

GOVERNMENT STARTS WAR ON BREWERS

DRIVE ON SALE OF BEER CONTAINING OVER 2 3/4 PER CENT ALCOHOL

OFFICIALS OF PITTSBURG FIRM ARE ARRESTED

One of East's Largest Breweries Made Defendant in Suit Charging Violation of the Wartime Prohibition Law—Passage of Special Rule Meets With Opposition

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 9.—The government's drive against the sale of beer containing two and three-quarters per cent of alcohol was launched today when United States Attorney Crawford filed suit against one of the city's largest breweries, charging violation of the wartime prohibition law. Twelve officials of the company were placed under arrest.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—The house by adopting, 235 to 59, Tuesday a special rule for immediate consideration of prohibition enforcement legislation, indicated sufficient votes to enact the measure without the 12 hours of formal debate allotted members anxious to speak for and against its passage.

But despite this his majority and the promise by Chairman Volstead of the judiciary committee that all of the time set aside might not be used, indications Tuesday night were that a vote on the bill itself will not be reached this week. Every effort was made Tuesday by anti-prohibitionists to delay consideration by claims of no quorum, demands for rollcalls, and by forcing the reading word by word, of the printed text of the bill.

Protest Dilatory Tactics
All these attempts at delay were accepted with good grace by the majority, until Representative Sabath of Illinois and Representative Caldwell of New York, both Democrats, brought a protest from members who declared they were endeavoring by dilatory tactics to slow up the proceedings. Less than two of the 12 hours for debate had been used when the house adjourned, to resume consideration Thursday, Wednesday being calendar day.

No attempt was made Tuesday to split the bill so as to take out the first part, relating solely to enforcement of wartime prohibition, with a view to early passage. This, however, will be done later, and while members fighting for modification or repeal of the wartime act are hopelessly in the minority, they announce their determination to keep on fighting until the whole question of enforcement legislation was settled in the house.

OVER MILLION SHELS FIRED IN FOUR HOURS

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 9.—The most intense concentration of artillery fire ever recorded was that of the American troops in the battle of St. Mihiel, fought from September 12 to 15 and which was the first distinctly American offensive of the war. It was fought chiefly by American troops and wholly under the orders of American officers. In this battle the American artillery fired more than one million shells in four hours.

Two comparisons with Gettysburg emphasize the magnitude of the St. Mihiel operation. At St. Mihiel, 550,000 Americans were engaged; at Gettysburg, the Union troops numbered approximately 100,000. In three days at Gettysburg the Union artillery fired 33,000 shells. The St. Mihiel offensive cost the Americans about 7,000 casualties, less than one-third the Union losses at Gettysburg.

THOUSAND BONES TO BE GIVEN WHO SURVIVED

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Thousands of bones of men who died in the war are being given to the survivors. The bones are being given to the survivors of the war. The bones are being given to the survivors of the war. The bones are being given to the survivors of the war.

Wheat Harvest Is On In Umatilla County; Average Is 20 Bushels

PENDLETON, July 9.—With harvest on in several fields near Echo, Nolin and Yoakum, sample of wheat are beginning to reach Pendleton. Several days ago a sample testing 60 pounds to the bushel came from Yoakum and yesterday several were received which grade No. 2, testing 58 pounds. The yield per acre ranges from 10 to 30 bushels thus far, with the average appearing to be better than 20.

A good many growers in the west have started and by the end of the week harvest here is expected to be fairly general. No cuttings have started in the Pilot Rock region but the harvest there is looked for shortly.

Another week will see the combine at work on the reservation wheat around Mission and perhaps as far as Cayuse. It will be about two weeks before harvest will start in the Helix and northeastern sections. The grain there is ripening more slowly and promises a heavy yield.

BANQUET IS BUT FEW DAYS AWAY

ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST ON
SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Prizes Are Donated for Competition
Between Members of Wing, Fin
and Fleetfoot Club

Members of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club of La Grande, which however, has members all over Union county, are looking forward with a great deal of interest to the annual fishing contest Sunday and Monday next, July 13th and 14th and the banquet the following Thursday evening, July 17th.

All the fishing streams in this part of the state are said to be in good shape, and the Minam, Bear Creek, Upper Grand Ronde, Looking Glass, Big Eagle and Pine Creek will all likely be extensively worked by a crowd of sportsmen during the two days mentioned. Catherine Creek is also said to be good, if one goes to the meadows.

It is announced by Al Andrews, secretary of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club, that all fish for the contest must be turned in not later than 12 o'clock, midnight, Monday, July 14. The banquet Thursday night will be held at 7 o'clock at the Foley hotel and all members of the club are invited to attend.

The list of prizes offered for this contest is as follows:
By C. D. Putnam, bamboo pole, value \$10.00; by Neil Saylam, bamboo pole, value \$5.00; by Frank Lilly, fly book, value, \$5.00; by W. H. Bohnenkamp Co., pair auto gloves, value \$4.50; by A. Snapp, basket, value \$4.50; by Bert Hughes, automatic reel, value \$6.50.

ANCIENT PLATE IS UNCOVERED

VALUED: FIND OF OLD SILVER
MADE IN ENGLISH ENEMY

Notice Has Been Promoted to The
Nation by A. J. Stafford, Owner
of Estate

REIDBURGH, (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—A board of battered silver plate, dating back to the fourth century, has been found on the estate now owned by the British Foreign Minister, A. J. Stafford. It is described as one of the most remarkable archaeological discoveries ever made in Northern Europe. Mr. Stafford had agreed with the excavators that all finds should become the property of the nation, and the silver vessels have been transferred to the Queen's Museum in this city. The plate is said to be of considerable value.

The site of the discovery is known as "The Roman Camp" and is a site of great interest. The site is a site of great interest. The site is a site of great interest. The site is a site of great interest.

PEACE PACT IS RATIFIED BY GERMANY

RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BY VOTE OF NEARLY TWO TO ONE

FIRST ELECTIVE BODY IN ANY NATION TO RATIFY

Weimar Government's Action Will Cause Allies to Lift the Economic Blockade and Abolish the Commercial Censorship—Release of Aliens Here Also Will Follow

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WEIMAR, Germany, July 9.—A resolution ratifying the peace treaty was today adopted by the German National Assembly by a vote of 209 to 115.

WEIMAR, July 9.—The German National Assembly is the first elective body in any country since the Allies signed the treaty to adopt the ratifying resolution. The ratification of the treaty by Germany will cause the Allies to raise the economic blockade imposed and to lift the commercial censorship on communications with that country.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—The signing of the peace treaty and its ratification by the German National Assembly at Weimar today has caused the United States Department of Justice to decide that most of the German and Austrian enemy aliens now on parole in this country may be released from all obligations.

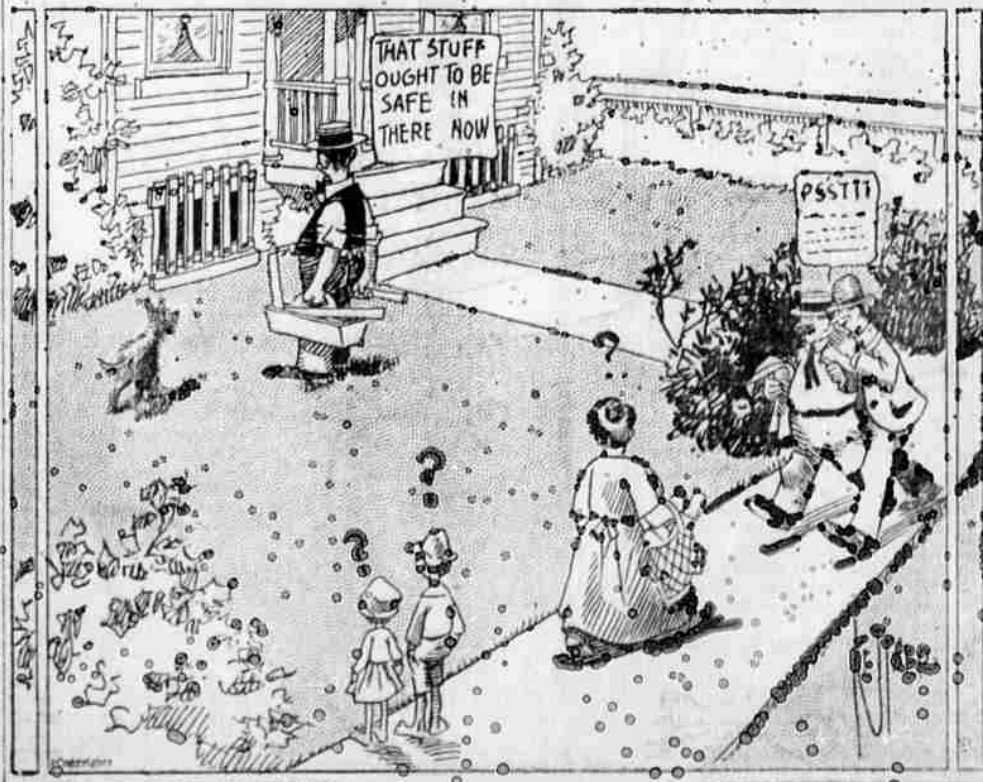
TWO KILLED IN STRIKE TROUBLE

PEORIA, Ill., July 9.—The majority of the twelve hundred employees of the Corn Products Refining Company at Peoria struck today when the officials of the company failed to grant closed shop rules at the Argonaut plant of the company, where two persons were killed and a score wounded in a fight with guards last yesterday. Two thousand employees of the company are striking.

Lansing Sails Friday; Polk Not Yet Decided About Going to Paris

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Robert Lansing, secretary of state, will leave Paris to sail for home Friday, it is announced. Assistant Secretary of State Polk has not yet decided whether he will go to Paris to replace Lansing as head of the American Peace Mission. His hesitation is due to the state of his health.

99 Per Cent Proof



PRIVATE PEAT
Who Lectures at The Chautauqua Entertainment This Evening.

UNION OFFICER IS RECRUITING

RECRUITING OFFICE TO BE IN
CITY HALL, LA GRANDE

Enlistment Office for All Branches
of Service, With Choice of Going
Almost Anywhere

Captain Walter D. Swackhammer arrived in the city yesterday, to open a recruiting office here, which will be in the city hall. Men wishing to enlist are given an option of going to Siberia, Alaska or the island possessions, all of which afford an exceptionally broad scope for vocational training. Captain Swackhammer says that all branches of service are open to men desiring to enlist.

Captain Swackhammer was a Union resident prior to his enlistment in the army.

THE WEATHER Oregon fair, with gentle north- westerly winds.

PURCHASE GAME FARM ILLEGAL

SALEM, Ore., July 9.—H. A. Holmes, a retired business man of this city, has brought suit to restrain the governor from issuing a warrant paying for the purchase of a game farm in Lane county for the Fish and Game Commission. The complaint alleges that the purchase would be illegal, for the reason that the legislature does not make appropriation to cover such purposes.

SALEMAN, Calif., July 9.—L. C. Granger, international vice-president of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, today was waiting word from union officials in Washington and Springfield, Ill., that some arrangement for ending the telephone strike on the Pacific Coast had been reached.

PRIVATE PEAT TALKS TONIGHT

IS ENTERTAINER ON SIXTH
CHAUTAUQUA NUMBER

Famous Canadian Soldier and Lecturer
Announces Another Book Ready
for Publication

H. R. Peat, late private in the Canadian army, lecturer, novelist and movie actor, is in La Grande today and this evening will give a lecture at the chautauqua grounds. La Grande has been interested in hearing him. Ever since he recovered from the wounds he received at the battle of the Somme in 1916 he has been traveling through the British Isles, Canada and the United States, telling of the early days of the war. "Over there in his famous lecture, 'Two Years in Hell and Back With a Smile.' Tonight he will be talking on one w line. He

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STRIKERS ARE STILL WAITING

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Reopening of Casino In Ostend Indicates Return of Old Times

OSTEND, Belgium, June 14.—After nearly five years of war, Ostend is resuming ordinary life as far as possible under present conditions, with the reopening of the famous Casino. A few months ago the great saloons of the Casino were a scene of devastation and wanton destruction. The buildings escaped the bombardment that transformed so many of the beautiful hotels and villas along the Digue into heaps of rubble, and the use of nine tons of glass has repaired all the damage thus occasioned, but the Germans had plundered and destroyed the saloons.

Every stick of furniture was taken away, beautiful tapestries were slashed and torn by German bayonets and every mirror in the halls was removed, together with the copper candelabra in the saloons and the beautiful copper staircase. Not content with robbery Germans left the whole place in a state that would have shamed any animal inhabiting a stable. But since then a miracle has been wrought and but for the fact that some of the more valuable fittings are at present only temporarily replaced by imitation, there is no evidence of the war so far as the casino is concerned.

O-W. BAND ON PROGRAMME

WILL GIVE CONCERT AT CHA-
TAUQUA TOMORROW NIGHT

Final Numbers of Splendid Chautauqua Course Will Be Given
Tomorrow at the Park

Tomorrow the 1919 season of chautauqua in La Grande will be concluded with what looks like one of the best days' entertainment provided during the course. An extra attraction has been arranged for in the La Grande O-W. band, which will give a concert in the pavilion at the park from seven o'clock until eight. This band, though a very young organization, has made a fine impression on the local public by its work and will be sure of a good hearing tomorrow evening.

Tomorrow morning a junior chautauqua will be held and in the afternoon there will be an entertainment by the Apollo Concert Company, followed by another appearance of the Junior Chautauqua in a feature, "Uncle Sam's Experiment." The evening program, following the O-W. band concert, will be a concert by the Apollo Concert Company and a splendid illustrated lecture by Henry Warren Pease on "The Closing Days of the War."

While the number of campers at the park has not been as large this season as in other seasons the seating space at the evening entertainments in the pavilion has been all taken up nearly every evening.

MONTANANS MAY LOCATE HERE

WELL-FINDED RANCHERS DECIDE
TO LIVE IN OREGON.

Wilbur E. Brock, realty dealer and farmer of Santurville, accompanied by two Montana ranchers whom he is trying to locate in his part of the country, arrived in La Grande yesterday afternoon on their way overland to points in Union and Walla Walla counties.

One of Mr. Brock's clients wants a large stock ranch and the other wants a grain ranch. Both have fine good ranches in the Judith basin, near Livingston, Montana, to trade on land that suits them in this section. Each of the Montana men have made considerable fortunes on their farms in Montana, one having operated there for thirty-two years, but both have decided they want to live in Oregon.

The cattle man has a place capable of carrying about 300 head of stock and the grain ranchman has 1100 acres. Through Mr. Brock both men have bought fine homes in Santurville and left their families there before they left on their journey to Oregon. Brock advertises elsewhere in the Observer as to what his clients want in property.

PRESIDENT MUST DELAY PEACE TOUR

SENDS SIGNS OF WORK ACCUMULATED ON DESK DURING
FOUR MONTHS' ABSENCE

PHYSICIAN SAYS WILSON IS IN FINE HEALTH

President Is Said to Be Ready to
Place Himself at Disposal of Senate
Foreign Relations Committee
or Others To Answer Questions
Relating to Peace Treaty

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 9.—President Wilson returned to his desk in the White House today, after an absence of four months to find such a mass of official business accumulated and awaiting his attention that it will probably take two weeks before he can start on the tour he has planned to take the peace treaty and League of Nations questions to the people of the nation.

It is considered likely that President Wilson will so time his schedule as to reach the Pacific coast at the time the Pacific fleet arrives. The president is represented as being ready to place himself at the disposal of the Senate foreign relations committee, or other committees, to answer questions concerning the peace treaty, and the League of Nations covenant.

Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, the President's personal physician, declared today that the President is in splendid health.

AIRSHIP STARTS BACK TOMORROW

MINEOLA, N. Y., July 9.—It is positively announced here today that the R-34, England's monster transatlantic air voyager, will leave before daylight tomorrow morning on the commencement of her return trip across the ocean. She has been anchored here since Sunday morning.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Favorable weather during the next twenty-four hours for the return flight of the R-34 is predicted.

SALEM MAN LISTED KILLED IN ACTION

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, July 9.—An army casualty list published today reports John Janzen, of Salem, Ore., son of Mrs. Eva Harlan, killed in action.

Denver Strikers Have the Upper Hand; Keep Cars From Operating

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
DENVER, Colo., July 9.—Nine attempts were made here today by the street railway company to get their cars operating in defiance of the strike action taken by their carmen the first of the week, following a reduction in the men's pay. Every attempt failed, however, a crowd of strikers forcing the crews to quit back. There was no violence.

Ivan Martin Goes After Position on the State Insurance Commission

SALEM, Ore., July 9.—Ivan Martin, state assemblyman from Marion county, is reported to be a candidate for appointment to the state insurance commission, succeeding Harry W. Hays, who is expected to resign his late position. Mr. Martin is said to be a candidate in the insurance business in Portland, Oregon. He is said to be a candidate for the position of a supervisor for the state.