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### RATIFICATION STILL NEEDS SINGLE VOTE

Legislatures of 35 States Go on Record as Favoring Prohibition Amendment to Constitution

### INTEREST NOW CENTERS ON CALIFORNIA ACTION

### Officials Think Country Will Become Permanently Dry in July

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 .- Legislatures of 35 states one less than the required three-fourths-have ratified the prohibition constitutional amendment. Several state assemblies now in session are expected to take action tomorrow with a probable, race between Nebraska, Missouri and Minnesota as to which will be the thirty-sixth one in the list. Ratification was completed today by the legislatures of five states -lowa, Colorado, Oregon, New Hampshire and Utah-making a total of 12 in two days. Of the 35 states that have taken action, only fourteen have certified their action to the federal state department. They are Virginia, Kentucky, North Dakota, South Caroline, Maryland, Scuth Dakota, Texas, Montana, Delaware, Massachusetts, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana and Michigan.

Effective in Year, The amendment, under its provisions, become effective one year from the date of its final ratification. Additional legislation by congress is necessary to make it operative and ground work for this already has been laid. This legislation will proscribe penalties for violation of

. If ratification is completed this month, many officials here believe the country will become permanently "dry" next July 1, the date on which the special war time prohibition recently enacted by congress goes into effect. This law prevents cants for beverage purposes and remains in force until the demobolization of the nation's war armies is

Courts May Act. Court action to prevent the amendment becoming operative already had been started in California where an order temporarily restraining Governor Stephens from signing ratification of the amendment has been obtained. It has been intimated that similar action may be taken in other states in which, it is said, state laws require that federal constitutional amendments must be submit ted to a referendum. The prohibition amendment resolution passed by congress provides that ratification shall be by "the legislatures of the several states as provided by the constitution.

The resolution follows: "Resolved By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, ( Two-thirds of each House concurring therein), that the following amendment to the consti tution be, and hereby is,

Proposed to the states to become valid as a part of the constitution when ratified by the legislatures of the several states as provided by the constitution:

Language Is Plain. "Section one: After one year from the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors within. the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof, from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage

is hereby prohibited. "Section two: The congress and the several states shall have concurrent powers to enforce this article by

appropriate legislation. Section three: This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the constitution by the legislature of the several states, as provided in the constitution within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the states by congress."

This resolution was passed by the senate, 65 to 20 on August 19, 1317 and by the House 282 to 128 on Deember 17, 1917. Mississippi was the first state to ratify the amendment, its legislature acting on January 8, 1918,

### STEPHENS HAMPERED

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 15 .-No action had been taken by Governor William D. Stephens in certifying to the secretary of state at Washington passage by the California legislature of the senate concurrent resolution ratifying the congressional resolution proposing a national prohibition amendment to the constitution, it was appounced tonight at the governor's office,

Regardless of whether Governor Stephens gives formal notice of the

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### Swarms of Wild Bees Novel Defense Used Against Allied Army SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15—

by German troops when they sought tot prevent the landing of British troops at Tanga, German east Africa, making possible the effective use of machine guns according to R. M. Eward, superintendent of the British East African police, who arrived here today enroute to London.

The German troops, Eward said, instructed natives to collect millions of wild bees in wooden hives. These hives were kept in readiness and when the British troops landed the bees were released.

"The angry insects swarmed about the men and horses,' Eward said, "and while the men were fighting them off, many of them suffering intensely from scores of stings, the Germans turned loose with machine guns inflicting severe

# FOR SQUADRON

Part of Pacific Fleet to Work from Willamette River Port

### SUB CHASERS COMING

### Steamer Beaver Is to Be Retained for Mother Ship

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 15 .- Rear amendment and determine how and Admiral Fullam today announced by what agencies the law shall be that 19 submarine chasers, vanguard mobilized in the Pacific in the comchasers have seen service in the Azores, off the uban coast and along the Atlantic seaboard. They will be the manufacture and sale of intoxi- divided among the naval districts of the Pacific coast as follows: three to the fifteenth district with opera ting base at Balboa naval zone; six to be the twelfth with operating bases at San Francisco and San Die go; ten to the thirteenth, with bases at Seattle and Portland.

It is expected here that a squadron of battleships will be sent to the Pacific from the Atlantic within two months and that they will include the Missouri, Illinois, owa, Keafsarge, and Kentucky none of which is being utilized in transporting troops from France, according to word received by Admiral Fullam.

It is announced that the Beaver formerly of Portland and San Francisco steamship company Fill be retained as mother ship of the eleven submarines now operating or this

# TO BE TAKEN

#### Army Program Will Be Explained Before House Military Committee

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 .- The army's reorganization program will be Baker and General March. The bill submitted to Chairman Dent by the war department provides for temporary organization of the regular army at a strength of approximately 500,-000 men to replace present war ar mies, and for legalization of the general staff and war department organzation built up during the war under emergency authority. It does not propose any military policy nor deal with the question of the national guard, as department officials hold a permanent military policy cannot be dealt with intelligently.

Reorganization of the army as proposed new provides for the legalization of all new military services created during the war; for distribution of officers in grade in the reguar service which will make way for to be used in giving each returning that manner to convert him to their appontment of a large number of re-soldier or sailor, who can show portserve or national guard officers to tively that he is in need, \$25 to tide permanent commissions; for the him over the emergency, and an apnumber of divisions, regiments or propriation of \$100,000 to provide other units which can be maintained for trareportation of soldiers and Light & Power company, E. J. Stack and strength of each unit in officers sailors home to the point of enlistand then; for the pay schedules of ment, the federal government setthe army throughout and other nec- ting the men down now at the point Vinton, Jones, and members of the essary detailed authority. The new of induction, which may be many joint committee and Governor Withyarmy will be raised by voluntary en- miles from their home.

lines after a delegation from Port- Kerr and the chairmen of the re-Joe Adorph returned from San land, headed by Mayor Baker, had spective judiciary committees, were Francisco yesterday after a three told the governor, President Vinton selected as a committee last night to of influenza at the end of the Kania the house and members of the joint ted to the joint ways and means com- thus far has not been affected.

from an attack of influenza.

# SWEEP OVER **MANY TOWNS**

Riga Completely in Hands of Russian Red Army---Bolsheviki Forces Advance from Dvinsk

### PEASANT UPRISING IN INTERIOR THREATENING

### Rebels Object to Excessive Taxes---Committee Members Killed

(By The Associated Press) . BERLIN, Monday, Jan. 13.- Riga Mitau dispatch to the Vossiche Zeited from Dvinsk and occupied the sta- lastly the feeder roads. tion at Neugut, 31 miles from Mitau. Mitau is overflowing with ref-1 ugees, German soldiers, the last perthat the Russians and Letts are murdering and plundering.

Bolshevist Papers Seized, STOCKHOLM, Jan. 15.—A violent

peasant rising in the interior of Russig against the imposition of excessive taxes by the Bolsheviki and against the committees for fighting poverty which exercise a tyrannical dictatorship in the villages, is reported in a Petrograd dispatch. The peasants in the Tula government mercilessly killed members of such com-

Solshevist Papers Seized.

oungest son of Dr. Liebknecht head of the Spartacans, who were arrested when Liebknecht's house was surrounded by soldiers and searched yesterday have been liberated Many incriminating Bolsheviki doc uments were seized. Liebknecht's eldest son is ill in the hands of the Among others arrested was Fraulein Jakob, socialists Spartacan union. Still nothing is known of the whereabouts of Dr. Liebknecht, former chief of police lechhorn, or Rosa

### Modifications in Bone Dry Bill Are Now Sought

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 15 .-With the avowed purpose of securing modifications in the British Columbia prohibition act the people': 'moderation party' announced its formation here today through Aitken Tweedale, acting secretary. Mr. Tweedale said that the party's membership included many influential men and wouren, merchants and fi-

Believing that the present prohibition act and manner of its enforcement were "detrimental to the best !"

tion of \$400,000 or \$500,000 for re-

turning soldiers and sailors passes

the conference in the governor's of-

the balance of the week until the

Provision will be made in the bill-

Decision was reached along these

if present plans do not go awry, for

### Crews of German Mine Sweepers Even Demand More Pay for Service

BERLIN, Monday, Jon. 13-Crews of the German minesweepers, according to the Cologne Volks Zeitung are refusing to serve unless they receive increased pay and a new schedule calling for sums as high as 100 marks daily, exclusive of the insurance guarantee. The increase would amount to 400,000,000 marks.

Mine sweeping in the Baltic and North sea has ceased and the fishing industry has been suspended.

### **ROAD PROGRAM** IS OUTLINED

### Senator Lachmund Delivers Effective Blows at Paying Trust

The senate roads and highways meeting at a session last night voted tentatively to draft a bill providis now completely in the hands of ing for a \$10,000,000 bonding enact the Russian red army, according to a ment for the next two years. The measure will contain a clause requir. ung. Bolsheviki forces have advanc- first, of secondary roads next and ing the construction of trunk roads

Two other provisions to go into the bill upon motion of Senator Louis Lachmund of Marion county are effective body blows at the pavsons leaving Riga, report that the ing trust. One prohibits the use of city is burning in several places and patented pavement and requires nonpatented material exclusively, or pavement on which no royalty paid. The other requires the state highway commission to prepare all plans and specifications and all bidders to be confined to those specifications. This is designed to prein their patent product surreptitious-

> The committee agreed upon two other tentative bills. One doubles the motor vehicle tax and the other and Japanese, voting together, pre-places a tax of 1 cent a gallon on vailed. gasoline and distillate.

Senator Smith of Coos and Curry counties along opposed the \$10.000,-000 bill, holding out for a p of (only \$6,000,000.

### Thousands of Alaskans Vaccinated for Influenza

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 15. About 2000 residents of the Alaska coast section between Juneau and Kodiak were vaccinated with antiinfluenza serum by a party of doctors and nurses sent north from here by the federal government to aid in combatting the influenza, according to Dr. Emil Krulish, head of the expedition who has returned.

Serum for 3000 additional vaccine ations was left in the north by the

### ART COLLECTOR DIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 .- Henry Duveen, widely known art dealer, who aided in bringing together some of the best collections in the United States, died at his home here today in his 65th year. Among the collections with which he was connected were those of the late J. P. Morgan and John D. Rockefeller.

### CASES OF "FLU" INCREASE

interests" of the province he said increase in the number of deaths meeting. The ceremony will be prethe party had determined to request from influenza and in new cases was the government to allow the sale of announced tonight by the board of and Mrs. Wilson and the members of ight wines and beer and the sale of health. Fifty deaths were reported liquor, Opposition to the "treating and 510 new cases. Yesterday's to- ident of the chamber. The date ha tal were 469 cases and 44 deaths.

FOR INTRODUCTION AT SESSION

Unless a bill which will be framed ways and means committee, of the mittee. The committee, according to

scores and hundreds of soldiers and ably.

this morning carrying an appropria- leplorable conditions surrounding presnt plans will report it in favor-

more of them continue to flock in

Mayor Baker sounded a warning

as to Bolshevism and the I. W. W.

couraged soldier out of a job, give

James B. Kerr, well known attorn-

ey of Portland Franklin T. Griffith.

secretary of the state federation of

Franklin T. Griffith,

OF LEGISLATURE DURING DAY

RECONSTRUCTION BILL READY

both houses today, it was tentatively Portland and present an augury of

agreed among legislative leaders at what may happen when thousands

an appropriation of about \$300,600 him material aid and endeavor in

ice last night, to remain in session during the coming months.

# PEACE CAUSE **OF PROTESTS**

American and British Delegations at Council Oppose Secrecy Regarding Proceedings

### THREE COUNTRIES TAKE STAND FOR SUPPRESSION

### French, Italian and Japanese Vote Prevails---Memorial Submitted

(By The Associated Press) PARIS, Jan. 15 .- The question whether the peace conference is t be secret or wholly open to the eye and ears of the world, the settlemen of which has been long awaited, was brought to a focus today when it was announced an agreement had been made to confine information given to the public to a daily official communique and that a gentleman's agree ment prevailed among the delegates not to discuss, or in any way give information of the meetings in the foreign office.

No written announcement of this purpose was issued, but word was passed out to this effect, and it was followed by an explosion of protests vent outside interests from slipping which drowned out the doings of the peace commissioners. The under standing is that the American and British delegates opposed this decis ion, but that the French, Italians

#### Correspondents Roused,

The British newspaper correspondents immediately joined in a memorial of protest, which they pu The before Premier Lloyd George. American newspaper correspondents united in what is a round robin to President Wilson in which they protested in measured terms against the decision, and reminded the president of one of his 14 points which specifies, "open covenants of peace openly arrived at."

The memorial was before the president tonight and there is every reason to believe that such a storm has been raised as will force the question before the meeting.

The questions of whether the meetings are to be open or closed has been smouldering for several days It is associated with conditions which have surrounded the lack of method in making public what has actually been going on in conference for the past month. The American newspaper correspondents, of whom there are about 100 here to repor the peace proceedings, have been received daily and enne by the American commissioners inder the stipulated condition " what was de veloped was bein for their guide ance and not to be reported as bearing the stamp of authority of coming from the mission.

To Receive PARIS, Jan. 15. (Havas)-The chamber of deputtes has decided to receive President Wilson at a formal parliament in the room of the pres

the same delegation that spoke last

mittee and immediate action on pas-

sage of the bill will then be urged

not, determined members say, then

the legislature will not adjourn this

'Musher" Brings \$400,000

in One Load for Shipment

SEWARD, Alaska, Jan. 15 .- Bob

Griffith, veteran Alaska, "musher"

with a heavily armed guard and two

\$400,000 worth of gold dust from

week until it is passed.

on the steamer Alameda.

Predictions are made that the bill

night will speak before the joint com-

### Nine Meet Death in Shower of Molasses Following Explosiion

BOSTON, Jan. 15 -Nine persons are known to have been killed and about 50 injured by the explosion of a huge tank of molasses on the water front off Commercial street, near Keany Square, today. Eight bodies were removed and one man died at the hospital. Most of these injured suffered only from bruises.

The cause of the explosion has not been definitely determined. Walter L. Wedger, explosives expert of the state police, said that he was not prepared to give a final opinion, but that it seemed probably to him that it resulted from gas fumes generated by fermenting molasses within the tank, which was not full. The molasses had been kept warm by steam heat from a plant at some distance from the tank.

### CHILD LABOR IS CRUSHING BLOV

Act Declared Unconstitutional by Supreme Court Is Adopted by Conference

### TAX DISPUTES TAKEN UP

### Removal of War Postal Rates Also Accepted by House Members

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15-The senate amendment to the war revenue bill, levying at tax of 10 per cent upinto interstate and designed to have the same effect as the child labor would be ended within 24 hours. The act recently declared unconstitution- message said the police and military al by the supreme court was adopted were amply sufficient to maintain ortoday by senate and house confer- der and that the attitude of the ences. A separate vote on the amendment will be taken in the day was calm. house before final passage of the

Besides the child labor provisionthe conferes reached a complete agreement today on nearly all of the miscellaneous tax disputes, and have left for disposition only a few important questions. Tomorrow they will again take up the war excess profits taxes and hope to complete their work by next week. Several of the conferes believe now that the bill will go to the president before

Another important senate amendment accepted by the house conference today was that removing war 1, when the pre-war rates of two

Action on the second class mail provision of the senate, proposing rewas deferred.

New provisions creating an advis ory tax board to aid in administrating the new law were adopted by the conferes after being amended to provide a board of five næmbers at an nual salaries of \$9,000.

### Manager of Local Labo Bureau Says None Have Been Turned Down

That returned soldiers in Salem are having none of the difficulties nurse from Seattle is answering on being experienced elsewhere in an average of 15 to 20 calls daily. searching for employment is the in one home she found five people statement made yesterday by J. R. seriously ill with pneumonia. joint meeting of the two houses and | Coleman, manager of the federal labor bureau in this city.

Just a month ago Mr. Coleman made a thorough survey of Marion. Polk and Yambill countles and did not find one employer who refused will be passed by tonight. If it is to make good for every star on his

terday, "every soldier who wants to get back can. And what is more we haven't found any people out of here today. work on this account yet, even though they have had to let returned men have precedence. Of course all of the enlisted boys loose at once we would have a harder time, but every one that has come in here so dog teams, arived here today with far hasn't been disappointed. For one thing it's a matter of economy the Idarat for shipment to Seattle to put back the former employes in place of the present high priced

Many natives are reported dving weeks trip. While away be suffered of the senate and Speaker Jones of frame the bill which will be submit- peninsula. The white population 1919 in Salem," he continued, "was and this will be a big help in prothe re-opening of the Spaulding mill. viding work."

# AT SCENE OF **HUGE STRIKE**

Admiral Capterton in Charge. British Vessel Is Thought to Be on Way to Buenos Aires

### PORTION OF RAILROAD **NEAR LIMA BLOWN UP**

### Labor Disturbances in Ecuador May End Within Next 24 Hours

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 15 .- The United States cruisers Pittsburgleveland, Tacoma and Denver, under Admiral Capterton, have arrived here. The British cruiser Bristol has also arrived and probably will proceed to Buenos Aires.

LIMA, Jan. 15-Uncomfirmed report has been received here that strikers have dynamited the power transmission lines on the Moroccocha properties of the Cerro De Pasco company, flooding the mines. Cavalry reinforcements were dispatched to Morroccoha this morning.

Business Suspended WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Dispatches to the state department today said business between Lims and Callao, Peru, had been suspended as a result of dynamiting of a portion of the Central railway during strike disturbance which began in Lima Monday. The city lighting system was attacked with resulting darkness through the city and an unsuccessful effort was made by the strikers to interfere with the city water supply. The city is being patrolled by both soldiers.

A cablegram to the Peruvian legation today from the Peruvian ministers said it was said that the strike strikers, who demand an eight-hour

### Delegation Attends Meeting of Commissioners to Discuss Influenza

In attendance upon the meeting of the city commissioners in Portland taxes on first class postage next Puly yesterdy when the resolution to compel people to wear influenza crats an ounce on letters and one masks was voted down, was a comcent for postcards would again be mittee from the Salem council composed of Mayor C. E. Albin, Paul Paul Johnson and W. A., Wiest. After listening to the arguments for peal of the present zone system and and against the proposed health meaestablishing new modified zone rates, sure they consulted W. E. Coman and Dr. E. A. Sommer of the consolidated health bureau and found that sentiment in that city favors masks.

It is not unlikely that information gleaned on the trip will be submitted for the consideration of the local board of health at its next meet-Ten new cases of influenza were

recorded Tuesday in Salem and four were on the books for yesterday, the latter figure being very incomplete-The number of new cases is gradually coming down," City Health Officer J. Ray Pemberton remaked last night. "I believe that we are slowly getting the epidemic under control. However, this does not mean that we must relax our present

Calls for assistance continue to pour into Red Cross headquarters and Mrs. A. M. Brown, a visiting

### Forest Service Promises Preference for Soldiers

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 15 .- So far as possible returned soldiers and sailors will be given preference in employment by the forest service in Idaho and Montana, it was stated

"Disabled soldiers san be used for lookout work," state an official. lookouts now. In former years we have used about 500 extra men at the opening of the fire season. This year, however, the number will be increased to from 750 to 1000." The conference closed with final reports of committees.

"The first shot out of the gun for Lumber camps will follow suit soon