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PRICE FIVE CENTS

HIGH WINDS HIT WALLEY

SMUGGLING OF LIQUOR PLAYED

English Condemn Practice of Sending Booze Ships to United States

PROHIBITION IS UPHELD

Advantages of Dry America Lauded by Speakers in Large Meeting Held in Response to Message

LONDON, Feb. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—The smuggling of liquor into the United States by their subjects was severely condemned today in a largely attended meeting in the church house under the shadow of Westminster Abbey.

The meeting was held to frame a response to the appeal recently sent abroad by the American citizens committee of one thousand. An official touch was given the occasion by a letter from Sir Austen Chamberlain, the foreign secretary indicating entire sympathy with the purpose of the meeting.

The Bishop of London who presided, said the meeting was not called to express any views about prohibition but he added that he thought the British people had been told a great many manufactured lies from across the ocean about prohibition. There is not the slightest doubt, he said, that the industrial output of America has increased and public health improved.

"You cannot think anything of those silly little fools who swagger at dances with brandy flasks. That's their brandy," he said. "You have to look at the great broad effect upon the whole nation."

It is a gross impertinence, he continued, to try to undo anything that a great nation has chosen to decide for its own good. Cries of "shame" were raised when the bishop cited official American statistics showing that in the last six months of 1925 twenty out of 24 liquor ships seized by the American authorities were British. "This traffic is most dishonouring to Britain," he asserted. "We have in our minds the wonderful rescue made by the President Roosevelt. Let us make some adequate return."

The meeting approved the following response to the American appeal, moved by Lord Parmoor who was Lord President of the council in the MacDonald government:

"You have taken a stand regarding the liquor traffic which has aroused widespread interest. Safeguarding your national constitution is your inalienable right, and that any British citizens for financial gain should have been taking any part whatsoever in invading the sanctity of your laws is a crime against the rights of mankind in this country-wide indignation. As you are aware, the governments of the British Commonwealth have done something to assist in frustrating these attempts. The treaty extending the limits of your rights of search was a recognition of our common responsibility, but we share with you the feeling that nothing should be left undone to reduce still further the evils to which you call attention."

KILL SAILOR IN CLASH

ANOTHER AMERICAN INJURED IN FIGHT WITH CUBANS

HAVANA, Feb. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—One United States sailor was killed and another seriously injured during a clash today between Cubans and enlisted navy men at Bouqueros, a small village near the United States navy station on Guantanamo Bay. No Cubans were reported seriously injured.

A dispatch to El Mundo from Guantanamo says the affair is attributed to an excess of strong drink. The rural guards did not obtain the names of the American victims.

SUES FOR LIBEL; LOSES

NEWSPAPER RECEIVES FAVORABLE VERDICT IN CASE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—A circuit court jury here today returned a verdict for the Klamath Falls Evening Herald in a libel suit brought by W. P. Myers, former acting district attorney of Klamath county. The plaintiff sought damages in the sum of \$19,000 for alleged libelous statements in an editorial in the Evening Herald on April 11, 1925.

Maltese Cat Returns to Home After Long Journey

Buster, Born Here and Taken to Southern Oregon in Box, Returns to Salem After Making Precarious Trip 125 Miles; Owner Tells Story

You don't seem to be able to keep 'em away from Salem. Remember when Bobbie, G. W. Brazier's big Collie dog came back from Indiana where he was lost and made his way on foot clear back to Silverton where his master lived? Bobbie's feet were all sore from the long trip and his toenails were worn off but he kept on and on. He knew where he lived even though he had made the trip across the United States in an automobile. But he came home even though

AUTO GIFT ELECTION OPPORTUNITIES OPEN

NOMINATIONS MAY STILL BE MADE IN PRIZE CONTEST

Editor Advises Candidates to Get Started as Soon as Possible

(By Auto Contest Editor.) Nominations are still open in The Statesman's automobile and prize voting contest, and no doubt, a number of names will be sent within the next day or so. It is advisable, though, to get started as soon as possible and all persons contemplating entering their names should send in their nomination blanks at once. You have never had an opportunity presented to you as big and as easy to secure as you have in this generous voting contest.

We'll warrant that you never before had a chance to secure a luxurious automobile without the expenditure of one cent on your part. But that is just what we have offered you in this contest. And your opportunity to win a car is still open. All that is necessary is that you take advantage of it now.

Go after one of these cars and go after it strong. Make up your mind that you are to win and stop for nothing.

If you are alive, wake up to the opportunity. Give a little spare time to this event. Come to the office and talk it over—and you can win up to a \$1115 automobile in the next few days.

The work is not hard. You do not need a college education to win one of these awards. What it requires is constant plugging, hammering away steadily for the next few days.

Now that you have entered the contest, what are you going to do to insure its being your prize contest? You have gone into it with a definite object in view—to win one of the highest prizes.

To do this, it is not enough to enter your name as a candidate and then sit with folded hands waiting for your friends to subscribe in your favor. That would be one of the longest waits you ever had.

This contest is an opportunity for workers, it is an opportunity to get within a few weeks something that can usually be obtained only by months of patient toil. Have you found it altogether easy to save up to \$1115 for some luxury that you wished?

The persons who make the best use of their time between now and

WILSON OUT FOR SENATE

ASKS REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FROM MARION COUNTY

Otto J. Wilson, Salem automobile dealer, yesterday filed with Secretary of State Koser, his formal declaration as a candidate for the republican nomination for state senator from Marion county. Wilson was a member of the house of representatives from Marion county. Wilson was a member of the house of representatives from Marion county in the sessions of 1923 and 1925. His declaration of candidacy contains neither platform nor slogan.

CHILD KILLED BY AUTO

9 YEAR OLD TOT RUNS FROM BEHIND PARKED CAR

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Running in front of a parked automobile in which her mother was sitting waiting for her return, Dorothy Prince, 9 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Prince of Tacoma, was fatally injured when struck by a machine driven by C. O. Bishop also of this city. The injured girl died in a local hospital a half hour after she was struck.

F. W. Fries, the driver of the machine in which her mother was sitting, declared that Bishop did all in his power to avoid striking the girl. Bishop is not being held by the police, his release having been ordered by Coroner E. R. Perry.

OFFICERS TELL OF RUM DEALS

Federal Dry Agents Permitted Deliveries in Order to Get Evidence

TAPPED WIRES ARE USED

Government Officers Tell of Eavesdropping on Telephone Conversations in Olmstead Trial

SEATTLE, Feb. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Federal prohibition agents permitted liquor deliveries in Seattle to get evidence against the alleged Olmstead liquor ring, Earl Corwin, government agent, testified in court here today.

"Rather than show our hand when our evidence was not complete," said Corwin, "no interference was attempted."

Corwin declared that when he heard a conversation over a tapped telephone wire regarding the delivery of a load of liquor he would immediately go to the point which had been designated and witness the transaction. He said that on one occasion he had seen Roy Olmstead, alleged leader of the \$500,000 bootlegging ring deliver a case of whiskey to a downtown cafe.

The first occasion when he took advantage of a tapped telephone conversation to witness the delivery of liquor, Corwin testified, was July 5, 1924, when he heard a "Mr. Rice" in the McDermott block down town order a case of gin.

"Did you watch this delivery?" asked C. T. McKinney, assistant United States attorney.

"I did," retorted Corwin. "I took up a position in the McDermott block on the second floor and waited until Baldy Healy came up carrying a case of gin. He rapped on the door of a prominent hat-maker and walked in. A few minutes later he came out without the gin."

Defense counsel George Vanderveer was given permission by Judge Jeremiah Neterer to stand behind Corwin while the latter was looking into a large book containing the government's evidence obtained by tapping the telephone wires. District attorney Thomas P. Revell protested vigorously but Judge Neterer said he had seen Corwin reading from the book. The court had ruled that witnesses could refer to the book for dates and figures, but could not read the substance of its contents.

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SENATE FAVORS WATER PROJECT

Greatest Irrigation System in Country to Have Source in Columbia

FEDERAL AID IS VOTED

Department of Interior Would Be Authorized to Cooperate With Western States in Huge Project

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—The senate today began laying the foundation for the country's greatest irrigation project when its committee on irrigation and reclamation unanimously voted a favorable report on the Jones bill to assist the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana in agreeing on the division of the waters of the Columbia river.

The bill specifically would authorize the secretary of interior to cooperate with the states in bringing about such a compact, and would appropriate \$25,000 for the work. The compact is the first step necessary in the construction of the project, designed to irrigate 1,750,000 acres of land in the Columbia basin, costing \$300,000,000.

It is nearly four times as large as the country's present greatest irrigation project in the Imperial valley of California, which under maximum development could irrigate half a million acres of land.

The committee report the bill after but two and a half hours of hearing today at which representatives of the Columbia basin irrigation district and the Seattle chamber of commerce described the ultimate development in detail.

Charles Hibberd of Spokane, representing the irrigation district, told the committee that construction of the project would require more than six years, the time being determined by the rapidity with which sixteen miles of tunnel, as a portion of the canal to bring the water from the diversion point to the project, could be completed. Most of the land under irrigation, he said, would be planted in grains, grasses and alfalfa, and later would be cultivated as fruit farms.

SEATTLE COLLEGE WINS

TACOMA, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Seattle college defeated St. Martin's college, 43 to 30, in a Washington-Oregon conference basketball game at the St. Martin's court tonight.

Terrific Storm Strikes In Several Oregon Towns

Automobiles Overturned, Tops Torn Off, Signs Blown Down and Communication Systems Demoralized by Most Severe Storm in Many Years

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 2.—(By A. P.)—Wind in half an hour here tonight blew over two sedan automobiles, caused a dozen fires of small consequence, knocked big limbs from trees into the city streets and did considerable other damage. The storm quieted down as quickly as it came up, rain following.

T. W. Ross of Portland was blown over while driving a sedan near Monroe but was uninjured. Mrs. E. B. Yaden of Klamath Falls, in a sedan, was blown from the highway between Eugene and Cottage Grove. She was not badly hurt, but is in a local hotel suffering from shock.

The entire city was in darkness for nearly half an hour when distribution lines blown together caused a short circuit. The Eugene fire department answered 11 alarms in 35 minutes, although no damage was reported. At least six other small blazes were seen, most of them burning flues.

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 2.—The worst wind storm in many years hit Albany at 7:15 o'clock tonight, tearing off automobile tops, blowing down signs, cutting off all telegraphic communication, blowing down telephone lines to the south, putting the city in darkness intermittently, and causing several fires.

At 8 o'clock the storm had not abated in intensity; a 50-mile gale was prevailing and the power lines were expected to go down any minute. Telephone connections with Portland was accomplished only with difficulty.

The fire department was out answering fire calls. Trouble with chimneys, and fires started by candles and oil lamps which were being pressed into use, were responsible for four alarms within 15 minutes after the storm broke.

Only light rain accompanied the storm at first, but by 8 o'clock it was raining heavily. The wind came from the west and was warm.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 2.—Roseburg was visited by a gale this afternoon. Wind ripped awnings, littered the streets and in shaded residential sections blew down great limbs of trees and in a few cases tore down sheds and caused other damage.

Reports from outlying sections indicated that the wind storm covered a considerable area. Prospect Tiller it was reported that many trees were blown down. A tree blown across the California-Oregon power company lines, which the city of Roseburg with power, cut the passenger traffic line and necessitated the use of an emergency plant at Winchester.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 2.—A drop in the barometer here today indicated a severe storm, one of the worst that probably this section has experienced in years. The barometer dropped 34 points to 28.92 at 4:16 p. m. Three craft went out today before the storm warning reached here.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—A great storm moving in from the Pacific tonight was playing havoc with schedules of ships inbound to British Columbia ports.

The Shizuka Maru, due tomorrow from Japan, wireless tonight that she would be 24 hours late. The Canadian-Australian liner Niagara due Friday from Australia, is in the midst of storm and is also expected to be delayed.

The steamer Torzanger en route to Vancouver from New York was fighting heavy seas and terrific winds 200 miles south of Tacoma. The Hannah Nielson, 300 miles south of Tatoosh, reported itself in the center of the disturbance.

A moderate gale, said by the weather forecasters to be a forerunner of a big hurricane, was blowing in from the sea here tonight.

FACE SERIOUS CHARGES

MEXICANS ARE TURNED OVER TO FEDERAL OFFICERS

Louis Garcia, Lupia Garcia and Jose Alvares, Mexicans arrested here last week on liquor and disorderly conduct charges, were turned over to federal authorities yesterday with the possibility of their being charged with violation of the Mann act. They are from Sacramento and drove to Salem in an automobile. They may also be deported, police are advised.

Hazel Garcia, said to be a white woman and who identifies herself as the wife of Garcia, is still being held in jail but will later be released to her father in California.

POLITICS SAID BEHIND CHARGE

Coolidge Warns Public to Discount Usual Campaign Year Criticisms

NEW ATTACK LAUNCHED

Democrat Declares Informal Statement is Unworthy of Executive; Counter Attack Is Opened

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—A White House retort to the charge that President Coolidge has been playing politics was followed today by a renewal of the charge from the democratic side of the senate. What was said at the White House was imparted to newspapermen in the usual informal manner, and permission to print it as a direct statement by the president was withheld. The substance of it was that Mr. Coolidge hoped the public would not take recent criticism of him in congress and elsewhere too seriously, but would bear in mind that this is a campaign year and that public discussions at this season are likely to have a political flavor.

Within two hours after the correspondents left the executive offices, Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, said on the senate floor that the president had called in newspapermen and warned them that speeches in congress are political.

The senator added that such a statement was "unworthy of the president of the United States."

"The president has been going over the country making speeches to commercial organizations and to chambers of commerce," Senator Harrison said, "exploiting his views, seeking to bring the people to his idea of government and to win approval of his administrative policy. He has not made a single speech, from that uttered before the chamber of commerce of New York to that 29-night journey to Chicago, which he addressed the farmers of the great northwest offering to them a panacea which was disproved by that great section of the country but that he was trying to win favor with the people, playing politics in all his speeches."

"If there has been in the White House in a long time an adroit politician, a man who in smooth and apparently silent ways can win over more than a million men in his own party, it is the present occupant."

"Yet, notwithstanding all this, which the country knows—and we who have to combat him here daily know it perhaps better than the country—he calls the newspapers in this morning at the White House and makes this startling statement to them, a statement that has no counterpart in history of any occupant of the White House. Indeed, none has been so courageous before as to make such a pronouncement."

"Ah, Mr. President, using the great power of his great office, wielding the exceptional influence he now commands, the president tries to focus the attention of the country and have the people believe there is a great conspiracy on foot in this country, and through public speeches, that they are to have nothing but political speeches here, and not a discussion of the real facts."

"The minority party, both in the house and the senate, has played less politics since December than at any other time in the history of the American congress. It is unworthy of a president of the United States. It does not become an occupant of the White House to have the newspapers, through their correspondents, warn that the speeches here are to be of a political tinge and cease during this year."

RURAL MEETING CALLED

C. E. SCHUSTER WILL GIVE STRAWBERRY FACTS

Rural department of the Salem Chamber of Commerce will meet tomorrow evening in the chamber auditorium. The meeting has been called for 8 o'clock, and will be over on the dot at 10 o'clock.

The rural department is expected to be of more importance. A recent rally sent the membership up to 100. keen interest is shown by the members, the auditorium usually being filled at the meetings.

Prof. C. E. Schuster, of Oreg., considered one of the best authorities in the northwest on strawberry berries will be the principal speaker at the meeting. Strawberries will be the main topic in the course.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—F. A. Christenson, 55, of Vancouver, Wash., was killed today near the city when he fell from the rear end of an auto truck to his death, beneath a three-ton trailer. Christenson was a log-hauling contractor.