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MODIFIED DRY LAW IS ASKED

Association Would Strike Happy Medium on Prohibition Question

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD

Plan for Government Control to Be Discussed; Speakers of National Prohibition Will Attend

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Out of the maelstrom of discussion whirling around prohibition the association against the prohibition amendment hopes to evolve a concrete plan for modification at its second "face the facts" conference here February 22.

The conference, plans for which were announced tonight, will consider "a definite plan for government control under a modified form of prohibition designed to end the reign of the bootlegger and abolish the other evils following in the train of Volsteadism without returning to the evils of the old saloon system."

Representatives of the Canadian government, the announcement said, will tell of experiments in modified prohibition in the dominion. Statistics will be presented on the bearing on "the evils of Volsteadism," and addresses will be made by speakers of national prominence.

Since the last conference, a year ago, the association declared that "there has been an alarming increase of evidence against Volsteadism as a breeder of a host of evils theretofore but little known in American life, including bootlegging, bribery, corruption, widespread drinking among youths of both sexes and almost universal disrespect for law."

"There also has been a greatly increased recognition of these 'facts' extending to quarters which a year ago would have impatiently rejected the experiments in modified prohibition," the announcement continued.

"The comforting instances of this character are found in the recent report of the federal council of churches and the still more recent declaration of the Church Temperance society of the Protestant Episcopal church. In both the present methods of legislative enforcement were weighed in the balance and found wanting, while in the latter a direct demand was made for modification of the present laws so as to permit the manufacture and use of beer and light wines."

"These are the 'facts' which are to be 'faced' at the coming conference, the shift in sentiment during the past year as a result of wider knowledge of the evils of Volsteadism is responsible for the selection of Washington's birthday as the date of the conference, as significant of a return to the spirit of temperance and the recognition of the obligation of the father of his country who was opposed to the evils of drink as to every other form of intemperance, yet was a distiller of whiskey, and left behind an excellent recipe for making excellent beer."

SEA TAKES TWO VICTIMS

THREE BARGES WRECKED OFF NEW JERSEY COAST

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Feb. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—The known loss of two lives, three heroic rescues from death at sea and the wrecking of three barges on the north Jersey coast today were counted as the result of the northeast gale and blizzard that swept over the entrance to New York harbor for 36 hours.

Unidentified body, believed to be that of a sailor on one of the stricken barges today was washed ashore at Barnegat today.

The man who died of exposure after his rescue from the barge Metropolitan 21 at Barnegat yesterday was identified as Captain Arnold Langford in charge of the boat.

The survivors of the Metropolitan 21 brought in by the lifeboat crew headed by Captain Palmer of the coast guard after a victorious fight.

THREE REBELS EXECUTED

REVOLUTIONARY PILOT SAID UNCOVERED IN MEXICO

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Feb. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—General Jose Hiveros and two day in connection with the discovery of a revolutionary pilot said to have been engineered from San Antonio, Texas.

General Aramburo, chief of military operations in the state of Vera Cruz, announced the execution tonight.

Old Fashioned Fiddlers Delight Capacity House

Audience Unanimous in Demand for Another Evening of Waltz and Reels; One Violin 188 Years Old, Played by Prize Winner for 72 Years

Tickle toe, fiddle. Tramp—tramp—tramp came the sound of feet beating to the tantalizing movement of the bows.

Twenty-three old fiddlers delved into the past last night and brought back melodies of the days when long white beards were only silken down, while 1500 persons, filling the main floor and the balcony, engaged in the most enthusiastic display of spirit that has greeted any Salem production.

Time and again, the stomp, stomp, stomp at the listeners' feet kept time to the tantalizing twitching of the bows, hands were raised for silence with the music smothered beneath the clapping and applause.

BURBANK LAYS CLAIM TO POWER TO CURE ILLNESS

PLANT WIZARD SAYS HE HAS DEMONSTRATED ABILITY

Psychic Power Said Basis of Acts; Denies Supernatural Intervention

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Feb. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Power to cure the ill by the "laying of hands" was claimed by Luther Burbank, plant wizard, whose recent announcement regarding his views on religion caused a sensation.

Burbank said he had demonstrated his power to heal in two or three hundred cases and could relate instances "that would almost make you hush stand up." "Conviction that he is possessed of a psychic personality was expressed by the scientist today following a visit to his home by Konrad Leitner, Swiss psychologist. After discussing with Leitner the powers of personal magnetism, Burbank told of a number of his experiences in healing the sick.

"Why, many years ago, my nearest neighbor was dying," he was quoted as saying. "Four doctors had given him up. He sent for me and I went to his bedside. He told me 'I am going to die tonight.' I told him 'You are going to get well. Tomorrow morning I will see you at your woodpile as usual.' He was there the next morning. That is only one of so many cases."

The power "is not supernatural," Burbank said. "It is a natural force in mind that I will not allow the afflicted to be brought to me; I cannot have my door thronged with patients. I am far too busy to take on any more work than I have now on hand."

NATIONS BID FOR GEMS

ROMANOFF CROWN JEWELS BRING ACTIVE BIDDERS

MOSCOW, Feb. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Gem experts of seven nationalities are contending for possession of part of the famous "Romanoff crown jewels," which the soviet government has placed on the market. Americans are the most active bidders, closely followed by French and British experts. Rudolph Oblat, representing a syndicate of American diamond firms today made a bid on the entire collection of uncrowned emeralds, which is valued at several million dollars and comprises stones up to 65 carats in weight.

Polish representatives are competing for a part of the gem. It is recalled that arrangements were made last year by the soviet government to give Poland 25,000,000 rubles worth of crown jewels in part payment of Russia's obligation to her but difficulties arose at the last moment and only 11,900,000 worth of gems.

SHIP MASTER REWARDED

SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS BUREAU IS NOTED

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Captain George Fried of the President Roosevelt, rescuer of the Antioch crew, and Commander John Rodgers, USN, commander of last summer's airplane flight to Hawaii, both of whom, through the Associated Press furnished to the public prompt and effective news of the thrilling adventure, are to have the distinction of being the first two laymen to whom The Associated Press ever has given the special airplane flight to Hawaii reporter. Tokens in the form of gold watches, with inscriptions designating the specific news reporting performed by each of them will be presented.

Both Commander Rodgers and Captain Fried, though never having had newspaper experience, accepted and promptly filed Associated Press assignments at critical moments when notified of public anxiety for accurate news which they were in the best position to furnish.

PUZZLE BRINGS DEATH

MAN, 72, UNABLE TO SOLVE PATTERN, TAKES LIFE

SEATTLE, Feb. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Edward Cummings, 72, proprietor of a tinshop here for 20 years, was brought near death today by a self-inflicted wound. His wife said he was dependent over failure to solve a geometrical problem, arising in a pattern design.

BANDITS TAKE LIQUOR TRAIN

\$10,000 Worth of Alcohol Is Stolen by Gang of Twenty Train Robbers

TRAIN CREW IS HELD UP

Trucks Are Used To Carry Barreled Cargo Away; Guns and Equipment Stolen From Rail Office

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Twenty robbers early today sacked a small town railroad office near here, seizing equipment which they later used to hold up and rob a Rock Island freight train from which they took about \$10,000 worth of alcohol. Cutting the air hose on the seventy car freight train the robbers held the crew prisoners while their mates carted the barrels of alcohol away in trucks.

Torches, cutters, punches, wrenching bars, rifle shotguns and cartridges were taken in the station robbery. These tools are believed to have been used to force open the cars which yielded the alcohol cargo.

Three cars of alcohol were consigned from the Corning distillery company of this city.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—(AP)—An unmasked man today held up the Lincoln Park branch of the Hellman Commercial Trust & Savings bank. He escaped with about \$4,000 in cash. Last summer the bank was robbed of \$4800.

HAVANA, Feb. 5.—(AP)—A robber held up the clerk of the Sevilla Billmore hotel, escaping with \$3500. Two employees of the hotel are held by the police pending an investigation.

URGES SUGAR INDUSTRY COMPANY EXPERT TO TALK AT CHAMBER MONDAY

J. W. Timpon, manager of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, is to be the principal speaker at the luncheon of the chamber of commerce Monday noon. The luncheon will be served in the auditorium of the chamber.

A \$1,500,000 plant is operated at Bellingham, Wash., by the Utah-Idaho Sugar company. It is said that 17 farmers in the district of Salem grow sugar beets last summer, and the tests revealed that they are of good enough quality to be used by the Bellingham plant.

Mr. Timpon will talk on "Developing a Profitable New Industry for the Willamette Valley and for Oregon." Mr. Timpon is of the opinion that the Willamette valley is well adapted to the growing of sugar beets. It is said there are 138,000 acres in the Willamette valley that are well suited to the production of sugar beets.

THE ROAD TO PROSPERITY



STORM TRAGEDY MIXED WITH MANY HIGHLIGHTS

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BORNE ON WINGS OF GALE

Deaths of Heroism and Sacrifice Do Much to Alleviate Misery in East

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Sports of summer tonight showed through the mantle of tragedy and property destruction draped over the north-eastern section of the United States by the blizzard which yesterday roared up the Atlantic seaboard and away into the Arctic regions.

Scattered indiscriminately in the records of death, misery, destruction and deaths of heroism were trivial incidents which lightened the hardships and inconveniences.

Grotesque snowmen, the work of children, stood inside the streets of New York awaiting free rides in the city's motor trucks; shovelers excavated truant seats from beneath pyramids of snow, and torn umbrellas were found snowbound where their owners had deserted them after yesterday's gale had turned them wrongside out.

Pedestrians wearied of icy sidewalks and blocked street crossings paid the exorbitant fares demanded by taxicab drivers for the privilege of having their heads bumped against the cab roofs as the vehicles slipped and bumped over frozen drifts and into deep ruts left by heavy trucks.

Central Park and other city recreation centers deserted by nursemaids and watchful mothers, became coasting grounds for thousands of youngsters.

In Albany, only a handful of senators and assemblymen braved the elements to reach the capital. In Boston, thousands of commuters were looking forward to a hot bath and a warm bed after having spent last night sleeping in public buildings because transportation service to the suburbs was suspended.

In New York, the old timers had their innings. There were only four sleighs in the city and it was stated, but these were brought out of storage and put to use—at the rate of \$15 per hour to passengers. In the suburbs the driver was reported taking second place to similar sleighs resuscitated from the past as roads became impassable.

CENTRAL HOWELL MEET

FRED J. TOOZE TO SPEAK ON SCHOOL EDUCATION

Fred J. Tooze, candidate for Republican nomination for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be principal speaker at a Central Howell community gathering tonight at the Congregational church. High school education will be his topic. Ben J. Kmetz, of the county YMCA, will address boys from 11 to 15 years of age on the Pioneer Club idea.

FIGHT STARTED OVER TAX BILL

Seven Hours of Debate Is Given to Proposal to Open Tax Returns

FILIBUSTERING CHARGED

Vote on Measure Is Expected Today; Senator Couzens Leads Fight for Inspection of Lists

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Opening of tax returns to public inspection was urged by the senate by members of both parties today as the tax reduction bill was subjected to seven more hours of debate.

For the second day, a decision went over on the provision in the bill for repeal of the section of the present law allowing publication of amounts of tax payments and Chairman Smoot of the finance committee announced his words for the night sessions next week to hasten disposal of the measure.

Opponents of the repeal who are countering with a motion to declare the full returns public records, instead of merely the amounts paid, held the floor throughout the day and while the debate was held strictly to this subject, some managers of the tax bill privately charged a filibuster was under way against it.

Senator Couzens, republican, Michigan, who led the fight today for opening of tax returns to public inspection, indicated tonight however, that he expected a vote tomorrow. The senate approved more than a score of technical amendments to the bill which had been passed over previously.

A proposal to enact into law treasury rulings allowing amortization claims if made before March 3, 1924, went over at the request of Senator Couzens. Urging the opening of tax returns to public inspection as a "vital remedy," Senator Couzens declared the investigation of the internal revenue bureau by a special senate committee of which he is chairman, had shown "collusion, dishonesty and favoritism" in its administration. The returns, numbering about 65,000,000 have never been subjected to public review or audit in the 13 years the income tax law had been in effect, he said, holding that the limited publication provision was "obscure."

Senator Watson, republican, Indiana, also a member of the investigating committee declared no fraud had been uncovered in the bureau and he defended the administration of Commissioner Blair.

Senator Couzens replied that "while we found no fraud, we certainly found evidence of it." Citing several cases investigated, including the rebuys of the Standard Oil company of California, and of William Boyce, Thompson of New York, former chairman of the finance committee of the republican national committee he insisted that returns gave evidence of favoritism.

PROBE LIQUOR DEATHS

SIX SOLDIERS MAY RECOVER FROM POISON EFFECTS

HONOLULU, Feb. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Physicians announced late today that six U. S. soldiers ill here as the result of drinking bay rum, probably will recover from the liquor which caused the death of six other enlisted men.

A board of inquiry questioned the men in the hospital but declined to reveal what had been learned.

The board is trying to trace the source of the liquor in order to prosecute the vendor. "Collusion" was revealed today that Sergeant Philip Moreland, United States marine corps, stationed at Pearl Harbor, died on December 13 from the effects of a bay rum quack.

Thereafter orders were given to remove all products containing alcohol from the shelves of the Pearl Harbor stores.

NOTES SENT TO MEXICO

MESSAGE DEAL WITH OIL AND LAND LAW QUESTION

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 5.—(AP)—James R. Sheffield, the American ambassador, has delivered to the Mexican government, the latest American note dealing with the Mexican oil and land laws.

DEBT PLANS APPROVED

ANGLO-ITALIAN SETTLEMENT VOTED BY DEPUTIES

ROME, Feb. 5.—(AP)—By a vote of 224 to 1 the chamber of deputies today approved the settlement of Italy's war debt to Great Britain negotiated by Count Volpi, the finance minister in London.

RESPONSE IS LACKING IN BIG GIFT CONTEST

WHILE CANDIDATES ARE FEW IS TIME TO TAKE LEAD

Workers Will Receive High Pay For Efforts Expended in Next Week

By Auto Contest Editor How come? With The Statesman putting up over \$3,000 in automobiles and prizes, the great contest has not seen candidates entering as they should.

Perhaps it is because the prizes are so stupendous that no one can believe it in time. Anyway, no matter why, some one, maybe you, is losing a wonderful opportunity. Awards will absolutely be made. No matter whether there are 100 candidates or a dozen candidates.

Now, with few candidates entered, is the time to cash in to get a lead. It is easy now. A worker, one with real ambition and pep, can take a lead that will be hard to come on in the same stretch. More votes are given on subscriptions now than later. That, too, helps.

The pessimist sees only the hole in the doughnut, while the optimist—well, you know the rest. Look for the beautiful if you would have it—cash in on the opportunity that are offered you if you would profit accordingly.

Such an opportunity—the equal of which has never been offered you before—is now being presented to you. In a few short weeks, actually, the Statesman will reward the energetic hustlers of this section and the opportunity for more "live wire" campaigners to enter the contest, and make themselves important factors and probable winners of the grand prize, is actually calling aloud. Why, anybody's opportunity to get the automobiles.

Here is an opportunity, surely for the man or woman who looks at a thing from a business standpoint and who arrives at a conclusion as to its merits by the way it appeals to them as a business proposition.

Some six persons will earn upwards to \$500 or more a month for the next few weeks. How's that for a business proposition?

The competition, which is just starting, is open to everybody: man, woman or child in this section. All that is necessary to enter the race is to fill the nomination blank appearing in this issue, fill in your name and address and mail it to the contest headquarters at the Statesman. This coupon entitles you or the person whom you nominate to 50,000 free votes and gives you a flying start on the road to success.

Upon receipt of the nomination coupon at the office, a complete work-out outfit, together with detailed information, will be sent or given you.

Thus equipped, you have but to see your friends and neighbors, relatives and acquaintances, and have them save the free voting coupons, fill in their names and cast their votes for you. You may pay up their subscriptions to The Statesman. Votes will be allowed on all subscriptions, whether new or renewals.

Thus far very few persons have been notified, considering the number and value of the prizes to be distributed. There is plenty of room and there are plenty of prizes for more active candidates.

The Contest Office is open evenings until 8:30 o'clock.

All candidates who have entered The Statesman contest, are requested to turn in their subscriptions at once. Watch for the names of the candidates being published in The Statesman.

To those who are still contemplating entering The Statesman's prize distributing contest, your nomination should be turned into Contest Headquarters at once. Still more prizes than contestants. Your opportunity is here.

OPPOSE INTERVENTION

COPELAND'S SUGGESTION VOTED DOWN IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—By an overwhelming majority the senate refused today to consider a proposal that President Coolidge be required to call in the miners and operators in an effort to end the anthracite suspension. This action was the first taken by congress in the coal controversy since the Senate forced Coolidge, democrat, New York, one of those foremost in assailing the president's non-intervention policy.

Although his motion to take up his resolution proposing the White House conference, was snuffed under, 48 to 28, Senator Copeland served notice that he would seek action daily "to save starving humanity."

WIND AND RAIN UNITE IN FURY

Highways Blocked, Wires Down and Streams Flooded When Storm Strikes

RAIL TRAFFIC DELAYED

Willamette River Rises Here at Rate of 7 Foot an Hour; Southern Oregon Hit Hard by Floods

Rain which has fallen in this section of the Willamette valley during the past two days, has swollen small streams to twice their normal size but as yet none have overflowed their banks and no flood damage has been reported.

The Willamette river at Salem has been rising steadily and yesterday rose at the rate of 7 of a foot per hour. It is still several feet below flood stage.

During the 24 hour period yesterday .99 of an inch of rain fell. The Willamette is now at the 9.6 foot stage.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—While Portland residents expected an all-day downpour, throughout western Oregon men strove to repair the damage wrought by the three-day rainstorm. They succeeded in clearing the tracks of the Southern Pacific company so trains could run, though hours late and they shoveled enough mud and snow from the Pacific highway to permit automobile traffic to pass through the length of the state.

Dispatches to the Oregonian brought new reports of storm damage along with information on progress of repairs.

A terrific wind and a downpour of nearly two inches of rain in 18 hours caused widespread trouble in Coos county Thursday night and yesterday morning.

Falling trees and wires, sliding earth and rising flood waters were reported from various parts of Coos county. Two slides on the tracks of the Southern Pacific, one at Beck and another at Powers, had closed the main line for that railway toiling, but they put their trains through. Two passenger trains were tied up on the Tillamook line, but were expected to arrive here tomorrow.

In the Coquille canyon of the Coquille river the flood tore out a splash dam at Camp 1 of the Smith-Powers Logging company and released 1,000,000 feet of saw logs. These were caught later. The canyon had three slides on the Coos county-Bear River highway and eight travelers were delayed six or seven hours. Trees blew across the road, boulders had to be rolled off the muleteam, and water poured from the cliffs into the highway.

Power lines, blown down and short-circuited, were burning all along the roads near Coquille, and all telephone communication in the vicinity was cut off. Several had slides on the general route at Sugarloaf mountain were cleared away during the storm.

The Willamette river at Eugene, after rising to 13 feet, had fallen again late today to 5.5 feet. One small bridge near Coquille was washed out and high water damaged the Eugene-Elmira highway.

YMCA HEADS TO SPEAK

DINNER WILL BE GIVEN IN THEIR HONOR MONDAY

Walter C. Page, national YMCA secretary for the Pacific states, and A. E. Roberts, senior national YMCA secretary for national work, will be in Salem Monday.

A banquet is to be given Monday noon in their honor at the dining hall of the Salem YMCA, a nominal price to be charged for each plate. Mr. Page and Mr. Roberts will address the meeting, telling of development in national YMCA work during the past year.

Mr. Page was the first YMCA secretary in Salem. That was back in 1894. At that time he was boys' work secretary, general secretary, physical director, soliciting agent, office boy and janitor.

Later he was general secretary at Houston, Texas. He has been accorded a great credit for the way in which the Houston YMCA was built up during his stay there. His headquarters now as national secretary for the Pacific states is in San Francisco.

The public has been invited to attend the luncheon Monday noon.

DOG TEAM BESTS MOTOR

TRUCKS BOW TO TEAM OF MT. BAINIER HUNTERS

SEATTLE, Feb. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Dogs have out-

run a motor vehicle in a race on the coast range of the Pacific states in San Francisco.

The public has been invited to attend the luncheon Monday noon.