

PROHIBITION MAY HAVE HAD EFFECT ON TREATY DELAY

Rumor Has It That Dry Senators May Have Postponed Action in Fear of Dry Ban Being Lifted.

By David Lawrence

Washington, Jan. 15.—Did the fact that President Wilson might lift the ban on the wine and beer industry before January 16, when the constitutional amendment on prohibition goes into effect, have anything to do with delay of the ratification of the peace treaty? This question is now being asked here, in view of the sudden effort and unquestionably vitalized backing now being given to the move for a compromise on the peace treaty.

It may be a mere coincidence that William Jennings Bryan did not make a move for compromise when the treaty failed to get a two-thirds vote last November and the talk of reaching an agreement was in the air, and it may be mere coincidence that nothing was done when congress reconvened in December, but it is a fact that not a single one of the noted "dry" leaders of the senate has been especially conspicuous in the overtures for compromise which have been going on for the last few months until the last two weeks, when it became apparent that ratification included in the treaty could not possibly be agreed upon before January 16.

"Dry" senators on both the Republican and Democratic sides say it is absurd to connect the delay in the peace treaty with any thought on their part of a continuously dry nation in the interim before January 16. Some of them have told me they never have even heard the "wet" and "dry" fight mentioned in treaty conferences. But certain "wet" senators are sublimely confident that there could have been a compromise in the peace treaty ratification earlier if it had not been for the fear that the president would immediately lift the prohibition ban. They go so far as to charge that the powerful interests which have held a club over "dry" senators have been quietly at work against compromise efforts because of its effect on prohibition.

It is something very difficult to prove and it is interesting merely because the belief is entertained by "wet" senators who are themselves interested in the early ratification of the treaty. Of course, conversely, one might argue that senators who were working for a compromise were trying hard to get a "wet" spell for the country before the nation became dry on January 16. But the elements of coincidence in the situation are worthy of note.

DRYS LACKED COMPROMISE

So far as the record goes, the votes cast on the night the treaty failed of a two-thirds vote in the last session show "wets" and "drys" on both sides. Senator Owen, Democrat, for instance, who is a "dry," believed so strongly in compromise that he even voted for the Lodge reservations. On the other hand, in the Republican ranks, not a "dry" vote was cast for compromise, except that of Senator McCumber. It is in connection with the lack of activity behind the scenes—not the voting last November—that the charge is made that the "drys" on both the Democratic and Republican sides might have shown themselves as interested in compromise six weeks ago as they are today. Senators Hitchcock and Underwood, who have been prime movers in the compromise business, are "wets," and it is pointed out that Senator Kendrick, Democrat, of Wyoming, who is a dry, has suddenly become active in the last fortnight, supposedly on behalf of William Jennings Bryan, in endeavoring to bring about a compromise.

Perhaps one of the most significant utterances which has been seized upon by the "wets" as a basis for their theory is the emphasis placed by Mr. Bryan, champion of prohibition, on the liquor question in his Jackson day speech, followed by his message of a few days ago urging compromise and ratification by January 16, which is the date the prohibition amendment goes into effect.

BRYAN GIVES GAME AWAY

It is true that the first meeting of the council of the league occurs on January 16, but the United States could not, of course, attend that meeting, even if the senate acted, because the actual process of exchanging ratification would take at least two or three weeks. Therefore, it has been contended

by "wets" that Mr. Bryan plainly gave the game away when he set January 16 as the date for the putting into effect of a compromise on the treaty. Why, they ask, was he silent between November 27 and January 8?

It will always be difficult to say what were the forces delaying the ratification of peace by the United States. The procrastination has been variously attributed to party politics, to alien elements in our population and to the prohibition controversy. This much is true: President Wilson would have lifted the wartime prohibition ban the moment the treaty had been ratified. "Wets" and "drys" have known that for some time. Whether prohibition influences had anything to do with the delay is something on which individual senators and the public generally can draw their own conclusions, but with constitutional prohibition effective on Friday of this week, there no longer remains any "wet" and "dry" reasons for delay in compromise. By a process of elimination, delay can hereafter be attributed purely to politics or the influences of alien elements in the body politic.

Wholesale Smuggling Charge Admitted by 6 in Transport Crew

San Francisco, Jan. 15.—(U. S. N. S.)—Six officers and members of the crew of the army transport Logan confessed to smuggling thousands of dollars' worth of Oriental products into the United States. Silk, pearls and other articles from the Orient were alleged to have been brought in by the men, it was said.

Passengers were prevailed upon to carry goods ashore, it was said. Mrs. D. C. Palston, wife of an army officer stationed at Manila, asserted she was one of those who unwittingly aided the smugglers.

No arrests will be made until the investigations of the matter is complete, said Mr. B. Accomplish of the six men who are said to have confessed are being sought.

JURORS MEAN \$22 BUT ALLOW \$1700

Day After Trial They Swear Out Affidavit W. I. Ebbert Gets More Than Intended.

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Ebbert was sued by S. Metz & Sons, horse dealers, for \$1800 and interest on a note. Ebbert, in cross complaints, asked damages and commissions totaling \$3900. The jury, after two days spent hearing evidence and arguments, was given the case and returned the verdict for the defendant. Now they contend that they meant for the plaintiffs to recover the amount of the note and interest, totaling almost \$1700. They gave the defendant his \$1700 and court costs on his first two cross complaints. The amended verdict would mean a balance in Ebbert's favor of \$22. The case is without precedent here.

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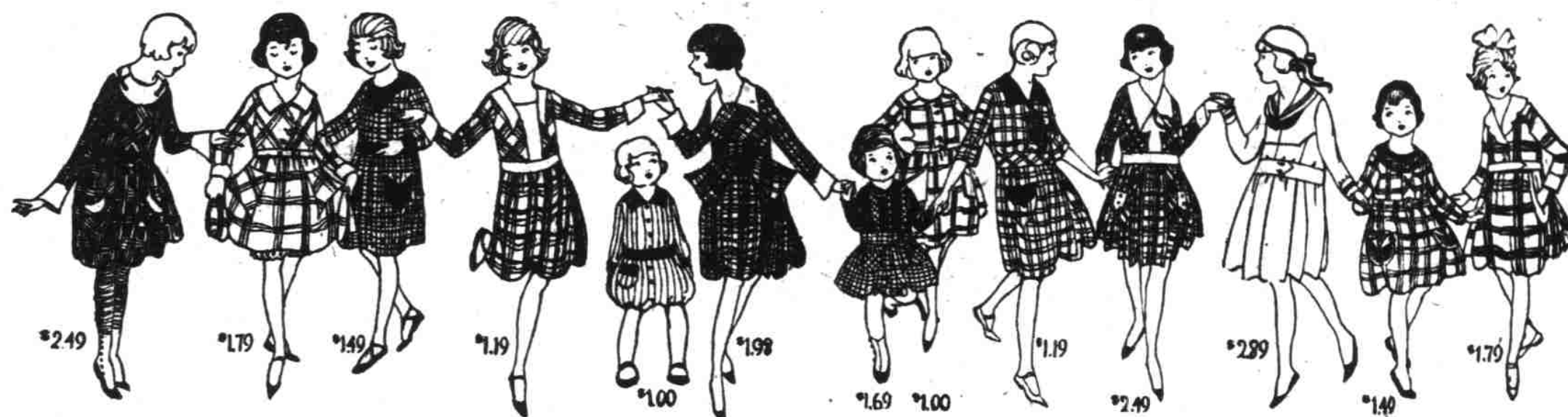
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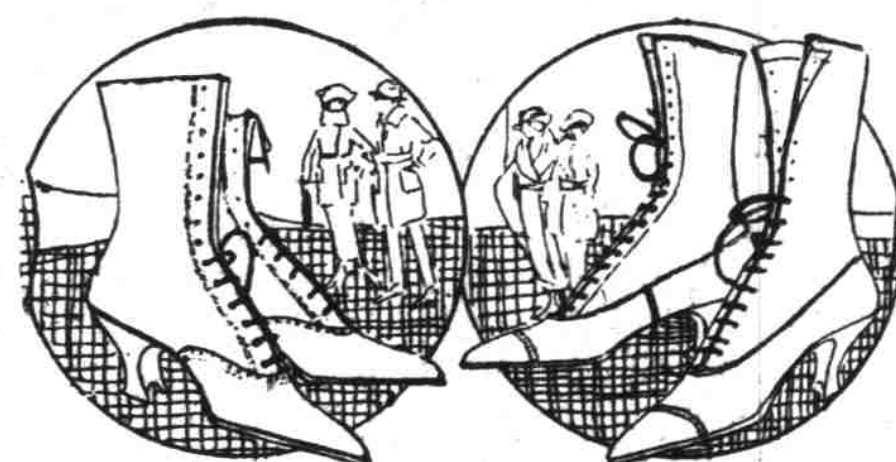
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