

# BIG ANTI-TOBACCO FIGHT NOW IMPENDS

Temperance Board Opposed by Tobacco League.

## FANATICISM HELD ISSUE

Dr. Clarence True Wilson Says Soldiers Left Fighting Ranks to Get Cigarettes.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 6.—The long struggle which has ended with John Harley's being limp and almost lifeless across the ropes waiting for the referee to count ten, was only the preliminary bout. This announcement comes from Dr. Clarence True Wilson of Portland, Or., who is secretary of the national temperance board of the Methodist Episcopal church with headquarters in this city.

The big match is about to follow. My Lady Nicotine is now due for a terrific drubbing, according to the same authority. And as evidence that this big bout is not a fake, the National Tobacco League of America has been organized by tobacco users, and headquarters have been opened here about a mile and a half from the main offices of Dr. Wilson's national temperance board.

Just as both sides quoted the Bible in the earlier stages of the prohibition struggle, the blessings of heaven are being invoked by the leaders of opposing forces in the new fight. Friends of Lady Nicotine were stirred to their first activity when Dr. Wilson, speaking before a convention of the Church of the Disciples of Christ at Cincinnati October 18, said: "The board of temperance will set forth appalling facts from the battle front on this matter, how young men trained at great expense by the government had to be led out of the fighting ranks to have cigarettes stuffed into their mouths before they could stand and hold a gun, the attempt to call this shaking 'shell shock' is amusing to everyone who knows."

**Cruel Label Charged.**  
To which the Defender, the organ of the newly-organized National Tobacco League of America, replied: "This is 'as cruel a label as ever traduced the honor and courage of an American soldier. Analyze Dr. Wilson's statement carefully and the true meaning of his accusation is inescapable. He deliberately pictures the American boy as a slacker, faking shell shock in order to leave the firing line for a smoke."

The Defender further quotes from an Associated Press dispatch from Cincinnati this language attributed to Dr. Wilson, "The White House band sold out to the tobacco trust." Dr. Wilson was referring to the distribution of cigarettes among the American forces. Commenting on this remark the tobacco league organ says it amounts to charging President Wilson and his cabinet with corruption.

In an open letter to Bishop W. F. McDowell, chairman of the board of temperance in the Methodist Episcopal church, several prominent men who are members of the new National Tobacco League of America, as well as leading churchmen, call attention to Dr. Wilson's statement in this fashion:

**Quarrel With Fanaticism.**  
"The men who formed the National Tobacco League are God-fearing and God-respecting people. They believe in the church as they believe in the Savior. Their quarrel is never with the church, but it is with those members of it who prefer fanaticism to the Christianity that respects the truth as Jesus taught it."

Dr. Clarence True Wilson's statement was the first positive declaration uttered by the representative of any religious body committing it as an organization to an anti-tobacco campaign. Since that time the W. C. T. U. has announced a war against tobacco, the president of the organization having revealed that a fund of \$1,000,000 is being raised to fight tobacco. More recent information as to the movement comes in a New York dispatch, which says:

"The Presbyterian church with 2,250,000 communicants has joined actively in the anti-tobacco crusade." This announcement is credited to the Rev. Dr. Charles Scallion, general secretary of the board of temperance and moral welfare of the Presbyterian church, addressed to the editor of the Tobacco World."

### John A. Padden Visits Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special)—John A. Padden, formerly of this city, but for the past few years in government service in Washington and Seattle, arrived here today from Seattle. Mr. Padden will deliver the eulogy at the Elks' memorial services, to be held in the First Presbyterian church at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Padden was for several years proprietor of Hotel St. Elmo in Vancouver.

Ladies see M. Sieber's ad, page 5.—Adv.

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Gross Mismanagement of Wire Systems of Country Charged by Head of House Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Chairman Steierson of the house postoffice committee issued a statement today attacking Postmaster-General Burelson's annual report on the postal service. He declared the surplus earnings of \$25,000,000 reported for the last seven years was from reduced compensation paid the railroads for hauling the mails and that it seemed "quite probable" that the interstate commerce commission "would completely wipe out the supposed surplus" by deciding that the roads were entitled to increased compensation.

"Mr. Burelson's management of the telephone and telegraph has entailed a loss of more than \$4,000,000," said Mr. Steierson, "and \$9,000,000 of this has been awarded by him, under compensation contracts, to the Western Union Telegraph and the American Telephone & Telegraph company."

"Mr. Carleton, president of the Western Union, and Mr. Bethel, its manager, and Mr. Vall and Mr. Kingsbury of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, were called in by Mr. Burelson to help him manage this business. While they did not actually have charge of the compensation contracts, they seem to have dominated the whole postoffice department in their own interest. They not only got \$9,000,000 out of the taxpayers of the country, but \$1,000,000 in increased rates was authorized by Mr. Burelson to be charged against the public."

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advice discriminated against the only competing company by taking away from it more than half its earnings and awarding them to its competitor."

### Tenino Treasurer Re-elected.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special)—Grace K. Gibson was re-elected treasurer at Tuesday's municipal election in Tenino. C. W. Cook, James McArthur, George H. Jones and Al Howard were elected to the council. A light vote was cast. Thomas Neely, Willis Bell and John Vesper were elected members of the Oakville council Tuesday.

### P. U. Value \$120,000,000.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special)—Valuations placed on public utility properties of the state this year for assessment purposes in \$120,000,000, according to announcement made by

Frank Lovell, state tax commissioner. The total valuation of all taxable property in the state will aggregate \$390,000,000, or about \$3,000,000 in excess of last year.

### Moonshiner Fined and Jailed.

Eight months in the Multnomah county jail and \$500 fine was the penalty imposed upon E. E. George, moonshiner, by Federal Judge Wainwright yesterday. George was found guilty by a federal jury of conducting moonshine operations in Grant county. Guy Lockhart, who was tried jointly with him, was acquitted.

### Ashland to Honor Dead.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special)—The annual memorial services of Ashland lodge 944, B. P. O. Elks, will be held tomorrow at the Elks' club here. A suitable programme will accompany the ceremonies staged by the

lodge. Professor I. E. Vining will deliver the memorial address.

## RED CROSS HAS BALANCE

Ashland Chapter Reviews Work and Elects Officers for Year.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special)—At the annual meeting of the Ashland branch of the American Red Cross, a financial report showed \$404.04 to have been received during the past year. A salvage department in responsible for nearly \$1000 of this amount. The expenditures totaled \$398.13. A canteen service established at the station for the benefit of transient soldiers was one of the chief enterprises of the organization. Directors for the coming year are: Mesdames P. S. Engle, Maude Maxey, J. Edward Thornton, S. B. McNair, Frank Dickey, J. M. Wagner, A. H. Pracht, Wal-

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