

HOT BATTLE WAGED OVER LIQUOR LAWS

Attack on Volstead Act by New Jersey Senator Opens Sharp Debate

ASKS TO LEGALIZE BEER

Modification to Permit Sale of 2.75 Beverage Wanted; Drys Launch Vigorous Counter Attack

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Prohibition furnished the vehicle today for the first extended debate in the senate at this session.

For more than three hours the Volstead act was assailed and defended with a number of senators joining in the running fire of discussion.

A rather large number of senators and half filled galleries followed the debate, precipitated by Senator Edge, republican, New Jersey, who delivered a prepared address, urging his bills to legalize 2.75 per cent beer and revise the restriction on prescription whiskey.

Before the senate turned to other subjects, Senator Bruce, democrat, Maryland, had joined forces with the New Jersey senator and Senators, Willis, republican, Ohio, and Sheppard, democrat, Texas, had vigorously attacked the Volstead act.

Both Senators Edge and Bruce declared the Volstead act was a failure and that its operation had been attended by general disrespect for law. At one point the Maryland senator asserted "prohibition is an insane experiment."

Senators Willis and Sheppard disputed these contentions, the former contending that Senator Edge's speech was only a group of views of those opposing the prohibition act. The Texas senator reserved notice that the prohibitionists of the country will not permit any modification of the Volstead act, but would demand that it be strengthened.

The Ohio senator, who was first to reply to Senator Edge, denied that there was a universal demand for modification of the Volstead act. He declared that the plain fact was that "the underworld is boldly challenging the forces of law and order in this country."

A declaration by Senator Willis that prohibition had resulted in a decrease of drunkenness, brought Senator Bruce to his feet with statistics from police chiefs in all important cities showing that the arrests for drunkenness have been increasing steadily since 1920, the first year after ratification of the 18th amendment.

In opening a discussion of the subject which promised to occupy considerable attention in congress at this session, Senator Edge pictured what he characterized as the deplorable conditions of bootlegging and corruption under the Volstead act, and declared that congress must amend the law, if these conditions are to be improved.

He asserted that a large proportion of the people "violate the law without the slightest compunction."

The New Jersey senator said frankly that he did not know whether his proposals would remedy the situation, but that at least congress should undertake the experiment and write the 18th amendment into the enforcement act. In this connection, he argued that in approving the amendment the country had not intended that congress should prohibit a beverage of low alcoholic content.

Replying with characteristic vigor, Senator Willis declared that if the 2.75 per cent beer bill were enacted into law, it would mean nullification of the 18th amendment. He urged that if such a law were produced, there would have to be a place for its sale, and that place would be "the old-fashioned saloon."

DILL IS REMOVED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Senator Robinson, democratic leader of the senate, today confirmed the democratic changes in committee assignments. Senator Dill of Washington was taken off the committee on territories and assigned to the committee on patents.

BUY STAMPS

CHRISTMAS SEAL STAMPS are now offered for sale at booths in the post office, Miller's Mercantile Co., Kaffoury Brothers, Siff Furniture Co. and the Bank of Commerce. Total receipts to date from booth sale: \$109.01; received in-mail, \$637.

TRAGEDY OF EMPTY STOCKING FACED BY 200 SALEM HOMES

Statesman's Famous Picture Is Inspiration for Sunday Story—Sermon Preached to Children by Rev. E. H. Shaanks

JIMMIE'S CHRISTMAS

Jimmie lived in a very poor home. His father was sick and had been out of work for a long time. Jimmie's mother was not very strong and she was not able to go out to work very often and the few dollars she could earn were not enough for the necessities of life. So the family was very poor.

Jimmie had often read about Santa Claus, and looked at the pictures of the good old saint, and knew about how he had brought presents and good things to children. Each year Jimmie had had some sort of Christmas, but this year his home was poorer than ever before.

It was Christmas eve and neither his father or mother had said a word about Christmas. Probably they thought Jimmie would not think of it. So when he went up to his bed in the little room at the head of the stairs he took his stocking and fastened it to the wall next his bed with a tacket on it addressed to Santa Claus.

The next morning Jimmie awoke with a start. He had not intended to sleep so late. He jumped out of bed and ran to his stocking and it was empty.

He could hardly believe that Santa had not come. He did want a few things, not much; but something as a gift for his Christmas. He wanted a mouth organ, and jack knife and some real store candy. And there was nothing in his stocking.

He went back to his bed and put his face in the bed clothes and cried as if his heart would break. Just then he heard a step on the front porch. He listened. Could it be that Santa had come at last? He heard his mother go to the door. When she opened the door there was a man down the street a little ways who turned and looked back as the door opened. And there before the door was a basket.

Jimmie's mother called to him: "Jimmie! Jimmie! are you awake! Come here, quick."

Jimmie ran down the stairs as fast as he could and there was the big basket, his mother was bringing into the room. "What a surprise it was!"

"In the basket there was a nice dressed chicken, some cranberries, sweet potatoes, sugar, butter, eggs, bread, raisins, apples, and some great big yellow oranges. And that was not all, for down in one corner there was a little package addressed to Jimmie. When he opened it there was a jack knife, a mouth organ and some real store candy. How Jimmie's eyes danced; and his feet danced, too.

Who could blame him?

A man told me the other day that there are about 200 little brothers and sisters of Jimmie's living in Salem this Christmas time. How would you like to help Santa Claus to bring some Christmas cheer to these little people, who may be heart broken on Christmas morning if you do not help?

Gifts to the Statesman-Associated Charities Christmas Cheer fund:

- Salem Ad Club\$10.00
- Lane Morley\$1.00
- Unknown\$1.00
- Tom's Wash Rack.....\$2.50
- Anna S. Kantner\$1.00
- Cash\$1.00
- A Friend.....\$1.00
- W. W. Hill\$0.50
- Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Pratt \$0.00

Tickets, which are to sell at a popular price, will be good for any or all of the four performances. There will be but slight changes in the musical numbers at each show.

KIWANIS CLUB ELECTS

ED SCHUNKE IS NAMED PRESIDENT ON SECOND VOTE

Kiwansians held their annual election of officers at their luncheon Tuesday noon. The first ballot ended in a tie for the two candidates for president, Ed Schunke and James Nicholson. But in the second vote cast, Ed Schunke won out.

Following are those elected: Ed Schunke, president; Carl Gabrielson, vice president; O. P. Coshaw, district trustee; George M. King, treasurer; Karl G. Becke, Fred Ellis, Bert T. Ford and Alfred J. Visk, directors.

Guy Gordno, prosecuting attorney of Douglas county, Charles E. Hopkins, and R. E. Wimberly, all Roseburg attorneys, were present at the luncheon, and were called upon for short talks.

GASOLINE CAUSES FIRE

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Critically burned when a can of gasoline exploded in an automobile paint shop here this afternoon, Chris Pederson, mechanic who inhaled flames was in a hospital tonight. About \$1,000 worth of damage was done to the shop.

SCHOONER IS RAMMED

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—The four masted schooner James Howard practically was cut in half in collision with the Italian steamer Livorno last night about nine miles north of Cape Lookout. The crew of 19 men was rescued.

RICH OIL TERRITORY WILL GO TO BRITAIN

League of Nations Places Mosul Under Mandate of United Kingdom

ENGLAND ACCEPTS OFFER

Great Britain Said to Have Assured Council That She Will Accept Prolongation of Mandate

GENEVA, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Mysterious Mosul where the league of nations recently saw oil spouting from natural wells and native Arabs hastily filling buckets to sell it to owners of American made automobiles, will go to Iraq, which means to Great Britain, for Great Britain has the mandate over Iraq.

Such is the decision reached by the council of the league, league officials declared tonight, and they added that everything would be made public tomorrow.

The council held a secret session this evening and regretfully noted the failure of its attempts at mediation.

It is reported that the British cabinet has sent assurances to the council that it will accept prolongation of the British mandate over Iraq.

Turkey, it is said, will get a narrow strip to the north. In other words, the provisional frontier between Turkey and Iraq laid down at Brussels, will become permanent, with slight modifications.

Iraq, under British influence, is expected to grant favorable economic arrangements to Turkey, whereby no customs barrier will exist between Turkey and Iraq, and Great Britain must formally accept the mandate for 25 years. Pending this the council's decision is provisional.

While the officials were making this announcement, the Turkish delegates show a new bolt. Tewfik Rashed Bey, the Turkish foreign minister, sent an official protest to the council accusing Great Britain of influencing the council by circulating false charges that the Turks had atrociously treated Christians. He was replying to a document published tonight from a Chaldean Catholic priest, which, like the report recently issued by General Laidoner, special league commissioner, accused the Turkish soldiers of massacres.

STAGE OPERATORS JOIN

To systematize stage schedules and give maximum service, individual stage operators plying between Portland and Salem and Salem and Roseburg have banded into an organization to be known as the Oregon Stage Lines, Inc.

The company has a capital stock of \$300,000. Portland-Salem and Oregon Stage lines are affected. The articles of incorporation were filed yesterday in the state corporation department. Incorporators are R. W. Lemen, Earl A. Hadfield and Fritz Jacobson.

THEOSOPHISTS AWAITING THE SECOND VISITATION

GROUP DECLARES CHRIST IS TO APPEAR IN HINDU

"Sixth-Root" Race Appearing, Said; Manifestations are Predicted

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—The Theosophical order of the Star of the East, organized 14 years ago to prepare for the second visitation of Christ to earth, is making ready to greet the Savior in the body of Krishnamurti, a young Hindu, at Adyar, province of Madras, India, and at Ommen, Holland.

This announcement was made here today by Dr. Ernest Stone, international secretary-treasurer of the order.

The manifestations are looked for during the coming Christmas season when Krishnamurti, who is now in India is to be hailed as the human vehicle carrying the manifestation of Christ, with a mission on earth as a world teacher.

"A sixth-root" race, the Theosophists said is making its appearance on the western slopes of this hemisphere, and also in Australia.

Dr. Stone cited statistics given out by the government ethnological department that new physical characteristics have been perceived in children of the last generation in support of his contention. That a "new root" people are about to take their place on earth.

The "new Christ" he said would appear as a teacher for this new race. A new continent will rise from the Pacific ocean, he continued, on which the new "root race" will establish themselves.

Fritz Kuntz, general representative Dr. Stone said, will leave Los Angeles June 1 for a four months tour of the United States in which he will lecture on the return of Christ through the vehicle of Krishnamurti, as announced by Dr. Annie Besant, president of the International Theosophical Society, at an international "star" conference at Ommen, Holland, last September.

A conference of Theosophists will be presented and he believes that the new world teacher will manifest himself to this assemblage.

TO BAR, OR NOT TO BAR

CHERRIANS TO BALLOT ON LADIES' INVITATION

Cherrians answered the call of King Bing Perry last night to consider a petition signed by 40 members to exclude ladies from the annual banquet to be given on January 5. The original vote showed members 33 to 17 in favor of inviting the ladies.

Ballots will be sent to the 85 members with the request that each vote to invite or bar the ladies, and return the ballots before Christmas. Final decision will rest on the outcome of this poll.

OPPOSITION TO TAX BILL IS OVERCOME

Amendments to Revenue Reducing Measure Ground Underfoot in House

PUBLICATION ACT LOSES

Proposals to Continue Printing Income Tax Returns Swept Aside; Exemptions Are Increased

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—The tax reduction bill held straight to its course in the house again today, as opponents trampled amendments to important provisions.

Without even a record vote, the house swept aside an amendment proposing to continue the publication of income tax returns.

Stubborn fights were made on the provisions for increasing personal exemptions, but terms of the bill, as framed by the ways and means committee to relieve 2,500,000 income tax payers from federal taxation next year, were accepted.

The bill increases the exemption from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for single persons and from \$2,500 to \$3,500 for married persons. An amendment by Representative Mary T. Norton, democrat, New Jersey, to boost the exemptions to \$2,500 for single persons and to \$5,000 for married persons was defeated 207 to 84.

Representative Rainey of Illinois, a democratic member of the ways and means committee, conducted a fight against an increase in the exemptions for married persons. This was lost without a record vote. Later when another of his amendments to prevent tax payers with incomes over \$20,000 from taking advantage of the exemptions was nowed down by a vote of 103 to 39, Mr. Rainey said he had decided to show whether "the Mellon machine" was so well oiled as to prevent amendment of the bill.

Not an amendment, except several advanced by committee members to clarify sections of the administrative provisions, has been accepted during the two days of reading of the non-partisan measure.

Six hours of partisan brawling brought the house to a point where tomorrow it will take up the controversial inheritance tax question. There was little debate today and what there was centered on the personal exemption and publicity provisions.

OLD PRINCIPALS UPHELD

YOUNG LA FOLLETTE WOULD FOLLOW DAD'S WORDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Both before and after the republican senate committee today had accepted him into the party fold, Senator La Follette of Wisconsin gave public notice that he would adhere to the "progressive principles" of his father, who was read out of the party a year ago by the senate old guard.

His first notice was sent directly to the party leaders in the form of a letter to the committee on committees which voted yesterday to recognize him as a republican in making committee assignments.

His second took the form of an address at a banquet given in his honor tonight by the officers of Labor, a newspaper published by railroad workers.

Immediately upon receipt of the young senator's letter, Chairman Watson called a hasty meeting of the committee on committees. After hearing the letter, the members held that it was not to be construed as changing Mr. La Follette's party status, and within an hour the senate approved without debate or a record vote his assignment to committees as a republican.

In his address tonight Senator La Follette spoke largely of his father, declaring it was fitting that he should do so.

MAKE HUGE LIQUOR RAID

VALUE OF EQUIPMENT AND PRODUCT SET AT \$200,000

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Moonshining equipment and products valued at \$200,000 were seized and four prisoners arrested by federal prohibition administrators Roy C. Lyle and his assistants in a double raid today in Snohomish county about 25 miles northeast of here.

Two stills, one a 500-gallon triple condenser, the other 150-gallon capacity, 4800 gallons of mash, two tons of cracked corn and corn meal, 25 sacks of corn sugar, coloring matter and a truck were seized. Six 52-gallon drums of kerosene; fuel for the burners, were also discovered.

W. M. Zimmerman and Al Ray were operating one of the stills, officers said. Clyde Chandler was arrested on the truck, while Gus Anderson, the fourth man, was taken in custody in Everett, where part of the moonshine, coloring matter and some glycerine were found, the prohibition squad reported. The glycerine was used to put a bead on the fake whiskey, they explained. The men are held under \$1500 bonds each.

FINANCE MINISTER HAS RESIGNED FROM CABINET

M. LOUCHEUR QUILTS IN FACE OF PATENT HOSTILITY

UNEARTHED RELICS CAUSE OF DISPUTE

Varied Opinions Expressed as to Antiquity of Lead Artifacts

PARIS, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—M. Loucheur has resigned from his post as finance minister, feeling that it is impossible to carry on in the face of the hostilities of the finance committee of the chamber of deputies and in the face of the clear dislike of his financial measures on the part of business interests throughout the country. Paul Doumergue, radical socialist and former finance minister, will probably take his place.

Premier Briand held a long talk with Senator Doumer this evening and is inclined to ask him to take the portfolio. Nothing, however, will be decided until after the cabinet meeting, which M. Briand has summoned for tomorrow morning.

Should the cabinet approve the choice of M. Doumer he may formally be appointed at noon to take over the ministry at once.

M. Loucheur failed, as did Caillaux, to propose solutions that the principal elements of the government majority in the chamber of deputies would accept and was obliged to resign, after receiving from the finance committee of the chamber the second rebuff in two days.

The opposition to M. Loucheur came from the same groups that obliged M. Caillaux to retire, namely, the socialists and extreme radicals while Painleve succumbed to the moderate conservative radicals with a few dissenting radicals.

The socialists were the most uncompromising adversaries of the minister leading the fight against any consideration of the measures he proposed.

In a letter to M. Briand the finance minister, confirming his resignation admits that his measure, twice rejected by the finance committee, "involved heavy sacrifices," but affirms that "they were in our opinion necessary."

RAIL BRIEFS ARE FILED

OREGON TRUNK APPLICATION IS BEING CONSIDERED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Briefs for and against the application of the Oregon Trunk for permission to extend its Central Oregon railway from Bend to Klamath Falls were filed today with the Interstate commerce commission. Oral arguments to be heard soon by the commission will be the next step in the controversy in which the Southern Pacific has been trying to prevent the entry of the northern lines into the Klamath Falls country.

The Oregon Trunk brief stresses the point that the Southern Pacific seeks to have a monopoly of the traffic of the Klamath basin, while the Southern Pacific contends that if the Northern line is permitted to enter the region it will "peril and ruin" the Southern Pacific's proposed connections in the region. The Southern Pacific declared it would give adequate service to all the Oregon territory and would provide a line between Klamath Falls and Chicago, 200 miles shorter than the proposed northern route.

The Northern line's brief declares that its proposal will bring development and encourage lumber manufacturing and that the Southern Pacific will benefit as well as the northern lines. It expressed willingness to enter into any joint use of agreement as to the new line, and it does not oppose the Southern Pacific building plan.

BATTLING SIKI KILLED

SENEGAL FIGHTER IS VICTIM OF STREET BRAWL

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Batling Siki, the Senegalese pugilist, never one to confine his love of combat to the squared circle, fought his last fight early today on a "Hell's Kitchen" sidewalk.

Twelve hours after discovery of his body with two bullet wounds in the back, the former bar room boy, decorated World War veteran, and participant in countless street and bar room brawls, lay in a morgue tonight, while police combed haunts of the underworld for his slayer.

The authorities were working on the theory Siki had become involved in an argument in one of the numerous night clubs near where his body was picked up and that he was followed into the street and slain. No important clue to his murderer has been found.

Siki's body was found and identified by a patrolman, in the gutter nearby was found a revolver with two exploded shells in the chambers.

AUTOIST IS DROWNED

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Albert Larson of Rose Hill, near here, was drowned in two feet of water tonight three miles south of Kirkland when he was pinned under an overturned automobile.

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INSCRIPTIONS ARE READ

Attempted Explanations Fail to Convince; Scientists Unable to Agree On Age of Plates

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—The battle of conflicting opinion over the relics unearthed at Nine Mile Water as to their age and authenticity was unabated today with the discoverers finding additional support as well as being attacked anew from different quarters.

Prominent among the defenders of the discoverers' claims, was G. M. Butler, dean of the college of mines and engineering at the University of Arizona, who declared there was "no doubt in the minds of geologists that the strata of caliche in which the relics were found accumulated very slowly."

He declared the slowness of the formation of the caliche precluded any possibility that the relics could have been placed in the rock since white men came to this section of the country.

F. S. Blair, Tucson attorney and graduate of Cornell, however, declared that the inscriptions on the leaden crosses and war implements bore striking resemblance to quotations from Caesar's "De Bello Gallico" and otherwise scouted their authenticity.

Menier, the discoverer, tonight asserted that no trace of early Mormon influence was to be found on the relics.

A different view was taken by Gordon Kimball, first councillor to the presiding elder of the Mormon church here. He believes the artifacts were left here by a group that wandered from Cumorah Hill, N. Y., where a legendary band of Mormons left the book of Mormon plates.

Menier's opinion was brought forth by a statement from M. J. Sjobald Mormon editor, that the inscriptions on the artifacts "proved them true" and that Mormon beliefs that two races of Europeans settled in America several hundred years before the birth of Christ. "No scientist who has examined the artifacts can find any religious influence other than the Hebrew," he said. "Although the race that left the crosses appears to have been religious there is no reference to either Christianity or Mormonism except in the use of A. D. in giving dates. The names of the kings given in the inscriptions correspond to a certain extent to the names of early traditional Mormon leaders, but they also correspond to those of the early Hebrews."

"The dates on the artifacts do not correspond with the dates given in the book of Mormon. According to these teachings the Nefites and Lamanites came to America about 600 B. C. and the Nefites were white people who were exterminated in 421 A. D. During this time there was no communication with the European people and the Nefites—if they had left crosses—would not have used Latin inscriptions. The plates from which the Book of Mormon was taken were inscribed in Egyptian."

Mormon church officials here, however, are inclined to believe that when the band that left the book of Mormon plates under Cumorah Hill in New York was exterminated, other groups were left in America and that one of these groups left the leaden artifacts.

FIVE KILLED IN BLAST

MINERS DIE FROM GAS FORMED FOLLOWING EXPLOSION

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Five miners were killed and a sixth was severely burned in an explosion yesterday at the Wilkeson coal and coke company, 31 miles southeast of Tacoma. It was revealed in a special dispatch to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer tonight.

Officials of the mine had not reported the cause of the blast tonight.

The following were listed as dead: John Horoski, 19; single, Buckley; Roy Woolsey, 30, married, Carbonado; Emanuel Christell, 22, single, Wilkeson; Tony Edger, 35, single, Wilkeson; M. George, 39, married, Wilkeson.

C. W. Farrell, 25, is in the Tacoma general hospital suffering severe burns about the face and arms. He said 30 men were working when an explosion occurred at about 8:30 a. m. Monday.

The five men were killed when they inhaled gas which formed after the blast, the dispatch said.

