

GOVERNORS SEE NO NEED OF MEETING

Proposed Conference on Prohibition Amendment Not to Be Held.

ALL EXECUTIVES ARE BUSY

Most of the State Heads Invited to Meet by Wyoming Governor Are Fully Occupied With War and Other Problems.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—No conference of governors to discuss plans for expediting the ratification by the states of the Federal amendment for prohibition will be held. This is established by the replies of 24 of the 47 other governors of states to whom Governor Frank L. Housh, of Wyoming, addressed a letter suggesting that a conference for the purpose be held at an early date.

Before the replies were received four states—South Carolina, Kentucky, Mississippi and North Dakota—had ratified the amendment. The governors of six other states declared themselves in favor of holding the conference suggested, 13 governors were not in favor of the conference, the replies of 13 others were non-committal and 11 governors did not reply.

The tenor of the replies as a whole establishes the inadvisability of holding the proposed conference and the suggestion will not be pushed, although it is under consideration by the executive committee of the Governors' Conference, an organization with headquarters at Madison, Wis., of which all governors are members.

All Governors Are Busy.

A regular session of the Governors' Conference may be held this year, possibly in June, and, if held, at Salt Lake City, Utah, but this is improbable, the replies to Governor Housh' letter suggesting that a majority of the governors are too busy with wartime problems to be able to attend a conference. If a session of the Governors' Conference is held it will be for the discussion of general subjects, not merely a preliminary to a session of the conference such as suggested by Governor Housh.

The replies of nearly all the governors, except those of the six favoring a conference at this time, express disapproval of a conference because the writers are opposed to calling special sessions, or the legislatures of their states are in session and the writers, therefore, are unable to see that any good might come from the proposed conference.

The governors of two or three states who favor the amendment distrust the legislatures of their states as at present constituted, other governors believe that the National amendment should be an issue in the election of legislators who are to vote on ratification, and some governors of states where prohibition is in force are without desire to hasten affairs inasmuch as their states would not be materially affected by speeding up ratification proceedings.

Many Prefer to Wait.

The legislatures of 24 states will meet in January, 1918, and nearly all of the governors of such states who replied to Governor Housh' letter prefer to wait action on the amendment at regular sessions. The legislatures of seven states, other than the four states by which the amendment has been ratified, now are in session, these being Idaho, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maryland, New York, Virginia and Rhode Island. The legislatures of two other states will meet soon, that of Louisiana in May and that of Georgia in June.

The reply of Governor Withycombe, of Oregon, stated that he did not see that could be gained by the extra sessions of the legislatures were contemplated by a conference at this time. If the vote of Oregon were the last one needed in ratifying the amendment, he stated, he gladly would call an extra session, but did not consider calling such a session inasmuch as the full ratification of the amendment cannot be expected before the regular session of the Oregon Legislature next January. "This state already is firmly committed to prohibition," said Governor Withycombe, "and it is well understood everywhere that the Oregon vote will be in support of the amendment."

J. W. Morrow, Ranchman, Loses Interest in Goats.

Patriarch of Flock Makes Midday Meal of Visitors' Concoctions.

"GOATS," discoursed Dr. James W. Morrow, well-known Portland physician, waving a fragment of victory bread, "goats, as I have said, are one logical answer to the high cost of living."

"Yes, yes, go on," pleaded James W. Morrow, right-of-way agent for the O.W.R. & N.

The two Morrrows were lunching at the Hotel Imperial. Their table talk had turned to goats and the green acres where Dr. Morrow's sicken Angoras range in blating freedom.

"I have the best strain of goats," resumed the unreluctant doctor, "that ever jumped over a stump. These goats of mine—what do you say we take a run out and see them?"

"I'd like to own a goat, maybe two or three," ventured James W. Morrow, railroad man, as the car sped ranchward.

"Nothing like it," returned Dr. Morrow. "You shall, my dear fellow, you shall. Makes a man feel like some of

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Arrangements have been made for two pruning demonstrations for Saturday, February 9. Professor E. J. Kraus, of the Oregon Agricultural College, will assist County Agent S. B. Hall with these demonstrations.

The demonstrations at 2 o'clock in the afternoon will be held at the Lewis Grange Hall. The lecture hour will be open to the public, and anyone interested in pruning or trimming either fruit or berries is cordially invited. The evening demonstration at 8 o'clock will be held at the Russellville Grange Hall from 8 until 9 o'clock.

RULER WELCOMES U. S. ENTRY IN WAR

Fresh Confidence in Final Victory Inspired, Says King George.

FIGHTING STRENGTH GAINS

First Aim, Declares Speech From Throne to Parliament, Is Prosecution of Hostilities to Successful Conclusion.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Parliament was prorogued today and will reassemble on February 12. In the House of Commons the speech from the throne was read by the speaker.

The King emphasized that the first aim and endeavor of the allies was the successful prosecution of the war. The entry of the United States, he declared, lent additional strength to the allied arms and inspired fresh confidence in ultimate victory. The King said:

"My Lords and Gentlemen: Since I last addressed you great events have happened. Within a few weeks of that occasion the United States of America decided to take their stand by the side of this country and our allies in defense of the principles of liberty and justice."

"Their entry into the war, followed by that of other neutral states, has united practically the whole civilized world in a league of nations against unprovoked aggression, has lent additional strength to our arms and inspires fresh confidence in the ultimate triumph of our cause."

"On the other hand, Russia, distracted by internal dissension, has not been able to persevere in the struggle until the fruits of great sacrifices could be reaped, and for the present has ceased to bear her part in the allied task."

"The negotiations opened by her with the enemy have, however, served but to prove that the ambition which provoked this unhappy war is as yet unabated. These tragic events have added to the burdens of the other allies, but have not impaired the vigor and loyalty with which one and all continue to pursue the common aim."

"Amidst the confusion of changing events, the determination of the democracies of the world to secure a just and enduring peace stands out ever more clearly."

"In all the theaters of the war my naval and military forces have displayed throughout the year noble courage, high constancy and determination, which has won for them the admiration of my people."

Tensions Hurdled Back in France.

"In France the enemy has been repeatedly and successfully thrown back, and I await with the greatest interest the progress of the conflict."

"In Palestine and Mesopotamia the most revered and famous cities of the Orient have been wrested from the Turks, while in Africa the enemy has lost the last remnant of his colonial possessions."

"In all these fields the forces of my dominions and of the Indian empire have borne their full share in the toil and in the glory of the day."

"During the year representatives of my dominions and of the Indian empire were summoned for the first time to sessions of an imperial war cabinet. Their deliberations have been of the utmost value both in the prosecution of the war and in the promotion of imperial unity."

Irish Questions Touched On.

After thanking the House of Commons for the liberality of its provisions for the heavy expenditure of the war and announcing his sanction of the representation of the people bill, the King expressed the hope that this bill would insure to a much larger number of his subjects an effective voice in the government of the country.

"It will," he continued, "enable the nations, the unity of which has been so marked a characteristic of the war, to continue in the not less arduous work of reconstruction in the times of peace."

Royal Gratitude Expressed.

"The successful prosecution of the war is still our first aim and endeavor. I have watched with proud and grateful heart the unvarying enthusiasm with which all sections of my people have responded to every demand made upon them for this purpose, and, as they face the final tests which may yet be required to carry out efforts to fruition, I pray that Almighty God may vouchsafe to us his blessing."

HARRY LAUDER IS POPULAR

Seat Sale for Famous Comedian's Play Largest on Record.

An unusual interest is being evidenced by Portland folk in the appearance of Harry Lauder and his vaudeville company, who will appear at the Heilig Theater on Wednesday afternoon and night of next week.

The mail-order sale has been one of the largest in the history of the theater and the entire lower floor and the first five rows of the balcony have already been sold for the night performance. The seat sale for the matinee, however, has been comparatively small as yet, although it is evident Lauder will be greeted by crowded houses at both performances.

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Capital \$6,000,000

Assets..... \$129,311,109
Reserves and Liabilities..... 115,248,166
Capital and Surplus..... 14,062,943

Life Insurance Paid For, 1917..... \$186,357,301

Life Insurance in Force..... 617,239,004

Increase—Life Insurance Paid For..... \$ 70,876,608

Increase—Life Insurance in Force..... 140,923,162

Paid Premiums for Life Insurance..... 16,516,888

Paid Premiums for Accident and Health Insurance..... 5,880,176

Paid Premiums for Liability Insurance..... 6,384,290

Paid Premiums for Workmen's Compensation..... 11,835,400

Increase—Premium Income..... 7,983,976

Total Income..... 46,411,911

Increase—Total Income..... 9,360,411

Total Paid to Policyholders to End 1917..... 195,314,111

Paid for Prevention of Accidents by Inspection..... 3,591,523

The Travelers Indemnity Company

(Automobile, Steam Boiler, Flywheel, Burglary and Plate Glass Insurance)

Capital \$1,000,000

Assets..... \$4,199,461
Reserves and Liabilities..... 2,583,688
Capital and Surplus..... 1,615,773

Total Paid Premiums..... \$2,745,259

Total Income 1917..... 2,899,369

Increase—Premium Income..... \$940,649

Increase—Total Income..... 965,169

Total Paid to Policyholders to End 1917..... 3,021,693

Paid for Prevention of Accidents by Inspection..... 867,083

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RECOVERY TO BE SPEEDY

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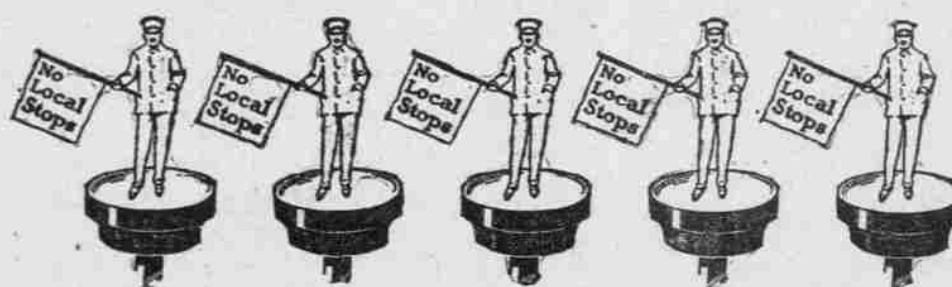
NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt went to Roosevelt Hospital this afternoon to undergo another operation, the second within the last week, for the removal of abscesses.

The first operation was performed at his home in Oyster Bay. The Colonel came to New York for more convenient treatment of the trouble, which is said to be not serious.

"Colonel Theodore Roosevelt has gone to Roosevelt Hospital, where he will be operated on for an abscess, which has been the immediate cause of his trouble, and also for two subsidiary abscesses, which the poisoning of his system produced in his ears from his Amazonian exploration four years ago," read a statement issued by his secretary at his hotel here.

A later announcement said that Colonel Roosevelt's condition was favorable today. The former President,

whose operation for an abscess a few days ago was made public last night, rested comfortably in his room. It was predicted he would be out within a few days. The operation was to be performed by two surgeons, one an eye and ear specialist. One of the doctors said he believed Colonel Roosevelt would not be in the hospital more than two weeks. Mrs. Roosevelt will remain there while her husband is a patient.



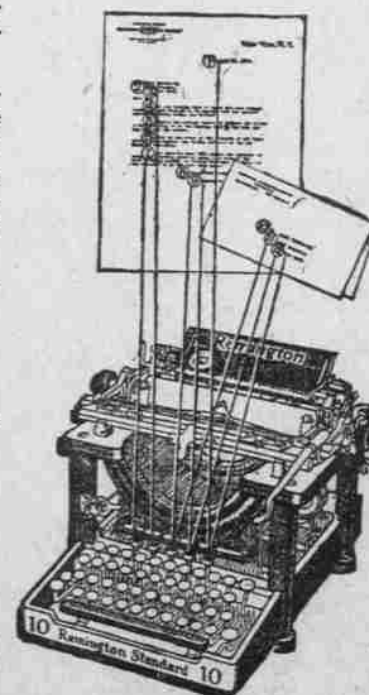
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