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2.75 BEER IS AGAINST LAW RULES COURT

Supreme Justices by Vote of 4 to 3 Uphold Right of Congress to Define Intoxicating Liquor Under War Act

AMENDMENT NOT UP Manufacture of Low Alcoholic Beverages Still Legal by Decision

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—By a margin of one vote the supreme court today upheld the right of congress to define intoxicating liquors, insofar as applied to war-time prohibition.

In a five to four opinion rendered by Associate Justice Brandeis, the court sustained the constitutionality of the provisions in the Volstead prohibition enforcement act prohibiting the manufacture and sale of beverages containing one-half of one percent or more alcohol.

Validity of the federal prohibition constitutional amendment and of portions of the Volstead act affecting its enforcement were not involved in the proceedings but the opinion was regarded as so sweeping as to leave little hope among "wet" adherents.

The "wets," however, received a brief ray of hope when shortly after midnight Associate Justice Day, in an unanimous opinion sustained the dismissal of indictments brought under the war-time prohibition act against the Standard Brewery of Baltimore and the American Brewing company of New Orleans for manufacturing 2.75 beer.

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January 10 Tentatively Set as Date of Ratification

PARIS, Jan. 5.—The supreme council has tentatively set January 10 for the ratification of the treaty of Versailles. The council's basis for a settlement on the Scapa Flow sinkings was handed over to Baron von Lersner today and it was announced that an agreement had been reached with the German delegation.

"Babe" Ruth Purchased by New York Americans

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The purchase of "Babe" Ruth of the Boston Americans by the New York Americans was announced today by Colonel Jacob Ruppert, president of the New York club. Colonel Ruppert refused to state the price paid.

BOXING BOARD IN SALEM WILL PUT ON BOUTS

Petition Requests That Fisher, Empey and D'Autremont Be Named

DANCE LICENSES CUT City Council Has Busy Session—Reports Come from City Officers

Salem is to have a boxing commission for the fostering of the manly art in this city under regulation, with none of the questionable appendages that sometimes follow the boxing game attached.

The petition was presented at the meeting of the city council last night and would have been granted forthwith upon motion of Alderman West had not Alderman Utter stood for deferring action until members of the council could further enlighten themselves on the law. West withdrew his motion and the petition was referred to the police committee until the next meeting.

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WOMAN HELD 8 MONTHS IN BANDIT CAMP

Mrs. Cora Lee Sturgis, of Virginia, Tells Dramatic Story of Hardship and Degradation to Senators

HOME IS RAIDED AND FAMILY IS CAPTURED

Rebels and Federals Work Together and Sneer at U. S. Is Assertion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—A dramatic story of eight months' hardship and degradation as a prisoner in a Mexican bandit camp was told by Mrs. Cora Lee Sturgis, a Virginian, today, before a senate committee investigating the Mexican situation.

With tears in her eyes, Mrs. Sturgis told how her old mother, worn out by long suffering and humiliation, died of starvation after their plantation had been looted by the bandits and how she had been forced to go into the hills to cut wood and of a long tramp to another camp with a secret message from bandit to bandit, sewed in the sole of her shoe.

Bandits Raided U. S.
It was in 1917 that the home of the Sturgis family, comprising Dr. Sturgis, a dentist, his wife, the witness today, and her mother, was raided by federal soldiers who charged them with giving refuge to rebels.

Dr. Sturgis reported the raid to the American consul at Frontero who advised the family to remain at the plantation, the witness said.

Federals and Rebels.
Mrs. Sturgis said rebel and Carranza forces frequently worked together and that both factions disseminated anti-American propaganda including a charge that Henry P. Fletcher, American ambassador to Mexico, had accepted one million dollars to uphold the Carranza government.

One of the bandits told me that Ambassador Fletcher could not return to that country," Mrs. Sturgis said. "I don't think Mr. Fletcher knew how bad conditions were. Why, things were awful. Once when I went to Mexico City they blew up a train in front of me and one behind me."

Capture is Related.
The most thrilling chapter of her experience followed capture of the family by Zapata bandits, who took everything they could move from the plantation, including \$23,000 in cash.

On the way she stopped at Mexico City and reported here troubles to the American embassy. The embassy, she said, got in touch with Zapata forces and it was agreed to send a Zapata lieutenant back to camp with her.

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MOTHER OF 12 DIVORCED \$30,000 ALIMONY GIVEN SUIT NOT CONTESTED

MEXICO, Mo., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Rosa E. Stuart who has been married 26 years and is the mother of twelve living children, was granted a divorce and \$30,000 alimony today by the circuit court of Audrain county. In her petition she stated that her husband was worth \$50,000. Her bill, which charged non-support, was not contested.

FISH AND GAME SESSION FAILS TO DO ANYTHING

Adjournment Is Taken Without Fixing Outline for Solution

PACKERS IN EVIDENCE

Line Definitely Drawn Between Sportsmen and Commercial Interests

Members of the fish and game committee of the state legislature, who were called into conference yesterday by Governor Olcott to determine upon a definite program to bring order out of chaos in Oregon fish and game affairs, met today for a session without getting anywhere.

After adjournment members of the committee waited upon Governor Olcott and asked if he would sanction a bill to provide for one fish and game commission of seven members, three to represent the commercial interests and three to represent the sportsmen and the seventh a business man to serve as arbiter. The governor replied that he did not believe this plan would be as workable as the plan for two separate commissions as outlined in his recommendation. The committee suggestion was not agreed to by all members.

It is understood that later the committee designated three members to meet in Salem next Sunday and draft a bill to be introduced at the special session next week. Who these members are could not be ascertained last night.

Time Will Be Wasted.
Governor Olcott presented to the conference a program, recommending two separate commissions, one to administer the interests of the sportsmen and another to administer the affairs of the commercial fishing business. The governor invited to the conference any citizens interested in the question. Representatives of the packers who opposed the governor's program were strongly in evidence. Senator C. M. Thomas of Medford, a member of the senate fishing committee, defended the program as outlined. With him were George Mansfield of Medford, Dr. Downs, president of the Oregon Sportsmen's league, R. W. Price, president of the Portland Anglers' club, and Marshall Dana of Portland, another representative of the sportsmen, all stood in backing up the governor.

Result of the conference's failure to act is that the special session of the legislature will have to waste several of its limited days in trying to solve the controversy which is now damaging both the game and the commercial interests.

Packers Against Program.
Packers, or those who spoke in their behalf, defended the present fish and game commission and condemned the governor in his determination to appoint an entirely new board. The sportsmen commended the governor for his decision.

Thomas Nelson of Astoria, one of the representatives of the packers, declared that the interests of the sportsmen and the commercial interests dovetail and advocated one commission with a game and a commercial department.

R. E. Clanton, state master fish warden, asserted that either one commission or two separate commissions could solve the trouble and that it is not necessary for the two interests to conflict.

The name of W. L. Finley, who was recently ousted by his commission from the post of state biologist and whose discharge has brought fish and game affairs into their present state of disorder, was mentioned only once. This was when Senator Robert S. Farrell advocated that the legislature create the office of state biologist, to be maintained from the general funds of the state.

S. L. Eddy of Portland cited efforts he has made to restore harmony in fish and game affairs and said his efforts would be continued. He said he did not want to see the commercial interests damaged or wild game life impaired by thoughtless action.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN TALK PARTY PLANS

Delegates From 14 States Begin Conference in Chicago to Outline Share of Feminine Voters in Convention

10 SUGGESTED PLANKS ADOPTED AT SESSION

Improvement of Conditions for Women and Children Chief Proposals

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Republican women from 14 states of the mid-west, conferring on party plans and issues for the 1920 presidential campaign, demanded equal representation with the men on the national committee and urged a "fair representation of women delegates from each state" in the national convention in June.

Many of the women professed to see an immediate endorsement of their attitude in the speech which Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, delivered at a banquet tonight.

Party Welcomes Women
"The Republican party offers the women everything we offer the men," he said. "Republican women come into the party not as women but as voters, entitled to participate and participating as other voters. They are not to be separated or segregated but assimilated and amalgamated."

The women proposed that the coming national convention "take action to double the membership" of the national committee so that "each state be represented by one man and one woman member."

They further urged that this become "the policy of the party in all party committees both state and local."

Ten Planks Suggested
The women adopted ten suggested planks for the Republican platform. These include recommendations for "direct citizenship of women, not citizenship through marriage" and laws making possible the naturalization of married women.

Other planks were: "national and state legislation for the regulation and abolition of child labor." Another section asked states and the nation to establish the eight hour day and the 44-hour week for women in industry with statutory provision for a day of rest each week. Permanent establishment of the women's bureau of the department of labor, a national employment service and equal opportunities for women through the civil service were also sponsors.

Appointment of women mediators on all federal labor boards to deal with industries employing women. Compulsory education in all states for children between 5 and 16 years of age with provision for "thorough education in citizenship of all our youth."

Speeches Disclose Stand
The women's stand on all these questions was reflected in short talks which several leaders made at tonight's banquet. The affair was given by the state central committee in honor of Chairman Hays and the chairman of the women's division of the national committee, Mrs. John Glover South. Among the speakers were Governor Lowden of Illinois and Major General Wood.

There was a meeting today of the committee in charge of arrangements for the national convention. The two (Continued on page 4)

Dr. Bernard Daly, Former State Senator, Is Dead

LAKEVIEW, Or., Jan. 5.—Dr. Bernard Daly, former circuit judge for Lake county and prior to that a state senator, died today while en route from here to Livermore, Calif., where he had intended to go in the hope of benefiting his health. He was 62 years old.

Navy "Host" to Admiral Jellicoe, Jutland Hero

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The American navy was "host" tonight at a reception given to Admiral Viscount Jellicoe, commander of the British high seas fleet in the battle of Jutland. The reception, which closed a busy day for visiting naval officer, was at the residence of Secretary Daniels.

CONGRESS GETS TO WORK AGAIN AFTER VACATION

Within Hour After Reconvening Both Houses Resume Normal Appearance

BILLS ARE PILED UP

Treaty Compromise Formally Presented by Senator King, Utah

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Congress went to work immediately today upon reconvening after its fortnight holiday recess.

Without formality both senate and house began disposition of bills on their calendars and within an hour or so both bodies resumed their normal appearance of scant attendance during speech-making. Miscellaneous bills only were considered and a few of the less important passed.

The senate late in the day started debate on the water power development bill, consideration of which promised to continue into next week. The Sterling addition bill went over until tomorrow.

Compromise Presented.
There was only perfunctory discussion of the peace treaty in the senate. Senator King, Democrat, Utah, presented formally his set of compromise reservations and many senators were engaged in private conferences on the treaty situation but nothing tangible resulted.

Victor Berger, the Wisconsin Socialist, re-elected after being refused a seat by the house, did not arrive today, but tomorrow or immediately upon his presentation of re-election credentials, house leaders planned to refer again to grant him a seat. Representative Maan of Illinois, former Republican leader, surprised the house members by announcing he would support Berger's claim.

Many committees of both house (Continued on page 4)

VARNEY WINS WITH SLATE OF OFFICERS

Expected Fight in Council Election Fails to Materialize and Vote Is Without Dissenting Voice

MACY IS RE-ELECTED AS CITY ATTORNEY

Hugh Rogers Chosen Engineer and Dr. Ray Pomeroy Health Officer

In the annual election of city officers by the city council last night a surprise occurred when the slate of police officers as recommended by Chief Percy M. Varney went through without dissent and by a unanimous vote, with every member of the council present. A fight was expected on some of the men whom Varney presented.

The slate embraces the present personnel of the force with the exception of Troy Branson who resigned two weeks ago to take a position at the state prison. In his place Varney recommended V. M. Hoffpitt. Mrs. Myra Shank was re-elected police matron.

Only One Contested
The only change made in the personnel of the city officers were the election of Hugh Rogers as city engineer to succeed Walter Skelton and Dr. Ray Pomeroy to succeed Dr. J. R. Pemberton as city health officer. Neither Skelton nor Pemberton were candidates for re-election.

The only contest came in the election of city attorney, B. W. Macy, incumbent, defeating Ronald Glover by a vote of 10 to 5.

Harry Hutton, fire chief, was elected unopposed and with him all of his men as recommended, including F. Prieber as chief fire engineer and William Ivan as captain. The others elected are designated as hosenmen.

Walter S. Low was again the unanimous choice for street commissioner. A member of the park board is to be appointed by the mayor.

Fight Causes Change.
Mayor Wilson announced several changes in the personnel of committees, the important one being the removal of Dr. F. L. Utter as head of the police committee. He was relegated to the chairmanship of the park committee, shared with Robert Craig who will head the police committee this year. Utter and Mayor Wilson have been at swords points

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RENEWED RAIDS ON REDS SHOW "GAME" HAS TAKEN TO COVER BUT IMPORTANT MEN ARE CAUGHT

Victor Wolodin, Said to be Among Co-Workers of Trotsky, and Oscar Tyverowski, Alleged Communist Official Among Latest Catches

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The sweeping raids against "reds" by federal agents, which netted nearly 700 prisoners last Friday night, were resumed when ten large automobiles and two army transport wagons left the local headquarters of the department of justice to round up communists and revolutionaries who escaped the first raid.

With the arrest on a deportation warrant of Gregory Weinstein, "chief of staff" of soviet Russia's "ambassador," L. C. A. K. Martens, the department of justice announced, tonight it was hunting "big game" in its effort to rid the country of its most dangerous alien anarchists plotting the overthrow of the government by violence.

Trotsky's Best Friend in Rating.
Rated as Trotsky's best friend here and a co-worker with him on the Russian language radical paper "Navy Mir," Weinstein's position in the soviet bureau ranked virtually on a par with Martens. It was stated that Victor Wolodin, former manager of the Navy Mir, and said to have been another co-worker with Trotsky, was swept into the government's dragnet late today and sent to Ellis Island in the wake of Weinstein.

Attempts to obtain release from Ellis Island of many of the radicals started today when attorneys began applying for writs of habeas corpus.

The federal agents and police were armed with six hundred warrants. The first person taken into custody was Edward Elors, editor of a Hungarian daily paper. He was sent to Ellis Island.

Reds Take Cover.
The renewed raids revealed the fact that there has been a stampede for cover on the part of the "reds" who were not caught Friday night. Federal agents raided 25 houses only to find that the majority of those sought had gone into hiding.

COUNTY ROAD DEVELOPMENT WILL BE SHOWN IN INDUSTRIAL NUMBER

Jim Hill was never much interested in a community until it could show him that soon there would be smokestacks and barns. He himself had as much to do with their appearance as the people that he expected to build them, but he nevertheless always put it up to them to show him where they would be made possible.

Later he was not so inquisitive about smokestacks and barns. There was one thing he thought more important to a community and that was its roads. Good roads can no longer be ignored as one of the greatest factors in community development and community happiness.

Roads today are the vital nerve threads of community life. They give it the very life. Only because of good roads is a community able to widen its field of activity. In place of many small canneries big ones are now built and not so close together. These canneries are able to do bigger business at lower cost to the ultimate profit of the grower and the people.

The good road makes farming more profitable. And, more than anything else, it has made farm life more attractive. It has removed from the farm the air of the backwoods and has made the city and the ranch minutes apart where they formerly were hours apart.

It has broadened community life. The farmer is now no further off than his neighbor is now no further off than the city who was a block away. It has made possible much in an educational way that formerly was not to be thought of. Over the highways the child of the farms can enjoy the same advantages that the child of the city has. The towns with their music teachers and their special schools are within reach of all for miles around.

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RADICALS AMONG MINE WORKERS CONDEMN ACTION OF OFFICIALS IN ADOPTING PRESIDENT'S PLAN

Opposition Develops Soon After Report Is Read at Convention of Union—Opinion General That Officers Will Be Upheld

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 5.—The expected opposition from the radicals in the United Mine Workers organization, to action of the international officers in accepting President Wilson's proposal for settlement of the miners' strike, developed late today, shortly after the report of the settlement had been read to the convention by International Secretary William Green.

A motion made by Phillip Murray of Pittsburgh, president of the Pennsylvania miners, to affirm the action of the international officers and endorse the policy outlined in their report, was promptly followed by attempts of the radicals to reject the motion and to condemn the international officers who have accepted the president's proposal.

Officers' Ousting Sought
Some of the delegates said they had been instructed by local unions to demand the resignation of the international officers.

Several delegates declared the officers should "have gone to jail" rather than surrender to the terms of settlement imposed by the proposal from the president.

When the convention recessed tonight until tomorrow the motion of Mr. Murray was still under discussion.

That action of the international officers in effecting a settlement of the strike will be approved by an overwhelming majority was the consensus of leaders tonight.

IRMA KING DIES AFTER HARD FIGHT CHILD, BADLY BURNED, WINS SALEM DEATH DUE TO DILATION OF HEART

Irma King, the little girl who has had the sympathy and interest of all Salem since her accident on July 2 last, when she was severely burned in a loganberry yard near Salem, died last night after a hard but cheerful struggle for life. Death came shortly after 8 o'clock at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Higgins on South Liberty street. For the past three days she had been failing noticeably but it was not thought that the end would come so soon. Her death was due to dilatation of the heart. Irma was 12 years old.

Burns are Severe.
Last summer Irma went with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. King, to the loganberry field of J. Young several miles east of this city. While playing at the camp her clothing caught fire from a tin camp stove, the entire right half of her body and

both her arms were badly burned, entirely burning the skin down to the flesh before the flames could be extinguished.

She was taken to the office of Dr. Fred H. Thompson who has been attending her since. The same day she was taken to the Willamette sanatorium where she soon won the sympathy and interest of the entire community because of her patient suffering. Dr. Thompson sent a call for volunteers to give of their skin to be grafted upon the raw flesh of little Irma and over a hundred people from all over the county volunteered.

Grafts of skin from 72 persons were used, taking from each one or two square inches. Almost all of these grafts "took" and a short time later Dr. Thompson made a secondary grafting taking skin from her own

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Norman Ross, of Portland, Wins Sprint in Australia
MELBOURNE, Australia, Sunday, Dec. 4.—Norman Ross, the American swimmer from Portland, Or., won the 220-yard championship sprint in an athletic meet here today. Spencer and Ostereter, Americans, won the 5-day bicycle race with a purse of 300 pounds. Fourteen teams competed.