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LIQUOR COHORTS FLOCKING TO COX

Prohibition Seems to Be Paramount Issue.

WORKING MEN WANT BEER

World, Democrats' Leading Backer, Gathers Data.

NUMERICAL BREAK EVEN

Harding and Ohio Governor Have About Equal Support, But All "Wets" Support Cox.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Enthusiasm for either Harding or Cox appears to be lacking over all the ground covered by a representative of the New York World, democratic, who has been sent out through the country to interview individuals at random and report exactly what they have to say in their own words.

Reports from Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Cleveland have been published by the World for the last three days, and notwithstanding all of the talk about the league of nations, taxation and other so-called paramount issues, the only issue that appears to have caused a thrill is prohibition.

Everyone Talks About Liquor.

All classes, including tradesmen, professional men and laborers, were interviewed, and the liquor question seemed uppermost in more minds than any other issue. Cox is approved by many because they say his election means the return of beer, while Harding is denounced as "too goody-goody."

The World's symposium of yesterday included pick-up interviews in Pittsburg and the importance of the "wet" issue as developed by the World correspondent was carried over a two-column reading.

"Pittsburg man in street wants beer and turns to Cox as liberal candidate. Opinions obtained by the World man show all campaign issues of secondary importance to modification of the Volstead law."

World is Cox' Chief Supporter.

It should be understood that the World is the foremost newspaper supporter of Governor Cox, and therefore is not developing his "wet" strength to induce him. Some of the Pittsburg interviews were:

A boss steel roller—"What we want most and what we will insist of having is our beer. It was taken away from the workers through trickery. Some administration must restore it. Most of us think Cox is by far the best bet, and that's why we are going to vote for him."

A steel puddler—"The men in and out of the steel mills don't care about the league of nations or anything else, save, perhaps, the high cost of living. They are for the presidential candidate who will make it possible for them to get their beer again."

An engineer—"All the coal miners in Steubenville, a suburb of Pittsburg, are going to vote the democratic ticket because they are sore on prohibition and think Harding is dry. No other issue enters their minds."

No Beer Causes Anger.

A merchant—in Carnegie, where I live, we all intend to vote for Cox and the whole democratic ticket. Not only are we hot over no-beer stuff, but ministers out there induced the democratic local officials to enforce the blue laws, and we can't even play baseball on Sunday.

A cigar maker—"I live in a little town where I live a lot of the miners and steelworkers are going to vote the democratic ticket, hoping to kill two birds with one stone. The election of Cox, they think, will restore beer, if not liquor, and reduce taxes. The reason taxes are so high is because the government does not get any excise tax and has to put the burden on property.

A bartender—"I'm for Cox. Didn't he let them hold the Dempsey-Willard fight in Ohio? He's a regular guy."

Philadelphia Comment Given.

From Philadelphia came these expressions on the liquor issue:

Taxicab driver—Election? Who gives a d—n? Those fellows in Wall street own both parties, so what's the use of voting anyway? If I vote I'll vote for Cox. He's won and when it's wet my business is better. Talk about Philadelphia being dead! Say, man, a soft drink never made a man feel like taking a taxicab home.

Lunch counter man—"I was a man in here last night who said neither party was any good because you have to be a millionaire to get liquor. This country stands for being run by a lot of four-flushing fakery and prohibitionists. If Cox is wetter than Harding, I'm for him."

Truck man—When I lived in New York I always voted the Tammany ticket. Tammany put Cox over, and that's good enough for me.

HOTTEST AUGUST DAY IN 46 YEARS IS 98

PORTLAND SWELTERS WHILE MERCURY CLIMBS.

Many Seek Relief in Cooling Waters of Willamette—Others De- cide to Carry Fans.

The record for all the 46 years of Augusts which have been tabulated at the weather bureau was broken yesterday when the temperature climbed to 98 degrees at 3 o'clock. Hot days in previous Augusts there have been, but never one warmer than 97.

Portland people who could steal away, if only for an hour, sought the cooling waters of the Willamette and others dreamed of shady nooks and decided to start carrying fans.

In four of the recorded 46 years the official thermometer has registered 97—on August 22, 1851, on August 3, 1859, on August 10, 1892, and on August 18, 1915.

There have been many hotter days than 98, however, for 192 degrees, registered twice, in July, 1891, and July, 1897, is the record mark for Portland.

A slight breeze from the northwest, which began about 6 o'clock in the morning, furnished considerable relief early in the day, although in the afternoon the breeze turned warm.

The forecast for today is continued warm.

The hourly temperatures were:
8 A. M. 72.2 P. M. 98
9 A. M. 73.4 P. M. 97
10 A. M. 74.6 P. M. 97
11 A. M. 75.8 P. M. 97
12 M. 77.0 P. M. 97
1 P. M. 78.2 P. M. 97

Roseburg Mercury Stands at 101.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—At 4 o'clock this afternoon the local weather office reported the mercury standing at an even 101 degrees, making this the hottest day so far recorded the present year. Yesterday the heat registered 96 degrees.

The two warmest days of the present season previously recorded registered 94 degrees.

Astoria Registers 86.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Today was the warmest of the present season in Astoria and the thermometer in the local government weather bureau registered 86 degrees. During the morning hours the air was extremely sultry as the result of a light east wind, but this afternoon the wind shifted to the west.

Eugene Hottest in 10 Years.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The hottest weather experienced in this city in ten years prevailed today with the thermometer registering all the way from 98 to 104 degrees, but the official record is only 98. Several times during the last ten years the thermometer has been as high as 97.

98 at Hood River.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—A maximum temperature of 98 degrees prevailed here today, the hottest for the season, while an unusual humidity caused residents to swelter. Orchardists report no damage from sunburned apples.

Oregon City Has Hottest Day.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Oregon City has experienced her hottest day of the season today, and the thermometer registered at 99 1/2 at one location in the city.

Salem Registers 110 Degrees.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Today was the hottest of the year in Salem. The thermometer in the downtown district ranged from 100 to 110.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)

Heat records in Albany this year were broken today when local thermometers recorded maximum temperatures varying from 89 to 102 degrees.

BOY IS SHOT BY FATHER

Serious Accident Happens Near Castle Rock While Two Hunt.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Ralph Harrison, 12 years old, while out hunting with his father, A. R. Harrison of Sandy Bend, was shot in the shoulder by the accidental discharge of a gun carried by the parent. The boy was walking ahead when the brush or some obstruction caused the discharge of the gun.

The boy was brought to town where the doctor found the wound to be serious but not fatal. The lad had just arrived from Walla Walla to visit his father after an absence of three years.

GIRL SWIMMER SAVES TWO

Hood River Mermaid Is Awarded Campfire Medal for Rescue.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Miss Bertha Norton, daughter of J. R. Norton, who has been spending the summer at a girls' campfire camp in the Wisconsin lake district, rescued two companions from drowning while on an outing.

A campfire medal was awarded Miss Norton. She is expected home this week. While away the local young woman visited relatives in Minneapolis.

HUSBAND'S POISON IS TAKEN BY WIFE

Sailor Admits He Mixed Capsule for Self.

GRILLING GETS CONFESSION

Tubercular Condition Caused Despondency, Testimony.

GIRL SAID TO BE SUICIDE

Spouse Took Hand From Mouth and 10 Minutes Later Was in Con- vulsions, Prisoner Tells Police.

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—T. F. Flash, chief pharmacist's mate on the U. S. S. Pralair, this afternoon collapsed completely under the severe grilling to which he has been subjected since his arrest Tuesday evening and confessed to the chief of police that he had prepared a poison capsule which he said his wife took at 5 o'clock the morning of June 17. She died 30 minutes later.

This confession came almost at the close of the second day of severe questioning and cross-examination and was made only after everyone, excepting the chief and the detective, had been excluded from the room.

Flash Faints After Confession.

Immediately after admitting that he had prepared the poison capsule, Flash crumpled and fell to the floor in a faint. It took the police some time to bring him back to consciousness, when the questioning was resumed.

Flash said that he had prepared the capsule of poison for himself, that he had become tired of life, as he was dependent over his condition caused by tuberculosis and the continual quarrelling with his wife about the debt he said she used.

He said the capsule contained 1 1/4 grains of strychnine and 1/4 grain of atropine sulphate and that he had taken it home, told his wife what it was and that he intended to kill himself.

Wife Seen in Convulsions.

At 5 o'clock on the morning of June 17 he said he was awakened by (Continued on Page 6, Column 1.)

BUSINESS BOOMING AT LUMBER CENTERS

BIG PURCHASES AT WESTERN MILLS REPORTED.

Buyers, Anticipating Coming Lift in Freight Rates, Place Orders in Market Freely.

Lumber buyers, anticipating the coming freight-rate increase, purchased heavily the past week, and the mills in western Oregon and western Washington took on the greatest volume of new business booked since the first week in April, according to the weekly report of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

A considerable volume of the new business placed is apparently to be put in transit for speculative purposes, and if not shipped prior to August 26 may be subject to cancellation, says the bulletin. Cargo for loading lumber continue scarce, only about 20 per cent of requirements being furnished.

There is no evidence of the widely advertised "rush of cars to the west coast for lumber" which railroad men announced some time ago, says the report. Associated mills participating in the weekly statement produced 75,069,446 feet of lumber for the week ended August 7, and during the same period these mills took on 78,490,612 feet of new business and shipped 68,457,790 feet of old business.

New business for transcontinental delivery by rail totaled 1732 cars, while rail shipments totaled 1486 cars. New cargo orders amounted to 16,503,702 feet in the coastwise domestic trade and 5,974,959 feet for future export clearance. Total new cargo business was thus 22,478,661 feet.

Cargo clearances for the week amounted to 1,107,539 feet in the coastwise domestic trade and 828,757 feet for overseas, or a total of 1,936,296 feet.

Railroad freight advances effective August 26, concludes the bulletin, which increase freight charges one-third on shipments consigned east of the Rocky mountains, will greatly curtail shipments by rail until such time as the transcontinental carriers work out and file tariffs permitting west coast mills again to compete for business in eastern markets.

WOMAN RUNS FOR SENATE

Miss Anne Martin Files Petition at Reno, Nevada.

RENO, Nev., Aug. 12.—Miss Anne Martin filed today with Secretary of State Bradigan her petition of nomination for the United States senate. Immediately after filing her petition Miss Martin started on a month's campaign trip.

PREMIER OF GREECE IS SHOT IN FRANCE

STATESMAN ATTACKED BY FELLOW COUNTRYMEN.

M. Venizelos Gets Bullet in Left Shoulder and Thigh—Assailants Roughly Handled.

PARIS, Aug. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Eliphterios Constantinos Venizelos, prime minister of Greece, narrowly escaped assassination at the hands of fellow-countrymen tonight as he was entering the Lyons railway station. He was shot in the left shoulder and the right thigh. At midnight at the hospital it was said his condition was as satisfactory as possible.

The assailants were two former Greek officers, George Triakiak and Apostolos Ieraphis, both lieutenants. It had been rumored that an attempt was to be made on the life of M. Venizelos and the police were on the watch. They overpowered the assailants before they could empty their revolvers. The miscreants were badly beaten by the crowd.

GIRL, 15, KILLS SELF

Matrons From Rescue Home Seek Inmate for Victim.

ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—After telling matrons from a Portland rescue home that she would accompany them, Delta Reed, 15-year-old girl, shot and killed herself today. Matrons Ruth Sharp and Emma Lovett of Portland and Chief of Police Hatcher of Ashland went to the home of the girl's parents to persuade her to enter the Portland institution. The girl has been giving her parents trouble, it was said. She consented to go and asked permission to go to her room to change clothes. Instead she procured a heavy caliber revolver and, going behind the barn, shot herself. She was the adopted daughter of G. C. Reed of Ashland.

SUGAR HAS HEAVY DROP

New York Dealer Makes Offering at Fraction Over 17 Cents.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Heavy decreases in the sugar market, foreshadowed by movements during the last few days, took place today. One large dealer reduced his list price on the fine granulated from 21 cents to a fraction over 17 cents a pound, and raw sugar sold on a basis of 13.94 cents, 16 cents less than the high level of three months ago.

Holders of large stocks of sugar expressed the fear that they had overstayed their market. Dealers declared the weakness is due to lack of demand for refined sugar, free offering and a feeling of uneasiness.

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UNCLE SAM PLANS TO HELP POLAND

Plea for Aid Under Se- rious Consideration.

COLBY AND ENVOY CONFER

Purchase of War Materials May Be Permitted.

RECRUITS ALSO DESIRED

Enlistment of Polish Citizens Res- ident in U. S. May Be Author- ized by Government.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Moved by the reiterated pleas for aid from Poland, the war department has under serious consideration today the request of Prince Lubomirsky, Polish minister, for permission to purchase war materials from the United States.

After conferences yesterday and today between the Polish minister and Secretary Colby, the state department also took up the problem of finding means of reinvigorating the ebbing strength of the Polish state and thereby fulfilling the assurance of support contained in the American note to the Italian ambassador.

Enlistments Also Sought. Polish officials explained that in addition to the desire for war materials they were anxious to obtain authorization to permit recruiting for the Polish army in America. It was said that not only had many offers of enlistment been received by the legation from investors in the American in the United States, but that many offers had come from former American veterans.

The Polish government, it was said officially at the legation tonight, had not made a formal request for an extension to it of its unusual privilege. At the same time it was conceded that the privilege was one of which Poland would gladly avail itself if tendered by the United States.

Law Suspension Possible. While a statute forbids enlistment of armed expeditions in the United States for employment against a friendly power, some officials explained that the president could suspend operation of the law under his wartime powers.

Recruits by Poland under Uncle Paderewski before the United States entered the war, it was recalled, was agreed to by the American government, and many Poles enlisted to fight under the allied banner from the United States and trained in Canada and abroad.

In order that the United States may keep in more intimate touch with developments in Poland, Hugh Gibson, American minister to Poland, home on leave, will depart tomorrow for Warsaw. He will be accompanied by W. B. Robbins, acting chief of the division of near eastern affairs, who has been temporarily assigned a chancellor of the legation.

French Action Reported. The official communiqué announcing the intention of Poland to recognize as a de facto government that represented by General Wrangel in southern Russia, was received today. It said that a French diplomatic agent will be sent to Sebastopol with the title of high commissioner.

Administration officials consider the French step as logical in view of the succession of General Wrangel to the authority of Admiral Kolchak and the Omak government, which was recognized by both France and Great Britain.

France and U. S. Together. Without foreshadowing a similar step by the United States, officials declared that the action of France was in no way inconsistent with the policy towards Russia advocated in the American note to Italy. The American government, it was recalled, while not having recognized Kolchak at one time reiterated to place Kolchak in a position "in which he might be recognized."

Reports that France's recognition of Wrangel's government had led to decided differences between Premier Lloyd George and Millerand generally were minimized here.

CONTRACT IS CLOSED FOR TWO BIG TANKERS

12,000-TON VESSELS TO BE BUILT AT VANCOUVER.

3500 to 3600 Men Now Employed at Standifer Plant Sure of Work Well Into 1921.

A contract was closed by the G. M. Standifer Construction corporation of Vancouver, Wash., yesterday for the construction of two tank steamships of 12,000-ton capacity each for the Imperial Oil company of Toronto, Canada. The Canadian company is a subsidiary of the Standard Oil company. The contracts were closed by Guy M. Standifer, president of the shipbuilding company, and made public by R. V. Jones, general superintendent of the plant.

The Standifer plant is now in readiness to begin work on the new tankers as soon as material for their construction arrives from the east. Between 3500 and 3600 men are now employed in the big shipbuilding plant, and the contracts closed yesterday give assurance that at least this number will continue to have employment there until well into 1921.

Contracts for 12 tankers of the 12,000-ton type have now been obtained by shipbuilders of this district. Five such contracts are in the hands of the Standifer company, and the Northwest Bridge & Iron company has laid three keels on contracts for seven vessels of this size and type.

AUDIT OF BANK BEGINS

Early Report Assured on Affairs of Jacksonville Institution.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 12.—W. H. Bennett, state bank superintendent and his assistant, Marshall Hooper, arrived in Medford today and after a two hours' conference with Prosecuting Attorney Roberts, left for Jacksonville to begin the audit of the bank of Jacksonville, which was closed yesterday and whose president, W. H. Johnson, was put in jail charged with falsifying the bank's accounts.

On his return from Jacksonville this afternoon Mr. Bennett said the audit of the books had started but there would be no public statement for several days. A statement of the bank's assets and liabilities is what the public is chiefly interested in, he declared, and this statement will be made at the earliest possible moment.

Prosecuting Attorney Roberts announced the preliminary hearing of W. H. Johnson, president of the bank, will be held at Jacksonville tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

PRICE OF FLOUR RISES

Higher Wheat Market Is Respon- sible for Advance by Mills.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 12.—A higher wheat market was responsible for an advance of 40 to 75 cents in the price of flour at the principal mills today. One mill raised the price for family patents in 85 pound cotton sacks from \$13.25 to \$13.65, while another advanced its quotation from \$14 to \$14.75.

Many Investors Forewarned.

Pond's field appears to have included New England and Jersey. The line that formed daily at Pond's office appears to have been far from representative of his clients. This was made up mostly of foreigners interested largely in getting their money.

Anxious inquiries at the newspaper offices and feverish conversations indicated that the proprietors of small business, professional men and women, clerks and stenographers by the thousands had accepted the bait of "50 per cent profit in 45 days."

Agents working in offices and factories interested many, particularly among Italians. The mystery of Pond's methods as to how he accumulated his millions was what he said that in many cases the possibilities of profitably exchanging American dollars for French francs and francs for Italian lire and the latter for something else, seemed plausible enough without a clear comprehension of just how the things worked out.

No Reply Coupons Bought. Among the amazing disclosures was that the bulk of Pond's millions was gathered in after the postoffice department had begun its investigation last February.

In discussing the case tonight, Chief Postoffice Inspector H. B. Mosely said that so far as their investigations had shown, Pond had never done any business in international reply coupons. He said he had warned hundreds against Pond when inquiries began to be made.

In a statement Mr. Mosely said: "It has been my great desire that Pond should be brought to account and his scheme laid bare, and never for a moment did I believe that he was solvent, but that in the end he would be shown to be insolvent, probably by a million. Within the past few days, having felt sure we had, or would shortly have, sufficient evidence on which to arrest him, I set out to make sure he could be found when wanted. I have taken the precaution to keep him under surveillance, although the latter gave no indication he would attempt to leave this jurisdiction. However, having my previous record in view, I felt it my duty to make every possible effort to prevent his escape."

Appeal Made to Gambling Spirit. He appealed to the gambling spirit of the people. When he started out he promised 50 per cent in 90 days, but he paid in 45 days, with the result that many were ruined.

"Pond did not use the mails as openly as it often is the case. He started business in a small way, de-

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GET RICH QUICK PONZI HASN'T ANYTHING ON THE ORDINARY SPUD



AT THE BON-TON CITY GROCERY



PONZI ARRESTED ON FRAUD CHARGE

Larceny Warrant Also Is Served on Financier.

\$35,000 TOTAL BOND GIVEN

Funds Handed Estimated at \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

LIABILITIES PUT HIGH

Attorney-General Believes Debts Exceed Assets by Millions of Dollars.

BOSTON, Aug. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Some 40,000 investors entrusted a total variously estimated at \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 to Charles Ponzi in a money-making scheme which postal officials today declared impossible of fulfillment.

Ponzi surrendered to federal authorities this afternoon, explaining he could not meet his obligations because of the closing yesterday of the Hanover Trust company, where most of his funds were deposited. He was arrested, charged with having used mails to defraud, arraigned and held in bond of \$25,000 for hearing August 19. Morris Rudnick, real estate dealer, furnished the securities.

Meanwhile a warrant charging the Italian with larceny had been obtained by the state police in the municipal court and on leaving the federal building Ponzi was rearrested and held by the city court in \$10,000 bail for appearance August 19. Rudnick again went on Ponzi's bonds.

Developments Come Fast.

Developments came fast today. As Ponzi was being arraigned before United States Commissioner Hays, Edwin L. Price, auditing the books of the Securities Exchange company for the federal authorities, announced that it already had been shown Ponzi owed \$7,000,000.

Attorney-General Allen, who is conducting a separate investigation, said he believed Ponzi's liabilities would total millions. State Bank Examiner Joseph Allen, in a statement, declared that the capital of the Hanover Trust company, of which Ponzi until yesterday was a director, was seriously impaired and probably wiped out. State Treasurer Burrell attacked the bank commissioner for not having given him opportunity to withdraw state funds before the Hanover was closed.

In response to Governor Coolidge's demand that he make known how much state money had been tied up, Burrell announced the sum was \$125,000.

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