

NO MORE OPIUM TO BE IMPORTED

**Federal Law Effective Today
Places Absolute Ban
on the Drug.**

CANADA ACTS SIMILARLY

**Hereafter Only Such Consignments
Will Be Allowed in Country as
Are Used for Medicine—May
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From and after this date, April 1, it will be unlawful to import opium into the United States for other than medicinal purposes.

On the importation for medicinal purposes, the law will be strict. Consignments of opium for medicinal purposes must be for use in this country. Portland is not one of the distributive ports of entry for medicinal opium that have been designated by the Treasury Department.

Almost coincident with the new restrictions placed on opium importations by this Government, Canada has also acted and in that country it is not only an indictable offense to import the drug, but to have it in one's possession for sale. The effect of these new laws in the two countries has already been indicated by a marked increase in the price of opium prepared for smoking purposes and there are indications that the several thousand Chinamen in Portland who are consumers of the drug may have to pay almost its weight in gold to obtain material for the accustomed smoke.

Not Much Imported Here.

While Portland has been a large distributive point for opium in the past it has not been a large importer. Customs House officers say that most of the importations have come from British Columbia, where about a dozen manufacturers in Victoria have been put out of business by the new Canadian law. The bulk of the opium used here and that shipped to other points is obtained from San Francisco, which imports the drug in large quantities from Hongkong. For the year ending December 31, 1908, Portland imported 555 pounds.

Another effect of the closing of all ports in this country to opium that is expected is an increase in the smuggling trade. This trade, with the falling off of the price of opium in the last few years, has decreased materially, so far as professional smugglers are concerned. Persons engaged in legitimate business, however, have done considerable opium smuggling as a side line, the duty of paper pound making it a profitable venture so long as the smuggler is not caught.

The last seizure of opium in Portland was almost a year ago, when 145 lbs were confiscated and sold at public auction at 45 per tin of six and one-half ounces each.

Prices Are Going Up.

This was last September, and even then opium prices were on the increase as the result of the enactment of the Canadian restrictions and the enforcement of the pure food laws of this country, which prohibit the importation of any product containing more than 9 per cent of morphine.

Six years ago confiscated opium in Portland sold as low as \$3.75. Two days ago a quantity was sold in Seattle at auction by the Government at \$24 per pound, or more than twice the price, indicating a doubling of the value.

Hereafter seizures of smuggled opium will not be sold, but will be destroyed. The Government began to apply the pure food law restrictions to the importation of opium only a few months ago, although the law has been in effect since 1907. A short time ago a consignee from Portland from Victoria was refused entry at Sumas, Wash., on the ground that its importation would be unlawful under the pure food and drug act.

New Canadian Law Strict.

The Canadian law was approved July 29, 1908, but under its terms persons having opium in their possession were given six months in which to put the stuff in bonded warehouses for exportation. The Canadian proves that the law on importation or sale of opium for other than medicinal purposes, being a fine of \$50 to \$1000, or imprisonment for three years.

The act in the United States was approved by the President February 9, 1909, and contained the provision that it should go into effect April 1. Yesterday the Portland Customs Office received a wire from the Treasury Department instructing it to hold all importations of opium after April 1. The office has not yet received the regulations issued by the department governing the importation of opium for medicinal purposes.

The main provisions of the new act make it unlawful to import opium or preparations and derivatives thereof. Any person who fraudulently brings opium into this country, or any person who knowingly assists in so doing by receiving, concealing, buying, selling, or in any manner facilitates the transportation, concealment or sale of such opium may be fined from \$50 to \$5000, or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both fined and imprisoned. Possession is deemed sufficient evidence to convict, unless the person possessing the drug "shall explain the possession to the satisfaction of the jury."

Look for More Smuggling.

While the act may result in increased activity of smugglers, customs officers say that the Canadian act will facilitate the prevention of the traffic. It will be necessary to run this country for a smuggler to get opium into this country via Canada, as the unlawful importations are more likely to be attempted by employees of steamships plying between the Orient and United States ports than by the professional smugglers, who have brought it over in small boats on Puget Sound.

OPIUM SUBJECT TO SEIZURE

San Francisco Dealers May Lose Large Sums.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—The Government authorities declare that a careful reading of the pure food and drug law makes it possible for Federal officials to seize and confiscate opium found anywhere in the country after April 1. Whether marked "duty paid" or not, if this ruling is enforced, the opium importers of San Francisco stand to lose a large sum, as within the last two days alone nearly \$200,000 worth has been withdrawn from the Customs House on payment of duty. It is estimated that opium valued at between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 is now in and near this city, all open to seizure.

Opium Brings \$27 Pound.

TACOMA, Wash., March 31.—Chinese

from Portland and other points bid spiritedly yesterday afternoon for smuggled opium sold by the Government, running the price to \$27 a pound, or \$14 above ordinary prices. J. W. Lyons, representing Seattle Chinese, who ordered him to get the drug at any price, bid in the whole lot of 25 pounds at \$225. The demand was caused by enforcement of the new law.

DRAFT 3D CHARTER PLAN

**Municipal Ownership Central Idea
In People's Forum Scheme.**

A municipal ownership charter, with provisions adapted from the commission idea of city government, and containing the recall and initiative and referendum, and eliminating civil service, is to be submitted by the committee that originated at a meeting of the People's Forum recently.

This committee held two sessions yesterday in the office of Isaac Sweet in the Chamber of Commerce building, and the draft of the charter was decided upon. This draft was placed in the hands of a smaller committee to put in proper form.

A campaign is to be started immediately for the purpose of raising the necessary funds to get the charter before the people. This amount will be about \$500. If present plans are followed the charter will not be submitted to the City Council but will be placed before the people by initiative proceedings, provided the necessary 15 percent petition can be secured before April 8, which date marks the time limit for such procedure.

The draft of the charter discussed yesterday provided for the election of a Board of Councilmen composed of six members in addition to the Mayor. The Mayor is to be the presiding officer and have a vote in all matters, but not the veto power. The Councilmen are to be the heads of the numerous city departments and are to be appointed to such places by the Mayor, not more than one Councilman to have control over one department. The Councilman heads of departments are to select the employees, and will be held responsible with the recall held over their heads to insure honesty and efficiency.

The proposed charter provides that the Council shall have the power to acquire and operate any and all public utilities. The life of franchises that may be granted without submission to a vote of the people. All bond issues or other attempts to place an indebtedness upon the city must also be submitted to vote.

Some of those who attended the meetings yesterday deemed that the new charter is a production of the Socialists, and there are indications that the bulk of the opium used here and that shipped to other points is obtained from San Francisco, which imports the drug in large quantities from Hongkong. For the year ending December 31, 1908, Portland imported 555 pounds.

BOAT FOR FORT STEVENS

New Craft Will Enable Target Practice to Be Held Any Time.

FOR STEVENS, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—One of the two boats at present under construction in Portland, Or., upon the Artillery District of Puget Sound, is a sea-going craft. The boat for this district will cost \$75,000 and will carry a crew of seven men, the captain, engineer, two firemen, two deckhands and a cook. She is to be equipped with a towing target and apparatus for handling heavy freight. The presence of such a large boat will enable the artillery authorities to have target practice at any time, as the target will be over the river, river craft, etc., will not hamper artillery practice by their presence. The boat will be launched April 15 and completed by June 1.

English pumps at Rosenthal's.

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LOVE IS NOT STOLEN

**Judge Morrow Frees Wealthy
Bachelor of Charge.**

NO DAMAGES FOR KRUGER

William Reed Exonerated When Suspicious Husband Tries to Make Him Pay \$20,000 for Alienating Wife's Affections.

That William Reed did not alienate Mrs. Clara Kruger's affections, and that Richard Kruger is therefore not entitled to \$20,000 damages for her lost affections, was the decision of Circuit Judge Morrow yesterday afternoon. In rendering his decision he took into consideration the testimony of Mrs. Kruger that when her husband went to San Francisco to work at his trade as a painter he suggested that she keep house for Reed at \$2 a week. She said that she disliked to do it because of the talk it would make in the neighborhood, Reed being a wealthy bachelor, but that Kruger said it was all right, that gossip would not trouble him.

Judge Morrow also granted Mrs. Kruger a divorce and the custody of 13-year-old Fred until the further order of the court. Kruger was placed on the stand yesterday afternoon in rebuttal, after Reed had testified.

Reed, when questioned by his attorney, John C. Shillcock, denied that he ever boasted of having a trunk of diamonds. He also explained a statement made by other witnesses that he once said he killed Indians in Montana like rabbits. He said that in 1872 he was with a party of prospectors about 20 miles from the Coeur d'Alene massacre. As there were about 300 prospectors in the neighborhood, he said, they could easily have killed the Indians in that time, and he killed them like rabbits, and he knew of the massacre in time.

WOMAN UPBRAIDS LAWYER
C. H. Piggott Gets Tongue Lashing From Mrs. Julia O'Connell.

"God help anybody who gets into your clutches. You are the biggest thief in Multnomah County. What I ought to have done was to take a revolver and shoot you. You ought to be in your grave." Swearing his umbrella threateningly near to C. H. Piggott's nose, Mrs. Julia O'Connell used the above language at the Courthouse yesterday morning in rebuking him for having reopened her divorce case, which she had supposed was finally settled. Piggott filed a petition in Circuit Court that the decree granting Mrs. O'Connell a divorce from Dennis O'Connell be modified. It is his contention that the ex-husband has property which he has concealed from his wife, and a portion of which she is entitled to. He filed yesterday a new affidavit for continuance of the case, on the ground that Mrs. O'Connell is subject to hallucinations, and not competent to testify. Presiding Judge Gantenbein did not look at the matter in that light, however, and dismissed the case.

HUSBAND FORGOT TO COME

Mrs. Anna Row Now Wants Divorce From Negligent Spouse.

Anna Row wants a divorce from Edward Row because, while they were living at Duluth, Minn., he sent her to Portland, promising to follow in a short time. She says she has failed to come, and has not supported her for a year. C. V. Howard and L. W. Humphreys appear as her attorneys. Mr. Humphreys filed the suit in the Circuit Court late yesterday afternoon. The couple were married at Bremerton, Norway, October 9, 1902. Mrs. Row says that her husband has lately begun to drink to excess; that he becomes intoxicated once a week, on the average. She asks to resume her former name, Johnson.

Clinton Knopf has brought suit in the Circuit Court against Ruth Knopf, nee Minaker, alleging that she has deserted him. He says that he married her May 15, 1906.

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yesterday morning for \$10,000 damages. Hauge was loading a two-wheeled truck with lumber, when a loaded truck struck the empty one, which, in turn, knocked Hauge down and broke his ribs. He had been working for the company only two days.

Saddle Lavine has brought a \$10,000 suit against John Parker in the Circuit Court, alleging that she advanced the money to him between July, 1908, and March, 1909, with the understanding that he was to use it as her agent. He has refused to return it, she says.

Charles Abbott, 17 years old, and six feet three inches tall, occupies a cell in the County Jail charged with a crime against a 13-year-old girl of Montavilla. He will have his hearing in the Juvenile Court tomorrow.

Fight Over Horse Fodder.
Circuit Judge Bronaugh took under advisement yesterday the suit of C. A. Brown and Charles Foster, of the Model Stables, against E. J. Abbott. It appears from the testimony that Abbott kept a team of horses at the stables and failed to pay for their board. He drives an express wagon, and rents the horses from another party. There was a question as to whether Abbott or the owner of the animals should pay the bill, which amounted to \$300. The plaintiffs also demand \$400 damages.

Year Sentence for Tool Thief.
Samuel Dunn, 19 years old, was sentenced by Presiding Circuit Judge Gantenbein yesterday afternoon to serve one year in the County Jail. This will mean that he will spend the time at Kelly Butte breaking rock. He was charged with having stolen tools from a shop on the East Side, and pleaded guilty to simple larceny. He has worked as a messenger boy, as a chauffeur and as a moldmaker in a foundry.

ARTIST HAS DISAPPEARED
Wife of George Crosland, Pianist, Is Trying to Locate Him.

Who knows the whereabouts of George Crosland? This man played the piano for the Metropolitan Opera Company during the year of 1904 and disappeared afterwards, and his wife, Mrs. Mary Crosland, then, for a time he wrote to them, but he stopped, and now his wife, who has three small children, would like to know where he is and become of him. Mrs. Crosland is afraid that something has happened to him, and has no information that may lead to locating him.

Mrs. Crosland's address is Oak View, Delaware County, Pa.

\$5000 RESIDENCE FOR EL TOVAR

Building lot and considered distant—say 20 minutes' car ride—will be considered close in five years hence, because the city will grow away beyond its present limits to accommodate the influx of population. Lots 50x100 now selling for \$550 in

Loveleigh & El Tovar

Will be worth at least double these prices, and in order to buy lots at present prices you will have to go double the distance. SHOW GOOD JUDGMENT—BUY A HOMESITE NOW. Graded streets, parked lots, water, gas, etc., all city conveniences. Only 16 minutes' ride from Washington and Second streets, on Vancouver or Woodlawn car.

TERMS, 10 PER CENT DOWN, OFFICE OPEN EVENING TILL 8. AGENTS OF GROUND FLOOR, 2 PER CENT MONTHLY.

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ONLY TWO LACKING

Calhoun Jury May Be Completed This Week.

FEW CHALLENGES LEFT

Taking of Testimony Probable Next Week—Raiders of United Railroads Offices Cited by Court for Contempt.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—The long-drawn-out trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads of San Francisco, appears to be approaching its end. The exercise of peremptory challenges today leaves but two jurors sworn to try the case and these may be secured before the end of the week.

"If conditions are favorable, we may begin taking testimony next week," said Francis J. Heney, who is directing the prosecution.

Should Judge William P. Lawlor allow the application of the prosecution for a 12th juror, who may participate in the deliberations if one of the others is disqualified for any reason, the prosecution will gain an additional peremptory making a total of two, and the defense will have eight instead of six.

Otto T. Hilderbrecht, a retired furniture dealer, was passed temporarily by both sides today to occupy the 11th seat in the box after two jurors had been peremptorily challenged and the case was continued until tomorrow.

William D. Harrington, the saloon-keeper adjudged guilty of contempt for addressing a juror accepted in the case, began serving the sentence of five days in jail today.

Superior Judge Frank J. Murahy, presiding over another department, issued a citation today directing three attaches of the District Attorney's office and a police detective to appear before him next Monday and show cause why they should not be punished for contempt for having prosecuted the search of the offices of the United Railroads property after they had been served with an order to desist.

The order prohibiting further investigation of the United Railroads property by the District Attorney or his agents will remain in force.

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