

FOOD BILL DEBATE CENTERS ON LIQUOR

Whisky Believed Eliminated as Issue.

BEER AND WINE ARE FACTORS

Prohibition Feature Attacked as Unconstitutional.

LONG FIGHT IN PROSPECT

Senator Johnson Admits Bill Gives Most Autocratic Powers in Nation's History, but Declares Sacrifices Are Necessary.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The fight in Congress over Government control of food and other necessities today virtually narrowed to the question of prohibition.

The House control bill as amended by the Senate agriculture committee was substituted in the Senate for its original draft and debate proceeded. Senator Lodge opening the prohibition content with a speech in favor of continuing manufacture of beer and wine.

The bill as it now stands would prohibit the manufacture of all intoxicating beverages but empower the President to exempt wines.

Constitutionality Is Questioned.

Sensors Johnson of California and Kellogg of Minnesota spoke on the general features of the bill, promising it their support as a war measure.

Lapse of several days in general discussion before the prohibition fight develops in earnest is in prospect.

There is pending a motion by Senator Hardwick to send the bill back to the committee on the ground that prohibition and other important sections are unconstitutional.

Fight Centers on Beer and Wine.

Senate sentiment is said generally to favor stopping manufacture of distilled spirits, so the debate will center upon beer and wines.

Senator Chamberlain, in charge of the bill, said tonight he hoped general speech making would end tomorrow and that the Senate by Saturday would begin considering committee amendments, expected to take several days.

The prohibition sections under such procedure would be reached last.

Senator Johnson opening the debate on the substitute bill, declared its enactment necessary to win the war.

Sacrifice Declared Necessary.

"America must make the sacrifice in dollars and creature comforts within the next year, or she must make thereafter the sacrifice in men and then, ultimately, the sacrifice in material things as well," he said.

"The short-cut to victory is organization, and this organization can come only with concentration of authority. It is, therefore, with an absolute confidence that I give my vote to a bill according the most extraordinary and autocratic powers ever before conferred in our Nation."

Excess Profits Scored.

There must be sacrifice of profits just as there is sacrifice of blood, the Senator said, and he added:

"While, of course, legitimate enterprise during the conflict should be nurtured and encouraged, it must be understood from the very beginning that no profitable patriotism will be tolerated. If a concrete illustration were required to demonstrate the necessity for some sort of legislation in relation to prices, it is found in the recent discussion concerning the Steel Corporation. We find before the war this corporation selling its product from \$21 to \$25 a ton. At the beginning of 1916 its contracts for the delivery of steel plates to commercial shipbuilding concerns was \$12.50 per ton and very recently it asked from the United States Government \$95 per ton."

Hoover Is Praised.

"When an ordinary man sees his loved boy snatched from his home to be shot to pieces upon a foreign soil and reads of profits asked by a corporation controlled by his Government of \$600,000,000 per year during the war, he cannot be blamed for the demand in which our people unite and in which the Congress unites by the passage of just such bills as this."

Senator Johnson praised Herbert C. Hoover and said he is particularly fitted for the task of food administration. Senator Lodge, saying his word of vote for the bill after it had been carefully considered, opposed some of its provisions as amending and said public "excitement" for food control legislation is pressing upon Congress with little public conception of the powers the bill proposes to confer.

"The people only know of its provisions in a general way," he said. "Congress also must consider the people who are seeking more huge power. More than one of the Caesars went mad by mere possession of unrestrained power. We have pressure constantly to give more power."

Farmer Exemption Protested.

The Massachusetts Senator opposed particularly the proposal that the American industries shall sell to foreign nations as well as the American Government at low prices. He said the minimum price fixing provision holds "over the heads of all business and industry a deadly blow" and protested against the exemption of farmers from the hoarding section.

Opposing the dry legislation as an

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TWO LEAVE PLANE 20,000 FEET IN AIR

GERMANS DEFEATED IN HIGHEST DUEL ON RECORD.

Canadian Chases Enemy Aeroplane Into Sky—Occupants Leap or Fall Out When Attacked.

CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, June 28.—In an air duel fought at probably the highest altitude at which aviators have met in combat—nearly four miles—a Canadian triplane today pursued and defeated a German two-seated Aviatik.

The German machine had sought safety by climbing upward and the triplane pursued. At a height of 30,000 feet the pilot of the German craft either fell or jumped from it and disappeared at the moment of the first burst of fire from the gun on the Canadian.

The German observer was then seen to climb to the top of his hold and plunged headlong. The Aviatik turned its nose down and fell.

CHICAGO MAYOR CENSURED

Council Committee Drops Plan Calling for Resignation.

CHICAGO, June 28.—The judiciary committee of the City Council this afternoon decided by a vote of 13 to 3 to censure Mayor William H. Thompson for his action in refusing a recall at a stormy session of the City Council several days ago. The motion to censure the Mayor was adopted in place of a resolution calling on the executive head of the city to resign.

The conflict between the Mayor and Council members centered on School Board appointments made by the Mayor.

DUNKIRK PORT BOMBARDED

Allies Retaliate by Making Attack on Ostend.

BERLIN, via London, June 28.—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press.)—German heavy long-range batteries yesterday bombarded the Anglo-French fortified port of Dunkirk with visible effect, says the official statement issued today by the German War Department.

In retaliation, entente artillery bombarded the German occupied town of Ostend, in Belgium, but, the statement adds, the shells did no military damage.

LABOR DISCREDITS SESSION

Call of Stockholm Conference Regarded as Premature.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The American Federation of Labor has declined to participate in the international conference of trades unions called by the recent Stockholm conference to meet September 17 in Switzerland.

President Compton has telegraphed to President Lindquist, of the Stockholm conference, that the American Federation "regards all such conferences as premature and untimely and can lead to no good purpose."

GERMAN SPIES ARE ACTIVE

More Careful Surveillance in Switzerland Is Demanded.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Dispatches from Rome say the Grimm-Hoffman affair in Switzerland has aroused a widespread demand in Italy for all allied diplomatic representatives to secure a more careful surveillance of spies in Switzerland.

Many important diplomatic papers passing through the intermediary republic are known to have fallen into the hands of the German secret service.

"PIGS IS PIGS" JUST NOW

Price of Pork in Dollar Bills Is Larger Than Its Hide.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 28.—(Special.)—Young pork now commands such a high price that it requires dollar bills to cover its hide to buy it. Bert Eaton, of Homan, Clarke County, took a small pig to Portland stockyards yesterday and obtained \$57 for it and converted the money into \$1 bills.

Fifty-seven of these bills would make a covering, or blanket, 28 by 48 inches in size, which would be large enough to wrap up the porker comfortably.

STATE PLEDGES LOYALTY

Wisconsin Assembly Offers to Nation Best Citizens Have.

MADISON, Wis., June 28.—Resolutions pledging the loyalty of Wisconsin to the Nation were adopted by the assembly today.

One resolution declares that this state pledges every measure of support in the war against the imperial government of Germany, and that "we stand ready to give the best that is in us—our best thought, our last dollar, and our life's blood, if need be."

WE LAMBS TO BE SPARED

Packers Promise to Let Farmers Have Breeding Stock.

CHICAGO, June 28.—The leading packers of Chicago, it was announced today, have agreed to turn over to farmers for breeding purposes all ewe lambs sent to them for slaughter.

U. S. IS WARNED OF CENSORSHIP DANCE

Lord Northcliffe Cites Britain's Blunder.

NEW YORK, June 28.—Lord Northcliffe, British high commissioner to the United States, in an address to magazine editors and writers at a luncheon today, expressed the hope that the United States would not muddy the censorship as England did the first three years of the war.

"America can and will do a tremendous part in this war, first, because she is fresh, and second, because she undoubtedly will profit by the mistakes of nations who have been fighting since August, 1914," said Lord Northcliffe.

"What the war needs more than anything else is brains and speed."

Incompetency Long Hidden.

"I trust that the United States will not make the censorship blunder that England made, and which is just becoming an evil of the past. England was kept in the dark for nearly three years. The people were blinded by the fatuous optimism of soldiers and politicians, who, while efficient in peace, were incompetent in war. The people were not permitted to know the truth and when the truth finally emerged out of costly blunders and sacrifices they were loath to accept it."

"I hope that America may permit her newspaper and magazine writers to be absolutely frank about what is going on. It is as important for the nation to know the worst as it is for the nation to know the best."

Truth Encourages Army.

"For one thing, and we have found it out from actual experience, it is a great stimulus for the men fighting in the field to know they are being written about at home and that the country they are fighting for knows precisely what they are doing."

"Every man with a pen in hand and a printing press near by can do a patriotic service to his country by awakening his people to the fact that this war is just beginning and that every ounce of energy, every revolution of America's vast industrial machine will be needed to bring the war to a successful end."

"It is only by an absolute mobilization of man power and machine power"

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SIX SHIPS AWARDED TO COOS BAY YARDS

KRUSE & BANKS WILL BUILD FOR GOVERNMENT.

All Vessels Are of Hough Type, 281 Feet in Length, 46-Foot Beam and 26-Foot Hold.

NORTH BEND, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—Robert Banks, of the firm of Kruse & Banks, shipbuilders, announced the firm has been awarded six vessels today by the Government Shipping Board. The ships are to be of the Hough type, 281 feet in length, 46-foot beam and 26-foot depth of hold. These vessels are the first awarded to Coos Bay, but others are expected to be constructed here.

The Kruse & Banks Company has three vessels under way at present, but two will be completed within a short time, and four ways, two new ones and two old ones, will be ready for laying the keels. Work can be started at once on two of the vessels.

The Kruse & Banks yard has been busy since 1914, and has turned out several vessels in the past two years. The Virginia Olson will be launched in two weeks.

BILLY SUNDAY IN OREGON

Evangelist Appears Worn by Hard Campaign in New York.

LA GRANDE, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—Billy Sunday and wife, better known as "Ma" Sunday, passed through La Grande this morning en route to Hood River, where they will live through the Summer and then go to Los Angeles.

By chance, they met Rev. J. Whitcombe Brougher, former Portlander, but now at Los Angeles, where Mr. Sunday conducts his next revival. Mr. Brougher was doing Chautauqua here last night.

Mr. Sunday appears much worn out and haggard from his strenuous campaign in New York.

LUMBER MEN VISIT BEND

Federal Lumber Commission Inspects Central Oregon Plants.

BEND, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—The Federal Lumber Trade Commission, consisting of John R. Walker, Nelson C. Brown, A. A. Ockholm and R. E. Simpson, accompanied by George M. Cornwall, of Portland, and A. W. Cooper, secretary of the Western Pine Manufacturers' Association, of Spokane, spent the day inspecting local lumber plants.

The members of the Commission were entertained at dinner tonight by the Bend Commercial Club, after which they left to return to Portland.

GIRL'S MURDER MYSTERY

Visitor at Sioux City Is Killed While on Way to Friend's Home.

SIoux CITY, Ia., June 28.—The murder of Miss Thecla Gerken, 22 years old, of Woonsocket, S. D., who was shot last night by an unknown person while on her way to the home of a friend whom she was visiting, remained a mystery today.

One theory advanced is that the girl was shot by a man who was disgraced. Miss Gerken had only a few friends here and is not known to have had any enemies here.

No Questions Are Asked.

"Under the circumstances," she told the detectives, "I was not my place to ask why or what they were doing."

Only this she learned, each morning

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PRETTY GIRL TURNS ON BURGLAR PALS

Gifts of Jewels and Gowns Follow Raids.

STORY BRINGS CONFESSIONS

Dazzling Finery of Pair Wins Deserted Bride of 18.

MEETING IS BY CHANCE

Detectives Are Told That One of Men Carried Her Marriage License and That She Asked No Questions About Loot.

A pretty 18-year-old girl has proved the undoing of two of the cleverest burglars who had to do in years.

Her story yesterday to Detectives Goltz and Howell, of how she tripped along the crimson path and into the very lair of John Stolzenberg and Ben Willisford, and was initiated into the mysteries of "aristocratic burglary," armed the detectives with evidence which brought a confession from the men, who used the U. S. Mint to get rid of their plunder. Stolzenberg has several aliases, among them John Lutti, and Willisford is known as Ben Ford. The latter, after examination, was bound over to the grand jury and Stolzenberg waived examination.

The girl, whose name is being withheld, pending other investigations, told of how she was married in April this year only to find herself unhappy and alone in a few weeks.

Chance Meeting Leads to "Marriage."

She had taken an apartment at 431 Everett street and there met Stolzenberg in the hallway one day in as dramatic a way as ever characterized a motion picture plot. She was literally dazzled by his winning ways and fine apparel. A greeting, a witty remark and a catch question led them into companionship. Later they took a suite in the Larrabee apartments on the East Side.

The marriage license issued to her husband was taken by Stolzenberg and carried in his pocket. They were comfortably in their apartment and occasionally Ford dropped in in the evening, after which he and Stolzenberg departed, not to return until the small hours. They came with packages, and she admitted she had noticed they always carried a satchel with them when they left the house. The satchel contained burglar tools, acids for testing gold and silver and chloroform for subduing recalcitrant victims of their plots.

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BRAZIL DECIDES TO JOIN WITH ALLIES

DECREE OF NEUTRALITY IS DEFINITELY REVOKED.

No Announcement Made as to Whether South American Republic Will Enter Into Hostilities.

RIO JANEIRO, June 28.—Brazil has revoked her decree of neutrality in the war between the entente allies and Germany.

The German empire has another enemy arrayed against it.

Having previously revoked its policy of aloofness, so far as it affected the hostilities between the United States and Germany, Brazil now has come definitely into the open and announced that it can no longer be considered neutral.

Although no announcement has been made as to whether the South American republic will actually enter into hostilities, by its revocation of neutrality it definitely aligns itself morally on the side of the United States and the entente.

POLICE SERGEANT DROPPED

Seattle Mayor Acts in Case of Man Who Set Trap for Superior.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 28.—Police Sergeant George Putnam, head of the Seattle police "dry squad," was ordered discharged today by Mayor Hiram C. Gill. The Mayor, in a letter to Charles Beckingham, Chief of Police, declared that Putnam had exceeded his powers in attempting to set a trap for his superior officer, Michael Powers, a police inspector.

Powers was acquitted last night, after a trial on charges of having accepted a bribe. During the trial Putnam admitted that he had been a party to an attempt to test Powers' susceptibility to a bribe.

BREAD WILL BE WEIGHED

State Sealer Asks Official Data From Districts.

SALEM, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—Spence Wortman, Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures, today instructed all his sealers to weigh at least 10 loaves of bread taken promiscuously from the respective districts, and to furnish the office with a record of the average weight of such bread.

The data thus obtained will be available for municipalities desiring to regulate weight of loaves. There is no state law on this subject.

MAN OF NATURE ENLISTS

Hermist of Santa Cruz Island Offers Services to Government.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—(Special.)—Christian J. Bayer, native of Denmark, aged 49, who has been living for 10 years on Santa Cruz Island, off the Santa Barbara coast, on muskell, abalone and wild game he killed with stones, applied for enlistment today.

Bayer was in fine physical condition and was sent to Fort McPherson, a second Monday Bayer donned his first suit of clothes since going to the island to recover lost health.

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TORRENT SWEEPS AWAY BAKER TOWN

Dam Breaks High in Elkhorn Mountains.

DAMAGE REACHES THOUSANDS

Arrest Is Made on Charge of Dynamiting Dam.

BUILDINGS IN PATH VANISH

Giants of Forest, Torn Out by Roots, Become Battering Rams and Devastation Is Left in Wake of Flood—No Lives Lost.

BAKER, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—Carrying destruction in its path, millions of gallons of water from a reservoir high in the Elkhorn Mountains, 15 miles west of Haines, swept out the village of Rock Creek, with a population of 100, stopped trains at Haines, destroyed crops on thousands of acres in the Rock Creek, Muddy Creek and Baker districts, killed livestock, left Baker and Haines without electric power, and interrupted telegraph and telephone service this morning.

Owners of the Killamaque reservoir this afternoon charged a man named Gray, a farm hand, formerly employed by them, with dynamiting the dam. Gray was taken from a train here today by the Sheriff and put under arrest. Gray denies being implicated in a plot, if there was one.

As far as known no lives were lost, but the damage to crops, buildings and loss of stock is many thousands of dollars.

Torrent Is Irresistible.

The source of the flood is thought to have been Killamaque Lake, a 15-acre irrigation reservoir on the north fork of Rock Creek, above the Eastern Oregon Light & Power Company's plant at Rock Creek. The dam, built at the mouth of the reservoir, was destroyed, although directly in the path of the flood, suffered little damage, but a section of the flume and half a mile of transmission lines were demolished. Baker was cut off from power from 3:35 o'clock this morning until nearly noon, when the auxiliary steam plant in the city was put into operation. Haines is without light or power tonight.

At the plant the torrent is described by eye-witnesses as a great mass 200 yards wide and 30 feet deep, roaring down the canyon and carrying away everything in its path. It struck the power company's barn and turned it over, grinding it to splinters within a few minutes.

Forest Trees Torn Up.

Big forest trees were borne on the crest of the column and these became a weapon of the flood, striking buildings as battering rams.

The flood reached Rock Creek at 8:45 o'clock. The poolroom and store building of the Farmers' Trading Company, the Toll House, the blacksmith shop and hall were destroyed, and only debris and a few tin cans are left to mark the site of the hamlet.

A horse tied in front of the store was killed. Fences were all demolished and as far down as Haines all of the bridges are reported to have been taken out. Many cattle were also killed.

Haines Is Inundated.

Telephone lines, too, were torn out by the torrent and the effect of the flood was felt even at Haines, where some streets were submerged and the railroad track was nearly covered.

Rock Creek residents say that when they first heard the torrent coming they thought it was only the wind and paid little attention to it until they heard the snapping of telephone poles and the grinding of the debris, as it thundered down the valley. The people escaped to the hills nearby.

Because of the debris, it has been impossible to reach the source of the flood, high in the mountains. If it was Killamaque Lake that was loosed, it is estimated that nearly 12,000,000 gallons of water rushed down the creek.

Irrigation Water Stored.

The capacity of Ellis reservoir is not known, but is thought to be much less. Both are used to store irrigation water. Some are of the opinion that in any case the dams or gates might have been blown out purposely, but because the amount of water in the lakes this year is unusually great, it is generally believed that the break came only from excessive pressure.

Killamaque Lake is tapped by a tunnel, 400 feet of which is said to be through solid rock. It is believed that the gates that regulate the flow of water through this must have given way. A party of men, headed by John Fisher, left for Killamaque Lake to investigate the cause late this afternoon.

Other Dams Threaten.

It is not only from the present damage that the ranchers expect to suffer, but with the loss of this great amount of water it is