

PROBATION LOS ON AMERICAN SHIPS

Dry Law Prevails Wherever Vessels May Be.

SWEEPING RULING MADE

Ships Registered Under American Flag in Many Respects Considered as U. S. Territory.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Provisions of the national prohibition act apply to American ships whether they be in American waters, on the high seas or in foreign waters, Commissioner Williams of the internal revenue bureau announced today.

Commissioner Williams' ruling, based on an opinion by Acting Attorney General Flier, was sent all collectors of internal revenue and federal prohibition agents for their information and guidance.

The acting attorney general's opinion was submitted to the secretary of the treasury November 1 in response to a request from the secretary July 19, as to whether the national prohibition act applied to intoxicating liquors on American ships outside of American waters as well as within the three-mile limit.

Mr. Flier in reply said: "I think there can be no doubt as to the law applying to vessels in American waters under the law a vessel registered under the American flag is in many respects considered as a portion of the territory of the United States and persons on board are governed by its laws."

"It follows therefore," he declared, "that persons on board an American vessel, wherever that vessel may be, are governed by the laws of the United States. Indeed, the jurisdiction of the federal government over them is much broader than when they are within the United States. Congress may enact and the federal government may enforce criminal laws for the purpose of punishing offenders for offenses committed while on the high seas, while it would not be within the power of congress to make laws applicable to the same offenses if committed within one of the states."

He also held that the revenue act provisions imposing duties on distilled spirits held for sale on American ships applied wherever the ships may be.

INTEREST IN ROW WAXES

CITY MAY DECIDE SANITARIUM PERMIT FIGHT TODAY.

Commissioner Bigelow Says He Is Ready to Vote on Rebuilding of East Side Hospital.

Will the city council settle the controversy which has resulted over the application for a permit to rebuild the Portland hospital at East Sixtieth and Belmont streets, at its regular weekly meeting?

This was the question which interested parties asked yesterday and was caused by the fact that the matter had been before the council for six months.

Interest in the controversy was stirred anew by a prospect of bringing the question to a final issue.

Both sides to the controversy have made known their arguments and the only excuse offered for delay was the hope that a new site would be offered to the directors of the sanitarium which will be satisfactory to them.

Latest advice indicated that no such offer has been made, it was stated last night.

City Commissioner Bigelow, acting mayor, said yesterday that he would attempt to bring the question to an issue at the meeting this morning.

"I am ready to vote on the question, and in fact, was ready and eager to vote last week. It is unfair to postpone this hearing further, especially in view of the fact that the directors of the institution voluntarily closed when it was reported to them that the old structure was a fire menace."

Commissioner Bigelow contended that a survey made by the city showed that the majority of the property and home owners within 400 feet were favorable to the granting of the permit, and this, together with the fact that the Portland sanitarium was established at its present site 17 years ago, should be sufficient cause for the council to grant the application.

The opposition to the rebuilding of the sanitarium on its old site, came from property owners who said that they purchased property with the understanding that the hospital would seek a new site and feared that rebuilding of the institution would make it difficult to dispose of vacant property within the district.

FAMINE SWEEPS CHINA

MILLIONS OF NATIVES FACE DEATH BY STARVATION.

Appeal Made to Portland Chamber of Commerce for Funds to Aid Victims of Awful Tragedy.

According to a letter received yesterday by H. G. Van Duser, president of the Chamber of Commerce, from Rae D. Hinkle, managing editor of the Christian Herald, the worst famine in the history of northern China is menacing the lives of 45,000,000 persons. Conditions in Chili, Shan-tung, Honan, Shansi and Shensi, he declares, constitute "the greatest tragedy facing humanity today—and it is just beginning."

"All indications point to a growth of the suffering and an increasing loss of life," continues the letter, "at least until next summer. China is helpless in the emergency. Her only dependence is America, which, whenever she is in dire straits, China looks to for aid."

Mr. Hinkle explains that the Christian Herald has handled large funds before for stricken China, and again has been asked to do so. The appeal, he assures the Chamber of Commerce, is sanctioned by high authorities, including President Wilson.

The letter was referred to Frank Tra. White, manager of the foreign trade department of the Chamber, and he said yesterday that he will endeavor to ascertain what, if any, action should be taken here regarding the appeal. There are Portland-

LHEVINNE DISLIKES GERMANY BECAUSE WAR HURT FINGERS

Famous Russian Pianist, Practically Prisoner in Berlin, Forced to Work Garden for Food and Injures Sensitive Digits.

BY JOSEPH MACQUEEN.
BIG piano star that he is, Josef Lhevinne, who plays at tonight's concert of the Portland Symphony orchestra, at the Heilig theater, is "sore" at Germany, because conditions there while he lived, practically as a prisoner of war, hurt his piano hands severely. The skin at the tips of those wonderfully sensitive fingers of his became calloused with handling the shovel in planting a half acre with potatoes, peas, beans and other foods, and in keeping the ground clear of weeds.

"Although I was born and musically educated in the heart of Russia—Moscow—I afterward made my home, for artistic reasons, in Berlin," explained Mr. Lhevinne last night in the Benson hotel. "I appeared there and in other German and Hungarian cities in concerts, when along came the big war. As one born in Russia, I knew that I was a suspected person, and that I was well watched. I managed to find employment to play at concerts, so I got enough money at first to support myself and little family. Then came the entire blockade, that grew tighter and tighter, and there came the official call to all Germans: 'Grow food or starve!'"

"The food conditions began to be terrible—unless one belonged to the class that had plenty of money and had hoards of food stored safely and secretly away. I was not rich then, and am not rich now. I had to earn my living."

"The law made everybody that could in Germany grow food, and I had to fall in with the rest—to make acquaintance with the pick and shovel and hoe. I had to work hard over my half acre, and of course the tips of my piano fingers suffered. They became hard and non-sensitive to the response of the piano keys. But I stuck right there. Where would I go? My native land—Russia—was in the throes of war, and everywhere I looked there was war, war."

"The faces of Berlin folk grew longer and thinner, and the men drew their belts tighter. Mistery and want were our constant companions. We were glad when peace was declared. We made our way to Copenhagen, and thence to Paris, and America."

Interested in the trade field represented in the famine districts, and these, he said, may have some suggestions.

PIONEER, 82, CELEBRATES

Cyrus H. Walker Oldest White Man Born West of Rockies.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Cyrus Hamlin Walker, oldest living white man born west of the Rocky mountains, celebrated his eighty-second birthday at his home here today. He is hale and hearty. During the day he attended a reception and banquet in the armory for visiting officers of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Walker was born at the Whitman mission near Walla Walla, Wash., some later of the famous Whitman massacre. His parents were early missionaries to the Indians. In early life he served as an officer in the First Oregon Infantry and is a past president of the Oregon Pioneer's association. He has been prominent for many years in the work of the grange in this state. He is also a leader in the prohibition party and was one of the presidential electors of that party in the recent election.

EX-KAISERIN IMPROVING

Telegrams to Queen of Sweden Says Condition Still Is Serious.

DOORN, Dec. 7.—Telegrams have been sent to the queen of Sweden and other royal families informing them that Augusta Victoria, former German empress, still is in a very serious condition with frequently recurring heart attacks.

It is announced here, however, that the former empress is steadily improving. Prince Eitel Frederick arrived today and Princess Louise, now known as the Duchess of Brunswick, is expected to remain here for a long time to care for her mother.

Auto Burns on Road.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—While returning from a drive two miles south of Tillamook last night, the seven-passenger automobile of Wilbur Davis, a jitney driver, caught fire, it is reported, and was destroyed. This is the second large fire Mr. Davis has lost by fire in the last year.

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DRUGGISTS OPPOSED TO SELLING LIQUOR

Passage of Pure Drug Law Demanded at Session.

STRICT REGULATION ASKED

Meeting in Imperial Hotel Enthusiastic and Most Representative Ever Held.

Retail druggists, 150 strong, at a meeting of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical association, held in the Imperial hotel yesterday afternoon, unanimously went on record as unalterably opposed to the sale of whisky upon physicians' certificates and also demanded passage by the legislature of a pure-drug law, such as a nation famous for the high grade of its scholarship and music achievement. Lhevinne's family was a poor but good one, and he won a scholarship, rapidly securing recognition as a pianist. One year he was a fellow piano student with two other celebrated Russians—Rachmaninoff and Scriabin. In October, 1905, when Moscow was torn with revolution, and bloodshed was a common sight in the streets, Lhevinne determined to escape from his native city. He made his way, with difficulty, to the Petersburg that was, and the rest was easy.

"I still have a romantic liking for the Moscow of old," admitted Lhevinne. "You see, when I was a youth 14 years old, I was a piano student there, and one day friends of a 3-year-old girl asked our director for the name of a good piano teacher. The director said: 'Try Lhevinne.'"

"So the girl came to me and I taught her piano. Our family and the girl's family became friends. I never thought anything would come out of it, but do you know, can you guess what happened in after years? My 3-year-old piano pupil today is Mrs. Josef Lhevinne. That is what I call my Moscow romance."

"Mrs. Lhevinne is a gifted pianist, and a good medalist from Moscow. She is now with our two children, a boy 14 years old, and a girl who is 2, a New York city, of American home. No, my boy does not as yet show any music talent. He plans to become an electrical engineer."

Asked if he had had any direct letters from Russia lately, and if he had any guess as to the future of that soviet-ridden land, the pianist replied: "Any letters from over there? No. Some of my friends twit me about the near relationship of the two names of Lhevinne and Lenin. But there is nothing in common between Lenin and myself. As to Russia's future, nobody can tell. Recent arrivals in this country from Russia, if they are admirers of the Lenin-Trotsky people, laud them; and if opponents, the reverse. So, take your choice. It is difficult to tell what really is happening in Russia in December, 1920."

"We want the sale of extracts and bitters, etc., in which we necessarily must deal, to have strict regulation, too, and will ask the legislature to give us a carefully prepared, thorough-going statute, covering all of these points, which are so vital to the public welfare. In regard to prohibition of the liquor traffic, we will work hand in hand with the Anti-Saloon league."

E. A. Robinson, president of the association, presided at the meeting, which was an enthusiastic one from the start and was one of the most representative the organization has ever held.

AGIDULS TO BE RETURNED

ALLEGED OPIUM SMUGGLER WILL BE TRIED HERE.

Former Master of Barkentine Hawaiian Faces Increase of Bond for Appearance.

Captain V. L. Agidula, who entered Portland harbor in master of the barkentine Hawaiian, and who subsequently was arrested in San Francisco on the charge of having smuggled a large quantity of opium into this port, has been ordered removed to Portland for trial, under the recent action of the federal grand jury at San Francisco. His bail at the same time was increased from \$500 to \$2500.

It is charged that Captain Agidula used his vessel, as the means of transporting to Portland, in violation of the narcotics act, a shipment of opium from New South Wales. On information furnished by local federal authorities he was arrested in the California city, having resigned from command of the Hawaiian.

The vessel was libeled by the government and now is released under \$25,000 bond, pending the trial of its former captain. It is the contention of the government that the Hawaiian is forfeit, as the conveyance which brought in the smuggled shipment of opium. The ship is owned by the High Transportation company of San Francisco.

GIRLS ADOPT ARMENIANS

University Organizations to Care for Three Orphans.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Three of the 30 Armenians who will be taken care of by Eugene people have been adopted by university organizations. Two orphans have been adopted by Hendricks hall, the women's dormitory, and one by Haley cottage, a residence hall for women.

B. H. Jones of Portland, secretary of the Near East Relief association, has done considerable work in Eugene while on his trip through the state. An appeal has been made to each of the university organizations to adopt an orphan.

Centralia Relief Corps Elects.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The C. D. Spencer corps, Women's Relief corps, Saturday elected the following new officers for the coming year: Mrs. Blanch Elmendorf, president; Mrs. Serena Elmendorf, senior vice-president; Mrs. W. W. Albert,

junior vice-president; Mrs. C. A. Palmer, chaplain; Mrs. Mary Brown, guard, and Mrs. Adeline Fleming, conductor. Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. C. E. Prince and Mrs. William Brundage were elected delegates to the 1921 department convention.

UMATILLA BUYS FLOUR

Movement to Create Demand Is Making Headway.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Umatilla county citizens are

responding readily this week to the "buy a barrel of flour" campaign which was started Monday under the sponsorship of the Umatilla county farm bureau in co-operation with the

National Grain Growers' association in an effort to create a demand for flour and thus meet the critical situation existing in the wheat and flour markets of the United States. Every newspaper and commercial body in Umatilla county has been actively enlisted in the movement by a committee named by the farm bureau consisting of David H. Nelson of this city, A. R. Coppock of Athena, and B. J. Culey of Weston.

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