

MEXICAN PRESS IS CONTRARY

COUNTRY STIRRED UP BY SENATOR ASHURST'S RECENT PROPOSAL.

CESSION OF LOWER CALIFORNIA OPPOSED

Ashurst Speaks Again in Senate in Support of Proposal to Have Peninsula Ceded to United States Through Negotiation—California Senator is Wary Regarding Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 8.—The proposal made in the United States senate by Senator Ashurst that the United States purchase Lower California and part of Sonora, has created considerable comment in the Mexican press.

El Universal, long a leading pro-Republican paper, in a leading editorial Tuesday, attacks the proposal. It asserts that Mexico places the promises of President Wilson, that small nations will be protected, ahead of the menace to Mexico implied by the Ashurst plan.

Senator Ashurst Speaks

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Speaking in the senate Tuesday in support of his resolution for acquisition by the United States through negotiation with Mexico of Lower California and part of the state of Sonora, Senator Ashurst of Arizona declared the Mexican government was unable to control the territory or protect it from foreign invasion. Annexed to the United States, he said, it could be converted into immense agricultural value by irrigation from the Colorado river.

Lower California, said the senator, is "the vermiform appendix of Mexico and the Achilles heel of the United States."

The Mexican republic is both unwilling and unable to police the peninsula, he added, "and is unable to resist aggression from or settlement by Oriental powers; hence a base of supplies or of military and naval operations, with comparative ease and secrecy, could be established among the numerous islands on the Pacific coast."

Section Left to Itself

Enforcement of law and order in Lower California, Mr. Ashurst declared, is left wholly to a governor holding over from the Diaz regime and still independent either of Carranza or Villa.

Senator Phelan of California interrupted Senator Ashurst with the comment that there is "always danger of acquisition by foreign powers by purchase or otherwise—by means of Zimmerman notes or otherwise—of Lower California." He added, however, that he would not consent to acquisition of the peninsula by the United States except by complete agreement with Mexico.

Senator Weeks of Massachusetts inquired whether Senator Ashurst would apply the principle of self-determination to the territory, and the Arizona senator replied that he advocated this plan and had received hundreds of letters from residents of Lower California urging the purchase.

Put Forward in House

While Senator Ashurst was speaking in the senate, Representative Elston of California, Republican, introduced a resolution in the house requesting President Wilson to open negotiations with Mexico for the purchase of the Lower California peninsula and other Mexican land along the international boundary "as shall be topography promote harmonious relations by reducing to a minimum all international border difficulties." The resolution was referred to the house foreign affairs committee.

REPEAL OF LAW ASKED

Superintendent Wants Status Expanding Reserve Requirement.

SALEM, Jan. 8.—Present statutes providing for incorporation of cooperative state banks are a menace to good banking and should be repealed in the opinion of Superintendent of Banks Bennett expressed in his annual report. He urges also that legislation be enacted to give the superintendent authority to furnish reports of state banks to the federal reserve banks to apply to state banks which are reserve members.

Under the present statute state banks apply to reserves of state banks.

S. V. MAIL SERVICE

Sumpter Valley Railroad Strike Not to Affect Service.

WASHINGTON, January 8.—Residents of the country reached by the Sumpter Valley railroad are to have mail service six days a week by some improvised method, regardless of the strike which has tied up traffic on that line for some time, according to a decision of the Postoffice Department communicated to Representative Sinnott today.

A representative of the Sumpter Valley road now on the way here to suggest plans for ending the strike will be given hearing immediately on his arrival by Edward Chambers, traffic director for the railroad administration.

INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS ARE LARGE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Internal revenue tax collections for five months between July 1 and December 1, 1918, amounted to \$621,697,000, the treasury reported Tuesday. Of this amount \$116,892,000 came from whisky and other spirits, \$75,988,000 from tobacco and \$46,179,000 from beer and other fermented liquors.

WILSON DONE WITH VISITING

PRESIDENT READY TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.

Returned to Paris Yesterday—Informal Conference on Peace Details to Begin Soon

PARIS, Jan. 8.—President Wilson has completed his swing through England and Italy, returning to Paris at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and Miss Margaret Wilson.

The president is ready for the first gathering of the premiers and statesmen of the entente powers and the informal conferences will begin on Thursday and Friday.

Under the present scheme the representatives of neutral states and the smaller belligerents will first meet the representatives of the powers with whom they have questions pending, with the object of settling them, while the others will be free to confer with those with whom they have interests. The conferences will concern principally local questions. It will be a process of elimination which is expected to reduce greatly the detailed work of the general conference.

DEAD COLONEL LAID TO REST

SIMPLEST OF FUNERAL CEREMONIES OVER REMAINS.

Ex-President's Wish Regarding His Burial Was Observed to the Last Detail.

OYSTER BAY, Jan. 8.—Colonel Roosevelt was buried here today with impressive simplicity. All the pomp and splendor which the world was eager to offer to the memory of this eminent statesman, warrior and author, were totally absent. It was simply the funeral of Theodore Roosevelt, private citizen of Sagamore Hill. The body was laid to rest on the crest of a snow-covered knoll, in the shadow of Sagamore Hill.

There was a short prayer service at the Roosevelt home and ceremonies without music at the village church and the cemetery. Mrs. Roosevelt saw that the expressed wishes of the colonel were carried out to the minutest detail. At the special prayer service in the home only Mrs. Roosevelt and members of the family, with a very few intimate friends, were present. Mrs. Roosevelt did not attend the ceremonies at Christ church or at the cemetery.

Snow fell early in the day, and the earth was blanketed in white as the cortege moved to the cemetery.

Among the notables present were Vice President Marshall, representing President Wilson; General March, representing the United States army; Admiral Wilson, representing the navy; delegates from both houses of congress and many diplomatic representatives.

Members of the family and a few others only were permitted to enter the cemetery to witness the interment. A mantle of snow concealed the fresh dirt of the excavation at the grave. Neighbors and admirers of the colonel witnessed the last brief ceremony from near by points.

Thus, in the simplest ceremony, Monday, Earth took Colonel Roosevelt to her bosom.

BUYER OF LIQUOR NOT A CRIMINAL

STATE SUPREME COURT HAS AFFIRMED JUDGE KNOWLES DECISION

IS MOST IMPORTANT PROHIBITION OPINION

Case of State vs. G. L. Busick, Appealed from Union Circuit Court is Decided by Supreme Bench at Salem, Upholding Former Ruling by Local Judge.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 8.—In what Attorney General Brown declares to be the most important prohibition opinion since the passage of the ban-dry law, the supreme court yesterday, in the case of the state vs. G. L. Busick, appealed from Union county, affirmed Circuit Judge Knowles' decision and held that the purchaser of liquor is not guilty of an indictable offense, and consequently is not an accomplice. As a result a bootlegger may be convicted on the unopposed testimony of a purchaser, and no corroborative evidence is needed, provided the jury believes the tale of the purchaser.

"While it is true that the sale cannot be made without a purchaser, it is also true, under the statute that the crime is in the sale of intoxicating liquor and not in the purchase," says Justice Johns in his opinion. "The whole purpose and intent of the prohibition amendment was to prevent and punish the sale of intoxicating liquor, and, as it falls to make the purchase of such liquor an indictable offense, we hold the purchaser was not an accomplice of the defendant as a seller."

By reference also it is held that "bitter herb tonic" is an intoxicating liquor in the present case the man convicted being a druggist and the purchaser bought three bottles of the tonic in one day. Although it contains only one-half of 1 per cent alcohol, it was held a question whether it was intoxicating liquor, was fairly submitted to the jury.

Other opinions today were: State of Oregon vs. A. Bertschinger, appeal from Multnomah; motion to dismiss indictment charging crime of manslaughter; opinion by Justice Johns, Circuit Kavanagh affirmed. Lee Ahnon vs. William Hryzko, appellant; appeal from Multnomah; motion for a new trial on order in a personal injury case denied; opinion per curiam.

FLYERS TO SIBERIA

Three Hundred French Flyers and Mechanics Are on Way.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—Three hundred French military aviators and mechanics sailed for Vladivostok on Monday on the transport Sherman.

They carried with them airplanes, armored cars, rapid-fire guns and other equipment.

A second detachment of 200 officers and men will leave here early in February.

A World Leader Was Buried Today.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's remains were laid to rest today.

Not only is this nation in mourning, but the whole world realizes the loss of a man among men—a pronounced leader—a man who had intellect to determine right from wrong and who had abundant courage to fight for what he believed to be right.

The youngest president we ever had, he took the reins of government following Major McKinley's splendid administration and it is admitted by everyone that the nation's ship of state was well manned with Colonel Roosevelt.

The history of the Roosevelt public life is known to every household and needs no special attention in this mention of his demise and burial, but it is a pleasure to have known Colonel Roosevelt at close range, to have worked with him and studied his personality. We have never known or seen a man of his type. He stood distinctly alone; there will be no more Roosevelts. His wide grasp of all subjects was remarkable, his quick decision was wonderful, and coupled with the fact that he was right in almost every instance, made his decisions all the more different from those of ordinary men.

One could not be with the colonel without feeling the bigness of his character, although he possessed no features that were intended to awe his associates. He was a manly man in every respect. He did not pose as a special guide for other men. He apparently never felt himself an example for others to follow. Perhaps in this existed one of his greatest features of leadership.

No public character ever had the tremendous personal acquaintance and personal friendships that Colonel Roosevelt enjoyed. Essentially a man of the common people he strove at all times to be of service to them. He was at home with all, regardless of standing in society or business. This was demonstrated on his trip to La Grande, as will well be remembered by all who saw him.

His death was untimely, for this nation needs him at the present moment. We need him for his wisdom, for the beacon light personality which guided friend and foe alike. Roosevelt, without uttering a word upon a national subject, was essential because advocating national measures invariably formulated them with expectation of strict scrutiny from the ex-president.

It is too bad that he could not have lived until the United States wades through the entanglements of the peace program, for, without minimizing the men who have been chosen to handle that very important work, Colonel Roosevelt's opinions would have had much weight and they would have been for the right in every instance.

But, the end of all men must surely come and regrettable as the passing of this great man is we must all meet it. The words of the martyred McKinley, when his lifeblood was flowing, are appropriate now that his successor to the presidency has been called—"It is God's way—His will, not ours, be done."

SITUATION IN BERLIN IS WORSE

BLOODY STREET FIGHTING CONTINUES BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND REBELS

SPARTACIDES REJECT OFFER TO NEGOTIATE

Loyal Troops Being Rushed to Capital to Aid Socialistic Government—Spartacides Have Successes in the Berlin Street Fighting—List of the Killed is Growing.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Bloody street fighting is reported as still raging in Berlin and hundreds of persons are stated to have been killed. Early dispatches reported that the government forces had been victorious but the receipt of later dispatches makes this doubtful.

Heavy reinforcements, including 480,000 loyal soldiers under General Groener, are being rushed to Berlin to help fight the Bolsheviks. The Ebert government is said to have offered to negotiate with the Spartacides, but it is reported that the latter have rejected the offer.

A violent struggle took place around the chancellors' palace when the Spartacides tried to capture it by a storm attack. Twenty of the rebel soldiers were killed in the first charge. Another furious battle took place in the Wilhelmstrasse, where the foreign office is located. Here the Spartacides were strongly armed, as they had previously captured and looted the great Spandau arsenal.

The Ebert government, according to the Exchange Telegraph, was massing troops in the suburbs of Berlin yesterday morning, with orders to enter the city later in the day "to end the Bolshevik riots."

The Spartacides, at last reports, were said to be in control of the police department headquarters and the Marshall building, where they mounted machine guns with which they were able to sweep the streets.

All railway traffic in the city has been suspended, although the subway is still operating.

The situation in the German capital continues to be very grave.

LATER NEWS SAYS LOYAL TROOPS ARE VICTORIOUS

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Street fighting between government and rebel troops in Berlin has ended with the government troops victorious, according to Bence advices received here late today. Parliamentarists have been sent to the government by the Spartacides "to discuss measures to prevent further bloodshed." A truce has been declared for further negotiations.

TO CURB DIVORCE

Re-Marriage for Six Years Not Allowed in Suggested Law.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 8.—Marriage after divorce will not be permissible in Washington state until six years after a decree has been granted, instead of the present statute enabling a divorced person to remarry in six months, if recommendations which will be submitted by the committee on morals at the close of the regular meeting of the Seattle Ministerial federation Monday morning are adopted by the state legislature.

At the same meeting Judge Everett Smith of the superior court, and Pierce Longman, former divorce proctor of King county, will talk to the ministers on divorce from the viewpoint of the jurist trying the case and the proctor representing the undefended side.

8.8 PER CENT A. E. F. WOUNDED DIE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Of 71,114 wounded and injury cases tabulated in the American expeditionary hospitals between January 15 and October 15, 1918, 85.4 per cent recovered and returned to duty, the war department announced Tuesday. The percentage of deaths was 8.8.

BETTER ROADS FOR WALLOWA

COUNTY SOON TO START "GOOD ROADS" CAMPAIGN

Fred Faulkner, Wallowa Banker, is Booster—Gives Friendly Advice to Union County.

Wallowa county is getting ready to launch a good roads campaign that will make other counties in the state take notice.

Fred Faulkner, banker, sheepman and rancher, was in LaGrande today on his way home from Portland, where he appeared before the State Highway commission to interest that body in the pieces of road from the Minam to Joseph. It is the hope of Mr. Faulkner that sufficient local assistance can be rendered by Wallowa county to induce the highway commission to formulate a comprehensive road program in Wallowa.

"The need of good highways has always been apparent," he said, "but never was it so forceful as now. We work away for years under heavy difficulties and then wake up to the fact that every other progressive section of the country is building permanent roads. The county that fails to get in the road building game is going to be left far behind and there is no other way to view it. Wallowa county, the fastest growing agricultural county in the state, with her heavy average recently brought under the plow, with her fast growing towns and her wealth of timber and minerals, must have good roads. I am dedicating a good deal of my future time to preaching the gospel of good roads everywhere I go. Surely Union county will add to her already well started road program and utilize the gravel and stone in the river this winter. Nature has strewn good road building material throughout Union county, and while I do not want to appear in the role of telling a neighbor what to do, I do hope the county work will put a rock crusher at work in the Grande Ronde river and gravel and rock a few miles of road, leading toward Wallowa county this winter."

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Interests will wage their fight.

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It was further asserted that constitutional lawyers of eminence have given their opinions that the proposed amendment "is inherently vicious and destroys the basic rights of local self-government which the American people have won, which our constitution and the whole theory and structure of our government rest on."

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the ideas set forth in President Wilson's speeches. A meeting will be held Thursday at the foreign office, in preparation for the first peace conference session.

Among those present at the conference will be President Wilson, Hon. A. J. Sulzberger, British foreign minister; Lord Robert Cecil, Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Sonnino of Italy, Premier Clemenceau, Foreign Minister Pichon, and Messrs. White and Lansing of the American delegation.

LAST STAND OF LIQUOR FACTIONS

THREE MORE STATES RATIFY NATIONAL PROHIBITION AMENDMENT.

IDAHO TAKES PLACE IN RANKS OF "DRYS"

Supporters of the Boozie Business are Rallying for the Last Stage of the Fight—Twenty States Have Officially Approved the National Amendment.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Three more states Tuesday ratified the proposed prohibition amendment, making a total of nineteen states endorsing the proposed amendment. The house of the Idaho legislature voted Tuesday for the amendment and if the senate follows suit the proposal will need to be passed by only sixteen more states. Legislatures of Ohio, Colorado and Oklahoma ratified the legislation. Representatives of the distillers met in Chicago and decided to oppose the prohibition law which goes into effect July 1 by every legal means possible. Twenty States Ratify.

The states which have ratified the prohibition amendment thus far are Kentucky, Virginia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Maryland, Montana, Arizona, Delaware, Texas, South Carolina, Massachusetts, Georgia, Louisiana, Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Colorado and Oklahoma.

At a meeting of the distilling interests of the United States resolutions adopted declared that the time had come for members of the industry to make "a most determined resistance to such revolutionary methods" referring to the war-time prohibition law and the proposed federal constitutional amendment. The action Tuesday also provided that power to make liquor's fight shall be vested in a committee and Attorney Levy Meyer of Chicago was appointed chief counsel.

Will Battle to Finish.

Although Mr. Meyer would make no statement for publication regarding plans for the coming court battles which will be taken to the United States supreme court for the final outcome, it was learned that the distillers will not quietly submit to enforcement of the war-time prohibition act which becomes effective next July 1. It is said to be the plan to allow the government to make the first movement by charging a violation and upon the prosecution thereof the liquor interests will wage their fight.

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BRITISH WOMEN WORKERS IN A GLASS FACTORY



British women glass workers are to be very useful in the reconstruction of Europe. Photograph showing women glass factory workers removing the glass that has come from a broken pot.

FIRST SESSION THIS WEEK

PEACE CONFERENCE TO OPEN THURSDAY OR FRIDAY

Preliminary Sessions Will Be Held by Delegates From the Four Chief Powers.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—Robert Lansing, the American secretary of state, stated here today that preliminary conversations in the peace conference will probably begin Friday. These preliminary sessions, he said, will be informal, with the United States, France, Great Britain and Italy participating.

It is not definitely known whether Japan will be represented at the first meeting, but she will participate in the meetings immediately upon the final completion of her delegation.

The first matter taken up by the conference will be in regard to Russia, and particularly concerning the relations between Russia and Germany. The next question will be that of a league of nations, which will be advanced along lines conforming with