

COUNCIL WILL NOT PUT HEAVY LICENSE ON NEAR-BEER SALE

Commissioner Bigelow Says Statement That \$250 Per Year Exacted Is Absurd.

SMALL FEE MAY BE ASKED

Later It May Be Necessary to Require Small Amount of Tax for the Purpose of Regulation.

Despite rumors to the contrary, the city commissioners have no plan to require dealers in near-beer and similar temperance drinks to pay a heavy annual license fee.

It was reported that the city officials proposed to require all dealers in the new drinks to pay a license of \$250 a year, but according to C. A. Bigelow, commissioner of finance, and head of the license bureau, no such plan is contemplated.

"The statement made that we are to require a license fee of \$250 a year is absurd," he said. "It may be necessary some time in the future to require a small license fee to regulate the places, but only time will tell what will be necessary. I would never think, however, of proposing a license of \$250 or any such amount. It is by far excessive. We might just as well license all ice cream parlors and other places where soft drinks are sold."

CITY "FATHERS" SMILE NOW

They Bought Gasoline When Prices Were Comparatively Low.

With the price of gasoline steadily advancing city officials are smiling broadly for they purchased 50,000 gallons of the buzz-wagon food when the price of gasoline was low.

The city, under its 50,000 gallon contract, is paying only 8 1/2 cents a gallon, while the market price is soaring at 18 1/2 cents a gallon. The contract is in effect for a year. According to Purchasing Agent Wood, the city will save nearly \$5000 for having purchased under contract at the lowest price recorded in years.

CITY'S OFFER IS \$100,000

St. Johns Waterworks & Lighting Co. Gets Offer.

The city has offered the St. Johns Waterworks & Lighting company \$100,000 for its water plant and system in St. Johns. The water company officials will have until next Wednesday to accept or reject the offer. The company asked \$120,000, but the city council thought this excessive.

License Reduction Asked.

Vegetable peddlers, members of the Mutual Aid Union of Fruit and Vegetable Peddlers, are asking the city council to reduce their license fee from \$15 to \$5 a quarter. They say the public markets and other conditions have injured their business.

Prohibition Starts Buttermilk Demand

Oakland Factory Is Rushing Work on Pasteurizers and Butter Making Machinery for Oregon and Washington.

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—(I. N. S.)—When the people of Oregon and Washington voted for prohibition they voted thousands of dollars into the city of Oakland. As a result of the heavy demand for buttermilk, as a substitute for the prohibited beer in the northwest, an Oakland factory is rushing work on pasteurizers and butter making machinery for Oregon and Washington.

"The people of our part of the country are going to drink buttermilk for want of beer," declared F. D. Courtney, manager of a Seattle creamery, who arrived in Oakland today and will return tomorrow with an installing engineer for the machinery he has ordered.

"The demand has already been felt. It became evident the day prohibition took effect. We intend to meet the demand."



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WAR SUMMARY BY J. W. T. MASON

Former European Manager of the United Press.

New York, Jan. 6.—England's conscription bill cannot be regarded as a result of the failure of the volunteer system, and it is a serious mistake to interpret it as a criticism of the reluctance of a democracy to offer itself freely for service on the battlefield.

Nearly 6,000,000 English subjects have volunteered since the beginning of the war, while the other belligerents have used conscription from the outset.

Moreover, Britain's response compares fully with the conscript armies. The conscripted service bill will add comparatively few to the ranks, and the maximum estimate of 500,000 obtainable thus may dwindle to 225,000. The main purpose of the measure is not to increase the armies decisively, but to enable Premier Asquith to keep his pledge to married men that if they would come forward voluntarily they would not be drafted into actual service until all the single men had been exhausted.

Conscription in reality has not proven essential as a military measure in Great Britain, and whatever danger of defeat there is for the bill lies in that very fact.

STORIES OF PERSIA'S SURVIVORS GIVE NO NEW FACTS ON LOSS

Two Americans Believed Lost and There May Have Been Others Aboard.

Washington, Jan. 6.—(U. P.)—A dispatch today from American Consul Garrels at Alexandria indicated that the government now has all the information on the sinking of the liner Persia that it is likely to obtain, except from Vienna or Berlin. His message said that survivors' affidavits throw no more light on the situation.

Rev. Homer Salisbury of the District of Columbia, who boarded the liner Persia at Marseilles for India, is believed to have been lost. The American embassy at London wired today.

Penfield Makes Inquiry.

Washington, Jan. 6.—(I. N. S.)—American Ambassador Penfield advised the state department today that he had asked the Austrian foreign office concerning the nationality of the submarine responsible for the destruction of the Persia. He failed to indicate, however, just when he expected a reply from Foreign Minister Burian.

None Saw Submarine.

Washington, Jan. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Cabling from Alexandria, Egypt, today, American Consul Garrels notified the state department that he was collecting affidavits of survivors of the Peninsular & Oriental liner Persia, the victim of a submarine. None of the survivors on the vessel in Alexandria admit seeing the submarine responsible for the Persia's destruction.

Other Americans Aboard.

London, Jan. 6.—(U. P.)—Americans other than Consul McNelly may have perished with the ill-fated liner Persia. Cabled reports of an interview with Lord Montagu, one of the survivors landed at Malta, quoted him as saying there were several Americans aboard—"very nice fellows," they seemed.

What became of them he did not know, though the reports said positively that McNelly perished.

Montagu told of being sucked into the maelstrom the ship caused as she went, of drifting for some hours while human beings bobbed up beside him and while many died, unable to continue longer their struggles in the ocean. He was picked up with others by the liner Nisus.

Robert Mantell in An Emotional Role

Role of Jealous-Crazed Person Portrayed in Film Play, Opening at the Majestic Theatre Today.

Robert Mantell, "Green-Eyed Monster," opening at the Majestic today, portrays the ends to which a jealous-crazed person can go. His evasives cause him to kill the brother who has won the love of Claire (Miss Genevieve Hammer). Previous to the brother's coming, Raymond reveals in his infatuation for Claire, though she does not know it, that he is the brother's enemy. To add to Raymond's hate, the brother proves untrue to his wife. After two foreign voyages, Raymond returns from India with a beautiful chest. His brother's "affair" develops before Raymond's eyes, and one day Raymond kills the brother and hides his body in the chest. The chest cannot be opened but by a secret spring known only to Raymond.

One day Claire accuses Raymond of disposing of her husband, and in an insane fury Raymond shows the inside of the chest to Claire. She drops dead. After a few years Raymond takes Claire's child, Paul, to the side of the chest, and, as he opens it, Raymond dies.

"Excuse Me" is a comedy featuring Miss Vivian Blackburne.

Sidewalks Must Be Cleared of All Snow

Unless property owners get busy and clear the sidewalks from the snow in front of their property they are to be arrested.

Notices are being given to the property owners today to remove the snow, and unless the orders are complied with, arrests will follow. Many complaints have been made of the slippery condition of the walks, especially in the residential section; but so far property owners have done little to better conditions.

Riddell's Trial on January 12.

H. H. Riddell, a Portland attorney who is secretary of the Oregon Inland Development company, will be placed on trial in the federal court January 12 on a charge of using the mails to defraud in the sale of lands in central and eastern Oregon. Riddell claims that he was only nominally secretary of the company and that his connection with it was wholly clerical.

FEDERAL WITNESS IN TIMBER ACTION FINDS EVIDENCE OF FRAUD

Defendant Said to Have Induced Employees to Make Entries for Company.

Months of investigation by the United States land office preceded filing of the government's suit against the Oregon Lumber company which is now on trial before R. S. Bean, judge of the United States district court.

That the operations of the company were found to be fraudulent in inducing employees and others to make timber land entries which subsequently were turned over to the company, was testified today by Special Agent Harry E. Laughlin to have been the result of inquiries begun in 1909.

Laughlin said he had been detailed to the case soon after his assignment to the Portland office and proceeded to look up the records at the La Grande land office. The investigation was begun, he said, at the instance of William Mortenson of Baker, who sent to John McLaughlin, then United States attorney, a letter giving names of entrymen who had turned over their holdings to the lumber company.

McLaughlin then described the procedure in ferreting out the alleged fraud in acquisition of the timber lands in dispute, but was excused by the court that he might produce copies of letters and other data bearing on the start of the investigation.

Other witnesses who testified today were F. C. Bramwell, recorder of the land office at La Grande at the time of the entries of 1899, and W. C. Calder of Baker, a timber land operator, who testified as to the approximate value of stumps during the years covered by the investigation.

STOCK JUGGLING CHARGED

Insurance Companies Are Involved in Suit Filed.

Charges of fraudulent stock manipulation, of juggling of assets and of "packed" directors' meetings are contained in a suit filed to bring about the unscrambling of the American Life & Accident Insurance company, the First National Life Assurance society, the Union Pacific Life Insurance company and the Coast Life Insurance society.

The action is brought by N. Wheelton, R. L. Young, L. R. Bain and W. M. Marks as directors of the American Life & Accident company, and N. O. Rountree, receiver for the American company, Morton Gregory, A. E. Braddon, S. A. Madge and A. McGill, directors of the First National society.

Damage Suit on Trial.

Hearing of the suit of Joseph Sir-

rectors of the First National society are named as the defendants.

Division of a "melon" of \$49,000, between Gregory, Braddon, Madge and McGill as a result of the merger of the American and the First National and the reorganization of the latter into the Coast Life Insurance society and later into the Union Pacific Life Insurance company is charged in the complaint.

Stock manipulation is alleged to have taken place before June, 1914.

DAMAGES OF \$10,000 CLAIMED

Henry Wilson and Others Sue Columbia Contract Co.

A libel for \$10,000, the cost of repairing the steamship Columbia following her collision with the steam tug Daniel Kern in the Columbia river near Tongue Point, October 23, 1915, was filed in federal court yesterday against the Columbia Contract company, which owns the Daniel Kern. The libellants are Henry Wilson and 41 others, owners of the Columbia.

Responsibility for the accident is placed on the tug, which was going down the river with two barges in tow. The Columbia was coming up under charter to W. J. Grace & Co., to load for South America. The vessels collided in a fog.

STATE'S RIGHT QUESTIONED

Appointment of Counsel in State Bank Cases Issue.

Authority of the state banking department to appoint counsel to try cases instituted by the state against a bank is questioned by G. L. MacGibbon, cashier of the defunct American Bank & Trust company. Mr. MacGibbon has brought suit in the circuit court asking for the dismissal of I. H. Van Winkle, Sidney J. Graham and C. M. Idelman as attorneys in the suit against the stockholders of the defunct bank. Mr. MacGibbon's action is in reply to a petition filed several weeks ago by S. G. Sargent, state bank examiner, in which Mr. Sargent asks the approval on the employment of attorneys for the state and of their payment on contingent fee of one-third of judgments collected by them.

Cutter to Dynamite Thessaloniki Wreck

Greek Steamer Patria Expected to Arrive With Lined's Passengers in New York Tonight; Crew Safe, Too.

New York, Jan. 6.—(U. P.)—The Greek steamer Patria, with the 393 passengers from the crippled liner Thessaloniki, is due here tonight, and the Patria is due tomorrow with her crew of 90.

The coast guard cutter Seneca is seeking to destroy the Thessaloniki, as with her sea cocks open she may be a floating menace in the path of transoceanic vessels.

Boston Papers Get More Bom Letters

Boston, Mass., Jan. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Letters written in the same handwriting and signed with the same initials, "X Y Z," as the ones found in the state house at the time of the bomb scare here, today were received by two newspapers.

This time the letters threatened to blow up the customs house and enough credence has been given them to cause the federal authorities here to greatly increase the customs guards.

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