Now the tax actuaries are cited as authority for the statement that if palatable cereal beverages could be manufactured and sold as substitutes for the varied concoctions now paraded about through legal and illegal ways, 100,000,000 barrels would be produced annually in the United States, and the taxes collectible from that source would be as high as \$600,000,000, besides the varied forms of taxes collectible in other ways, through taxes on dealers' permits, etc. It is contended that carbonated soft drinks, manufactured by compounding flavors, sweetening and carbonic-acid gas, have less physiological value than would be the case of the cereal beverage of a higher alcoholic content.

The dregs, in the present complexion of congress, are sufficiently strong to defeat any such proposal. The wets, however, have figured that there is a growing sentiment for modification—but not for repeal—and have begun a stiff fight to add to their strength on both sides of congress.

Relief Furnished Many Families
February activities of the Douglas county chapter of the American Red Cross far outnumbered those of any other month. Since taking on civilian relief work the following condensed report will show something of the work actually accomplished by the Red Cross:

There were 125 calls made on families suffering with influenza and 25 other families in need of assistance; nearly 60 telephone calls were received regarding these families; 4 families were turned over to various churches and one local lodge accepted the responsibilities for help rendered one of these families; in families that were sick and in need of assistance, help was placed in 15 of them; clothing was furnished to 8, and clothing was furnished by donation after a public announcement was made through the press; 12 women have been placed in private homes and 4 men on farms; being unable to get assistance for one family, our civilian relief worker took this case herself. Through the local office of the Red Cross 24 ex-service men were furnished meals and lodging; 2 ex-service men given transportation and re-examination and affidavits have been furnished in two other cases to assist them in getting their compensation readjustment. The Chapter received during the month donations of flour, eggs, apples and prunes, and these have been distributed to worthy and deserving cases. A baby 13 months old and a boy 6 years of age suffering from pneumonia were taken to the hospital and given care and both recovered.

With the above accomplishments for one month's work, the Red Cross money has been doing good work in Douglas county.

CASE REFERRED TO GRAND JURY
The case of the three young boys of Douglas Park Addition who were brought before the juvenile court on a charge of drunkenness has been referred to the grand jury by County Judge Quinn. They have all recovered from the effects of the liquor and will tell their story to the grand jury at its next session.

ONE-LEGGED ROBIN IS PROOF OF SPRINGTIME

(International News Service). PARSONS, Kan., March 21.—Spring has arrived in Kansas. A friendly robin is the proof. Nature lovers know well that robins return in the spring to the locality in which they were reared.

Dan Bliss, a farmer near Columbus, four years ago caught a robin in a trap on his farm and its leg was severed. The family cared for it tenderly until fall, when it left for the south. Every year the one-legged robin has been the first to return to the Bliss home to stay during the summer.

A few days ago the robin appeared, and uttering a gay spring warble, flew down to eat with the chickens. "Sure means spring," said Farmer Bliss.

PORTLAND READY FOR GRAND OPERA

(By United Press.) PORTLAND, March 21.—Spring was heralded here this morning by the arrival of the vanguard of the Chicago Grand Opera company. Mary Garden arrived Wednesday morning.

"Monna Vanna," the first performance, opens Wednesday night.

BONUS BILL BE PASSED THURSDAY

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 21.—The soldier bonus bill will be taken up by the house Thursday under a suspension of the rules under the plan agreed upon today by Speaker Gillett and Chairman Campbell of the rules committee. The speaker agreed to entertain a motion to suspend the rules. A four hours debate will be allowed.

STRIKE CALL IS ISSUED TO MINERS

(By United Press.) INDIANAPOLIS, March 21.—The United Mine Workers' headquarters this afternoon issued a call for a strike of half a million coal miners on April 1st.

MINERS TO QUIT WORK ON APRIL 1

(By United Press.) NEW YORK, March 21.—An order for both the bituminous and anthracite coal miners to suspend work on April 1st will be sent out by the officials of the United Mine Workers here today, according to an announcement by Philip Murray, the vice-president of the organization.

According to a poll report from the miners' headquarters at Indianapolis, the miners are voting overwhelmingly for cessation of work on April 1st to force the operators in a wage conference.

TAX LEAGUE HAS HEATED DEBATE

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, March 21.—A heated debate over the 1 1/2 millage tax for the state university, Oregon Agricultural college and the state normal school marked today's session of the Oregon Tax Reduction league. The majority committee report recommended a repeal, the minority favored the law. Dean Walker of Lane County attempted to prevent J. B. Zigler, delegate at large, from speaking. Zigler had made derogatory remarks regarding the conduct of the students in the war. Zigler denied this and finally obtained the floor.

SECOND TRIAL IS SET FOR JUNE 5

(By United Press.) LOS ANGELES, March 21.—Madalynn Obenichalski must face a second trial for the alleged Kennedy murder participation on June 5th, Judge Reese announced today.

Garden Valley Tracts Are Sold

A real estate deal was completed today whereby R. L. Wilson bought two 10-acre fruit tracts in Garden Valley, one tract being purchased from F. A. Hayes and the other from Henry Onikers. Both of these tracts are of the very best river bottom land and are considered to be very excellent from the standpoint of desirable orchard property. Mr. Wilson expects to plant both of these tracts to walnuts, a crop which is growing in prominence in this section of the state, the land being well adapted to the growing of these trees. The deals were negotiated by Charles Kyles.

CHINESE STUDENT ATTEMPTS MURDER

(By United Press.) PARIS, March 21.—Four shots were fired at Chinese Minister Tehengby by a Chinese student today, who when arrested declared that the minister was a traitor. The minister was not injured but one of the bullets struck Tean Gon, a Chinese railway system official.

HANGING LAW IS DECLARED TO BE CONSTITUTIONAL

(By United Press.) SALEM, March 21.—The Oregon state supreme court today upheld the constitutionality of the Oregon hanging law in a decision growing out of the case of John Rathie and Elvie Kirby, convicted murderers of Til Taylor, Umatilla county, Oregon, sheriff, over a year ago.

Affects Several. SALEM, March 21.—(A. P.)—Oregon's capital punishment law was upheld today by the supreme court denying the application of Elvie D. Kirby, condemned in connection with the murder of Sheriff Taylor of Umatilla county, for a writ of habeas corpus. The decision affects several condemned men in prison awaiting execution, including Dr. Brumfield.

The capital punishment law was attacked on the ground that the legislature exceeded its authority in submitting the proposal for restoration after it had been abolished by vote of the people. Kirby and John L. Rathie were convicted in connection with the jail break at Pendleton in July, 1920. Their execution has been twice deferred.

This decision will have great bearing on the appeal of the Richard Brumfield murder case, it being alleged in the appeal that the Oregon law was unconstitutional. This opinion of the supreme court now eliminates that question.

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Language Was Sifting. WASHINGTON, March 21.—(United Press.)—Secretary Hughes struck back at the senate critics of the negotiators of the four power Pacific pact when in a letter to Senator Lodge he denied that any secret agreement was existing between the United States and Great Britain, as charged yesterday by Borah. Hughes also, in sifting language, expressed the hope that the American delegates would be saved from further aspersions on their veracity and honor. The White House today officially and vigorously denied the existence of any secret agreements between the United States and anybody.

FARM MEETING AT GLENDALE

At a meeting held near Glendale on March 18th, the extension and farm bureau work was organized for that district. About sixty were present and assisted in the development of the program of work for the year 1922.

Novelty Store to Change Location

Negotiations were closed today by the terms of which D. E. Carr, proprietor of Carr's Novelty store, leaves the Parrott building which until recently was occupied by Merrien's automobile agency. The novelty store will move to its new location about the middle of April and will vacate the building which it now occupies. Mr. Merrien will move his office to that of the Casey Land company.

Mr. Carr expects to spend several weeks remodeling the interior of the Parrott building, and installing fixtures which will be ordered at once. The new store building gives much more room for the display of his wares and he will arrange the interior in such a manner that he can take advantage of every particle of the space. The large balcony is to be fitted up to display the stock while the new shelving and fixtures will be installed on the main floor.

Mr. Carr is a firm believer in the future of Roseburg and is expanding his business to meet expected future conditions. He will add greatly to his stock and will open one of the largest novelty stores in this section of the state. This business has had a very rapid growth since it was started seven years ago, and it is expected that a still greater growth will result from the enlargement which is to be made.

Mrs. Mabel Park of Oregon City, arrived here this morning to be with her sister, Mrs. A. J. McCulloch, who is quite ill at her home on Mill St.

FARMERS USE TRUCKS TO EVADE HIGH RATES

(International News Service). CHICAGO, March 21.—Farmers living on hard roads within a hundred miles of Chicago are evading high freight rates by sending their live stock to the Union stockyards in rubber-tired vehicles.

A report covering shipments and receipts for the last year shows that 51,100 hogs arrived on rubber-shod carriers, as compared with 33,100 in 1920. The number of sheep increased from 2,600 to 3,600 and cattle and calves from 3,200 and 3,500 during the same period.

One load recently arrived here after a hundred-mile trip. It contained sixty head of hogs, averaging 225 pounds. The largest number of trucks come from points forty to fifty miles distant.

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COUNCIL ASKED TO PLACE RECREATION PARK PROJECT ON SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

Supporters of Proposition to Buy Block Adjoining Auto Camp Grounds Appear Before Council and Ask That Measure Be Considered at Same Time as Primary Election.

The matter of the city acquiring the block bounded by Court street, Jackson street, Deer creek and East Avenue for the purpose of making a recreation park, was brought before the city council at its meeting last night, there being a large delegation present to speak in behalf of the measure. It is proposed that the city buy this block and convert it into a recreation center for the city. The East heirs agree to donate a certain strip of land belonging to them and lying within the block. The city owns a portion of the land where its stadium are now located, but would be required to buy the Tipton property and the Young property. About 400 people who signed the petition asking the council to place this matter on the ballot agree to donate time and labor in improving the park and installing playground apparatus after the land has been cleared.

The matter was first brought to the council in the form of a petition signed by about 400 residents of the city but the petition was not technically correct and the council is now asked to initiate a measure at a special election to be called at the same time as the primary election.

Last night a large delegation appeared before the council and urged that action be taken to place the project on the ballot.

John Flurry, commander of the local American Legion post, called the council's attention to the petition. He stated that there was a sufficient number of signatures to indicate that there is a general sentiment in favor of the project and that the measure should not be kept from a vote merely because of a technicality. The wishes of the citizens in this matter should be respected, he said, and an opportunity to vote upon the matter should be given.

He directed the council's attention to the need of a playground and recreation park and stated that at present the children of the city have no place to play except upon the streets. The proposed site, he says, is ideally situated in that it adjoins the camp grounds and could be made a great beauty spot.

Other speakers favoring the park were Charles W. Clark, County Judge Quinn, County Treasurer Sawyers, Mrs. J. E. Sawyers, Mrs. Stanley Kidder.

The only opposition expressed at that time came from City Attorney Wimberly, who stated that he is not in favor of the park. He said that it was a project to get the city to improve the streets there for the benefit of private property and that the park would cost the city a great sum of money. He stated that although offers to donate work in improvement might now be forthcoming, that when the time actually came to improve the park that the city would be required to pay the bill. He also stated that he has not the time to prepare the necessary papers in order to get the matter on

the ballot. He stated that he is willing to resign if the council desires to get some other attorney to prepare the papers, but that he has not the time to do so before the 29th, by which time they must be turned in. Mr. Wimberly stated that he does not believe the people would vote any more taxes and that they would quickly disapprove a bond issue for the purpose of buying a park and that it would be a useless expense for the city to call an election.

Exception was taken to the city attorney's statements and it was claimed that the city would be asked for nothing but the actual cost of buying the property and removing the buildings. Mrs. Sawyers took the attorney to task for his claim that he did not have time to do the work, claiming that he had put off the action of requiring the gas plant to stop allowing gas to escape and become a nuisance to the community, although instructed to do so three years ago.

This precipitated an argument over the gas plant and the digression led the city attorney to agree to bring suit at once, if necessary, to abate the nuisance.

After considerable discussion the council decided that there should be some tangible proposition to work on. There have been no options procured on any of the land and the council does not know how much money will be needed. It was shown that if bonds are to be voted that the voters should know exactly how much money will be needed and the council decided to grant the supporters of the proposition two days in which to secure options and outline a definite proposal which will be considered at an adjourned meeting of the council on Thursday night. There is then the question of whether or not the council will assume the expense of putting the measure to a vote at a special election. The council feels that if it does so that it will be placed in the position of supporting the measure, and there are some who do not care to take that position. Just what action is to be taken will be determined at Thursday's meeting.

Reserved Seat Sale to Start

Reserved seats for "Daddy Long Legs," the senior class play will be on sale at the Antlers theatre beginning Wednesday noon. Students in the Senior class who are selling tickets in advance are having unusually good fortune in selling their tickets. Judging from this and the fact that all senior class plays of the R. H. S. have always been well attended and unusually good for amateur productions a record crowd is expected on Monday night, March 27th. Last year the '22 class showed exceptional talent and with the experience they have had together with Miss Parrott's experience in coaching amateurs in the east and west the play next Monday will be the best that has been put on in Roseburg for some time.

The property committee, under the capable direction of Miss Holloper, the senior class advisor, have practically finished their work and all that is now to be done will take but very little time. The cast has mastered their parts and the practice is bringing them to the closest point of perfection, in the presentation of the play. The rehearsal at the Antlers theatre last evening was most satisfactory.

On Monday afternoon at 3:30 the cast will present "Daddy Long Legs" for the benefit of the school children and those who will be unable to see it at night. The tickets for the afternoon performance will be sold at the box office of the Antlers theatre to grade school children for 15 cents, to high school students for 25 cents and to adults for 50 cents.

Those who are expecting to reserve seats for the night performance should get to the box office as early as possible after the sale of the reserved seats begins on Wednesday in order to get a choice of seats.

WORKING ON BRUMFIELD BRIEF
District Attorney Neuner is working hard on the state's brief in the Brumfield case. The defense has already filed its brief and the state has until April 25th to file its side of the case. The Supreme court will then set a date upon which the arguments will be heard and the case given consideration.