

'DRY' AND 'WET' STRUGGLE FOR MASTERY

SUMMERVILLE TORN BY STRIFE OVER LOCAL OPTION QUESTION AND THE LIKE.

RECORDER RESIGNS JOB

When Recorder Dismisses Cases Against Two Charged With Bootlegging, Council Threatens to Remove Him From Office—Rather Than Continue in Fight, He Offers Resignation—Fight a Bitter One.

Summerville, Jan. 14 (Special)—Lightning-like rapidity of movements by principals in the bitter wet and dry scrap that has been ripping this town asunder during the past few weeks, marks the progress of the struggle between dry council and citizens opposed to actions of that body. The latest development came this morning when Chester Hamilton offered his resignation as recorder, as the sequel to a bold move by the council yesterday afternoon in announcing its intention to remove Hamilton from office.

Follows Several Arrests.

Friends of Hamilton affirm that when the council yesterday afternoon served notice on the recorder that he was summarily discharged though he had been elected by the people, that body was showing its disapproval for what Hamilton had done yesterday morning. Two men, or rather the last two men of several to be arrested for various causes among them charges of bootlegging, were brought before the recorder two days ago for selling beer. One of them was Mr. Ott and the other was Joe Baker. They were arrested under the ordinance enacted to create a dry reign in Summerville, though the town had voted wet at the election. After weighing the evidence, Hamilton dismissed the case. This was yesterday morning, and the notice of discharge came soon after. Rather than participate in a heated fight which has been going on for some time Hamilton offered his resignation.

Bring Charges Against Him.

Among the charges preferred against Hamilton and for which the council wishes to remove him were that at one time he had not transcribed the minutes to the minute book on the proper date. Another was that he has used an indecent word in the council chamber.

Spectators to the struggle are anxiously waiting for the next move from the other side.

CIVIC LEAGUE AT NEW YORK HAS ADJOURNED

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION ENACTED PERTAINING TO STRIKES

Want State Power Increased to Prevent Strikes and Labor Strifes.

New York, Jan. 14—Resolutions recommending the extension of the Erdman arbitration act to include all public utilities, particularly telegraph and telephone companies were adopted today at the final session of the National Civic Federation today. It also recommended state laws giving the state labor departments power to make arbitration compulsory in labor disputes. The session is largely devoted to discussion of practical methods of preventing strikes.

Make Ballots Short.
Olympia, Jan. 14—Washington will have the shortest ballot of any state if a bill introduced by Representative Wright of Seattle is enacted. The Wrights bill provided that only the governor, supreme court judges. He elected and that the governor appoint all other state officials. The governor will be subject to recall.

Duke of Connaught Gets Office.
Ottawa, Jan. 14—All doubt as to whether the Duke of Connaught will be the next Governor-General of Canada was dispelled today with the arrival of the English mails bearing formal notice that the King's uncle has accepted the office. The Duke had already decided on a number of appointments to his staff. His military secretary is reported to be Major Cecil Lowther of the Scot guards. Lowther has been a close companion of the Duke for years and will probably arrive in Canada in September.

OPEN SESSION IS IMPORTANT TO COMMUNITY

MANY SPEAK AT LENGTH AT THE TABERNACLE LAST NIGHT.

Subjects of Peculiar Local Interest Dealt With From Rostrum.

The big open meeting of the Farmers' Union was held last evening in the L. D. S. tabernacle. A good sized crowd listened to the different farmers tell of the work of the Union, and John Collier, prominent in commercial circles here, delivered an excellent address on the attitude of the town toward the country. He carefully dealt with questions that heretofore have caused more or less of a gulf to exist between the producing and consuming classes. His talk was well received and did a great deal of good to get the farmer and the retailer on a better understanding of the position of each.

Sykes an Earnest Talker.
President Sykes, of Milton, was probably the most enthusiastic speaker for the Union. He reviewed what had been accomplished in the way of purchasing sacks, fruit and other articles and the longer he talked the more enthusiastic he became. His address showed his deep study of the subject and the assertions made would not bear contradiction.

John McAllister presided through the meeting. He made short talks when introducing the speakers and occasionally narrated a short story to illustrate his point.

Alphabetical Cox Present
A farmers meeting in the northwest would not be complete without Alphabetical Cox from Walla Walla, who is one of the best posted men in the country on commodities and the farmers position. He talked for a short time reviewing the rice industry and how it as an example could be cheapened to the consumer. His idea is to abolish the broker and the middleman and he urged all merchants to buy direct from the factory and cut out the expensive middle dealer.

A. P. Davis in Good Trim.
One of the logical speeches of the evening was that delivered by A. P. Davis, a farmer who farms. He had little complaint toward the retail merchant and he reviewed trade relation in the Grande Ronde valley in an exhaustive manner.

Pierce Urges Larger Things.
Although the hour was late when Senator Walter Pierce was called upon for a talk, not a person left the room for La Grande people especially

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DREADNAUGHT IS CRUEL WOMAN SLIPPED INTO THE WATER SEIZED WITH REMORSE

BIGGEST BATTLESHIP IN THE WORLD NOW RIDES THE OCEAN WAVES.

LAUNCHING IS SUCCESSFUL POLICE FORM THEORIES

Daughter of Representative Macon Christens the Vessel as it Glides From Its Stays—Others of Larger Scale to be Built by Other Nations But This is the Largest Yet Turned into the Waters of the World.

Camden, N. J., Jan. 14—Slipping easily down the ways, the battleship Arkansas, the largest dreadnought afloat, was launched by the New York Shipbuilding company at noon today. Secretary of the Navy, Meyer, and Assistant Secretary Winthrop with a delegation of Arkansas congressmen attended. Miss Mary Macon, daughter of Congressman Macon, of Arkansas christened her. The Arkansas is a 26,000 ton battleship, 562 feet long and will travel 20 1-2 knots.

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THE NEXT SPEAKER, CHAMP CLARK OF MISSOURI.

UNLESS cataclysms or schisms unforeseen occur, Champ Clark of Missouri will be the next speaker of the house of representatives. Mr. Clark himself has been confident of this elevation for a year or two. He was so sure the Democrats were going to carry congress at the recent election that he began testing hard woods from the forest around Bowling Green, Pike county, where he lives, to ascertain just how tough will be the fiber of the gavel which is to thump the desk pounded by Uncle Joe Cannon for eight years. The speakership is a bigger office than the vice presidency, take it by and all, and any man who attains it must have back of him something more than a voice and a presence. Mr. Clark has both a commanding presence and a hefty voice, but he has also stored in his cerebrum a fund of information and a field of culture calculated to enable him to uphold the dignity of the post. He has been in congress eight terms. The greatest surprise of his life was experienced when he awoke one morning and discovered that a fiddle teacher in a young ladies' seminary had defeated him for re-election, but that was so long ago that he has almost—not quite—forgotten it.

Will Punish Citizen.
Tokio, Jan. 14—Prompt steps to punish Admiral Yashiro for criticism of President Taft's plan to fortify the Panama canal will be taken by the Japanese government. It was announced today an investigation is being held and punishment is forthcoming if his reported remarks to Col. Goethals at Panama are verified.

The body was found in a swamp near Schenectady. The woman said that after a long time hunting him a home, she gave him poison. The lad was thirsty and she said the bottle contained water. "He always trusted me, he believed me, and drank without question," she sobbed. The police acting on the theory that she had an accomplice and the police are searching for the man whom they believed she wanted to marry.

BUT 1 ARRESTED IN HOLMES ROBBERY

ARRESTS MADE YESTERDAY STILL LACKS EVIDENCE

Mr. Holmes Estimates His Loss to be About Five Hundred Dollars.

Aside from the fact that the Fred J. Holmes family is missing trinkets and valuables today which in their haste and excitement yesterday they had not noticed, there is little now in the sensational house robbery committed late yesterday afternoon when the Holmes residence was entered and robbed of something like \$500 in diamonds and other jewelry. Mrs. Holmes and Miss Nell Grimmett were in the residence at the time. Cleaves the man arrested, and who answers descriptions of the man seen leaving the Holmes back yard hastily shortly before the robbery was detected, is still in jail but as he has no stolen goods on him it may be difficult to convict him. Mr. Holmes estimates the loss at \$500. Cleaves went to the Bolton-Bodmer warehouse shortly after having asked for food at the Currey home and later, he says, he went to the Holmes house to ask for food. If he took the diamonds he had ample opportunity to hide them or hand them to an accomplice.

JAPS WOULD COMPROMISE

If All Aliens Are Treated Alike, Japan Will be Satisfied.

Sacramento, Jan. 14—Japan won't object to the anti-alien law if aliens from all nationalities are not included, according to the statement made today by leading progressives in the lower house who says he got the information from federal authorities close to the Japanese legation in Washington. It is understood the Japs don't like the idea of being singled out. They want to be classed with the Germans, French, etc. If the law including all is passed, Japan as a nation will look upon it as a fair law.

YOUNG CHINA FRIEND ARRESTED

Pulled Gun on Uncle of Chinese Emperor and Will Suffer for It.

Oakland, Jan. 14—George Fong, a member of the Young China party was found guilty of assault on Prince Tsai Shun, an uncle of the Chinese emperor in Judge Wells court today. He will be sentenced Jan. 17. Fong was arrested when he pulled a pistol from his pocket while the reception of the Prince was in progress. Fong wanted to rid the country of the Manchu dynasty to assist in the establishment of a republic.

STALLED TRAINS MOVE AND ALL ARE SAFE

EIGHT HUNDRED STALLED PASSENGERS WILL REACH SPO. KANE TONIGHT.

WESTERN LINES STALLED

After Much Trouble Trains are Slowly Working Through Drifts in Sierra Nevada—Thermometer in Canada Goes to Fifty-two Below Zero—Other States See Relief as Storms are Ceasing and Cold Lessens.

Spokane, Jan. 14—The Great Northern trains, No. 3 and 27, stalled with over eight hundred passengers since Monday in Montana were released early today. The trains will reach Spokane this afternoon according to Superintendent Brown. Railroad officials say the passengers did not suffer.

Fifty-Two Below in Canada.

Winnipeg, Jan. 14—Intense cold from the Great Lakes to the Rocky Mountains prevails today. At Edmonton, Alberta, last night it was 52 below, the coldest since 1879. At Prince Albert it registered 50 below. The snow storm continues in Crow's Nest pass and trains lined with relief parties are leaving Fernie to carry assistance to any who may need it.

Moderate in Montana.

Helena, Jan. 14—The weather in Montana is moderating and snow plows are clearing the tracks now that the wind has abated. Stock is suffering heavily.

Trains Stalled Near Coast.

San Francisco, Jan. 14—Transcontinental trains have been stalled in the Sierra Nevadas by storms the past few days but have been released, say officials and will reach the coast tomorrow. The snow sheds were wrecked but have been cleared away and the tracks are cleared.

Better at Kallispel.

Kallispel, Jan. 14—After nearly a week of blizzards, Montana shows general signs of moderating today. The snow has ceased, the temperature is rising, and the winds have lessened. It is predicted the stalled train service will be resumed by night fall.

WOMAN TRIED TO HAVE NURSE KILLSCHENK

NURSE WHO WAS ALSO A DETECTIVE RELATES HER STORY.

Gained Confidence of Mrs. Schenk and Then Learned the Facts.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 14—Miss Klein, a "nurse detective" testified today Mrs. Schenk offered her \$1,000 to kill her husband. She said after she had gained her confidence she asked Mrs. Schenk why she did not kill her husband if she hated him so. Then Mrs. Schenk offered her \$1,000 after the nurse demanded five and the nurse said she agreed. The nurse was the most important witness in the trial of the woman accused of poisoning the millionaire packer. Mrs. Klein, the "detective nurse" whose real name is Elnora Zorekier, she said, is employed to work on the Schenk case, that Mrs. Schenk told her to secure the keys to her husband's safety deposit work in the event of his death.