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PRESENT FORM VOLSTEAD LAW HELD FAILURE

Senator Edge Declares It Unenforceable and That All Classes Violate.

AMENDMENT IS URGED

Proposes Bill for Heavier Beer and Would Remove Doctors' Limit on Prescriptions.

(Associated Press Local Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Volstead act is a failure and congress must amend it if existing conditions as to general law violation are to be improved, Senator Edge, republican, of New Jersey, declared in a prepared address today in the senate.

Proposing as the first steps toward amendment his bills for 2.75 per cent beer and removal of the restrictions on the amount of liquor a physician may prescribe, Senator Edge said that if he had the power he would amend the 18th amendment so as to provide for a reasonable distribution of hard spirit beverage under governmental supervision.

Law Held Unenforceable.

Pointing out that several things would be required to bring about such a change in the fundamental law the New Jersey senator said some immediate steps should be taken to remedy the present "intolerable" conditions brought about, he added, through an effort to enforce the law that in itself is unenforceable.

"Real friends of prohibition or at least temperance admit their failure," he said. Surveys conducted by original proponents of the legislation proves an increase in intoxication and an appalling condition of violation of the law.

"The failure to enforce the present law being beyond controversy, the increase in the violations being beyond successful contraction, the influence of existing conditions an admitted menace to the peace and prosperity of the nation let us try the simple experiment of writing the constitution into the Volstead Act."

2.75 P. C. Beer For Starter.

Arguing that it had been clearly demonstrated that 2.75 per cent beer is not in fact intoxicating, Senator Edge said a law legalizing it would not be in conflict with the 18th amendment.

Granting that the legalizing of a 2.75 per cent beverage would not solve the entire problem, "it would accomplish much," he continued. The senator would "help make the Volstead Act honest," would "discourage the growing demand for strong penalties and improve the morals of the country," and would "after all be said and done be giving the public only what they are, anyway, entitled to."

Indicts All Classes.

Senator Edge branded as fallacious the contention that if those who should obey the law would set an example general observance would result.

"The fact remains," he added, "a large proportion of citizens of every class violate the law without the slightest compunction. It is indeed unusual when a number of men, and frequently women, gather together that inquiry is not at once made as to who has a supply. Frankly, I have not a solution for all this," the senator said, "but the condition can be measureably improved through legal modification of the Volstead Act. Certainly it cannot be made worse."

MOTION PICTURE OWNERS PUT BAN ON "RED" GRANGE

(Associated Press Local Wire.)
Dec. 15.—Action taken by motion picture owners in many of the motion picture theaters in the United States, to prevent the showing of the motion picture "Red Grange" from all its members of the Grange movement in this particular incident.

DANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 15.—"Red" Grange entered a hospital here this morning and will undergo an X-ray examination and treatment for his bruised arm. He is under the care of Dr. E. B. Cooley, father of one of his managers. The Grange will not play again until the latter part of the month when the team goes to Florida.

BUSY YEAR IS REPORTED BY LOCAL CHAMBER

Directors of Chamber of Commerce Recount Activities for 12 Months.

MARKET STRESSED

Continuation of Activities Directed Toward Finding Market for Crops Is Recommended.

A large amount of good work has been accomplished by the Chamber of Commerce during the past year, according to the annual report submitted by the board of directors at the annual meeting held at the Presbyterian Church last night. The report covers the work done during the year, outlining in detail the various activities and accomplishments. The report in full is as follows:

It is most proper and desirable that a Board of Directors make a periodical report of the progress and the condition of its organization to the stockholders. The members of a Chamber of Commerce are stockholders of the community corporation, an organization charged by its stockholders with the conduct of the community progress and development.

Your Board of Directors hereby respectfully submit to you a report of the major activities of your organization during the past year. The daily routine at a Chamber of Commerce continually expands with the growth of the community and the growing dependence which communities are placing upon their commercial organizations for information and the information which travelers and out-of-state people are continually requiring of them. It is not possible to give you in detail much of the daily routine. It will, however, be briefly touched upon.

The Raw Products Committee was appointed early last year for the purpose of making a survey of the agricultural resources and conditions of the county, hoping thereby to have real information for our office to give to home owners who might be interested in purchasing farms in Douglas County. The committee spent a great deal of time in securing reliable data and then made a written report, 10,000 copies of which were printed and are being used as a part of the literature sent to tourists and mailed in answer to inquiries.

Mr. Will E. Holbein, who was Secretary of your organization a year ago prepared material for a Douglas County booklet. The plan was to have each town in the county use one page in telling about the particular attractions of that locality and then to give illustrated facts and figures regarding the resources of the county in general. This plan was carried out and by securing the aid of the several communities the club was able to place an order for 15,000 booklets. This volume of business enabled them to secure the work done at a low cost. The booklets were sold to individuals and to other communities at 10 cents each, which was very much less than the cost to your organization which absorbed the difference. This was done in order that the whole county might use the same type of information. Information which your organization considered reliable and which would not mislead anyone desiring to come here for a home. The material for the booklet reflected much credit on the ability of your former secretary. This booklet will be serviceable for two or three years.

The home and Land Products Show was held in September. This required a number of active committees in which more than fifty people took part. All of them deserving a great deal of credit for the undoubted success the Products Show enjoyed. The County Agent, the Grange of the County, the Civic Clubs of the city, the farmers of the county and the O. A. C. all worked in harmony to make the show an educational and social success. It was a splendid representation of what might be done in the county, an opportunity to learn technical information regarding quality of products and was the means of bringing in close contact the rural and the urban population. Many requests have reached our office urging the expansion of the show for another year, extension at least to include poultry as well as agricultural products.

The County Economic Conference which was held in November this year required a careful

Pugilist Siki Dies in Notorious Hell's Kitchen With Two Bullets in Body, Fired by Unknown Killer

(Associated Press Local Wire.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—"Batling" Siki, the Senegalese pugilist, whose turbulent career in the prize ring and elsewhere has given him wide notoriety, was mysteriously murdered early today in West Forty-First street in the district known as Hell's Kitchen. The one time light heavyweight champion was found lying face downward with two gunshot wounds in the back. A revolver with two exploded shells was found in the gutter not far away. The police could find no one who had witnessed the killing.

The neighborhood had not been aroused. Patrolman John J. Meenan, who had exchanged greetings with Siki shortly after midnight, came upon the body four hours later. An ambulance physician found the Senegalese dead with one bullet in his lung and another in the kidney. Siki is believed to have had a brawl in one of the numerous night clubs in the neighborhood and that after the altercation he was followed into the street and struck down from behind. He was felled in the same spot where last summer he was attacked and almost killed with a knife in a street fight.

The Senegalese lived near the scene of the killing. His wife identified the body at the police station.

Life One of Troubles

Siki, who sprang into public notice when he won the world's light heavyweight title from Georges Carpentier in 1922 at Paris, had many escapades which often resulted in brawls. He has been in several times in street fighting in this country and spent some time recently in the French hospital here as a result of a knife wound.

Since his arrival in the United States in 1923 after losing his title at the hands of Mike McTigue in Dublin, he has engaged in many bouts but without notable success.

In July, 1924, he came into prominence when he married Lilian Werner, an octaroon, although he had a white common law wife in Holland. After his marriage he took residence in one of the negro sections of New York, but soon

C. OF C. BANQUET AND ELECTION WELL ATTENDED

One of Best Annual Meetings of Recent Years Held Last Night.

FINE ADDRESS GIVEN

Standardization of Quality and Grading of Agricultural Products Stressed.

A very representative crowd of the members of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce turned out last night for the annual meeting and banquet held at the Presbyterian church. It was one of the most harmonious and successful meetings the chamber has held in recent years, and all were greatly pleased with the excellent results.

It was quite apparent that all present were greatly interested in the welfare of Roseburg and Douglas county and were planning for the future with that thought primarily in mind.

A most excellent dinner was served by the Roseburg Woman's Club, the banquet being made still more enjoyable by the music offered by Ott's orchestra.

T. H. Nees, acting as chairman, introduced V. T. Jackson, who spoke on the Christmas gift boxes. These boxes contain all Oregon products and are being sold at actual cost, a flat rate of \$2 paying for the box and for its shipment to any portion of the United States.

The annual report was read by Secretary Antles, recounting the activities carried out during the past year, showing the club to have accomplished a large amount of good work during the year and to be in a fine condition for future activity.

Ballots were distributed among the members, the ballot containing a resolution providing for the amendment of the by-laws to increase the board of directors from seven to eight members with four to elect each year. The names of seventeen men nominated for the office of director, with eight to elect, were also presented.

While the tellers were counting the ballots a fine address was given by Mr. James T. Jardine, head of the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural college. This talk was particularly interesting and dealt with a matter of great importance, the success of the agricultural industry of the county.

The keynote of agriculture today is standardization and grading. Mr. Jardine saw agriculture as coming more and more to realize that consumers demand a close gradation of quality and size on all products. The trend of the times is toward uniform standards on all of the leading products, and the producer is fast learning that he must be ready to serve his patrons: to give the people what they want.

There are many other problems yet to be solved for the farmer. Mr. Jardine said, but a careful study of agriculture, and a more creative character of the lines will bring the desired results in time. Bankers and city business men should cooperate and aid in every way in the encouragement of the agricultural industry, which offers a foundation for any community. Agricultural interest, he said, should aim at higher points of quality for super-quality will build up the market for the farmer's product.

Following the address the results of the election were announced.

The resolution for the amendment of the by-laws carried unanimously.

Royce Busenbark, Kenneth Oulne, John M. Throne and W. P. Harris received the highest number of votes for the office of director and will serve for the two-year term. The one-year term officers elected were J. E. McClintock, G. V. Winberry, R. W. Martens and Fred Chase.

These directors will meet and will elect the officers for the coming year.

All of the members present at last night's meeting were greatly pleased with the results shown during the past year. The officers who have carried on the work have been deeply interested in the work and have given a great deal of time and thought to their duties.

Under the administration now closing the chamber has established a record for progress. Its work has been of a constructive nature and much benefit has resulted to the county at large.

The election last night figures a continuation of this policy, for

MINIMUM INCOME TAX EXEMPTIONS BOOSTED IN HOUSE

(Associated Press Local Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The House today approved terms of the revenue bill which would relieve 2,500,000 income taxpayers from federal levies as a result of increased personal exemptions.

The section of the bill approved will increase the exemptions for single persons from the present \$1000 allowance to \$1500. The exemption for married persons will be increased from \$2500 to \$3500.

Repeal of the income tax publicity provision of the revenue law was voted today by the house.

RIVAL RAILWAY LINES RESUME FIGHT IN EAST

Southern Pacific Resumes Competition in Kansas Would Mean Fight

SAYS 1 ROAD AMPL

Oregon Trunk Replies That S. P. Refusal to Accept Joint Use Evidence of Monopoly Plan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The contest between the Southern Pacific company and the Hill railroad over the right to build new lines in central Oregon was carried further today before the Interstate Commerce Commission with the filing of opposing briefs. Evidence on the subject has been gathered by the commission during a series of hearings recently in the west and these arguments will be heard soon in Washington.

The Oregon Trunk railroad, owned jointly by the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern, proposes to build 178 miles of new line from Bend to Klamath Falls in Oregon and the Southern Pacific company proposes to build 33 miles southeast of Klamath Falls. It also has purchased the Nevada, California and Oregon narrow gauge line and proposes to build from Corvallis in California to Alturas, on the California-Oregon border to connect with the Central Pacific, which is a part of the Southern Pacific system.

S. P. Violates Rule.

The briefs in behalf of the Southern Pacific group asked the commission today to refuse the Oregon Trunk application on the ground that its line would "parallel and ruin" the Southern Pacific's proposed connections in the region. The Southern Pacific argued that it will give new lines adequate to serve all of the Oregon territory and in the interest of good railroad service the commission should not allow a duplicate investment.

A countering brief in behalf of the Oregon Trunk, asserting that rejection of its application would constitute "the granting of a railroad monopoly and southern and western Oregon to the Southern Pacific railroad," the Hill railroads desire to reach the timber area around Klamath Falls and are willing to invest the \$4,500,000 that the Oregon Trunk construction entails in order to provide necessary traffic. They are further willing to enter into any joint use or agreement as to the new line, and they do not oppose the Southern Pacific building plan.

Both briefs held to be unnecessary by the Oregon railroad commission, which has requested the Interstate Commerce Commission to require the railroads serving Oregon to build a cross state line.

Monopoly Intact Seen.

"We may assume," the Hill brief continued, "that the Southern Pacific position in these proceedings contemplates opposition of any extension of the Oregon Trunk, unwillingness to engage in any railroad development however necessary to the public standpoint, unless assured of a monopoly of the traffic, and its readiness to justify somewhat lavish investments as a means of excluding competition. To this statement should be added the positive refusal to consider any joint construction or joint operation, which might secure for the public the benefits of competitive railway service without the waste of duplicate capital investment."

"There is no desire upon the part of the northern lines other than

TO COOPERATE FOR PEACE, BUT NO ALLIANCES

Secretary Kellogg Shows U. S. Attitude Toward Locarno Treaty.

DEBTS MUST BE PAID

Defends Exclusion of Red Propagandists, Saying Prince and Peasant Treated Alike.

(Associated Press Local Wire.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The United States is committed to a policy of cooperating with European powers for all legitimate purposes, but of avoiding European politics. This was the keynote of an address by Secretary of State Kellogg at a dinner given in his honor last night by the council on foreign relations.

Secretary Kellogg outlined policies of his department and defended it against recent criticisms, especially with regard to allied aloofness in foreign affairs, foreign debts and loans and the exclusion from the United States of foreigners whether "prince or peasant" who seek to preach radical doctrines.

Entanglements Avoided.

Characterizing the security conference at Locarno as "Europe's sincere effort to free itself from the old system of balance of power supported by military alliances," he said:

"It has been the settled policy of the United States not to interfere in purely European questions, certainly not unless invited, and there was no reason to invite the United States to attend the Locarno conference. . . .

"We shall go to the very limit of reasonable co-operation for all legitimate purposes but we will not commit ourselves to the European system of alliances and counter-alliances to maintain the balance of power upon that continent."

As for the foreign debt policy, Mr. Kellogg said it is out of the question to contemplate "an outright gift of billions of dollars." The debt settlements, he said, have been approached in a spirit of utter fairness.

No Alien Firebrands Wanted.

He expressed himself forcibly in favor of the policy of excluding

AMERICAN LEGION SMOKER WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY

All Ex-Service Men of the County Invited to Be Guests of Local Post for Entertainment.

All ex-service men of Douglas county are invited to be the guests of Umppa Post of the American Legion on the evening of Friday, December 18, when the local post will stage a smoker, which will include ten rounds of boxing and two wrestling bouts, together with other entertainment.

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League of Nations Decides Turkey Unfit to Rule Because of Cruelty to Christians.

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Old Guard Favors LaFollette in Spite of His Defi, but Lesser of Insurgents Lose Places of Power

(Associated Press Local Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Undeterred by a warning that he would follow an "independent course" in furtherance of the policies of his father, the Republican senators today formally accepted Senator Robert M. La Follette in the Republican fold from which the elder La Follette had been excluded.

His assignment as a Republican member of three standing committees was given approval in the senate without debate or a record vote after a last minute conference of party leaders had declined to reverse yesterday's decision classifying him as a Republican.

La Follette earlier in the day had served notice on the Republican Old Guard, that he expected to adhere to the "progressive principles" of his father.

In the letter to Chairman Wat-

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