

PROHI FORCES WIN IN FIGHT IN HIGH COURT

WARTIME ORDER IS CONSTITUTIONAL

LIQUOR VALUELESS

Government Will Lose Millions in Revenue—Sellers Under Protection of Injunction Liable to Arrest.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Wartime prohibition is constitutional, the United States Supreme court decided today. They ordered the enforcement of the act until peace is proclaimed.

The decision is a sweeping victory for the prohibitionists and the government. It means that millions of gallons of liquor stored throughout the country, valued at about a billion dollars, will be nearly a total loss unless peace is proclaimed before constitutional prohibition becomes effective on January 16.

The court held that the provision of the wartime act stating that prohibition shall end at the conclusion of the war can mean no other termination than that made by a proclamation of peace. Due to this decision, the government will lose \$440,000,000 in whiskey revenue alone, unless the ban is lifted before January 16. The decision also means clamping down the lid in all sections where it had been lifted by Federal court injunctions, and subjects all who sold liquor under the protection of such injunctions, to prosecution.

SPOKANE FORCED TO USE SHORTER HOURS

Shortage of Fuel Dictates Length of Business Day For Inland Empire City.

SPOKANE, Dec. 15.—The city went on a restricted business day this morning, to save fuel. Stores opened at 11:30 o'clock in the morning, and were to close at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon. Hours allowed theatres were from 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon to 9:20 o'clock in the evening, while banks were open from 11 o'clock in the morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

ACREAGE LESS FOR WINTER WHEAT CROP

Cut of 23 Per Cent From Last Year, is Estimate Made by Department of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Winter wheat crops total 38,770,000 acres, the department of agriculture announced today. This is 23 per cent less than the revised estimate counted in the fall of 1918. The rye crop was reported 23 1/2 per cent less than the estimated area planted in the fall of 1918.

TO RESUME MINING WITHIN TWO DAYS

Washington Miners to Receive 14 Per Cent Advance Pending Settlement by Commission.

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—Coal mining will be resumed in the coal Wednesday. Six thousand men who struck on November 1, will receive an increase of 14 per cent pending final settlement by the commission to be appointed by President Wilson.

VOTE TO EXTEND RED CROSS WORK

Members of the executive board of the Bend Red Cross chapter, meeting Saturday afternoon, favored the extension of the Home Service section to civilian relief. The change cannot be made until endorsed by division headquarters.

FACTORY WORK STARTED AGAIN AT BEND MILLS

SHORTAGE OF LOGS DELAYS SAWING

STREETS ARE OPENED

Work Rushed to Completion on County Roads—Trains Resume Schedule, But Supply of Freight Empties Withheld.

After remaining idle for three days, the plants of the Brooks-Seaton Lumber Co., and The Shevlin-Hixon Company started partial operation this morning. The Bend Water, Light, & Power Co. was able to fill part of the needs of the former company, and in consequence work was resumed at the box factory, while in the planer one machine was started. The mill is shut down for several weeks for the annual winter repairs, so that it is affected but little by adverse weather conditions. At the Shevlin-Hixon plant, the box factory, planer, and unstacker were busy today, but the mill was still closed due to lack of logs. A supply sufficient for a run of about two days is frozen fast in the pond, but until more are brought in from the woods, no attempt will be made to break up the ice.

Means of travel through the city have been plowed along practically all the streets, and it was expected that all the main roads in the county would be opened up by tonight. During the shutdown at the mills, the draft animals used at the plants were turned over for county use, the Brooks-Seaton teams were still at work today breaking way through the snow on the La Pine road.

Trains on Schedule.

Passenger trains were back on schedule today on both the Oregon Trunk and the O.-W. R. & N., but no definite information could be obtained as to when a supply of freight empties would come in. The first freight was received yesterday when shipments of perishable goods reached Bend.

While overcast skies threatened another fall of snow, the intense cold of the latter part of last week was not in evidence either yesterday or today. On Sunday the mercury reached a maximum of 33 degrees, with a high mark for today of 32, while the minimum recorded last night was two degrees above zero. The snow shrank visibly under a warm wind which started in the early morning.

WILL DEMAND RATIFICATION

POPULAR OPINION WILL FORCE ACTION ON PART OF OPPOSITION SENATORS, IS PRESIDENT'S BELIEF.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—A great popular demand for ratification of the peace treaty is developing throughout the country, it is believed at the White House. President Wilson is still "watchfully waiting" for this demand to become strong enough to be felt by opposition senators, depending upon the voters of the nations to force an unqualified ratification.

The White House statement, issued yesterday, said that the president refused to make any concessions.

RANGE APPLICATIONS ARE NOW RECEIVABLE

Deschutes National Forest books were opened today to receive applications for grazing privileges during the coming year. The grazing capacity of the forest is approximately 95,000 head of cattle and horses and 6,000 head of sheep. Applications will be entered up to February 1.

Record Cold Wave Relaxes Its Grip In The Northwest

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—The cold wave shows signs of loosening its grip on the northwest, and in fact has already begun to slip. Weather has moderated all along the coast, according to weather bureau reports, and messages received by the United Press.

PAPER FAMINE LOOMS LARGE

REPRESENTATIVE ANTHONY TO ASK LIMITATION OF SIZE OF PUBLICATIONS, BY AMERICAN CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—With the shortage of white paper daily becoming more and more acute, the House post office committee began consideration today of a bill which will limit the size of all publications transmitted through the mails. Representative Anthony, author of the measure, predicted that unless Congress acts speedily, scores of smaller publications will be forced to suspend due to lack of paper.

He proposes to limit sizes by refusing to allow mailing privileges to dailies of more than 24 pages, Sunday editions of more than 36 pages, any weekly of more than 75, and any monthly magazine of more than 100.

POST DANCE TO BE GIVEN DECEMBER 19

Quadrille Will Be a Feature of Evening—Many Invitations Sent Out For Affair.

Announcement of the numbers to be given on the evening of December 11, when the American Legion dance planned by Percy A. Stevens post, is to be put on, was made today by Ralph Allen, chairman of the dance committee. A feature of the evening, Mr. Allen states, will be a square dance, with a "caller" to announce the different figures of the quadrille. Although it had been understood at first that a number of the dances of earlier days would be given, the number will be limited to one, because of the general lack of familiarity with the old-fashioned steps.

The American Legion party is to be held at the Athletic club gymnasium, and many invitations are out for the affair.

PEACE CONFERENCE WILL BE RESUMED

Premier Lloyd George Explains Russian Situation, in House of Commons.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The "unofficial peace conference" will be resumed at an early date, Premier Lloyd-George announced in the House of Commons this afternoon. He said that the Adriatic and Turkish questions will be disposed of next. Regarding the Russian situation, he said that the conference's decisions are in accordance with a statement which he had previously made in the House, indicating the withdrawal of support from Denikin and Kolchak.

SHORTER DAY COMES FROM FUEL FAMINE

Showing the straits to which business houses in the east were reduced during the recent fuel shortage, is a notice sent out by a large firm of paper manufacturers to the trade, a copy of which was received today by The Bulletin. The notice requested that all wire orders sent between the hours of 8 o'clock in the morning and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the time limit which lack of fuel set for the business day.

PROTEST SALE OF RIGHTS BY C. O. I. COMPANY

CANALS OVERTAXED NOW, CLAIMED

CONTRACT NEAR END

Settlers Will Seek to Oust Company, and Will Fight Petition to Advance Rates Charged For Maintenance.

Returning from Salem where he appeared before the Desert Land board to protest the sale of any more water rights by the C. O. I. Company, H. H. DeArmond, attorney for the C. O. I. district, reported this morning that the last sale of 360 acres made by the company, was allowed, but that no more will be permitted until the district has had an opportunity formally to present its claims. On December 23, a hearing will be granted, at which time the arguments as to the company's right to sell water for the Lone Pine district, for from 1600 to 2400 acres, outside the C. O. I. segregation, will be presented. The attorneys for the settlers in the C. O. I. district will contend that the canal capacities are being overtaxed in serving 25,000 acres already disposed of, to say nothing of 20,000 acres more still in the segregation.

Seek to Oust Company.

While in Salem and Portland, Mr. DeArmond also went into the plans of procedure, for an action to oust the company, and turn its holdings over to the district. The contentions of the settlers are that the contract between the company and the Desert Land board will expire in 1920, and that the company has failed to fulfill the terms of its contract, in not reclaiming all of the segregation and in failure to deliver water in some instances according to agreement. It will be further set forth that the company is unable to make good on its contract, and that hence the company holdings should be transferred to the settlers. It is probable that the district will start either condemnation or ejectment proceedings, Mr. DeArmond said.

With Harrison Allen, of Portland, retained as special counsel, Mr. DeArmond will appear before the Public Service commission early in the year in the matter of the C. O. I. company's petition for an advance in maintenance fees from 80 cents and \$1 per acre, to \$2. The right to alter the original rates will be questioned on the ground of private contracts with the settlers, and on the contention that a maintenance rate is not a service charge, and hence not within the jurisdiction of the commission.

WOULD INTEREST MOVIE PRODUCERS

With the aim of furthering the scope of the moving picture producing industry in Central Oregon, W. C. Birdsall, manager of the Pilot Butte Inn, has ordered a number of albums containing the finest scenic views in this part of the state. The albums are to be sent to representative movie men in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and Boston, and will be accompanied by an invitation asking that experts be sent to this city to investigate the natural resources offered here for the film business.

EMBARGO DECLARED ON NORTHERN LINE

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—At Washington points on the Northern Pacific, an embargo was placed on all shipments of freight excepting live-stock, perishables, and food stuffs. This will stop practically all rail shipments of lumber from Oregon and Washington mills, and will throw a hundred thousand men out of employment. Shortage of cars is given as the cause.

It was also announced that trains equalled or reduced in service by coal conservation orders, will be reinstated Thursday.

NEW GRANGE LEADER



S. J. Lowell of Fredonia, N. Y., is the new master of the National Grange. His climb to the position was through continued activity and eminent work in minor and local offices of the grange. He is 61 years old, a fruit grower and still operating three farms near Fredonia. He has 440 acres in grapes, apples, peaches, pears and small fruit are his other specialties.

GERMAN REPLY TO NOTE GIVEN

EXECUTION OF TREATY INTENDED, ALTHOUGH NATION HOLDS OUT AGAINST FULL REPARATION FOR VESSELS.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The German reply to the allies' note demanding the signing of the peace treaty protocol, was submitted today. Baron von Lersner, handed the note to Secretary Dutasta, and discussed its contents with him, as representative of the peace conference.

The note declares Germany's intention to execute the treaty. It mentions the allies' promise to repatriate German war prisoners, then develops Germany's desires regarding the Scapa Flow incident.

It is understood that the reply is conciliatory throughout. While still holding out against the full reparation demanded by the allies for the vessels sunk at Scapa Flow, the impression is given that a solution can be easily found.

SECOND NOTE SENT MEXICO

IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF TWO AMERICANS CAPTURED BY VILLISTAS IS DEMANDED OF CARRANZA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—The dispatch of a new note to Mexico requesting that the Carranzista government cause the immediate release of the two Americans imprisoned by the Villistas, was announced today by Secretary of State Lansing. Border reports said that the Americans were captured in the course of the raid on Musquiz.

ALL DEPARTMENTS OF SCHOOL OPEN

Extra Janitor Hired to Keep Building Warm For Students in the Night School.

School was kept open the last day of the week only under extreme difficulties, but today work was progressing in all departments, and classes will continue according to the regular schedule until the beginning of the Christmas holidays. Night school begins tonight, and to make this possible, an extra janitor has been hired to keep the high school building warm during the evening.

Yesterday a crew of eight men was employed shovelling off walks and roofs at the high school.

SHIMA OUT OF POWELL BUTTE POTATO FARM

GEORGE BURTT GETS INTEREST

ATTACK CAUSES ACT

Brother of Potato Buyer Says Central Oregon Ranchers Needlessly Alarmed—Lower Bridge Property Acquired.

That George L. Burtt, one of the biggest potato buyers on the Pacific coast has taken over the interest formerly acquired by George Shima in a recently transferred tract of 13,362 acres of land lying between Powell Butte and Prineville, was the statement made today by H. H. Burtt, brother of the potato buyer, who with H. H. Urdahl, of Portland, is in the city on real estate business. Opposition which developed in Central Oregon to Japanese ownership of land, caused Mr. Shima to withdraw, Mr. Burtt, who was formerly a Redmond resident, stated.

The Portland real estate man, who was instrumental in drawing the attention of George L. Burtt to the possibilities for potato culture in Central Oregon, denied that there had ever been any intention of colonization by Japanese. Mr. Shima, he said, had not owned a controlling interest in the land, and has never been an advocate of colonization. "He was hurt by the way in which his intentions had been misunderstood, and was unwilling to go on with the venture," Mr. Burtt declared. "The farmers of Central Oregon were needlessly alarmed."

Water Need Told.

As the deal now stands, Portland and San Francisco capital are tied up in the big tract of potato land, and will prove of valuable assistance to the cause of Central Oregon agriculture in pushing through the Benham Falls project, as water must be had, Mr. Burtt stated. He mentioned in addition, that he has a contract for the subdivision and re-sale of the land, and expects that at the end of five years virtually all of it will have been marketed. In addition to this contract, he was closing the deal today for the purchase, by the Urdahl Investment Co., of Portland, of the C. F. Hoskins 800 acre ranch at Lower Bridge, which includes a 500 acre water right. The consideration is not made public.

"On none of this land will Japanese labor be employed," Mr. Burtt said, "except in case of a most unusual emergency. For instance, with hundreds or thousands of acres in potatoes, and an early winter, such as came this year, labor of any nationality would have to be shipped in for a few weeks, to save the crop. There would be no colonization by Orientals, however."

OFFICERS NAMED BY EASTERN STAR

Mrs. L. A. W. Nixon Heads Bend Chapter—Appointive Offices Filled by New Worthy Matron.

Newly elected officers for Bend Chapter No. 109, Order of the Eastern Star, were announced today for the following year as follows: Mrs. L. A. W. Nixon, Worthy Matron; F. M. Gasbar, Worthy Patron; Mrs. J. Edward Larson, Associate Matron; Mrs. J. D. Davidson, Secretary; Mrs. C. W. Hayes, Treasurer; Mrs. William Speck, Conductress.

Officers appointed by the Worthy Matron are: Frances Thompson, Adah; Mrs. Ralph Miles, Ruth; Mrs. W. D. Barnes, Esther; Mrs. Walter Grant, Martha; Mrs. H. H. Lamping, Electa; Walter Grant, Sentinel; Mrs. F. M. Gasbar, Marshal; Mrs. J. A. Thompson, Chaplain; and Miss Montello Harvey, Organist.