



DRY LAW UPHHELD IN WASHINGTON

Supreme Court Is Unanimous in Decision.

OPINION IS LONGEST FILED

Effect Adjudicates for All Time Validity of Direct Legislation Amendment.

OTHER MEASURES UPHELD

Woman Suffrage and Recall Likewise Affected—Court Analyzes Objections.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Washington's prohibition law was upheld unanimously by the Supreme Court today and will become effective January 1.

The decision, the longest ever filed in the history of the court, containing 19,200 words, not only validates the initiative prohibition measure, but also specifically upholds the initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution against the latest and most weighty of the objections brought against it.

The effect of the decision is to adjudicate for all time the validity of the direct legislation amendment.

Suffrage and Recall Upheld Also.

Since the same objection urged against the initiative and referendum amendment, that of insufficient publication, could be urged equally against the woman suffrage and recall amendments, the real effect of today's decision also is to uphold these additions to the constitution.

The majority opinion was written by Judge Emmett N. Parker, with Chief Justice George E. Morris and Judges O. G. Ellis, O. R. Holcomb, John F. Main and Wallace Mount concurring. There are no dissenting opinions, but Judge S. J. Chadwick notes, in a separate opinion, that he does not follow the reasoning of the majority, but yields his judgment and concurs in the result "not because it is the law as I had understood it, but because it has been so declared by a competent tribunal."

Judge M. A. Fullerton notes that he does not follow the majority reasoning, but concurs in the result and will file a separate opinion later rather than postpone further the filing of the decision.

Irregularity Not Noticed.

Briefly, the Supreme Court decides that it cannot, and will not, notice admitted irregularities in connection with the publication both of the initiative and referendum amendment and the prohibition law, which, though stipulated by counsel in the case, do not appear as part of the official state records and are not matters of common notoriety. This disposes of the main objections.

The court then decides that any question of interference with interstate commerce is settled by the Webb Kenyon act of Congress of 1913, divesting intoxicating liquor of its interstate character, and that the privileges in regard to sale and prescription of liquor granted to pharmacists and physicians do not constitute such discrimination as to invalidate the act.

The one crumb of comfort left for the "wets" is that the court did not pass on any constitutional question raised from the consumers' standpoint, the court stating specifically that since this was an injunction action to prevent enforcement of the act only questions involving property rights could be considered. Most of the premise is extracted from this factor by the following statement upholding the "saving clause," which provides that the act, as a whole, shall remain effective though any single provision be invalidated.

Three Contentions Summarized.

In the decision the three contentions in opposition to the prohibition law are summarized by the Supreme Court as follows: "First—The seventh amendment to our state constitution, providing for the initiative and referendum, was not legally submitted to and adopted by the people and is, therefore, not a valid

BIG MOVABLE GUNS FOR COAST LIKELY

AMERICA PROBABLY WILL FOLLOW GERMAN EXAMPLE.

Mounting of Gigantic Weapons on Motor Trucks or Railway Cars Contemplated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Gigantic guns mounted on motor trucks or railway cars probably will be added to the country's coast defense system as a result of experiments now being made by Army ordnance experts. It was learned today that a scheme is being worked out contemplating the establishment of mobile batteries to protect stretches of coast line not commanded by the permanent fortifications. The European war has demonstrated that high-power guns can be used as mobile weapons, such as the German 42-centimeter howitzer having revolutionized land warfare by the easy reduction of forts believed impregnable. It is proposed to adapt this lesson to American coast defense by linking up permanent works with well-ballasted wagon roads or railways paralleling the coast line, so that the heavy guns could be rushed to any threatened point not protected by the present harbor defenses.

The experiments in progress are being made to determine how big a gun can be transported effectively and transferred from its carriage to a concrete foundation. Consideration is being given to 12, 14 and 16-inch and even larger weapons.

ARMY ENGINEER SUICIDE

Lieutenant-Colonel Bromwell Found Shot in Head at Honolulu.

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 10.—Lieutenant-Colonel Charles K. Bromwell, head of the Army Engineer Corps here, was found with a bullet hole through the head here today. An Army revolver lay by his side. He died two hours later.

OCEAN RECORD IS BROKEN

Great Northern Makes San Francisco-Honolulu Run Under 4 Days.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—The Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company's turbine liner Great Northern established a new record between Honolulu and San Francisco when she arrived here tonight in 3 days, 23 1/2 hours from the island port.

POPE RECOMMENDS PEACE

Message Sent to Kaiser Through German Cardinal.

ROME, Dec. 9.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Cardinal Felix von Hartmann, Archbishop of Cologne, left Rome tonight after again seeing Pope Benedict. The cardinal said that he was the bearer of a papal message for Emperor William and also recommendations for peace.

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Wilson Forecasts Triumph of Justice.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY SEEN

Business Men Urged to Carry High Ideals Abroad.

MONOPOLY IS ATTACKED

Timidity Charged Against Those Who "Run to Washington for Help"—Mexico to Work Out Its Problems by Itself.

COLUMBUS O., Dec. 10.—President Wilson expressed the opinion today that there would be no "patched-up" peace following the European war. In an address before the Columbus Chamber of Commerce he urged American business men to mobilize their resources so the United States might be prepared to play a more important part in the world's affairs and to bring about justice after the present war.

Mexican Policy Defended.

In the Chamber of Commerce address the President defended his Mexican policy and said so long as he was President nobody should "butt in" to alter the Mexicans' government for them, urged business men to pay more attention to foreign commerce and to be more self-reliant; demanded the restoration of the American merchant marine, praised the new banking and currency law, and touched on the attitude of the United States toward the European war.

CITIZENSHIP IS IN DOUBT

Henry Strehlg to Give Up Seat in Council, Won at Election.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Henry Strehlg, who was elected a Gladstone Councilman last Monday, today declared his intention of resigning because of his inability to establish his citizenship.

War Plant Is Damaged.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 10.—An explosion today in the fuse plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company at Redington, six miles from here, killed one workman and injured 15 others, several of them seriously.

FIRE ONE TROUBLE ABOARD MINNESOTA

REPORT OF CONTROL OF BLAZE REVEALS DANGER.

Menace From Flames Unlikely to Have Been Great, Is View of Company Official.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Through the announcement that fire in the Minnesota's bunkers had been brought under control it was learned here today for the first time that a threatened conflagration was among the troubles, real and surmised, with which Captain Garlick, of the Great Northern Steamship Company's big freighter, has had to contend since his ship left Seattle, November 14 for London with a 16,000-ton cargo of foodstuffs.

ONE MAN MAULS STUDENTS

Arkansas College President Deals Out Black Eyes.

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark., Dec. 10.—Following the second strike within 10 months of the students of the Second District State Agricultural College, the strikers waylaid President Scott tonight and attempted to chastise him with a razor strap.

BRITISH VOTE HITS LIQUOR

Opponent of Drink Restriction Is Defeated for Parliament.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—A rebuke to the liquor interests was seen in the election today to the House of Commons of Postmaster-General Herbert Samuel over Henry Knight, a printer of Leeds.

GOWN SMUGGLING CHARGED

Wife of Prominent New Yorker to Be Prosecuted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Announcement was made today by Dudley Field Malone, Collector of the Port, that Mrs. Whitney Warren, wife of a prominent New York detective, will be prosecuted for failure to declare gowns and other articles purchased abroad. The articles will be forfeited.

ITALIANS IN TRIPOLI LOSE

Tribesmen Kill 6000, Says Constantinople Report.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Reports from Constantinople say that well organized Senussi tribesmen and Tripolitans have occupied the whole vilayet of Tripoli.

CARD GAMES UNDER BAN

Mayor Proposes Ordinance Directed at Poolrooms.

Albeit the card games in pool rooms Mayor Albee yesterday presented an ordinance to the Council making it unlawful to have card tables or to permit card playing in pool halls. The measure also provides specifically that an ante room in a pool hall shall be considered part of the hall.

BOMB STORY SCARES CREW

Japanese Sailors Mutiny on Munition Ship at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—A mutiny took place on the Japanese freighter Shintaru Maru here today, when 12 members of the crew notified Captain Uto they would not go to sea. Three men deserted. The ship is loading war munitions for Vladivostok, including 500 tons of explosives.

CRISIS WITH VIENNA AT BREAKING POINT

Diplomatic Relations May Be Severed.

REPLY TO NOTE IS AWAITED

Submarine's Seizure of Provisions Makes New Issue.

WASHINGTON IS ANXIOUS

Practice of Holding Up Neutral Vessels for Supplies Held to Extend Radius of U-Boats Without Own Bases.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Diplomatic relations with Austria are in grave danger of being broken off over the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona with the loss of American lives. All officials here continue to preserve silence over the negotiations with Austria, but through the veil which has been drawn about the situation, is seen a crisis just as grave as that which attended the submarine negotiations with Germany.

SIX ESCAPE BOMB FIRED UNDER HOME

ITALIANS, FEARING 'BLACK HAND,' DELAY POLICE CALL.

Holes Are Torn in Amato Home and Glass Doors Shattered by Force of Charge Set.

The two-story home of Frank Amato, a wealthy vegetable dealer who lives at 568 Division street, was damaged at 11 P. M. Thursday night by the explosion of a bomb which had been placed under the front porch. The fragments of the bomb tore several holes in the floor of the porch, and shattered the glass in the front door of the building.

AMERICAN RIGHTS DEBATED IN SENATE

Storm Breaks When Subject Is Broached.

SWEEPING INQUIRY DEMANDED

Lodge Would Investigate Security of Life at Sea.

PROPERTY IS SECONDARY

Hoke Smith Precipitates Conflict With Resolution Covering Only Trade Interference, Ignoring Submarine Incidents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The long-expected storm in Congress over the Administration's conduct of the defense of American rights on the seas broke today when Senator Hoke Smith, Democrat, demanded an investigation of Great Britain's interferences with neutral trade and Senator Lodge, Republican, replied with a demand that any investigation include the loss of American lives.

PROSPERITY OF OREGON FARMERS TO BE TOLD.

Resumes of progress in every county in Oregon during 1915 will form a feature of the state section of the New Year's edition of The Oregonian. These reports, compiled by persons competent to discuss conditions in the respective counties, will show the most important development that took place during the year in each county. They will be of great value also in supplying information to persons seeking locations in Oregon.

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