

STEAMSHIPS ASK RIGHT TO HANDLE LIQUOR

Edmonds Says Respect for Flag Not Inspired When Flying Over Saloon

DEATH KNELL SOUNDED

Equalization of Liquor Laws Wanted by Ship Owners

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—American passenger steamship officials, appealing today to the house judiciary committee for modification of the Volstead act, declared they would be unable to compete with ships of foreign registry for world trade unless permitted to handle liquors for use by passengers.

The shipping interests insisted, however, that they had to deal with present problems; that there had been wholesale cancellation of reservations by travelers who found other vessels unaffected by prohibition restrictions and that the task of trying to make the American flag supreme could not be carried on in competition with other nations.

P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine company, declared owners would be "hit subjects for examination in a psychopathic ward" if they invested any vast sums in the building and conditioning of ships without assurances that they would be allowed to compete with the countries endeavoring now to dominate ocean commerce.

Harris Livermore, president of the United American line, declared that construction of many trans-Atlantic vessels had been contemplated, but that "with this hanging over us we cannot go ahead until the question is determined."

Mr. Wheeler alone was heard in opposition to the plea on the steamship question, made at a hearing on a bill by Representative Edmonds, Republican, Pennsylvania, to exempt passenger vessels engaged in foreign trade from provisions of the Volstead law.

Asserting that many ships were "bootlegging," Mr. Wheeler said the amendment would multiply the difficulty of the dry law's enforcement.

It was in answer to a suggestion by Representative Igoe, Democrat of Missouri that the ship owners merely wanted an equalization of liquor laws, that Mr. Wheeler touched on the hope of

spreading the fight against saloons to all the world. "The steamship companies are unduly alarmed," he declared. "The company that adopts a sound policy looking to the moral welfare and protection of the people will win. The public wants service—not booze. And let me say that the company that renders good service and less liquor finally will dominate."

Representative Edmonds, in urging approval of his amendment, said he looked at it strictly as a business proposition.

"If we wait for the world to go dry, while other nations are going ahead with their shipping," he added, "we won't have any flag. We are dealing with a condition, not a theory."

Representative Neely, Democrat West Virginia, suggested that a hotel owner in Buffalo might just as well come to congress for financial relief, because a hotel on the Canadian side was getting more trade with a bar. "Certainly you cannot expect the flag to inspire respect when it flies over a floating saloon," he remarked, but Mr. Edmonds' remark, that the case cited was not analogous to that of the steamship companies.

New Immigration Plan Is Presented to Senate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—A new plan for regulating immigration to the United States and differentiating desirable from undesirable at the source, was presented to the senate immigration committee today by H. A. McFride chief of the vice section of the state department. He recommended the creation by the government of a commission to have general supervision of immigration and to work in co-operation with the existing agencies of the state and labor departments.

The commission would direct immigrants to places in the United States where they were most needed. The problem of selection would be solved by using the visa system and having American consuls abroad write the prospective immigrants' occupation, destination and other qualifications as a part of the passport visa.

Commissioner General of Immigration Caminetti is expected to reach the United States Saturday after a study of conditions in Europe and Representative Johnson, Republican of Washington, today requesting the committee to secure his testimony.

Idaho Asks Licenses for Realty Dealers

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 13.—A bill licensing real estate dealers of the state was introduced into the house of representatives of the 16th legislature today. It would regulate the handling of all real estate liens and put the business on a higher plane.

The state may lend its credit to the extent of two per cent of its total assessed valuation for the purpose of guaranteeing the principal and interest on the approved bonds of irrigation districts for a period of five years from their organization, if a proposed amendment to the compiled statutes is approved by the people at the next general election.

At the afternoon session of the senate, a resolution was passed under suspension of the rules which provides for holding a joint session of the legislature Monday afternoon to hear pioneers of the state make a plea for aid in preserving the historical documents of Idaho. The resolution was sent to the house of representatives for action.

A number of other measures were introduced into both houses. The majority of these provide for amendments to statutes. There are no radical changes advocated in any of the measures.

Japanese Sentries Ordered Not to Challenge Yankees

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Notification that the Japanese commanding officer at Vladivostok had given orders that hereafter sentries must not challenge Americans and the formal expression of regret by the Japanese government, went far today towards adjusting the situation which has arisen over the fatal shooting by a Japanese soldier there of Lieutenant W. H. Langdon of the cruiser Albany.

The action of the commander, General Oi, was reported to the navy department by Admiral Gleaves, commander in chief of the Asiatic fleet, who was on his way to Vladivostok to conduct an investigation. The admiral added that the report had been sent to him by radio and that in view of the developments, he had abandoned his trip.

Ambassador Shidehara of Japan called on Acting secretary of State Daniels and expressed the deep regret of his government over the incident. Earlier he had received from the Japanese foreign office a version of the shooting which differed from an earlier official version issued in Tokio in that the embassy's account agreed with Lieutenant Langdon's a mortem statement that the sentry was the first to fire.

"Pete" Herman Wins Decision Over Wilde

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Pete Herman of New Orleans, former bantamweight champion of the world, tonight in Albert hall, decisively defeated Jimmy Wilde, long the British idol.

The end came in the 17th round when the referee interferred and stopped the bout to save Wilde from a knockout.

Although in the last round Wilde three times had been knocked through the ropes, he still was coming back for more punishment when the referee caught him in his arms, ended the battle and gave the decision to the American lad. The fight had been advertised as being for the bantamweight championship of the world.

The men agreed to weigh in at 118 pounds, but Herman was 1 1/2 pounds over the stipulated weight. The first five rounds were in favor of Wilde. Then the advantage alternated until the 15th, when Herman's weight began to tell on the Welshman.

Early in the 17th a right to the jaw sent Wilde through the

ropes. This was twice repeated and the referee ended the contest. Herman surprised the crowd by his boxing, which discounted Wilde's aggressiveness. The American fought a sportsmanlike contest throughout and was well received by the spectators.

U. OF O. LEADS IN HEALTH PLAN

40 Crippled Children Receive Free Medical Aid Last Year

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 10.—The university of Oregon is undertaking the leadership in a definite health program for the state, according to a recent statement by Dr. Richard B. Dillehunt, dean of the University School of Medicine.

The university of Oregon school of medicine, the only school of its kind in the northwest, is contributing to the general health program by scientific research in its laboratories, producing well-trained physicians and surgeons, and by direct ministrations to the sick and crippled. Under the program the university has treated 40 crippled children's law, 40 children received free treatment last year by the medical school. The majority of these were restored to normal health by surgical means.

WAR DECLARED ON CRIMINALS

New York Legislators Serve Notice on New York's Crime Wave

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Legislators in this state served notice during New York's crime wave that at the next session they intend introducing measures to provide greater punishment for highway and burglars.

With daring robberies becoming every day occurrences, the courts here quickly decided to mete out maximum punishment wherever possible and raised bail to insure keeping criminals behind the bars.

A study of existing laws in various states shows that in three, burglary is punishable by death and in four, robbery—should the maximum punishment be applied.

First degree burglary may be punished by death in North Carolina and Virginia by means of electricity in Michigan and by hanging, Alabama and Virginia's laws provide the maximum of death in robbery cases, while Nevada specifies death for train robbers and Texas for robbery accomplished by means of deadly weapons.

Several states provide life imprisonment or for "any term up to life" in burglary cases. The life penalty thus is possible in Massachusetts, Florida, Iowa, Rhode Island and South Carolina, while in Maine the law merely provides "any term of years," making it possible to impose a sentence which virtually means life. New York, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota accomplish the same end by stipulating that burglary shall be punished by "not less than 10 years."

Other states vary from six month punishments of 40 years in Utah and 30 in New Hampshire to only seven years in Arkansas. The heaviest fine possible for the offense is in Pennsylvania, which provides "not over 10 years and \$10,000."

Robbery may be punished by life imprisonment in Idaho, Rhode Island, Texas, Oregon, Utah, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan and Hawaii. California provides for "not less than one year." The least severe penalty is that of Connecticut which stipulates "not more than seven years." In most states the maximum varies from 15 to 20 years.

In view of present conditions, however, bills are being prepared for introduction in several states to increase the maximum penalty to death or life imprisonment.

CONSTABLES ESCAPED

LIMERICK, Ireland, Jan. 13.—Several members of the constabulary from Ennis were ambushed today near Cratloe, county Claire. A volley was fired into their lorry from both sides of the road. A sergeant and one constable were killed. The attacking party escaped.

A STORM RACE

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—A race with a storm while a mile up in the air was the experience of Air Mail Pilot William C. Hopson, while speeding from Omaha to Chicago with his daily load of

Carmen's Rule Argument Stops R. R. Labor Board

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—Arguments over the suspension of a Carmen's rule interrupted the afternoon session of the railroad labor board hearing today to such an extent that the chair was compelled to call the meeting to order. The discussion came up during the testimony of E. T. Whiter in behalf of the railroads, which are asking abrogation of the national agreements.

The discussion was precipitated when A. O. Wharton, employees' representative on the board, began questioning Mr. Whiter regarding the employment of car repair men. Under the rule employees must have had four years' experience in car work.

Mr. Wharton brought out that men were employed on many roads who did not have four years' experience. Mr. Whiter replied that this was necessary because men filling the requirements were not available.

Silk Flags Are Pinned on Returned Balloonists

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Lieutenants Kloor, Farrell and Hinton, the navy balloonists, set foot on American soil tonight for the first time since their balloon took the air at Rockaway on December 13; just a month ago. City officials met the aeronauts at the middle of the international bridge and pinned on each of the three a small silk American flag.

The balloonists arrived at the border in automobiles, while a large crowd, not advised of a last minute change in the program, waited for them at the railroad station.

The balloonists left at ten o'clock for Buffalo.

District Attorney's Association Meets

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—The District Attorneys' association of Oregon opened its annual meeting here today. Matters regarding the enforcement of criminal laws, the present reign of lawlessness prevalent on the Pacific coast and its cause, as well as measures which should be taken for prevention of crime, are being discussed. Questions of co-operation with the federal authorities in stamping out illegal sale and manufacture of intoxicants, and changes which it might be feasible to suggest to the legislature on the bone-dry law of Oregon also are to be taken up.

Prison Escape Is Recaptured

Chester Harness, for whom authorities of the state penitentiary have been looking since last April when he escaped from the Aumsville wood camp of the state penitentiary, was captured Wednesday night at Winnemucca, Nev., and will be returned to serve out the maximum of his two-to-three-year sentence in the state penitentiary. He was convicted in Baker county on a charge of burglary not in a dwelling.

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Confiscated Opium Returned to Manila MANILA, P. I., Jan. 10.—Approximately 1000 pounds of confiscated opium which was sent by the bureau of supply of the Philippine islands to the chief of the bureau of insular affairs at Washington for sale in the United States more than a year ago, has just been returned here. Several months after the opium reached the United States, the chief of the bureau of insular affairs sent the following cablegram to the governor-general: "The pharmaceutical manufacturers here do not make any offer for the purchase of the 19 cases of opium. There is an abundant shipment of Turkish opium in New York City with a more uniform amount of morphine. It is believed that the shipment will be a complete loss."

THE MINISTER'S FAULT A man in a threadbare coat and a weak beard came out of a down-town mission, where he had signed the pledge and joined the church, only to be nabbed for theft a half hour later. "Why did you make off with the pocketbook you saw this lady drop in the street?" demanded the judge in court. "It's all the minister's fault," declared the thief in deprecation. "I went to him discouraged and out of money and he told me how I must learn to take things as I found them."—Judge.

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