

WETS LAUNCH STRONG DRIVE ON PROH LAW

Calamitous Picture Painted
At Hearing by Foes of
18th Amendment

Virtually All Nation's Ills
Blamed on Efforts to
Abolish Liquor

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Charges of bad conditions and general federal prohibition officials and agents in Minnesota made before the house judiciary committee today in Washington were characterized as "cowardly and contemptible wet slander" here tonight by Andrew J. Volstead, father of the dry law.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The large audience which attended the house judiciary committee session today for the first congressional hearing on the merits of prohibition in the decade since enactment of the Volstead act cheered a demand for repeal of the dry amendment.

Representative Graham of Pennsylvania, now chairman of the group which formulated the law, denounced conditions under it and said the results were not satisfactory. He deplored the "train of consequences most depressing to every patriot" which he said had been brought about by enforcement of the dry law.

The one witness heard, Walter W. Liggett, a magazine writer, charged that corruption and hypocrisy was to be found among officials in various cities. Committee members rebuked the audience for applauding of his remarks.

Repeal or Modification
Of Amendment Asked
The committee was hearing opponents of the prohibition laws first on measure to repeal or modify the eighteenth amendment and laws under it.

Liggett's charges involved the governor of Michigan at a "wild party" at Detroit, November 5, 1929, and a former governor of Massachusetts, judges and city customs and other officials. He said enforcement was lax in Massachusetts, Kansas, Minnesota and Michigan, as well as in Boston, Minneapolis, Detroit, Toledo, and Wichita, Kansas, and the nation's capital.

Liggett explained that he had been assigned by the magazine "plain talk" to investigate conditions and declared he was "a snooter or informer." He said he would be willing to appear before any grand jury to expose the dereliction of any public officials. Michigan Congressman Told of Own State

The magazine writer testified he had told a grand jury in Boston of conditions he found there and predicted numerous indictments would be returned. He offered to go to Detroit to tell of the "wild party" of November 5, 1929, when asked by Representative Michener, republican, Michigan.

Advertising Drive Planned To Push Butterfat Sales

Drop in Consumption During Past Year Noted
by Delegates at Annual Convention of
Pacific States Association

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Delegates to the annual convention of the Pacific States butter, egg, cheese and poultry association here today decided to launch an advertising campaign in an attempt to "make the public butter-conscious." A decrease in consumption of butter throughout the country was held responsible for the projected campaign.

At the end of 1929, officers of the association declared, there was a surplus of about 50,000,000 pounds of butter in warehouses. This indicated, they said, a decrease in the per capita consumption, since the increase in production was in ratio with the increase in population. Officers declared that in some agricultural communities consumption of butter substitutes was five times that of butter.

The association endorsed a further conference with the federal trade commission in the near future relative to elimination of alleged wasteful and unethical practices in the industry.

L. F. Powers of Spokane, was elected president of the Washington Creamery Operators association at the annual business session of that group held in connection with the convention. L. W. Hanson, Seattle, was chosen secretary-treasurer, and J. A. Hall, Seattle, and L. E. Perry, Yakima, were named vice presidents.

However, if the city had owned and operated the plant, its income would have been 7.6 per cent of the valuation, because there would have been no taxes. (Turn to page 2, col 5)

REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARIES START

County Clerk's Office Visited Daily; April 6 Set
As Final Date

Registration of voters for the May primaries already under way at the courthouse, considerable numbers of persons visiting the county clerk's office for this purpose daily.

Voters must be registered before April 6 or lose their opportunity to vote in the primaries, as the state law no longer permits the swearing in of electors at the polls.

This change in the law resulted in a record registration in 1928, when Marion county had 27,233 voters on the list. Of these, 20,202 were republicans, 6,281 democrats, 45 progressives, 122 prohibitionists, 42 socialists and 523 miscellaneous.

It is expected that an unusual number of voters will find it necessary to renew their registrations this spring, for there was no election in 1929—something unusual in this mother state of the initiative, referendum and recall.

The lapse of time since an election will undoubtedly mean that more citizens have moved from one precinct to another, or moved into the county, and there would ordinarily be between elections.

Citizens who have moved to a new precinct or have changed their party affiliations must register; and also those who failed to vote at the general election in 1928.

In view of the fact that nominees for governor will be chosen at the primaries this year, in addition to nominees for the legislature and some county offices, it is expected that the 1928 registration figures will be exceeded.

COUZENS' DAUGHTER PRESENT AT DANCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Standing between her aristocratic bank teller husband, William Jefferies Chevalier, Jr., and her multimillionaire father, Senator Couzens of Michigan, the former Margaret Couzens tonight appeared in the social circles of her family for the first time since her elopement and marriage.

The occasion was a dance that had been planned for "Miss Couzens" to repay the courtesy of many members of the diplomatic and congressional groups who had entertained her while she herself eschewed the fair, dispassionate judgment of men and women to come together and reason over what remedy can be devised to abate this sad condition?

OWNERSHIP OF WATER WOULD SAVE BIG SUM

Failure to Purchase Salem
Plant Costs Local Folk
Immense Amount

City Denies Self \$31,364.90
In One Year Alone Percy
Copper Estimates

By RALPH CURTIS
Salem is approximately \$31,364.90 poorer than it would have been had it owned the local water system in 1928; it lost more than that by not owning it in amounts each year until it does acquire, and will lose increasing quick possession of the water utility.

These are, to be sure, all paper losses; nevertheless the city would actually have been paid much better off at the end of 1928 if the plant had been municipally owned, according to figures compiled by Percy A. Copper, former state engineer.

These figures show that the water company's income in 1928, after paying all costs of maintenance, administration and taxes, was 5.8 per cent of the company's own evaluation of the plant. Figures Regarded As Very Conservative

That is not an inordinate profit, since the company must pay 10 per cent interest on its bonds. Some persons may not take these figures at their face value, but if they are wrong the advantage would all have been on the city's side, had it owned the plant.

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Oregon Briefs..

W. F. Durbin Will Preside at
Annual Session of Holstein
Breeder's Today; Webfoots
Take Basketball Trip

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Annual meeting of the Oregon Holstein Breeder's association will be held tomorrow at Gresham, Ore., Paul C. Adams, secretary, announced today. F. W. Durbin, Salem, will preside.

General business, election of officers and selection of two delegates to the national convention in Denver next June are on the convention schedule.

Speras to Be Feted
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Acceptance of an invitation to attend a reception here in his honor February 21 was telegraphed Edgar W. Smith by Dr. Clarence W. Spears, new head football coach at the University of Oregon, today.

"Accept your kind invitation," Dr. Spears' characteristic terse response to Smith's invitation. Smith is general chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for the reception and dinner.

Team Leaves Today
EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—The University of Oregon basketball team will leave Eugene Thursday on its inland empire trip, during which it will play two games with Washington State Friday and Saturday and another two games with Idaho Monday and Tuesday.

Bill Reinhardt, Webfoot coach, fears inexperience and stage fright may have a demoralizing effect on his squad on their eastern invasion. The Vandal and Cougar floors differ from the Duck court so will necessitate some acclimating to get the players feeling at home.

Racketeering Now One of Chicago's Great Industries

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Racketeering has reached a very big business, every industry in Chicago, with the constant threat of organized gunmen enforcing the demands made upon the economic resources of the city. Colonel Robert Isham Randolph, head of the secret crime committee of seven, said today.

The committee, organized by the Association of Commerce following internecine strife between rival gangland factions and resultant waves of murder and bombings, is cooperating with the city and county authorities to help eradicate crime in Chicago.

Col. Randolph said one of the first steps to be taken in making Chicago a safe place was to destroy the "political ties" that makes racketeering a "profitable business."

LIVESLEY AGAIN IS PLAYED FOR STAND

Women's Groups at Leslie
Church Criticize Sa-
lem's Mayor

Further regret at and condemnation of the reputed speech favoring anti-Volsteadism made by Mayor T. A. Livesley in Boston recently are contained in joint resolutions adopted yesterday by the Woman's Home Missionary society and the Ladies' Aid society of the Leslie Memorial church.

The resolutions, signed by Mrs. E. A. Rhoten, chairman, and Mrs. A. C. Rohrer, secretary, for the missionary society; and by Mrs. W. J. Linford, chairman and Mrs. Irva M. Hewitt, secretary, of the Ladies' Aid.

Content of the resolution follows in full: "Whereas it has been reported through the press and other reliable sources of information, that our mayor, Thos. A. Livesley has made statements to the effect that the people are tired of prohibition and that we are worse off now than before prohibition, and has just recently been quoted as having made such statements while enroute on a trip to the eastern part of the United States and Canada. Such statements are being quoted and will be understood as pertaining to the moral and general welfare of the citizens and not particularly to the financial interests of those engaged in the growing of hops and other interests that would be encouraged if the liquor traffic and associated vices were restored.

It is regrettable that such statements should be made at all. (Turn to page 2, col 4)

ENVOYS MEET DIFFICULTY IN NEGOTIATIONS

Beginning Made Toward
Limiting Activities of Under
Water Craft

Tonnage Fixtures Issue Presents
Knotty Problem
For Delegates

By FRANK H. KING
Associated Press Staff Writer
LONDON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Moving slowly like a ship in a sea infested with submarines, the London naval conference in its voyage toward disarmament today reached the danger zone of tonnage fixtures.

Approximately, the most significant accomplishment of the five power delegations today was making a start toward limitation of submarine activities in war time on their "humanization," as provided for in American and French resolutions presented at yesterday's plenary session.

A sub-committee of experts with legal knowledge will take the resolutions by Henry L. Stimson and Georges Leygues in hand tomorrow morning and begin necessary adjustments to make them fit into the London disarmament treaty.

The other outstanding accomplishment of the conference today was acceptance of the experts' report for a compromise tonnage plan combining the global and category fleet measurement system.

Tonnage figures were still absent from this cross-word puzzle scheme on which the experts had been working ten days. On a diagram of little white squares, which await the total tonnage figures of each nation and detailed tonnage figures for each category of warship, the simple erasure of a bit of line about an inch long pictured settlement of one of the most difficult naval questions which confronted delegates when they arrived in London last month.

Two Kinds of Ships
Classed Together
The erasure of the line between categories of cruisers and destroyers depicted simply and graphically that tonnage for those classes is lumped as a whole and can be transferred one hundred per cent from one class to the other.

But the line was erased only in the columns showing French and Italian tonnage, as the global treaty is applied to these two nations to meet their peculiar naval needs while Great Britain, the United States and Japan have their tonnage definitely boxed in five categories.

Transfers can be made only according to the percentage which is still to be agreed upon, but arguments today indicated that this agreement would not likely be reached until the nations presented their detailed figure of fleet tonnage details.

AUTOPSY UPON BODY OF WOMAN DELAYED

HONOLULU, Feb. 12.—(AP)—An autopsy scheduled to be performed today upon the body of Mrs. Marion Sevier was temporarily halted this afternoon by a court action filed by Ralph Shaw, brother of the woman, asking for an injunction restraining officials from removing his admittance at the autopsy.

Judge A. E. Steadman set next Tuesday as the date for handing down a decision in the petition. Mrs. Sevier, wife of Colonel Granville Sevier, whom she married at Baltimore on November, 1924, left her husband an estate of \$700,000 which she had inherited from her mother, Mrs. Riddle Shaw, of New York.

Settlement of the estate has been held up pending investigation into her death. The first autopsy, performed last April, developed nothing contrary to the cause of the death stated by attending physician, Major W. C. Whitmore, as due to acute cardiac dilation. Colonel Sevier has assented to the second autopsy.

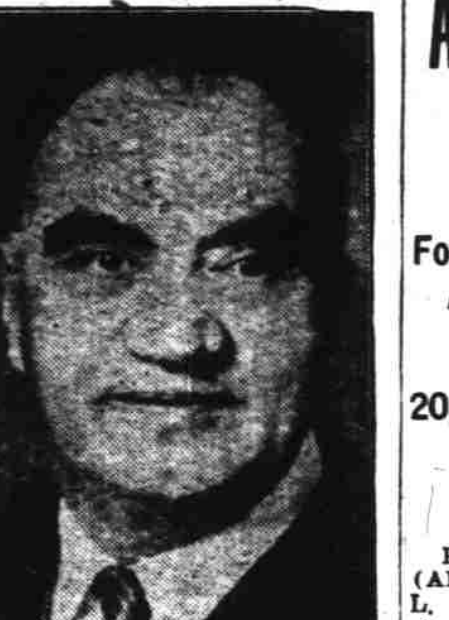
In his petition to the court Shaw said that he was a qualified chemist, versed in the unusual methods of the chemical analysis which would be necessary to make a complete investigation as the viscera had been removed from Mrs. Sevier's body when she died in August, 1928.

Eclipses Slated In April States Washington Prof

SEATTLE, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Eclipses of both the sun and the moon will be visible in April over northern California, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Idaho and Nevada, Professor Theodore S. Jacobson, head of the University of Washington astronomy school, said today.

He said the eclipse of the moon will occur on April 12 from 9:21 P. M. to 10:34 P. M., Pacific time, and of the sun on April 23, reaching a climax at 10:49 A. M.

Portland Mayor May Be Recalled



George Baker, mayor of Portland for many years and candidate for United States senator in 1924, has been attacked along with four other men comprising the city's governing board for "utter disregard for the interests of the taxpayers."

MYSTERIOUS NOTE MAY BE READ HERE

Letter Having to Do With
Payne Case Is Called
For in Court

The contents of that "mysterious" letter which prompted Robert L. Payne, pastor of the First Baptist church, to wield first a stick of wood and then a chair in an alleged attempt to attack Virgil O'Neill, church member, will probably be made public at the hearing of the case in justice court today. The testimony is scheduled for 10 A. M., this morning, having been continued over from last Saturday. Payne is accused by O'Neill of assault.

The letter which has been referred to frequently in connection with the case was written by the sister of Mrs. Payne in Los Angeles to Mrs. George O'Neill of Salem at whose home Mrs. Payne took refuge from her husband one night last fall. She was taken to Medford by Virgil O'Neill, son of Mrs. George O'Neill, and from there she took the train to Los Angeles.

Six deacons of the Baptist church have been subpoenaed as witnesses for today's hearing. Because the state was unable to get all of its witnesses in court last week, the case was necessarily held over.

RUBIO RECOVERING FROM HIS WOUND

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 12.—(AP)—President Ortiz Rubio, wounded a week ago today by a gun man, was sufficiently recovered this afternoon to leave his bed and to attend to several business affairs at his home. It is believed that he will be able to go to his office at the National Palace next week.

The number of detentions in connection with the shooting of the president by Daniel Flores is increasing daily. A number of arrests have been made in various parts of the country but official silence still cloaks the result of the investigation of what the authorities declare was a widespread plot to assassinate the chief executive.

It was learned today that Valente Quintana, former chief of police in the federal district, is now in the city of San Luis Potosi, where he is in charge of the investigation in that place and where a nearby town, which was the home of Flores, many arrests have been made there and the police claim to have found evidence that persons living in San Antonio, Tex., had knowledge of the plot against the president, even if they were not involved in it.

Congratulations on his escape from death continue to reach the president. They came from the heads of European as well as American nations and also from many other people in all walks of life.

Bold Thief Comes Back With Auto

Here's a bold automobile thief. Usually these nefarious creatures abandon the borrowed vehicles at some distance from the place where they took them, for fear of being caught on returning them. But the machine owned by Cecil A. Gardner, 251 E. 21st street, was stolen Wednesday from State street east of High, and a couple of hours later the owner found it in the alley in that block, about half a block from its original parking place.

Liquor Industry Is Dealt Severe Blow In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Striking at the illicit liquor industry in St. Louis with the Jones law as its weapon, a federal court grand jury in its final report today returned 116 indictments, charging 130 men and two women with liquor law violations punishable by heavy prison sentences and fines.

It was the first time since enactment of the Jones law that it was brought into use extensively by a St. Louis grand jury in dealing with liquor cases. A previous grand jury had declined to use this law, which is directed against habitual and commercial dispensers of liquor and provides prison sentences up to five years and maximum fines of \$10,000. Most of the defendants are under arrest.

The new jury, with a St. Louis banker as its foreman, followed closely the instructions of Judge Charles B. Farris that the jurors must regard the various prohibition laws as binding upon themselves, three other jurors being indicted for minor liquor law offenses and in addition the jury returned 23 indictments in non-liquor cases, including indictment of several persons against whom charges had been dropped.

MAYOR BAKER ATTACKED BY RECALL GROUP

Four City Commissioners
Also Named by Special
Portland League

20,000 Names Sought Upon
Petitions; Taxpayers
Said Disregarded

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Recall of Mayor George L. Baker and four city commissioners was launched here tonight by the citizens' recall league with the announcement that petitions for signatures will be circulated in the residential sections of the city tomorrow.

Hugh C. Krum, executive secretary of the recall league, said the league intends to file the petition if and when the necessary number of signatures have been obtained so that a recall election may be held coincident with the state primary in May.

The four city commissioners are A. L. Barbor, John M. Mann, C. A. Bigelow and S. C. Pier. The mayor, as commissioner of public safety, completes the city's governing board.

Disregard for Taxpayers Claimed
Krum said the recall league will charge in the petitions that the mayor and city commissioners have "proved their utter disregard for the interests of the taxpayers." He declared separate petitions will be circulated for the recall of each officer.

It was estimated that 20,000 signatures will be necessary to make the petition effective. Should the recall be wholly successful Governor A. W. Norblad of Oregon must appoint a mayor and commissioners, but should the movement be only partly successful the surviving officials must fill the vacancies.

PRESIDENT FAILS TO CATCH ANY SAILFISH

LONG KEY, Fla., Feb. 12.—(AP)—President Hoover went out after a sailfish today and came in with no catch. The fishing honors departed from the executive branch of the government, where they were the first two days of the trip and went over to the judicial. Justice Harlan F. Stone, fishing from the boat with the president, landed a 40 pound sailfish, but it remained for Mrs. Stone, fishing with Mrs. Hoover to land the prize of the day, a 65 pound sailfish, measuring 40 inches in length.

Considerable uneasiness resulted from Mrs. Stone's catch. She hooked the big fellow at five o'clock in the afternoon and the moon had come up before she finally landed him. In the meantime, those in Long Key grew increasingly uneasy about the presidential party, for a stiff breeze was blowing and both Mr. and Mrs. Hoover were in small vessels.

The Orca, a big boat commanded by Captain Herman Gray, of Palm Beach, from which Mr. Hoover had planned to fish today, was turned over to newspapermen invited by the president to be his guests. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover thereupon took two small craft which tossed and pitched in the long swells which rolled in to the gulf stream, where the angling took place.

Health Officer Refuses To Accept Birth Report

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Mrs. George F. Schaefer, whose daughter's birth was the subject of a recent investigation by Dr. John G. Abele, city health officer, will be required to give proof of the child's birth other than its mere existence before the birth can be registered, Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer, said today.

Dr. Abele yesterday agreed to accept a birth certificate signed only by Mrs. Schaefer and giving the place of birth only as "Portland" in lieu of one previously filed with the city health officer, which gave the place of birth as the Portland Maternity hospital and the attending physician as Dr. Daniel Meyers.

Health Officer Refuses To Accept Birth Report

Dr. Meyers denied the signature of the first certificate was his. He denied he was the attending physician and the hospital denied the child had been born there.

Dr. Stricker declared an affidavit of birth, to be valid, must be signed by some person besides the mother. "It is possible," he declared, "that this child's birth has already been registered under another name. I see no reason why the requirements of the law should not be complied with in this case. If the child is really Mrs. Schaefer's, she should be able to give the facts about the birth. Until she does I cannot see my way clear to accept the birth certificate."