

VICTORY OF "DRYS" NOW COMPLETE

RATIFICATION OF NATIONAL AMENDMENT BY THIRTY-SIX STATES SECURED TODAY

NEBRASKA HAS HONOR OF FINISHING THE LIST

News of Prohibitionists' Victory is
Flashed Over Wires This Afternoon
—Occasions Great Rejoicing in
National Capitol and Over Whole
Nation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—John
Barleycorn is dead. On January
16, 1920, the constitutional amend-
ment making the United States of
America "dry" will go into effect,
having now been ratified by the nec-
essary number of thirty-six states.

Nebaska was the last state com-
ing under the wire to ratify the
amendment today, and "perfect
thirty-six" was hailed with shouts of
joy and acclamation by supporters of
the measure here. Senator Morris
Sheppard, of Texas, one of the fore-
most leaders in the fight for a dry
nation, expressed his great gratifica-
tion over the good news.

Some doubt is expressed here as
to the date on which the amendment
will go into force, whether it will be
one year from today, or one year
from the promulgation of the official
announcement.

Ratification was completed yester-
day by the legislatures of five
states—Iowa, Colorado, Oregon, New
Hampshire and Utah—making a total
of 12 in two days. Of the 36
states that have taken action, only
14 have certified their action to the
federal state department. They are
Virginia, Kentucky, North Dakota,
South Dakota, South Carolina, Mary-
land, Texas, Montana, Delaware,
Massachusetts, Arizona, Georgia,
Louisiana and Michigan.

Additional Legislation is Necessary
The amendment, under its provisions,
becomes effective one year
from the date of its final ratifica-
tion. Additional legislation by con-
gress is necessary to make its opera-
tive and groundwork for this al-
ready has been laid. This legisla-
tion will prescribe penalties for vio-
lations of the amendment and de-
termine how and by what agencies
the law shall be enforced.

HEALTH BOARD DEFERS ACTION

DECIDES IT IS BEST NOT TO OPEN TOWN THIS WEEK.

Recommendation of Board of City
Commissioners Will Not Be
Acted Upon Until Later.

The recommendation made by the
board of city commissioners in regard
to the opening of picture shows,
churches, etc., this week, was discus-
sed today by the city health board,
who decided that they would take no
action in the matter until some time
next week.

Dr. Bacon, city physician, is of the
opinion that things are going nicely
and it would only be a matter of re-
gret if they were to open up again
and bring on another wave of the
epidemic immediately. "Families are
just being released from quarantine
now," he said, "and they will be car-
riers of the disease for ten days or
two weeks, at least. I think it advi-
sable, therefore, to let things run along
smoothly as they are at present until
some time next week."

The opinion is advanced that when
the theatres are allowed to reopen the
patrons who attend will be required to
wear masks while in the build-
ing.

POLES RECEIVE ORDER TO MOBILIZE

VIENNA, Jan. 16.—The general
mobilization of all Poles has been or-
dered from Cracow today. Cracow
was formerly capital of Poland.

PRESENT NEW TRUCE TERMS

RETURN OF ALL LOOT BY GER- MANS WILL BE FORCED

Unofficial Statement of Demands
Marshall Foch Will Make on
January 17th.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The new armis-
tice terms to be presented to Germany
by Marshal Foch are unofficially stated
here to include the following:

First—Retribution upon the Ger-
mans for the murder and ill treatment
of allied prisoners.

Second—The machinery and goods
stolen by Germany from France and
Belgium to be at once given up. It is
pointed out that France alone has 50,
000 men who will be out of work until
this machinery is returned.

Third—German gold, amounting to
more than \$500,000,000 to be moved
from Berlin to a safe place, probably
Frankfurt, and protected from Bolshe-
vism in Germany en route. Certain
other property to be surrendered.

Fourth—Germany to give over her
shipping, of which she is believed to
have 4,000,000 tons, to carry food sup-
plies to countries in Europe in need
of them.

Fifth—Any U-boats on the stocks
to be handed to the allies for their
disposal, or to be destroyed, and no
more submarines to be built.

SPEEDING CAR RUNS OVER CHILD

This morning about 8:30 o'clock,
while on her way to school, Amy
Brown, grand-daughter of E. E. Grout,
was run over by an automobile at the
intersection of Adams and Fir.
The child was crossing the street when
the auto, driven by a Mr. Smith,
knocked her down and passed directly
over her abdomen. She was rushed
to the hospital, where she was given
immediate attention, but up to the
time of this writing no definite knowl-
edge of her injuries was obtained. Un-
less internal injuries develop, however,
her condition is not considered scrious.

LARGE STORES WHEAT RELEASED

GRAIN ACCUMULATED WILL GO TO U. S. MILLS.

Action Anticipated, but Not Likely
the Speculative Market Will
Be Affected.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Vast stores of
wheat accumulated for export will be
released to mills in this country, the
United States grain corporation an-
nounced late yesterday.

The wheat will be released at a
price twelve cents higher than the
basic price, it was announced. This
action means that the price recently
bid up as high as a premium of 35 and
40 cents above the price fixed by the
government will at once be brought
down to a 12 cent premium.

This action has been anticipated for
some time and has been largely dis-
counted by speculators and according
to C. M. Yager, editor of the Modern
Miller, will not materially affect the
price of flour or bring about an un-
settled condition of the speculative
market.

SPARTACANS SEIZE BREMEN

Defeated at Polls, Radicals Over- throw Government.

BREMEN, Jan. 16.—Spartacan
forces temporarily are in control of
the government of Bremen, after an
insurrection. The Spartacans were
defeated in a local election by the
Majority Socialists, and successfully
carried out a coup to prevent the
Majority Socialists from taking office.
All Bourgeois newspapers are under
Spartacan censorship and a "com-
munist" republic has been pro-
claimed.

At Cuxhaven the Ultra-Radicals
have overthrown the communist re-
public and threaten the immediate
socialization of all industries and
banks.

POSTPONE ENTERTAINMENT

PERRY, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special)
—Owing to the death of Louis
Phel the entertainment and dance
to have been held here Saturday
night has been postponed for one
week.

RELIEF BILL IS REPORTED

HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE ACTS ON WILSON'S REQUEST

U. S. to Supply One-Third of Total
Amount Needed to Feed Hun-
gry and Starving.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The res-
olution for the \$100,000,000 appropria-
tion requested by President Wil-
son for feeding Europe was reported
favorably by the house rules commit-
tee. The committee adopted the res-
olution and urged its immediate accept-
ance, in order that the allied govern-
ments might reach an agreement as
to their share of the \$300,000,000
needed for food. A cablegram from
the committee provides for the item-
ization of expenditure in this as in all
other matters.

SENATOR PIERCE FAVORS LEAGUE

MEMBER FROM UNION INTRO- DUCE RESOLUTION

Wants State Legislature to Memorial-
ize President and Congress Re-
garding the League.

SALEM, Jan. 16.—Senator Pierce
of Union and Willowa counties yester-
day sought to put the Oregon legisla-
ture on record as favoring a
league of nations through the intro-
duction of a joint resolution memoral-
izing President Wilson and the
national congress to bring about such
a world-wide league. The resolution
is one which has been introduced re-
cently in many of the legislatures of
the country.

SAILORS HURT IN TRAIN CRASH

NEWARK, N. J. Jan. 16.—About
twenty employees of the submarine
station were injured here today, when
a Central railway train crashed into
some empty freight cars standing in
the yards.

LIEBKNECHT STILL LIVING— NARROWLY ESCAPES ARREST

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—Karl Liebk-
necht, the radical leader, narrowly
escaped being arrested by the night
patrol Monday, when his son and
wife were taken into custody. He
had just returned to his home when
the raid was made and it is believ-
ed he escaped over the roof of an ad-
joining house.

BETTER ROADS FOR UMATILLA

BOOSTERS GETTING TOGETHER IN PENDLETON

Will Outline Plans Today for 1919
Highway Campaign—\$150,000
More is Wanted.

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 16.—With
no policy of road building for the next
few years adopted or outlined, the
Umatilla county court has called a
meeting of representatives of every
community, commercial organization
and farmers' union. The meeting will
be held in the court house today.

The county court has provided in its
budget for the county's share toward
improving the road between Pendleton
and Echo, but at the last meeting of
the state highway commission the
commissioners refused to make an ap-
propriation unless the road was out-
lined along the river instead of over the
hills as at present.

The river road would cost \$150,000
more and the court has not provided
for this extra expense.

SUPFRAGE PASSES

Women Given Votes by State of Wis- consin.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 16.—The Wis-
consin legislature today voted for the
woman suffrage amendment.

La Grande People Need Someone to Appear for Them.

Commissioner McKennon has
no occasion to show irritation,
neither has he occasion to show
surprise, at Attorney F. S. Ivanhoe
appearing before the ruling
house of municipal government in
the interest of the common peo-
ple. Heaven knows that it is high
time someone was taking the part
of the common people, who are
not only enough to run the water
system of the city, but swell the
water fund to such a proportion
that it takes care of other city
expenditures.

If those who pay have not a
right to be heard who should be
heard? Mr. McKennon has been
commissioner for some time, and
Attorney Ivanhoe is not far wrong
in pointing out that it was Mr.
McKennon's duty to know what
condition the city water plant was
in. So it was. This is doubly true
from the fact that Mr. McKennon
was also city manager for a pe-
riod of time last fall and his daily
duties as manager and commis-
sioner combined surely forced
upon his attention the fact that
the water supply for La Grande
is and has been for some time an
uncertain quantity.

If any city official does not im-
agine for a moment that the wa-
ter supply of this city is its very
artery of life he is greatly mis-
taken, and why should not the en-
tire population shout in accord
that they want assurance of suf-
ficient water that is not contami-
nated.

Ivanhoe's stand, when he ap-
peared before the La Grande com-
mission, was right and the fact
that his presence and remarks ir-
ritated the senior member of the
commission only makes it seem
all the more necessary that strict-
er attention should be paid to the
city's water matters.

Excuses for present water con-
ditions may pile high; blame may
be placed on this one and that
one; may be shifted from present
to former administrations and
vice versa, but there is positive-
ly one thing upon which there is
no room for argument and no ex-
cuses can be made regarding it—
Why was not a chlorination
plant installed to insure pure wa-
ter to the city regardless of the
place from which it is pumped?

Why was not this one thing
done?
It would have been the best
health and life insurance possible
to give to over seven thousand
people and would have cost less
than a thousand dollars.

Why was it not done?

HONORS GIVEN

Secretary Baker Awards Eighteen Dis- tinguished Service Medals

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The dis-
tinguished service medal was award-
ed late yesterday afternoon by Sec-
retary of War Baker to seven Major
Generals, seven Brigade Generals,
and two colonels of the U. S. army
and two civilians connected with
the war department during the year.
May Gen. Wm. S. Graves, com-
mander of the U. S. forces in Siberia,
and Samuel M. Felton, director
general of military railways, were
among those honored.

MANY MOTHERS DIE EACH YEAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Sixteen
thousand women die annually in the
United States from lack of proper
care before child birth. Representative
Jeanette Rankin of Montana,
declared yesterday, appearing be-
fore the house labor committee in
favor of her measure which would
provide federal aid for expectant moth-
ers.

There are ten countries that have
a lower death rate among women at
childbirth and twenty that have a
lower infant mortality rate, Rep.
Rankin said.

FOOD STAYING UP

Green's Head Says Prices Will Stay Up Because of Plentiful Gold

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—There is
no immediate hope of an apprecia-
tion of food prices, according to
Sylvan La Sica, president of the
Wholesale Grocers' association, in
addressing the annual convention of
the body here Wednesday. Mr.
Sica declared food prices probably
will never revert to the old standard.
One reason for the increased supply
of gold in the United States.

WEATHER FORECAST

Jan. 15. Rain.

DANIELS' BILL GOES TO TABLE

SECRETARY OF NAVY WANTS WIRELESS SUPERVISION

Bill Not Likely to Be Put Through at
Present Time, Chairman of the
House Committee States.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Sec-
retary Daniels' bill for government own-
ership for wireless under his super-
vision was tabled this afternoon. The
government control of wireless is dead
insofar as this congress is concerned,
the chairman of the house merchant
marine committee announced this af-
ternoon. He stated that he and other
members have agreed that differences
of opinion will make it impossible to
put it through now.

SEN. EBERHARD FATHER OF BILL

WILL INTRODUCE A UNIFORM SALES ACT SOON

Is Called Common Sense Legislation
to Protect Merchants—Bill
Meets With General Favor

SALEM, Jan. 15.—That Oregon
may line up with more than a score
of other states for the protection of
the buyers and sellers of goods is the
object of a bill for a uniform sales
act to be introduced in the legisla-
ture by Senator Colon B. Eberhard,
of La Grande. The movement has
resulted from activity of agencies of
the American Bar association, of
which Senator Eberhard is a member.

Claim is made for the proposed
law that it would place, in a single
statute, legal rules that already exist
but which are inaccessible to lay-
men for practical purposes because
they are contained piecemeal in a
dozen or more places and decisions.
Should a merchant receive a consign-
ment of goods and find part of them
of inferior quality, it is said that,
under the proposed law, the necessity
of seeking legal advice would be ob-
viated for the reason that the law
would show in plain terms what the
merchant's recourse would be in the
event that he either received or re-
jected the goods. At the same time,
the bill is not expected to draw fire
from the legal profession for the reason,
it is said, that it would have no
effect on the volume of litigation.
That it would be of immense value to
buyers and sellers is a claim made.
The law would have general applica-
tion to the sale of personal property.

SCHOOL BILL PRESENTED

CONSOLIDATION OF DISTRICTS FOR TAXATION DESIRED

Board of Five Members to Admin-
ister Affairs, Under Provisions
of the Measure.

SALEM, Jan. 16.—Consolidation of
all rural school districts under one
board in counties having a population
of 26,000 or more school children, is
the purport of a bill which will be in-
troduced into the legislature within a
few days by Senator Moser.

The aim of the bill is to create
equal school taxation of all county
lands. At present taxes for county
schools vary from 6 to 10 mills. If the
new bill is adopted all county schools
will be governed by a board of five,
to be elected by the present rural school
directors.

The board which would have charge
of rural schools, should this proposed
bill become a law, will purchase all
rural schools and equipment, hire
all teachers and officers, fix the tax-
ation to be levied for the support of
the district, and have within their power
the ability to establish elementary,
high and vocational schools.

RETURN OF LAND SOUGHT

ATTORNEY GENERAL URGED TO PROBE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Resolution of State Land Board Es-
timates Tracts to Be Worth in
Excess of \$500,000.

SALEM, Jan. 16.—The state land
board yesterday adopted resolutions
introduced by State Treasurer Hoff,
calling upon the attorney general to
investigate charges of alleged fraudu-
lent securing of school lands as incor-
porated in the report of a Marion
county grand jury handed down in
May, 1907, and to prosecute to recover
any state lands which his investiga-
tions may disclose to have been ob-
tained by fraud. The resolution also
petitions the legislature to provide an
appropriation for the necessary funds
in carrying out its provisions.

Mr. Hoff gives the following rea-
sons for presenting the document to
the land board:

"According to a grand jury report
made in Marion county, Oregon, a
large portion of school land was pro-
cured from the state of Oregon
through fraudulent and unlawful
methods and conspiracies. The land
was secured by what might be styled
dummy applications, and in many in-
stances upon forged signatures and
for a very small percentage of the
value of the land.

CITY BOARD READY TO RAISE BAN

AT MEETING LAST NIGHT DE- CIDE THAT SITUATION IS PRACTICALLY SAFE

AUTHORIZE DR. BACON TO RESCIND CLOSING ORDER

Will Not Open Dances Yet, How-
ever—Discussion of Question of
Water Supply Brings on Heated
Argument—City to Rush Purchase
and Installation of Chlorine Filter

Deciding that the health condi-
tions in the city have improved suf-
ficiently of late to warrant the re-
moval of the closing regulations im-
posed upon businesses and meetings,
the board of city commissioners at
their meeting last evening passed a
resolution authorizing the city physi-
cian to remove or to modify such
regulations, as he saw fit. Exceptions
were made, however, in the case
of public meetings or demonstra-
tions. The water question also
came in for considerable discussion
when Col. F. S. Ivanhoe arose to offer
a criticism of the handling of
this matter by the city commis-
sioners. There was not a great deal
of other business brought up for at-
tention, only a few matters of rou-
tine appearing. A request from the
O. W. R. & N. regarding the vacat-
ing of certain property which the
railroad requires for extension of its
yards. The commission refused to
pass an ordinance covering the mat-
ter until the railway company should
fulfill their part of an agreement
regarding the viaduct, which matter
has come up before.

The interest of those who were
present at the board meeting was at-
tracted chiefly by Col. Ivanhoe's
speech, however. The Colonel be-
gan by stating that he had not come
to offer prejudiced criticism, nor
had he spoken critically about town
of the commission's responsibility
for the water shortage. He said that
he came simply to represent the
views of the householders and the
tax payers of the city and to im-
press upon the board that the citi-
zens of La Grande were very strong

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WILL RESTRICT PEACE NEWS

ONLY STATEMENTS WILL BE IN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

Representation of Various Countries
Has Been Fixed—Chief Powers
Have Five Delegates Each

PARIS, Jan. 16.—The supreme coun-
cil of the peace congress has decided
that hereafter all information con-
cerning the proceedings will be re-
stricted to an official communique
prepared jointly by the secretaries of
the delegations of the five great pow-
ers. The delegates will not comment
on or give out any other information.
"Hitherto it has been the practice
of the governments taking part in the
preliminary peace conversations, says
a statement given out by the official
press bureau today, to issue separate
communiques regarding the proceed-
ings.

It has been decided to issue a joint
communique, of which the following
is the English text adopted by the
British and American delegations:

"The President of the United States
and the prime ministers and foreign
ministers of the allied powers, as-
sisted by the Japanese ambassadors in
Paris and London, held two meetings
today. In the course of these meet-
ings the examination of the rules of
the conference has been continued and
almost completed.

Representation is Fixed.
It was decided that the United
States, the British empire, France,
Italy and Japan should be repre-
sented by five delegates apiece. The Brit-
ish dominions and India, besides, shall
be represented as follows:

"The delegates respectively from
Australia, Canada, South Africa and
New Zealand, including the native states
and one delegate from New Zealand.

"Brazil will have three delegates,
Belgium, China, Greece, Poland, Por-
tugal, the Czechoslovak republic, Ro-
mania and Serbia will have two dele-
gates apiece; Spain, Cuba, Guatemala,
Haiti, Honduras, Liberia, Nicaragua
and Panama one delegate apiece.

Montenegro will have one delegate,
but the rules concerning the designa-
tion of the delegate shall not be fixed
until the political situation of that
country shall have cleared.

PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—One hun-
dred and fifty candidates, from all
sections of Oregon, will take the 32d
degree during the present reunion of
the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
of Masonry, of the Oregon consistory,
which convened yesterday at the Scot-
tish Rite cathedral, Morrison and
Lowndale streets. The reunion, which
is the 39th annual, will come to a
close on Friday night.

Degrees from the fourth to the 65-
teenth, inclusive, were conferred yester-
day, the evening ceremony being
devoted exclusively to the exemplifica-
tion of the fifteenth degree. Work
was started this morning on the eight-
eenth degree, with Judge Wallace Ste-
vens presiding, followed by the
conferring of the twenty-first degree,
and concluding tonight with the thirty-
first degree.

At 11 o'clock tomorrow morning
E. G. Jones will deliver a lecture to the
class of new members and visiting
members of the body. The conferring
of the thirty-second degree will occupy
the ceremonies of the afternoon and
evening sessions. The address at the
ceremonial will be delivered by one
of the best known orators of the rite.

The class photograph will be taken
at the Scottish Rite cathedral tomor-
row at 10:30 o'clock. In the
evening the annual banquet will be
held.