

CANADIAN RUM SYSTEM FOUND UTTER FAILURE

Former Premier of Ontario
Shows Wets' Favorite
Argument Futile

Complete Prohibition Only
Way to Work Out Liquor
Problem He Says

WASHINGTON, March 26.—(AP)—Government control of liquor sales in Canada was described as an "absolute failure" by E. C. Drury, a former premier of Ontario province, who predicted at prohibition hearings before the house judiciary committee today that the dominion eventually would return to complete prohibition.

"Whatever the solution of the drink problem may be," the Canadian asserted, "it is not government control."

Drury and John J. Lents, of Columbus, president of the American Insurance union and a former member of the house of representatives, were the only witnesses who testified for the dry forces today.

F. Scott McBride, general superintendent of the anti-saloon league, was scheduled to climax the day with an attack on the proponents of measures to repeal the 18th amendment. He had distributed copies of his remarks earlier in the day but when Mrs. Lenna Lowe Yost, general of the dry forces, presented him, Chairman Graham adjourned the committee meeting. He said the dry would be given next Wednesday in which to complete presentation of their witnesses.

Mr. Graham also made known that a recess of about two weeks might be taken before the wets are permitted to offer rebuttal testimony.

Drawing his conclusions from insurance statistics, Lents said mortality had decreased under prohibition and that the dry laws had proved of widespread benefit to the American people. Insurance companies have found, he said, that total abstainers live an average of about four years longer than liquor drinkers.

Full Details of Canadian System Told

Explaining that he had been requested by prohibitionists in the United States to give an account of the Canadian liquor situation, former Premier Drury related the various changes in liquor administration that have occurred in his country.

He pointed out that at no time had there been complete prohibition in the dominion. The manufacture of liquor was legal in certain provinces and in certain cities.

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Mystery Shrouds Murdered Eureka Woman's Identity

"Mrs. Claire Bronson" Clue Apparently Without Valid Foundation as Person Answering to That Name Found in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, March 26.—(AP)—Mrs. Claire Bronson, whom Robert Mears, of Crescent City, said he believed to be the woman whose body was found near the Redwood highway 60 miles north of Eureka Monday, was found here tonight.

Although at first Mrs. Bronson denied knowing Mears, later she admitted to newspapermen that she "may have met him" and finally let it become known that she was acquainted with the man.

The woman is 34 years old, a waitress, has light reddish hair and weighs 200 pounds. She was here at an address furnished by San Francisco police who inquired at an address there furnished by Mears and learned that she had come to Los Angeles.

Mears said Mrs. Bronson was his sweetheart and he believed she had been slain by a San Francisco bootlegger who had been courting her. A man, who refused to divulge his name, was present when Mrs. Bronson was interviewed tonight. He said "Isn't it just too bad that Mears got left out of it."

BUREKA, Cal., March 26.—(AP)—Robert Mears, of Crescent City today identified the fur coat and silk dress taken from the body of a young woman found Monday in a forest beside the Redwood highway 60 miles north of Eureka as belonging to his friend, Mrs. Claire Bronson, of San Francisco.

Mears said he was unable to identify the body because of its decomposition but his statement that she had undergone an operation (Turn to page 8, col. 6)

Frank Bligh on Way East to N. Y. Meeting

Frank D. Bligh left yesterday for New York City to attend the meeting on April 1 and 2 of the Allied Independent Theatre Owners association, of which he is president. Problems of the independent owner will be discussed and attempt made to arrive at a better working condition in the better of commerce organization and also less discrimination against the independent man in selection of pictures.

Bligh will be gone about three weeks. He is making the trip east over the Great Northern to Chicago and from Chicago to New York over the Pennsylvania road.

Boy, 2, Drowns in Trough
Streetcar Row Continues
Sweater Prevents Death
Baseball Practice Opens

TOT FALLS IN TROUGH
BEND, Ore., March 26.—(AP)—George Edward Tally, 2, was drowned in a horse watering trough near Redmond yesterday. It was learned here today that the child evidently climbed upon the side of the trough and fell in. Head first. He was dead when found by his mother.

NEW IDEA PROPOSED
PORTLAND, Ore., March 26.—(AP)—Commissioner A. L. Barbur today suggested to the city council that it action the right to provide mass transportation in Portland on the basis of the cheapest fare, whether that transportation be provided by street car, bus or trackless trolley.

The suggestion was referred by the council to James W. Carey and Kenneth Harlan, state experts, whose employment to make a valuation of the street railway system of the Portland Electric Power company was authorized by the council at the same session.

SWEATER SAVES LIFE
WHEELER, Ore., March 26.—(AP)—A red sweater today got credit for saving the life of tiny Junior Wiley who slipped away from his home at Adair and wandered along the nearby grade of the Southern Pacific railroad.

The engineer of a south-bound train saw a blotch of red on the tracks ahead and the train ground to a stop. The engineer found Junior Wiley, extremely young feet were so unsteady that the red sweater appeared to have been a waving red flag.

PRACTICE BEGINS
CORVALLIS, March 26.—(AP)—Baseball practice at Oregon State college opened today with 50 aspirants reporting to Coach Ralph Coleman for training. Seven lettermen were out and those with several other veterans were pitted against a team of newcomers for a practice contest favored by perfect weather. The "Famagians" showed good form and held the regulars on even terms.

WEATHER IS WARM
PORTLAND, Ore., March 26.—(AP)—Clear skies and a warm sun sent the official weather bureau thermometer to 73 degrees here today. The day was by far the warmest of the year to fall 10 degrees short of the March record, set in 1923.

5 DELEGATIONS AGAIN OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS

Japan's Agreement to Three Power Treaty Delayed At Last Minute

TOKYO, March 27.—(AP)—(Wednesday)—Domestic and political obstacles have further delayed Japan's decision on the tentative Japanese-American naval agreement, promised for today, and the extraordinary session of the cabinet was called off.

It was learned from authoritative sources that various difficulties have arisen in drafting instructions to the Japanese delegation at the London naval conference. The draft will not be ready for tomorrow's regular cabinet session and probably will not be dispatched before next week.

By FRANK H. KING
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LONDON, March 26.—(AP)—From the breathless efforts being made to arrive at a five-power naval agreement at the London naval conference by means of a consultative political pact, which, it is hoped, will meet French demands for national security, there emerged tonight the following positions of the five nations represented here:

The United States—Appears willing to enter a purely consultative five-power agreement, which would involve no American obligation, either expressed or implied, to give military support on the occasion of any threat of war in Europe. Such pledge under no circumstances is to be made in return for reduction of French navy figures as presented here.

Great Britain—Is prepared to proceed with a general five-power consultative pact wherein Great Britain will hold a special position regarding France and Italy. No guarantees of any kind are involved in this British proposal.

France—Sufficiently interested to speed foreign Minister Briand back to London, where he arrived tonight to determine whether the Anglo-American position will satisfy the French plea of security. At 4 p. m., tomorrow the heads of the delegation will meet at St. James's to fix the time for next week's plenary session.

Italy—Has again moved into the conference background, clinging to her demand for parity with France under any and all circumstances—pact or no pact, guarantees or no guarantees.

Japan—Occupies an even more remote spot in the conference picture but is willing to join a consultative pact if the other four powers do. Her fundamental interest remains fixed on her naval strength in relation to the United States and Great Britain, and her chief immediate concern is the eagerly-awaited answer from Tokyo to the tentative three power agreement among the United States, Great Britain and herself. (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

SEA TRIP PLANNED
BY GIANT PLANE

Airship With 150 Passengers
Capacity Will Hop to United States

NEW YORK, March 26.—(AP)—The world's biggest bird, the giant seaplane DO-X, will fly the ocean and tour North America this summer if plans announced today are carried through.

Taking off from Lake Constance on the German-Swiss border early in July, the big seaplane which has a capacity for 150 passengers and baggage, would be flown over a 4,775-mile course to New York. Stops for fuel would be made at Barcelona, Spain, the Azores Islands and Bermuda.

She would be operated by a crew of six and carry 50 passengers, the small passenger list allowing an increased fuel load for the long hops from Barcelona to the Azores and from there to Bermuda, 1,655 miles and 1,321 miles, respectively. Allowing for an average 25-mile an hour head wind the elapsed time of the flight would be about 50 hours.

After arriving at New York the DO-X would make one trip to the Great Lakes stopping probably at Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago, then return to New York and skirt the north and central American coast via the Panama Canal to Pacific coast cities.

In discussing the flight with associates, Dr. Dornier has insisted he was not interested in the spectacular aspects of the flight, that was being made to demonstrate feasibility of trans-Atlantic air service.

PROMINENT LAWYER
OF PORTLAND DIES

PORTLAND, Ore., March 26.—(AP)—James Brewster Kerr, 63, prominent Portland attorney and for two decades a member of the firm of Carey and Kerr, died today at St. Vincent's hospital following a brief illness. Death was caused by pneumonia.

After practicing at Madison, Wis., following his graduation from the University of Wisconsin in 1892, he was for several years general land attorney and assistant general counsel for the Northern Pacific railway. He came to Portland in 1907 as general counsel for the S. F. & S. railroad.

He was a member of the American and Oregon Bar associations. His widow, Mrs. Mabel Ruth Kerr and two children, Alexander Kerr and Katherine Ruth Kerr, survive.

One of Five Bands to Play Here Tonight



This shows the Hubbard community band organized and directed by Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hubbard. The organization comes to Salem tonight to join with four other musical groups in making entertainment for the crowds assured for Spring Opening.

Everything In Readiness For Spring Opening Here

Poor Worker Gets
Special Attendant
To Light His Pipe

GLASGOW, Scotland, March 26.—(AP)—A professional lighter has been employed here to keep street railway laborers from wasting their time. His sole duty is to refill and light the men's pipes as fast as they go out. His job was established by an efficiency expert.

The men have to furnish their own tobacco and matches.

STOCK MART SEES
STRONG BULL DRIVE

Sales Pass 5,000,000 Mark
For First Time Since
December 20

NEW YORK, March 26.—(AP)—A roaring bull movement in the utility shares developed in today's stock market, reminiscent of that of the closing months of the so-called Coolidge-Hoover market.

The day's rally was led by the utility shares, which were up 1 1/2 points, that of 26 rails showed a complete collapse. The market in November. At that time, however, the index had been reduced approximately 90 points from the peak level reached in late September. Today's sharp rise carried it to the level of late last June.

FANTASTIC STORY IS
RECOUNTED BY GIRL

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25.—(AP)—Police tonight announced that Mary Ruple, 10, admitted her story of having been kidnapped by two men and thrown out of their automobile and over a steep bank was false.

Her clothing covered with mud, the girl was found wandering in the streets early today by J. R. Dugan, operator of a local taxi-cab company.

Taken to police headquarters, she said two men, who forced her to get into their automobile, drove her about the city for several hours. She declared she saw two bottles of liquor on the back seat of the machine, where she sat. She said the men did not harm her until they threw her out of the car and over the bank.

Tonight, police said, she admitted she told the fantastic story because she remained at a playmate's home longer than she intended and feared parental anger.

STRANGLER LEWIS WINS
PORTLAND, Ore., March 26.—(AP)—34 "Strangler" Lewis, former world's heavyweight wrestling champion, defeated John Fretz, Minneapolis, by winning two out of three falls in the main event of the wrestling card here tonight.

CALIFORNIA HOT
SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—(AP)—While belated blizzards held forth today in the midwest, California sweltered.

Clear Skies Predicted for Tonight; Curtains to Hide Contents of Windows Until 7:30; Whistles Announce Start

Spring Opening, with its implications of new coats and frocks, of bonnets charming and alluring for milady, comes to Salem tonight with every indication that the event will provide the most attractions for visitors to the business district in the five years the Salem Advertising club has sponsored the event.

Good weather was the forecast late Wednesday night as stars shone clearly and foretold sunshine and warmth for the day preceding the gala event.

Windows in the majority of stores will be veiled throughout today awaiting their formal opening tonight when promptly at 7:30 o'clock mill whistles will announce the time of opening.

As a new feature, a parade starting promptly at 7 o'clock and going throughout the downtown districts, will open the opening events. Salem auto dealers, in a called session Wednesday, unanimously decided to enter cars in the parade and thus spectators will be afforded views of all the new models in automobiles.

Throughout the entire evening, the annual treasure hunt will be in progress with \$400 in prizes shown in nearly 100 stores. Tickets which have been distributed in recent days will hold numbers entitling holders to the prizes.

Special Entertainment Numbers Are Provided

In a downtown stand at Liberty street which will be especially roped for the occasion, a series of entertainment numbers will be provided. The Salem Men's Civic chorus, directed by Professor E. H. Hobson will give several numbers while a fashion revue in which several stores participate will be augmented by showing of a large number of dresses made by girls of the high school and junior high. Adagio dancing (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

BANK HOLDUP HELD
BIT BEHIND TIME

WEST ALEXANDRIA, Ohio, March 26.—(AP)—Two banking men sat in the First National bank here today chatting about the money that used to be there. Two other men with criminal intentions, walked in and roughly ordered "hands up!"

The bankers, Charles Draper, receiver for the bank, and a neighbor cashier, just sat and stared incredulously. They looked at each other and shook their heads.

"Can't you see you're being held up?" explained one robber. "That's too bad," said Draper, "this bank has been broke since a year ago. The cashier who was here then killed himself. There's not a penny in the vaults."

Just the same the robbers wanted to see for themselves. They searched—and found what the receiver had promised—nothing but dust and musty odor.

The robbers backed out the door staring somewhat incredulously themselves. They took their guns with them and drove away.

Iowa Farmer
Murders Two
Of Daughters

NEWTON, Iowa, March 26.—(AP)—George McKinney, 52, today shot and killed his daughters, Artie Dora, 25, and Gladys, 12, and then shot himself in the hand. He drove his automobile from his home at Mitchellville, where the shooting took place, to Newton, and gave himself up to the sheriff. He told officials that "something had been telling him for two years" to kill his daughters.

After slaying Artie Dora, McKinney drove to the school which Gladys attended and brought her back to the farm. He drove his automobile into the barn where he shot Gladys and then wounded himself.

MID-WESTERN STORM BREAKS PAST RECORDS

Chicago Weather Bureau Reports 18.5 Inches of Snow Yesterday

Traffic Paralyzed and Communication is Severely Handicapped

CHICAGO, March 26.—(AP)—Approaching the 50th hour tonight, a postwinter storm which already has smashed all records for central states snowfall, continued unabated.

Snow fell through the day to defeat all attempts to clear highways or maintain transportation schedules. At 3 o'clock the weather bureau in Chicago registered a fall of 18.5 inches, eclipsing a record set January 4 and 7, 1918, by 3.6 inches.

Indications of the extent of traffic paralysis came in telegraphic reports to the Chicago Motor club late today showing roads generally impassable in the territory bounded by Milwaukee, Galesburg, Ill., St. Louis, Evansville, Ind., Cincinnati, Columbus, Toledo and Detroit.

Snow Stops Falling Early in Evening

The weather bureau predicted cessation of the snow after dark tonight. Surface transit lines established service on five principal thoroughfares. Elevated trains, although maintaining faster service than yesterday, were running slow for caution and suburban railroads were following the same policy.

The city's most serious problem was milk. Only half the usual supply was carried into the metropolitan center today and officials of the pure milk association said continuance of the storm would spell milk famine tomorrow.

Chicago schools were closed at noon when it became apparent no more than 14 per cent attendance could be maintained.

Woman Severely Injured in Accident

The day, in Chicago at least, was free of known fatalities, but there were several minor traffic accidents, and one woman was severely injured. The roof of a garage, burdened by the extraordinary snowfall, caved in and covered five autos with snow and debris. Two men, warned by creaking timbers, fled just in time to save their lives.

In Evanston police were searching snowdrifts for Sheldon Brambaugh, 26-year-old art student, who started home alone after a slight heart attack in a tea room. It is feared he suffered another such attack with no aid available.

GREGORY PETITIONS
CIRCULATED AGAIN

Misunderstanding of Technicality in Filing Cause Of Difficulty

After obtaining the signatures of more than 300 voters on petitions to place the name of P. M. Gregory on the ballot as a candidate for mayor in the May 16 election, friends of Mr. Gregory Wednesday found themselves confronted with the task of doing it all over again.

Necessity for filing an initial declaration of candidacy was overlooked, and Recorder Mark Paulsen ruled that the petitions must be circulated after the filing of the initial declaration.

Mr. Gregory's platform, filed with his notice of candidacy follows: "Use every effort to promote a bigger and better Salem, keeping in mind the interests of the taxpayers in conjunction with the growth and welfare of the city. Municipal ownership and control of the Salem water system is a paramount objective at this time. I am strongly in favor of it and shall use every energy for its accomplishment and oppose all movements to defeat or retard it."

Opposite his name on the ballot will appear the slogan "A fair and impartial administration to all."

full days have been used this month. Shortly after noon yesterday, attorneys for the defendants moved the court for a non-suit and this motion was sustained. An order of dismissal followed.

It had been attempted to show that the \$30,500 which represented stock purchased by the various stockholders in the woolen mill, was put to misuse by the three defendants. According to the complaint, the defendants obtained the money under the pretense of using it to construct a new addition to the mill for the purpose of manufacturing felt for paper-mill rollers. The new addition was not built and the mill later became defunct.

Judge Percy R. Kelly of the Marion county circuit court Wednesday ordered the dismissal of the \$30,500 fraud suit brought against B. S. Clarke, Glenn E. Fox, L. A. Andrews, officials of the defunct Stanton woolen mills, by 63 persons who had purchased stock in the concern. The plaintiffs in the action were listed as J. P. Fiskwood, John Gage and E. J. Thurman, these three having taken the causes of the other stockholders in the suit.