

"DRY" RESOLUTION DEFEATED IN HOUSE

Hobson Has Majority; Fails of Two-Thirds.

SPIRITED CONTEST WAGED

States' Rights Issue Figures Prominently in Debate.

VOTE IS TAKEN AT NIGHT

Votes on Several Amendments Precede Final Decision—Qualifications of Members Left to Own Consciences.

Democrats	114	141
Republicans	68	46
Progressives	11	1
Progressive Republican	4	—
Independent	—	1
Totals	197	189

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Hobson resolution to submit a constitutional amendment for national prohibition to the States Legislature was defeated in the House tonight, 197 members voting for and 189 against it. An affirmative vote of two-thirds was required to adopt the resolution.

Party lines were wiped out in the struggle. Democratic Leader Underwood and Republican Leader Mann fought shoulder to shoulder at the head of the forces opposing the resolution. When the vote came, of the 197 standing for the resolution, 114 were Democrats, 68 were Republicans and 11 were Progressives and four were Independent Republicans.

Prohibition Members Satisfied. Immediately after announcement of the vote, the House adjourned, the crowds which had packed the galleries throughout the prolonged debate dispersing with mingled expressions of regret and jubilation.

Prohibition leaders declared that the majority for the resolution had fulfilled their expectations, as they had not hoped for a two-thirds vote at this time. Whether a similar resolution pending in the Senate submitted by Senator Shepard, of Texas, would reach a vote in the Senate at this session was not certain tonight. Administration leaders were inclined to believe, however, that it would not, in view of the action of the House.

Vote Unusually Heavy. Notwithstanding repeated public assertions that many members of the House would try to dodge a second vote on the issue, the rollcall disclosed a heavy attendance, larger than the average throughout the session.

On the final vote 358 votes were recorded. To have carried the resolution would have required 238 affirmative votes. It thus failed by 81 votes.

It was at the conclusion of one of the most stirring contests of recent days in Congress, and following votes on several amendments that the final vote was a record. Representative Hobson had closed the general debate, participated in by all the House leaders, many of whom were repeatedly cheered by men and women in the crowded galleries.

PORTLAND CHIEF WHEAT-MARKETING CENTER OF NORTHWEST

Since wheat-growing began on a commercial scale in the Pacific Northwest, Portland always has maintained its position as the leading market center for grain in this section. During the past few years Portland has been the principal market for wheat on the entire Pacific Coast. Several causes are responsible for Portland's supremacy as a wheat-trading center. The water-level route from the grain-growing sections makes this city the natural marketing and distributing center; the building up of the business long has been in the hands of experienced and energetic merchants; the sale of the cereal to foreign markets has been facilitated by the grain standards established each year by the Chamber of Commerce; the existence of a trading organization where an open market is provided and grain is sold in any quantity on a cash basis has proved to be a special advantage. The story of how and why Portland is a great grain-marketing point will be told in an interesting and convincing manner in the forthcoming edition of *The Oregonian Annual*.

FRENCH WARY OF JAPANESE HELP

AMERICAN VIEWPOINT IS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

Statesman Takes View Nippon Would Always Consider She Had Played Large Part in Settling War.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Gabriel Hanotaux, ex-Foreign Minister, expresses in the *Figaro* today what appears to be the prevailing view in France concerning the proposal that Japan send an army to the battlefields of Europe.

M. Hanotaux takes the view that even though Japan should send no more than 250,000 men, a force which would hardly be large enough to exert a decisive influence, she would always consider, in the event of a victory for the allies, that she had played an important part in settling the war.

Although M. Hanotaux makes no allusion to the United States, it may be said that the American viewpoint has been taken into consideration by the government.

AID HAS DIPLOMATIC VALUE

Ex-Ambassador to France Tells of Effect of American Hospital.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Myron T. Herrick, ex-Ambassador to France, addressed a meeting today of the local committee which is raising funds for the American Hospital in Paris. The hospital was organized while Mr. Herrick was at his post in Paris.

"We did not begin the work as a diplomatic measure," said Mr. Herrick, "but I cannot emphasize too strongly the great diplomatic value it has proved to be. The work is of the highest international importance and it depends entirely on contributions from Americans in this country to keep it going."

CHINDA SCOUTS WAR TALK

Stories of Expected Trouble With Japanese Deported by Ambassador.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 22.—Viscount Sturten Chinda, Japanese Ambassador to the United States, was a guest tonight at the annual dinner of the New England Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

Ambassador Chinda touched briefly on the relations between Japan and the United States, deploring the frequently printed stories that have been between the two countries that were inevitable.

TROOP TRAINS IN CRASH

Thousand Austrian Soldiers Killed or Injured in Collision.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Nearly 1000 Austrian soldiers are reported to have been killed or injured in a collision of two troop trains near Kalisz, Russian Poland, according to the *Daily Telegraph's* Petrograd correspondent. The trains are reported to have met while running at full speed as the result of the accidental opening of a switch. Many of the cars were reduced to matchwood by the impact, and the passengers were crushed.

FILIBUSTER IS DESTROYED

Carranza Force Annihilates Party From Texas, Says Report.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 22.—A filibustering party from Texas was "met and completely destroyed" by Carranza troops opposite Zapata, Tex., near here, December 20, according to a message received by the Carranza commander at Matamoros, Mexico, today.

The message said a dozen horses, 50 rifles and 2000 rounds of ammunition were captured.

FEW WOUNDED SUCCUMB

Of Half Million Treated by French, 6.48 Per Cent Die.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Almost half a million wounded soldiers were treated in French hospitals between September 15 and November 30.

The figures were submitted to the army committee of the Chamber of Deputies by the chairman of the committee, M. Troussaint, who gave the precise number as 489,733. Of this total 2.48 per cent died.

PETROGRAD SOBER 4 DAYS

No Arrest for Drunkenness During Period Establishes Record.

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 22.—For the first time in the history of Petrograd four consecutive days passed without an arrest for drunkenness, notwithstanding these days included two Russian holidays and Sunday.

This is one of the results of the recent governmental order forbidding the sale of alcoholic liquors.

AIRMAN RAIDS DOVER, ENG.

Bombs Are Dropped and British Fleet Position Is Reconnoitered.

BERLIN, via wireless from Sayville, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The official Press Bureau announced today: "The German navy aviator, Lieutenant Stephen von Prondsynski, flew over Dover, threw bombs and reconnoitered the position of the British fleet." The date is not given.

GIRLS BATTLE WITH SLAYER OF FATHER

Battered Burglars Confess Murder.

MILLIONAIRE SHOT BY YOUTHS

Son of Murdered Los Angeles Man Also Is Wounded.

HAIR BRUSHES ROUT PAIR

I. W. W., Son of Former Idaho and San Francisco Minister, Is One of Thieves, Admitting Killing William M. Alexander.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—Their scalps a mass of wounds, inflicted by the two daughters of their victim, Charles Ethelbert Oxman, son of a minister, now dead, and Glenn Witt, aged 23, who describes himself as a casual worker, are in jail here tonight, charged with the murder of William Montrose Alexander, a millionaire retired attorney, of Dallas, Texas, who was killed early today while resisting burglars in his home.

Oxman, who was born in Mullan, Idaho, 18 years ago and whose father was pastor of Methodist churches in San Francisco, San Diego and Birmingham, Ala., confessed that he killed Mr. Alexander and wounded his son, William M. Alexander, Jr., who went to the assistance of the elder man.

Both men are identified. Both he and Witt were taken to the Alexander residence after their arrest today and identified.

Mrs. Alexander, the widow of the slain man, said today that she was just entering the room where Mr. Alexander met the burglars and had taken off her rings to give to them when the fatal shot was fired. Mr. Alexander, with a bullet through the heart, died in her arms.

On their return from the Alexander residence the prisoners were taken to the receiving hospital, where for two hours they occupied the attention of the surgeons. Oxman had been shot in the left leg by Mr. Alexander's son and both had been beaten severely by Misses Penelope and Anna Alexander, aged 16 and 18, who rushed to the aid of their father and brother.

Hairbrushes Inflict Deep Wounds. The young women wielded hairbrushes, silver-backed and heavy, with such effect that the entire areas of their scalps were covered with gashes and cuts that required suturing.

"Those girls fought like tigers," remarked Witt, who had borne the brunt of their attack.

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OFFICER OF 1 DAY KILLED

Mexican Is Identified as California Slayer by Scar.

SAN FERNANDO, Cal., Dec. 22.—By a scar on the cheek of a Mexican suspect an eye witness of the shooting identified him as the man who shot and killed Frank B. Smith, City Marshal, today.

Smith, who was appointed to office yesterday, attempted to arrest three Mexicans suspected of burglary. He found them asleep by the roadside outside San Fernando, but on rousing them one of the men fired three shots into the Marshal's body.

RUSSIANS ADVANCE IN EAST PRUSSIA

Germans Thrown Into Bzura, Says Foe.

AUSTRIAN MOVEMENT BROKEN

Vienna Admits Battle Is on South of Carpathians.

PRZEMYSL SORTIE BEATEN

Right Wings of Kaiser's Armies in Mazur Lake Regions and Before Warsaw Are Threatened, According to Petrograd.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—With Russia tonight denying recent reports of a sweeping German victory in Poland, and asserting that the Czar's armies are still advancing on the Thorn-Altenstein Interburg railway, which parallels in East Prussia the western boundary of Poland, and also that the Germans have been defeated in the Mlawa region and pushed back until their lines are now behind Soldeau, the German press bureau contents itself tonight with saying merely that the Germans are advancing, at an unnamed point and that great battles are raging.

The Petrograd official report says the Germans who had crossed the Bzura River were thrown back "into" the river with heavy losses, and the Austrians who had crossed the Nida River were forced to recross the stream by a Russian bayonet charge.

Russians Gain in Galicia. Further successes in Galicia are reported by the Russians, the statement saying a division of the Austrian army being defeated with heavy losses at Ryglitz.

The Austrian official statement admits that a battle is in progress in the Carpathians "south of the mountain ridge."

The German report says the Russians are holding lines on the east bank of the Dunajec River, West Galicia, to Tochow and then southeastward past Kroeno.

Austrian Advance Broken. Another battle also is progressing in the Lopkow Pass, says the German report, where the Russian communication declares that the Russians have broken the Austrian advance in the Carpathians.

Petrograd contends that Russian successes north of the Vistula seriously threaten the German right wing in the Mazur Lake region and also the

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Tuesday's War Moves

HEAVY fighting is taking place on both the Eastern and Western fronts, but without producing any material change in the positions of the opposing armies.

In France and Belgium the allies' offensive is being pressed, and, while some able to report, other attacks have been repulsed by the Germans from their strongly entrenched positions. In the northern area the artillery and warships yesterday took up the battle, giving the infantry a rest, but lower down the line and from the Oise to the Meuse fierce fighting took place in many districts.

While the progress of the allies is extremely slow, it is the belief of military experts here and in France that the gains which the general staff has been able to report are disturbing the German's system of fortifications at vital points and will, if successfully continued, compel a retirement by the Germans from their present lines.

In the East, most of the Germans north of Vistula have retired across the East Prussian frontier before the onrush of the Russian forces, but south of that river, between the Bzura and Pilica, the Germans continue their advance and announce that in a fierce battle they have succeeded in crossing branches of the Bzura and Hawaka Rivers at many places. This should bring the main armies close together and a few days will tell whether the German advance is to be definitely checked or whether the Germans are again to threaten Warsaw.

Fighting also continues in Galicia, but here, as along the East Prussian frontier, the Russians seem to have been successful in holding back the Austro-German forces. The Germans, who are extremely strong along the whole eastern frontier, already are reported to be moving troops back to the West to meet the allies' offensive.

It is not considered likely that their movement will reach large proportions until some decisive result has been attained in the contest against the Russians.

The Turks, like their allies, are being attacked on two sides. The Russians say they have inflicted a severe defeat on them in the district of Van, while the allied fleets have been bombarding Kild Bahr in the Dardanelles and a French destroyer has shelled their troops on the mainland opposite the Island of Tenedos.

The first real view of the extent of the Somali rebellion is given by the Minister of Justice, who says that 4000 rebels are now in prison and that 1200 have been sent to their homes on parole.

There are still a few roaming about the country, but they are without leaders and are surrendering on the appearance of union forces.

The French Premier, Rene Viviani, took occasion yesterday at the reopening of the French Parliament at Paris to refer to in behalf of the government the declaration of France's policy with reference to the European war.

"There is at this time but one single policy," he said, "a combat without mercy until such time as we accomplish the final liberation of Europe by a victory insuring peace."

The Premier alluded to the treaty made September 4 last in which the British, French and Russian governments engaged not to conclude peace separately during the present war, and not to demand conditions of peace without previous agreement among the allies, and declared:

"France, acting in accord with her allies, will not sheathe the sword until she has taken vengeance for outraged justice, until she has united for all time to the French fatherland the provinces ravished from her by force, restored her to the fullness of her material life and her political independence, and until Prussian militarism has been crushed, to the end that it will be possible to reconstruct on a basis of justice a Europe finally regenerated."

Of nearly 600,000 wounded soldiers treated in French hospitals between September 15 and November 30, less than 2 1/2 per cent died.

A German wireless dispatch says that another German aeroplane has flown over Dover, England, and dropped bombs. It also reconnoitered the position of the British fleet.

CHRISTMAS IDEA DROPPED

Allies' Attack Changes German Plans for Celebration.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 22.—A special correspondent of the *Cologne Gazette*, who has just arrived at the headquarters of the Duke of Wurttemberg, telegraphs that the comparative quiet hitherto prevailing on the west front has given place, within the last three days to such unusual activity that the soldiers have dropped all thoughts of preparing for a Christmas celebration.

The French and British, adds the correspondent, have been trying for several days to break through the German positions, especially at Nieuport and on the Yser Canal, supported by strong reserves. They have maintained a stubborn fire on the German positions with their heaviest artillery. Nowhere, says the correspondent, have they achieved the desired success.

The spirit of the German troops everywhere is excellent.

CHRISTMAS SKIES CLEAR

Snappy Temperature, Except Possibly in Gulf States, Indicated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Snappy Christmas temperatures and clear skies will prevail Christmas day throughout the United States, with the possible exception of the Gulf states.

This is according to indications tonight at the weather bureau.

LOUISIANA GERMANS PLOT TO SINK SHIP

Four Arrested, 2 Confess, Say Sleuths.

DYNAMITE BOMB CONFISCATED

Frenchman at New York Object of New Orleans Scheme.

INFORMER IS RELEASED

Fear of Destruction of Innocent Persons Cause Failure of Plan to Express Explosive to "Do Something for Fatherland."

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 22.—The arrest here tonight of four Germans is believed by the police to have frustrated a plot to blow up the French steamer *Rochambeau*. The police confiscated a box containing 75 pounds of dynamite set by clockwork to explode six and one-half days from tonight. The prisoners, two of whom are said by the authorities to have confessed, said they understood the *Rochambeau* was to sail from New York Saturday. Shipping records, however, show that she left New York December 13, and the police believed the alleged conspirators miscalculated the date of her departure. Two of those arrested confessed, according to the police.

Disaster at Sea Intended. The plan, it was said, was to ship the bomb by express consigned to the *Rochambeau* at New York. It was intended that the vessel would be blown up after she got to sea.

Worry over the prospective loss of innocent lives is believed responsible for discovery of the plot. One of those arrested, Peter Langlain, when questioned by detectives who have been at work on the case for ten days, he said to have told them that while he was willing to blow up a French or English ship he was not willing to see persons not directly connected with the war die.

On information given by Langlain, the police arrested Frank Helon, alias Hans Hellar, and held him on a charge of preparing explosives for shipment in violation of the Federal statute.

Bomb Preparation Admitted. George Summers and George Hrinkman, the former the proprietor of the Faust Hotel, were held as accessories, and Langlain was allowed his freedom.

Helon admitted, the police say, that he prepared the bomb and expected to express it tonight from the Faust Hotel. Summers admitted, the police say, that he knew Helon was working upon explosives but denied he knew for what purpose he intended using them.

After being confronted with his alleged confessions the police say Helon admitted that it was his intention to blow up some French or English ship, and that if the attempt against the *Rochambeau* failed he expected to try some other vessel. He said he was a writer without a position and wanted to "do something to help the fatherland."

Britons Destroy German Shops.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—(Via wireless from Sayville, N. Y.)—An official report given out by the British tonight says: "At Sunderland (England) the populace has destroyed German shops. The police made no arrests."

\$1,000,000 BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF CITY'S PROGRESS.

Buildings and improvements aggregating \$1,000,000 are practically certain to start in the early Spring on the East Side, and several enterprises are already under way.

The Western Coöperative Company, which has assembling plants at San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle, is constructing a plant at St. Johns that will represent an investment of more than \$100,000. It will give employment to 300 and 400 men, and use Oregon fir, spruce and hemlock in output going to the East.

The Pacific Iron Works is erecting a plant on the East Side at a present cost of \$25,000, which, with the six-acre site, will represent an investment of something more than \$50,000.

Plans are made for the erection of the four-story Blake-McFall building on East Ankeny street at a cost of \$80,000.

A four-story modern brick building, costing about \$40,000, will be built on the northeast corner of Grand avenue and East Alder street by a syndicate of which N. U. Carpenter, of the Citizens Bank, is at the head.

The city will build this Spring the Willow-street sewer, which will cost \$200,000 without the laterals. This sewer system will cost completed something over \$500,000, including the laterals and house connections. It is for the Montavilla district.

