

PROHIBITION IS ON, WITH RESERVATION

Sale of Beer Minus "Kick" Still Permitted.

WARNING, HOWEVER, IS ISSUED

Vendors of Mild Beverages Take Gambler's Chance.

COURT DECISION AWAITED

Strong Drink Wholly Barred—New Action by Congress on Law Enforcement Now Expected.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—As war-time prohibition took effect tonight the department of justice announced that its agents throughout the country would not attempt tomorrow to stop the sale of 2 1/2 per cent beer.

This eleventh-hour development, a late reversal of an earlier ruling today by the department, was due to the uncertainty as to how the federal strict code of New York might rule in a pending claim by brewers that their containing that much alcohol was intoxicating.

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But while this uncertainty existed to beer of lighter alcoholic percentage than that sold generally heretofore, full warning was given that in respect to whisky and all beverages as to whose intoxicating powers were no doubt, every governmental agency would be set to work in determined effort to prevent their manufacture and sale.

How long the sale of 2 1/2 per cent beer might continue would depend largely upon the speed of the courts, but congress meanwhile will keep the front in an effort to complete the effectiveness of the war-time law.

Effective Action Planned.

Exactly what they have resolved heretofore to do prohibition members of the house will now attempt—passage of a straight, clear-cut bill for enforcement of war-time prohibition.

When word spread tonight that the attorney-general's bill that would strip unlicensed beer saloons and breweries remain in operation, members of the judiciary committee counted noses to find a sufficient number ready to go to the front to demand separation of enforcement measures so as to get tough at once with the utmost cooperation in the matter of enforcing all unlicensed provisions of the war-time law.

Hard Fight Now Expected.

Congressional leaders, it was said, pushed to abandon plans for a recess pending probably tomorrow in order to put the bill through as an emergency measure, and the whole question of prohibition will be held up until next week at the earliest. There were indications tonight that a hard fight would be made in behalf of an amendment to be offered by Representative E. C. Rorer, of Missouri, which would permit the president to set aside a war-time act insofar as it relates to light wines and beers.

While the attorney-general's staff is wrestling with the question of indicating and non-intoxicating beer, a judiciary committee sent to the use its report, in which the hold action was made that anything over half of 1 per cent alcohol was indicating within the purview of the new law construction and that contained and not the court, should fix the alcoholic percentage of all beverages, of which is restricted by prohibition statutes.

Warning Statement Issued.

Attorney-General Palmer in his statement to the policy of the department drew attention to the fact that the prohibitions in county and state had been devised to give the utmost cooperation in the matter of enforcing all unlicensed provisions of the war-time law. The temporary refusal not to prohibit against those selling 2 1/2 per cent beer, although evidence against them was obtained with a view to their prosecution in the event that the court decision against the brewers—does not mean that persons offering it for sale heretofore dry will be exempt from arrest and prosecution. Persons selling 2 1/2 per cent beer will be a gambler's chance and stay open their own risk, it was emphasized.

"Use" at Home Permitted.

The bureau of internal revenue, upon bulky shoulders of which will fall the great task of breaking up the selling, today issued regulations governing the sale of alcohol for medicinal purposes. These regulations are strict it would be next to impossible, bureau agents said, for a man obtain whisky for general drinking because at most he cannot have more than one quart a month and he must get it then unless he is ill and prescribed in an effort to restore to health.

EX-PRINCE ESCAPES, RUMOR

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BOLSHEVIKI IN RAID KILL 18 AMERICANS

ATTACK ON RAILROAD GUARDS SANGUINARY AFFAIR.

Officer and Seven Men Severely Wounded; 17 Others Slightly Hurt in Engagement.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Eighteen American soldiers were killed, one officer and seven men severely wounded and 17 slightly wounded in an engagement with anti-Kolchak forces near Romanovka on June 25.

Major-General Graves, commanding the American expedition in Siberia, informed the war department today that the engagement followed an attack by the bolshevik on railroad guards. Apparently the only unit engaged. Second lieutenant Lawrence Donald Butler was reported severely wounded. The official cablegram consisted of only the single line:

"Anti-Kolchak forces attacked railroad guards at Romanovka, Suchan branch, S. A. M. June 25," and then gave the following casualty report: Killed—Company A, 21st Infantry, Sergeant Henry P. Casey, Corporals Thomas B. Mason and Herbert Toll; Privates Brook Lee, George Love, James R. Love, Albert T. Parson, William Roberts, Cecil Simpson, Dart H. Balch, Walter H. Cole, Wesley Davis, Dave William Ivis, John Montoya Lopez, Walter Edward Roberts and Frank Schwall.

Died of wounds—Corporal Louis Carter, Private Louis A. Schlitter. Severely wounded—Corporal Valerian J. Brodnicki, Cook Louis K. Boneau, Privates Edgar Cureton, Aloysius Lukanitsch, Roy Ray Reader, Walter J. Reaneo and Steward Reeves.

BIGGEST BAR IN U. S. BUSY

Venice and Vernon, Cal., Take Last Grand Splash.

LOS ANGELES, June 30.—Semi-arid for the past year, Los Angeles tonight joined the rest of the nation in singing the requiem of John Barleycorn, while the two oases in the near-desert—Venice and Vernon—indulged in one last grand splash.

Vernon, where exists what is said to be the largest saloon in America, with 100 bartenders on a shift and struggling scores of patrons waiting before the plain bar, was the busiest spot in the southland today. Scores of automobiles and even trucks were racing back and forth, carrying cargoes for future use, while every street car carried at least a dozen persons equipped with quinine and malaria medicine when jared gave forth a clinking sound.

CITY'S PROSPERITY GROWS

Statistics in All Lines Show Increase Over Last Year.

Continued prosperity in Portland is reflected in the monthly financial and other statistics, which show large gains over the month of June last year and gains over May of this year. The bank clearings for June were \$125,564,297.14, compared with \$108,925,468.22 for June, 1918.

A total of 718 building permits were issued by the bureau of buildings with a value of \$1,063,115, compared with 506 permits in June, 1918, valued at \$471,250. In June, 1917 permits were issued for dwellings at a value of \$24,160. Bank deposits for June were heavy, according to bankers, and the postal business in Portland is reported to be on a steady increase.

SWISS CELEBRATE PEACE

Mountaineers Climb Heights to Get Signals of Signing.

GENEVA, June 30.—Switzerland celebrated joyfully the signing of the peace treaty at Versailles. Alpine mountaineers ascended Mount Blanc and the Matterhorn to receive the signal of the signing from the valley.

IRISH LEADER PAYS HONOR

Eamonn de Valera Places Wreath Beneath Historic Elm.

BOSTON, June 30.—Eamonn de Valera, the Irish leader, today placed a wreath beneath the historic elm in Cambridge under which General Washington took command of the American revolutionary army and another on the "minute man" monument on the green in Lexington.

AERIAL POSTMAN KILLED

American Captain Was Distributing Soldier Newspaper.

COBLENZ, June 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Captain Walter Schultz of Chicago, Ill., a member of the 138th aero squadron, was killed Saturday evening when an airplane in which he was distributing an extra edition of the *Amaroo News*, the soldiers' daily newspaper, announcing the details of the signing the treaty of peace, fell near Montabaur.

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CUMMINGS WOODS EX-PROGRESSIVES

Democrat National Chairman Visits Portland.

MANY MEETINGS ARRANGED

League of Nations and Open Defense of Party Topics.

ARMY'S RECORD IS

Pity Expressed for Senators Opposing Wilson, Whose Work is Lauded Above All.

Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the democratic national committee, lauded his party at the Hellig theater last night, declaring that the democratic party has made good the platform promises of the progressives in 1912; that no real progressive should return to the republican party, and that the league of nations advocated by President Wilson is what the progressives in 1912 and the republicans in 1916 advocated.

Senator Johnson of California, now opposing the league of nations, was shown to be supporting such an idea when he was Roosevelt's running mate on the progressive ticket.

To the charge that the democratic party has been extravagant in spending money, J. Bruce Krenner, vice-chairman of the national committee, said the party points to the results; that no army ever went into the field better cared for.

Death Rates Contrasted.

He said the democratic party was willing to compare its conduct of the war with the republican administration of the Spanish war of 1898, when the disease death rate was 26 per cent, contrasted with a disease death rate of 6.4 per cent in the United States, and 4.7 per cent in the American expeditionary forces.

After a busy day Mr. Cummings and his party assembled at the Hellig and delivered a series of straight party speeches, in which Mr. Wilson was given great credit for his administration as a whole, and his part in advocating the league of nations in particular.

Mr. Cummings based the bulk of his address on the progressive platform of 1912. The progressives asked for direct election of United States senators by the people; they desired national legislation looking to the prevention of industrial accidents, occupational disease, overwork, involuntary employment and the like.

Reforms Carried, Claim.

They had a specific plank prohibiting child labor and a declaration regarding the eight-hour day; they demanded tariff revision and condemned the Payne-Aldrich bill, demanding a non-

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THOSE ATHIRST MAKE HEGIRA ACROSS LINE

ELEVENTH-HOUR RUSH OF OREGONIANS TO CALIFORNIA ON.

Steady Stream of Motor Cars Flows Southward Over Stikkyous Throughout Whole Day.

MEDFORD, Or., June 30.—(Special.)—Southern Oregon celebrated the advent of wartime prohibition tonight in California. According to report a steady stream of motorcars has been flowing southward over the Siskiyou highway, while at least 300 cars ran all night.

Arrests were made by county sheriffs Sunday and none have been reported today. Of the five arrests at two offenders appeared in court. Phil McCool, who gave his residence as northern California, was charged with intoxication, pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$15 and costs. Harrison Fielder of Crescent City, Cal., pleaded guilty to having liquor in his possession and was fined \$15 and costs. Three other men were arrested on the same charge, but failed to appear and forfeited their cash bail of \$15 each.

Local authorities declare professional bootleggers have been scared off by the stringent policing of the state line and are caching their liquor in California to wait until the present excitement blows over to bring it into the state.

MUTINY ON FRONT DENIED

Members of 339th Infantry Are Defended by Officers.

NEW YORK, June 30.—Reports of a mutiny on the Archangel front last March among members of the 339th Infantry were vehemently denied today by Major J. Brooks Nicholas of Detroit and Captain H. G. Winstlow of Madison, Wis., commanding company I, the unit said to have been involved.

Both officers returned on the transport Von Steuben, which brought back the first complete units to return from service in the Archangel sector.

STORY OF FIGHT TO BE MEGAPHONED IN FRONT OF THE OREGONIAN BUILDING

JULY 4.

Hot off the wires of the Associated Press, the story of the world's championship fight at Toledo next Friday will be given to fans and others interested as the battle progresses, by a megaphone man in front of the Oregonian building, Sixth and Alder streets. The big battle is scheduled to start at 3 o'clock, Toledo time, which is 1 o'clock Portland time. But there will be preliminary announcements of interest, which probably will begin coming in by 12:30, so at 12:30 the Oregonian megaphone man will be on hand.

All who want the story of the fight quickly, fully and accurately told may receive that service freely by standing at the Sixth and Alder corner from 12:30 P. M. for an hour or so.

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TORNADO TEARS UP TOWNS; MANY DEAD

Montana, North Dakota Swept by Fierce Wind.

STORM'S PATH IS ERRATIC

No News Received From Section West of Minot.

BUILDINGS ARE WRECKED

Railroad Cars Blown From Siding to Main Line Cause Crash When Train Drives Along.

MINOT, N. D., June 30.—A windstorm which bordered on a tornado swept northeastern Montana and northwestern North Dakota late last night and early this morning, killing several, injuring many others and causing great damage to buildings both in towns and in rural sections.

Wires are all down west of Minot and only meager details are available tonight. Miles of telephone and telegraph wires are down from Stanley to Williston. According to trainmen who passed through the storm-swept area and arrived in Minot late today, the wind-storm came from the west and considerable damage was done towns in eastern Montana.

Buildings Are Destroyed.

At Williston windows in fronts of stores were blown out and several barns in that district blown down. Apparently the storm went almost due north from Williston and had great force at Zuhl, 45 miles northeast of Williston. At Zuhl, which is on the Stanley branch of the Great Northern, the front was blown from the First State bank, a garage blown down, several windows broken in stores, and a lumber office blown away.

Boxcars standing on a siding in Zuhl were blown over. A mile and a half east of Zuhl the wind struck the log house of the Zuhl family, pioneers of that district, blew away two rooms of the house and left the other room standing. Members of the family were in the room which was left and no one was injured.

Farmers Are Killed.

Sweeping on the storm damaged the elevator at Appam and damaged a number of barns in that section, and at Alamo killed a mother and daughter named Helgeson living a short distance out from the village. Details of the fatality are not yet available. A schoolhouse was blown down at Corinth, while a garage, the Imperial Lumber company's office and five barns were blown down at Wild Rose. A farmer living south of Hamlet, the first station east of Wild Rose, was killed, but details are lacking. Another farmer is

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TELEPHONE CHARGES SUBJECT OF INQUIRY

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FIXES DATE OF HEARING.

Cost of Service Connections by Many Oregon Companies Is Held to Be Too High.

SALEM, Or., June 30.—(Special.)—Investigation of service connection charges exacted by telephone companies in Oregon will be made by the public service commission at a hearing to be held in Portland July 14, according to announcement of the commission today.

All telephone companies which have been under federal control during the war will be invited to private conversations tonight, with the exception of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, and one or two of the smaller concerns. The service connection and similar charges inaugurated by Postmaster-General Burleson are said to be too high in many instances, and the commission plans to order a uniform system of rates.

The commission tomorrow will sign an emergency order permitting the Burleson rates to remain in effect until after the forthcoming hearing. Those companies which will remain under federal control will not be affected by the ruling and subsequent rate revision.

ALASKAN VOLCANO ACTIVE

Dense Volumes of Smoke Rising From Shishaldin Peak.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 30.—Shishaldin peak, Unimak island, was in eruption throughout the day of June 25, according to reports brought here by Captain J. E. Gupitil of the steamer Senator, which has just completed the season's first round trip to Nome, Alaska.

The Senator passed the island at 4 A. M. on June 23. Captain Gupitil said, and all during that day, which was plainly seen from the ship, a black smoke bursting from the peak. The vessel was as close to the island as 40 miles. Another peak on the Alaskan mainland, Mount Bavloff, the captain said, apparently had been in eruption recently, as the snow about the summit was coal black.

IRISH ALLEGE ATROCITIES

Clemenceau Told That British Bombed Towns in Erin.

PARIS, June 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Irish-American delegates here in the interest of the Irish independence movement sent a new note to Premier Clemenceau today in which they charged the British with bombarding Irish towns from airplanes, "wantonly murdering women and children." They said also the British are issuing frequent orders of banishment.

They asked the appointment of a special investigating commission.

EX-EMPORER RESPONSIBLE

Bethmann-Hollweg Cannot Go Into Court for William.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—International law experts of the entire embassy in Washington hold that since Dr. Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg in his capacity of chancellor of the German empire was responsible solely to the German emperor, the one-time ruler of Germany cannot escape full responsibility for any and all the acts committed by his subordinate.

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TELEPHONE GIRLS STRIKE SUDDENLY

Electrical Workers Expect to Walk Out Today.

CITY SERVICE IS HARD HIT

Company Officials Say Nothing Locally at Issue.

MOVE HELD SYMPATHETIC

Union Heads Declare Wages and Working Conditions Not at All Satisfactory Here.

In obedience to the orders of their international officials, approximately 400 operators of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company in Portland yesterday joined the coast-wide strike of telephone and electrical workers, and partially paralyzed the system by the suddenness of their action. Union officials say that many nonunion operators have joined the organization and have left the exchanges.

Last night it was indicated that the electrical workers, with which the telephone operators' union is affiliated, would take similar action as the result of their executive session at Eagles' hall and would join the strike. The local electrical workers' union, its members having joined the organization and have left the exchanges.

At 7 o'clock yesterday morning, following a midnight session of telephone operators, called by Mrs. Agnes Johnson, president of the Portland union, who had just arrived from the San Francisco conference, the telephone operators voted to obey the strike order of their international president, Julia O'Connor, and at 8:30 A. M. had posted pickets at all exchanges. Operators coming off shift were informed of the action, and the strike was on.

Company Regrets Move.

According to W. F. Phillips, district commercial superintendent of the company, not more than 20 per cent of the operators answered the strike call. Mr. Phillips said that the company had maintained service, and would continue to do so. He expressed regret that the strike had been called, declaring that the points of grievance were near to adjustment and that the company was disposed to treat fairly with its employees.

"There is nothing between the company or employees that warrants a strike," said Mr. Phillips. "In my opinion the local action is in the nature of a sympathetic movement with the California strikers, who went out about two weeks ago."

Strikers Ask Rise in Pay.

That the strike is completely successful from the viewpoint of the first day and will continue without concession is the stand taken by Mrs. Agnes Johnson, president of the operators' union. Assenting that long-continued efforts to secure recognition of their demands without result have led directly to the strike, Mrs. Johnson declares that the issue will be given a thorough test.

Union officials assert that they will stand firm on their demands for a minimum wage of \$3 per day for operators, with a maximum wage of \$4 after two years' service. They ask also retroactive, or "back," pay to January 1, the day after the old wage agreement expired; the establishment of local adjustment boards with union membership; double time on Sundays and holidays; and two weeks' vacation with full pay.

Results Elsewhere Cited.

"When our wage agreement expired," said Mrs. Johnson, "company officials said that they had no power to negotiate, under Burleson. Julia O'Connor, international president of our union, spent two months at Washington striving to effect an adjustment. Though she was appointed as special union investigator by Burleson, she could not get anywhere with him, because he positively declined to recognize the union. The New England girls won their strike in April in five days. The wage scale is higher here. It always has been. But working conditions are better back there. For instance, they have had the two weeks' vacation on pay concession for more than two years."

On June 15 the strike was called by Julia O'Connor. It was canceled when Burleson ordered company officials to negotiate. Nellie Johnson, international vice-president of this district, went to San Francisco and spent two unprofitable weeks trying to secure an agreement.

"The company has submitted an entirely unsatisfactory compromise agreement, offering a \$12 minimum wage, with a maximum of \$19 after five years' service. The offer does not include double time on holidays."

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