

### U. S. DRY EXPERIMENT PUZZLE TO ENGLAND

Even Anti-Liquor Forces Doubt That World Will Be Dry.

### SOME CONCESSIONS MADE

Peace Conference May Hearken to Plea to Save Chinese and Negroes From Exploitation.

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LONDON, Jan. 24.—(Special by wireless.)—The ambitions of the American Anti-Saloon League to create a dry world by 1929 caused a smile today even among the anti-liquor forces here, who cannot imagine Great Britain falling into line with such a policy. Even its agent here, William R. Johnston, formerly chief officer of the United States Indian Service, smiled when asked about the rosy prospect painted by Edwin C. Dinwiddie in America. "Britain is conservative," was his comment. Until the passport restrictions are relaxed and transportation facilities are greater, it will be impossible for the Anti-Saloon League to extend its claim of headquarters in European and African sections, which it intends doing. In the meanwhile its peace conference committee, composed of Bishop James Cannon, of Richmond, Va.; L. B. Musgrove, of Birmingham, Ala.; and Rev. H. E. Carr, of Nashville, Tenn., after a short stay in England, are seeking the ear of President Wilson and others in Paris to try to prevent the liquor interests from exploiting the African negroes, the Polynesian natives and the Chinese.

**Some Encouragement Given.** In this latter connection they have received much encouragement here. They also want to prevent any economic agreements made whereby foreign goods might be imported to America. Mr. Johnston, the Anti-Saloon League agent here, said to the World correspondent today: "We are doing nothing to force our opinion upon the British. I am here at their invitation, and am only trying to assist them in the suggestions by their anti-liquor forces. It will be unfortunate to have it misunderstood that we are here under any other auspices."

Mr. Johnston has been speaking in Scotland, and he said many boroughs will vote for local option by 1929. He divulged no rosy views about quick results in this country. In a letter to Ben Willitt, a labor leader, Food Controller Roberts promised today a 25 per cent increase in beer and there would have been more if Herbert Hoover had not refused a permit to export barley for brewing purposes.

**British Views Divergent.** Although many people believe that the American prohibition experiment will have some effect in this country, there is a wide divergence of opinion about it. Bernard Shaw said to the World correspondent today: "Yes, it will have a very considerable influence. We are, or should be, infinitely obliged to America for making the experiment." Arnold Bennett took exactly the opposite view, saying: "I do not think that America's prohibition experiment will have any influence on the work for social welfare in England." Father Vaughan sides with Mr. Bennett, saying: "I do not think that the going dry of America will influence the drink question in England." W. A. Appleton, secretary of the General Federation of Trade Unions, says: "Let the working man have his drink of beer, which may go to his head, but it does not destroy his liver and his good nature."

### UMATILA BACKS UP ROADS

Proposed \$10,000,000 State Bonding Measure Is Championed.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Enthusiastic and unanimous endorsement for the proposed \$10,000,000 state road bonding measure and the proposed \$1,000,000 bonding measure in this county was given this afternoon by the Umatilla County Good Roads Association, composed of principals of farmers in various sections of the county. The State Highway Commission was commended and the association will ask that the present membership be maintained. At another good roads meeting here this afternoon in executive committee to handle the proposed county campaign for \$1,500,000 road bond issue was organized, with Thomas Campbell, of Hermiston, chairman, M. R. Chesman, of Pendleton, secretary and Assessor C. P. Strain as executive secretary and campaign manager.

### SCHOOL FUNDS AVAILABLE

Church Organization Plans Aid for Worthy ex-Soldiers.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—One or more scholarships are open to University of Oregon students from the fund of the Methodist Episcopal Church organization, with headquarters in New York, which is giving reconstruction scholarships to students returning from the service who would not be able without this help to continue their university work. The executive secretary of the church's committee on reconstruction at home has written Earl Onthank, secretary to President Campbell, that the church has raised a fund for the express purpose of assisting men returning from the service and also women who have been doing Government war work.

### New Diking District Organized.

KELSO, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Diking district No. 6, including West Kelso and the lowlands north of Fowler's Lake, was organized by the Cowitz County Commissioners at their meeting yesterday. No one appeared to object to diking. At the time of the hearing almost the entire district was flooded by the Cowitz River freshet. The dike will be built along the Cowitz River from the northern limits of West Kelso to connect with the dike of district No. 4. G. J. Prosky is engineer. The project will be completed to protect against the June freshet.

### White Salmon River Rising.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The continued rains have caused a rise in the White Salmon River, flooding the power plant of the Pacific Power & Light Company at Husum and putting it temporarily out of commission. Service is being given

by their connection with the plant of the Northwestern Electric Company. The wagon bridge, near the mouth of the river and connecting Skamania and Klickitat counties, is reported to be held by a single cable and closed to all travel.

### LOYAL LEGION UNION SEEN

Movement Believed on at Marshfield to Reorganize Four-L Body.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—What is believed to be an attempt to take over the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen and reorganize them on a strictly union basis, is seen in the presence on Coos Bay of J. S. McDonald, of Portland, district organizer for the union of timberworkers, a branch of the American Federation of Labor. Mr. McDonald does not make any claims regarding the Loyal Legion, but says he is here to organize the loggers and millworkers so that they will participate in the benefits of the Federation of Labor, recently, at a public meeting of the local shipworkers' union, the status of the Loyal Legion was questioned and it was declared the organization was not affiliated with the Federation of Labor.

### CAMP LEWIS GETS TRACTOR

Several 5000-Ton Machines Reach Tacoma but Guns Not on Hand.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Several 5000-ton tractors of the regular Government type used in the motorized heavy artillery, have been received by the 33rd Field Artillery at Camp Lewis. The six-inch guns and caissons for which the tractors are to be the motive power have not arrived so far, although they were requisitioned some time ago. The tractors are of the caterpillar type and are distinctive for their size and compactness. They are not over ten feet long and are constructed in proportion to their length. They are speedy and can be handled with the ease of a touring car.

### MONARCHISTS ARE ROUTED

Important Town Captured by Republicans in Portugal.

MADRID, Jan. 25.—The Republicans have captured Monsanto, 43 miles southeast of Guarda, with a large number of monarchist prisoners, according to dispatches from Lisbon. The remainder of the monarchists are in flight, leaving their artillery behind. Among the prisoners was Ayres Ornelas, representative of ex-King Manuel, Count Monsanto, chief of the "integralists," was killed. Republican forces at Coimbra have marched northward and defeated the monarchists at Veiro.

### C. W. J. Reckers to Make Tour.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—C. W. J. Reckers, proprietor of the "Erie" resort at White Salmon has left for California, where he will spend several weeks touring the state and visiting the leading resorts.

### O. A. C. BOYS WIN SPURS

61 PER CENT OF MEN IN SERVICE GAIN PROMOTION.

32 Per Cent Get Commissions and 26 Per Cent Are Sergeants or Corporals for U. S. A.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Sixty-one per cent of the men of O. A. C. who went into the service were commissioned or non-commissioned officers. This fact has been secured from the office of H. M. Tennant, registrar. The percentages of various offices for present and past students of the college shows that 4 per cent were Captains, 11 per cent First Lieutenants, 17 per cent Second Lieutenants, 16 per cent sergeants, 10 per cent corporals. Three per cent were classified as miscellaneous and 28 per cent as privates. The branches of service attracting the men were varied, but infantry and engineering proved most popular, each claiming 22 per cent of the total number. Other branches and percentages are artillery, 13 per cent; aviation, 13 per cent; Navy, 12 per cent; hospital, 3 per cent; medical, 5 per cent; miscellaneous, 8 per cent. Six men who claim O. A. C. as their alma mater won commissions as Majors. They are Sereno Brett, Portland; John R. Brooke, Portland; Arthur Hughes, Tule Falls, Ida.; Charles A. French, Corvallis; Lester Humphreys, Portland; Fred McCabe, Portland; James McCausland, Spokane. Records to date show that 1559 O. A. C. students were in the service, 10 of the number being women. The girls engaged in various kinds of reconstruction work and some of them are now overseas. Others are working in big hospitals of this country.

### BOYS ORDERED TO WRITE

Soldiers in France Must Send Messages to Home Folks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Failure of relatives and friends at home to hear from many members of the expeditionary forces has led General Pershing to order that every man in the American Army in France mail to his nearest relative a postcard giving the present location, state of health and military unit of the writer. General March, announcing the order today, said special postcards were being supplied.

### Lewis River Valley Branch Elects.

WOODLAND, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The directors of the Lewis River Valley branch of the National Farm Loan Association met this week and A. L. Bozarth, was named president, George F. McCorkle vice-president, and Godfrey Ehnman secretary. A. L. Bozarth, Abel Steph and George McCorkle were named as the loan committee with F. E. Hamilton and W. H. Burke, Jr., as alternates. Phone your want ads to the Oregonian. Phone Main 7070, A 6095.

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