

WHAT IS WHISKY? IS GRAVE PROBLEM

Lawyers and Distillers in
Force Put Question to
President.

STRAIGHT AND IMITATION

Makers of What Bonaparte Calls
Imitation Say It is as Good as
Straight — Bowers Will
Take Testimony.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—"What is
whisky anyway?"

President Taft was referred again to-
day in a White House discussion held
to find the answer to this query. Among
the lawyers present were Joseph H.
Choate, ex-ambassador to Great Britain,
and John G. Carlisle, ex-Secretary of the
Treasury. In addition there were present
the representatives of virtually all of
the big distilleries of this country. Mr.
Choate appeared for Canadian interests.
Mr. Carlisle represented Kentucky dis-
tillers. Attorney-General Wickersham,
Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Dr.
Harvey W. Wiley, the pure food expert,
were among the Government representa-
tives.

Under the ruling of ex-Attorney-General
Bonaparte, all whisky not aged and
freed from fusel oil by several years of
storage in white oak barrels, which have
been charred on the inside, has been made
subject to labeling under the head of
"imitation" or "compound" whisky.

The distillers who purify their product
by higher forms of mechanical rectifi-
cation and re-distillation are anxious to
have this ruling reversed, declaring that
they are suffering damages from the
system of labeling now in vogue, whereas
their whisky is as pure and free from
deleterious ingredients as the whisky rec-
tified in the old-fashioned way and now
regarded as the only "straight" whisky
on the market. Most Scotch whiskies
and some high grades of rye and sour
mash in use in this country are now
classified as "imitation."

After the conference it was announced
that the whole matter would be referred
to Solicitor-General Bowers of the De-
partment of Justice, who will take testi-
mony.

HEADQUARTERS ON THE SOUND

New Mail District Officials Planted
There by Department.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, April 7.—Headquarters of the new
railway mail district comprising Oregon,
Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska
will be located at Seattle. This decision
was reached by the Postoffice Depart-
ment today. It is stated that Seattle
was chosen because of its frequent com-
munication with Alaska and the Orient,
besides its rail connection with all other
parts of the district.

Second Assistant Postmaster-General
Stewart decided the question. Sen-
ators Bourne and Chamberlain had
a further conference with Stew-
art and Senator Bourne presented a
number of telegrams from Postmaster Young
and others showing the advantages of Port-
land over Seattle for the headquarters.
Stewart stated that he had decided to se-
lect Seattle for two reasons, first, it had
Alaska mail service and, second, Orient-
al service. These two features carry suf-
ficient weight to make Seattle the selec-
tion. The decision of the Second Assis-
tant is final and closes the case.

MARINES GO BACK ON BOARD

Attorney-General Rules Congress
Acted Within Its Rights.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Attorney-
General Wickersham has decided that
Congress was fully within its Constitu-
tional rights in directing that marines
be restored to duty aboard Naval ships.
The Navy Department has already issued
orders carrying out the legislation.

Bourne Told to Take Rest.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, April 7.—Although suffering
for the last week from an aggra-
vated case of grip, Senator Bourne has
been attending to his Senatorial duties.
His doctors now insist that he take a
rest, and he will go to Hot Springs,
Virginia, tomorrow, for a week's vaca-
tion.

A-X-P Stamps on June 1.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Postmaster-
General Hitchcock has approved a
rectangular design for a special issue of
stamps on June 1, commemorative of the
Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. The
stamp bears a ribbon inscribed, "Alaska-
Yukon-Pacific, 1909," and a circle frames
the picture of a real seal standing by a
cave of ice.

Bill for Better Politics.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—For a Fed-
eral officialholder to be a delegate to any
convention called to nominate a candi-
date for President or other elective
United States office is made a misde-
meanor punishable by fine and imprison-
ment, according to the terms of a bill
recently introduced by Representative
Richardson of Alabama.

Violated Eight-Hour Law.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 7.—A. M.
Morrow, C. C. Price and R. L. Leonard,
three Mississippi River levee contractors,
were indicted in the Federal Court here
today, charged with working their em-
ployees over eight hours per day on Gov-
ernment work.

GAS CAUSES TRAIN FIRES

Union Pacific Board of Inquiry Rec-
ommends Electric Light.

OGDEN, Utah, April 7.—The Union Pa-
cific board of inquiry, after investigating
the wreck at Castle Rock, Utah, which
occurred early last week, has recom-
mended that the railroad do away with
gas and that all passenger trains be
lighted by electricity. The board found
that the destruction of five cars of the
wreck by fire was due to the presence of
the gas.

HUNDRED MILLION FOR S. P.

Stockholders Vote to Issue One Mil-
lion New Shares.

LOUISVILLE, April 7.—At the annual
meeting of the stockholders of the South-

ern Pacific Company, held today at
Beechmont, a suburb, directors were elected
and the stockholders voted to authorize
an issue of \$100,000,000 worth of stock,
consisting of 1,000,000 shares at \$100 par value
each.

The meeting was attended by A. K. Van-
deventer, of New York, treasurer of the
company; E. E. Hixon, of New York;
Judge A. P. Humphrey, general counsel,
Louisville; J. K. Weaver, secretary, Lou-
isville; and A. H. Humphrey, Jr., Lou-
isville.

The 15 directors of the corporation for
the ensuing year were elected, as follows:
Charles A. Peabody, New York; W.
Bayard Cutting, New York; H. W. De-
forest, Oyster Bay, N. Y.; Maxwell
Evarts, New York; Robert Goellet, New-
port, R. I.; E. H. Harriman, New York;
Marvin Hughitt, Chicago; H. B. Hunting-
ton, San Francisco; Robert S. Lovett,
New York; Clarence H. MacKinn, New
York; Ogden Mills, St. Louis; W. V.
William M. Hall, New York; W. V. S.
Thorne, New York; Frank A. Vanderbilt,
New York; and Robert Walton Goellet,
Newport, R. I.

The additional stock issued today may

CONSISTENT IN HIS OPPOSITION TO BRYAN.



NEW YORK, April 6.—(Special.)—Colonel James Guffey, who was buried by W. J. Bryan at the Denver convention, has put his head above ground far enough to say that he is quite sure Bryan cannot be the candi-
date of the Democratic party in 1914. Colonel Guffey is a very active corpsman, as Colonel Bryan would find if he really has the ambition to run again.

he had by the bondholders of the com-
pany in change for their bonds at \$120
a share.

GAS COMPANY DEAL ON

DOHERTY, COMPANY MAY GET
SPOKANE PLANT.

Transfer of Properties Said to Be
Really Soon, With \$1,000,000 In-
volved in the Transaction.

DENVER, April 7.—The Post says today
that Henry L. Doherty, president of the
Denver Gas & Electric Company, is about
to close a deal whereby the Doherty
Operating Company, of New York, will
acquire all the holdings of the Spokane
Gas Company, of Spokane, Wash. Three
representatives of Mr. Doherty are
now in Spokane. It is said, looking over
the plant. The deal involves \$1,000,000.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 7.—(Special.)—
The holdings of the Spokane Gas Light
Company, in whose name the city
franchise is held, and the Union Gas
Company, owner of the local plant, are
estimated at \$1,000,000 or over, and it is
stated the control in the company, now
held by Isaac W. Anderson and asso-
ciates, representing over \$500,000, may be
taken over by the Doherty interests.
Since the settlement of recent litigation
by a favorable decision for the Union Gas
Company and the merging of the inter-
ests of the Spokane Gas Light Com-
pany and this concern, it is understood
plans are being made to carry on the
business of the company in future in the
name of the Union Gas Company.

No definite information of the pending
deal could be gained from the officers of
the local company, although they do not
deny that negotiations of this nature are
under way.

High License for Charlatans.

REDDING, Cal., April 7.—Fifty dol-
lars a day has been paid by the city
trustees as the license fee to be paid
by fortune-tellers and clairvoyants
who want to do business in Redding.

PRISONER MAKES INVOLUNTARY RESTITUTION.



James Davis, Alleged Heppner
Swindler.

SALEM, Or., April 7.—Spec-
ial.—James Davis, who was
taken to Heppner today by Sheriff
Shatt, where he is badly
wounded for alleged defalcations
from a bank, has made invol-
untary restitution to the bank
of \$700. Sheriff Minto, of Ma-
rine County, announced just be-
fore the Eastern Oregon Sher-
iff left with his prisoner that
he had found \$700 in the cloth-
ing of Davis. The amount he
is said to owe the bank is \$800,
and Davis requested that the
money found be turned over to
the bank to apply on account.
He acknowledged his wrong-
doing before leaving here.

FULTON GIVES UP HOPE OF ERMINE

Withdraws From Judgeship
Contest and Is Offered
Chinese Mission.

HAS TAFT'S HIGH OPINION

Would Have Been Appointed Judge
but for Factional Quarrels in
Oregon—Position Offered
Is One of Highest.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, April 7.—Ex-Senator Fulton
called at the White House today and
placed in the hands of the President
the following letter:

"Dear Mr. President: Permit me
most respectfully to withdraw my
name from further consideration by
you in connection with the Oregon
Judgeship. I never knowingly allow
my personal interests or ambitions to
embarrass my friends. Trusting that
I may ever count you as a friend and
fearing that my candidacy, longer con-
tinued, may become a source of em-
barassment to you, I have resolved
on this action."

Mr. Taft was much affected by Mr.
Fulton's withdrawal. He stated that it
had been his personal inclination from
the first to appoint Mr. Fulton to the new
Judgeship in Oregon, but his personal de-
sire came in direct conflict with his an-
nounced policy of appointing to the Fed-
eral bench no man politically prominent
who had been identified with any active
faction. He said he had given this case
much thought and consideration, and but
for the fact that Mr. Fulton had been
long prominent in Oregon politics and
thereby arrayed against himself many
men of opposing factions, he would, in
spite of the charges that have been made,
have given him the desired appointment.

Honey's Charges Dismissed.

Honey's charges—the only formal
charges ever preferred against Mr. Ful-
ton—he said, made no impression upon
him whatever. They had been reviewed
by Secretary Knox and by Attorney-Gen-
eral Wickersham as well as himself, and
it was the consensus of opinion that
they were unworthy of consideration.
However, there had been many protests
from men who had long opposed Mr.
Fulton politically, and this situation
placed Mr. Fulton beyond the restriction
which he has imposed on all candidates
for federal judgeships.

Offers Chinese Mission.

The President then asked Mr. Fulton
to accept the appointment as Minister to
China. That post, said the President, is
one of the most important in the diplo-
matic service, and one destined under
administration to grow in importance. It
is soon to be advanced to Ambassadorial
rank, when the salary will be raised
from \$12,000 to \$17,000. This post he
was anxious that this post be filled by
one of his personal friends, with whose
ability he was familiar, and for that reason
he was most anxious that Mr. Ful-
ton accept.

Fulton States Position.

Mr. Fulton left for home at 5:30 this
afternoon. As he was going to the train
he made the following statement:
"I have withdrawn my name from fur-
ther consideration for the Judgeship. I
did so because I do not wish to embarrass
the President. He is my friend and wishes
to appoint me, but he has adopted the
policy of declining to appoint to the bench
any person who has been active in poli-
tics and against whom there is factional
opposition. He gives, I know, not the
slightest credit to the charges made by
Honey against me, but I have been strong-
ly represented to him that my activity in
politics has been so great that, were I ap-
pointed to the bench, many would feel
that I would be a partisan. Of course,
the President cannot know the real
situation in Oregon. I think he would
have appointed me ultimately, for I know
he is my friend, but I could not consent
to embarrass him with my personal con-
flicts; hence I withdrew my name from
further consideration."

Might Have Won After All.

Some days ago, because of his policy,
Mr. Taft, according to his friends, had

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All written communications should be addressed to the office of the company, foot of North Nineteenth Street, Portland, Oregon.

about concluded he could not consistently
appoint Mr. Fulton to the Federal
bench in Oregon. When his attitude be-
came known, Mr. Knox and the other
Cabinet friends of Mr. Fulton went to
the President and insisted that his policy
should be laid aside in this instance and
that the salary of the salary be raised
political activity. So insistent were Mr.
Knox and the others that the President
wavered, and it is learned that at the
Cabinet meeting yesterday he was so
shaken by Mr. Fulton's friends that he
was undecided what to do. That no de-
cision had been reached is further evi-
denced by the fact that the Attorney-
General this morning positively stated
that no conclusion had been reached re-
garding Mr. Fulton and probably would
not be for several days. It is therefore

Sir Alphonso Ruffer, Banker.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 7.—Sir
Alphonso Ruffer died suddenly at his

hotel today. He was a member of the
banking firm of Ruffer & Sons, of Lon-
don, England.

HADLEY COUNSELS CARE

Sends Message to Legislature Warn-
ing Them Against Extreme.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 7.—
Whether, by submitting to the voters of
the state a proposed constitutional amend-
ment providing for state-wide prohibition
and thus making the subject a matter of

active controversy for two years, any
useful purpose would be served, was de-
clared by Governor Hadley today to be
the test by which the Legislature should
treat the measure.
Governor Hadley declared that absolute
prohibition was mentioned in the platform
of neither of the major political parties
of the state, and therefore that the Leg-
islature is free to dispose of it as it may
see fit. Stringent laws against the sale
of liquors in counties which have adopted
local option are recommended.

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