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Penalizing Service Men

Everyone remembers the indignation expressed by the returned veterans of the first world war from overseas when they realized that advantage had been taken of their absence to inflict the prohibition amendment on the country—and that over the veto of President Wilson. Now the dry politicians in congress are attempting to ban even beer from army and navy camps through an amendment to the 'teen draft bill passed by the house and before the senate, fathered by Senator Josh Lee of Oklahoma.

This amendment would in effect re-impose complete prohibition on most of the nation and make all cities near military establishments dry. It certainly would cause resentment in the army and injure morale, for it would deprive men in the service of rights that others enjoy and please only an intolerant minority. It would restore the tragic hypocrisy of the so-called dry era, the sordid reign of the boot-legger, moonshiner and racketeer, under the old delusion that human nature and human appetites can be changed by passing a law.

The amendment bans the possession, sale, gift or use of any alcoholic beverage, including the specially made canteen 3.2 per cent beer in and around army and navy posts, and is designed as a preliminary for a return to national prohibition. The dry zones around camps would be delineated by the secretary of war and include cities.

There are abuses in the sale of liquor to service men, but they can easily be controlled by existing authorities. The army and navy can at any time place these violators out-of-bounds and close them to service men. The state liquor commissions can also cancel licenses. All necessary machinery to suppress nuisances exist.

The mere offering of such a ban should be a warning to the liquor traffic to police itself and live within the law and enforce decency—lest it be destroyed again. But the defense forces should not be made the goat.

Adding More Red Tape
Motorists accused of violating the federal 35-mile-an-hour speed regulation promulgated to save tires are assured in an official OPA announcement that they will not be deprived of the precious rationing cards, without which they cannot get gasoline after November 22, until they have been given a "fair hearing."

The "fair hearing" is to be ensured by constituting each local rationing board as a trial court to hear such accusations. The proposal is cumbersome and senseless, and will bury the local boards under an avalanche of intricate legal procedure for which they are neither qualified nor equipped. Added to the already too numerous duties of the boards, this scheme of trying to make police courts of them will in a short time slow their work down to a standstill and leave the board members, who serve without pay, with no time for their own business.

A more practicable system would be to have the regular courts handling speeding cases conduct the trials with the understanding that the presiding magistrate is to report his finding and recommendations to the rationing board. The rationing board could then act upon the recommendation of the trial court, with or without review of the facts and evidence. It just doesn't make sense to have these cases tried twice to develop the same evidence.

Under the announced plan the accused would be privileged to be represented by counsel before the board, and be permitted to offer evidence on his own behalf and to cross-examine witnesses against him. But no provision is made for a prosecutor to aid the board, which would be compelled to prosecute and judge the case.

Inasmuch as the right of appeal to state, regional and national administrators is afforded the motorist deprived of his gas card, the original procedure should be simplified in the interests of efficiency.

More Convict Coddling
In line with the tendency of the times to coddle convicts and mitigate the punishment for criminal offenses, the 1941 legislature allowed itself to be talked into proposing an amendment to erase from the state constitution the provision that "the privilege of an elector be forfeited by a conviction of any crime which is punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary."

The resolution submitting the amendment, like most other measures submitting legislation to the vote of the people, was given little attention on the floor of either house because there was no organized opposition and those who were at all dubious over the wisdom of the proposal salved their consciences with the assurance that the people would have to settle the issue anyway.

The loss of the right to vote is properly the basic penalty for all felonies, however else the punishment may be graduated to fit the seriousness of the crime. It is the price all criminals must pay for violating the privileges of organized society.

To invest the legislature with the power to restore the franchise to criminals by law is as falacious as the argument voiced in support of such a change—that many persons convicted of felonies actually do vote after being released from prison because election board officials do not challenge them. If they are voting it is because registrars are not fulfilling their duty in registering them as voters.

The interests of persons wrongfully convicted of crimes are amply protected by the governor's authority to grant full pardons, carrying with them restoration of citizenship. Vote 307 X No.

Salem Boys Among FFA Delegates

Portland, Oct. 21 (AP)—Oregon delegates will leave here Thursday night for the Future Farmers of America convention at Kansas City.

They are Alvin Pitney, Junction City, state president; James Thompson, Salem, and Lawrence Johnson, Scappoose. Kirby Brumfield, Salem, assistant supervisor of vocational agriculture, will accompany them.



Wives

By Beck

Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Fred Williams, atty., ex-All American football player and champion loudspeaker sports fan, has a fedora hat which he wears in an intriguing fashion, said hat having the rim turned down same in front as in back and without looking at Fred's feet you can't tell whether he's going or coming when he's moving along the street. "O that," commented Fred when attention was called to his two way hat. "You know," he explained, "a crab always walks backwards and if there's anything I like to do it is to crab. Hence the hat." Reasonable and understandable explanation.

Liquor Output To Be Curtailed

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 21 (AP)—A government order trimming the liquor industry's manpower will be issued Friday, official sources disclosed today, and will have the effect of curtailing production.

The munitions and supply department already has ordered all Canadian distilleries to switch to exclusive production of industrial alcohol for manufacture of explosives and synthetic rubber. The new order will affect production of beer and wine and release manpower for war industries and the armed forces.

It was understood that the government will avoid anything resembling prohibition in dealing with Canada's liquor question.

Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King will discuss the liquor situation in a radio address next week, it was understood. The manpower orders will forbid sale and delivery of liquor outside areas where the sources are located, so that large breweries and wineries will not be able to sell their products across the Dominion, officials intimated.

Lumber Board's Seat in Portland

Portland, Ore., Oct. 21 (AP)—Headquarters for the Pacific coast lumber commission, the federal agency controlling wages and working conditions for 150,000 woods and sawmill workers in five western states, is now in Portland.

Thomas F. Neblett opened offices yesterday and said hearings on wage-hour cases started recently in Seattle would be resumed Monday.

The first four cases scheduled for completion involved 70,000 workers in the Douglas fir industry, Neblett said.

Thomas Tongue, formerly of Hillsboro, Ore., and recently with the wage-hour division of the department of labor in Seattle, is Neblett's assistant.

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Kelly Says

Enemy Subs Active On Pacific Coast

Navy's Censorship Cause of Criticism

Problem Increases for Northwest Employers

By John W. Kelly

Washington, Oct. 21 — Enemy submarines, unquestionably Japanese, are becoming increasingly bold off the coast of Oregon and Washington. Censorship has suppressed many details of the activities of the under-sea boats, but of late the bars have been lowered a little and more information has been made available to the public through the press. Since a few days after Pearl Harbor the Japanese have been operating off the northwest states, British Columbia and Alaska with their submarines. They know that coastal area like a book; in the days when the Maru boats were a large part of west coast commerce the skippers rarely had recourse to pilots—they sailed in their ships themselves.

The submarines have traveled at will, despite the dawn patrol of shore-based interceptor planes or the sharp eyes of volunteer watchers on the beach. As yet the navy has not seen fit to inform the public whether any submarines have been destroyed (if any were sunk) south of Kiska. Communiques have disclosed various Japanese subs have been sent to Davy Jones' locker in the Aleutian area. That the armed forces are aware of the presence of enemy U-boats is intimated by the tightening up of the dimout regulations and more recently by directives to eliminate sky-glare.

The first enemy shells dropped on continental United States was the banging away at Fort Stevens by a large Jap submarine. That made headlines but failed to scare the people. Came next the dropping of incendiary bombs in Siskiyou national forest near Brookings, by a small hydroplane which was part of the equipment of a Jap underwriter craft. Before the attempt to fire the forest, enemy submarines had sunk a cargo vessel off the strait of Juan de Fuca and damaged a merchant ship that managed to make a British Columbia port. Next came a couple of tankers destroyed off the coast of southern Oregon within four days of each other—one torpedoed some 50 miles from Coos bay. The war has been brought home with a menace in the lanes of commerce.

Navy Information Tardy
There is dissatisfaction with the navy censorship. The Bremerton-built heavy cruiser Astoria was sent to the bottom on August 9 with two other heavy American cruisers, but the navy suppressed news of the loss for more than two months. In the same engagement the Australian cruiser Canberra was sunk but the Australian government lost no time in making the announcement. More than a quarter of a year lapsed before the people were told that the carrier Yorktown had been wiped out by the Japanese. No admission has yet been made that cargo boats in convoy to Murmansk were destroyed, although German radio claimed almost complete destruction; navy merely said the Germans were exaggerating.

Ruling Asked on Prison Harvest Aid
Boise, Oct. 21 (AP)—Gov. Chase A. Clark asked Attorney General Bert H. Miller last night for an opinion on releasing prisoners in the state penitentiary to work under guard in harvest fields.

The situation is so critical we must take every possible step that will help the farmers get their crops in. That's why I'm trying to see if the prisoners might be used," Chase said.

Queen Victoria's 68-year reign was the longest in British history.

problem for employers in the northwest. It will mean that employers of seasonal labor will have to reach down to hire boys 15 and 16 years old—practically high school youngsters. This past summer the 18 and 19 year old boys were employed, but employers declare that few of them took their job seriously and they would skylark around, with apparently no sense of responsibility or appreciation that there is a war in progress and that everyone has a part in the conflict. If the 18-19 group could not buckle down to work, employers say that the 16-17 year olds will be even more irresponsible.

Wage Adjustment Needed

There should be some readjustment of wages, say the employers. In the work the past summer the youths were paid the same wage as the older, experienced men. The older men, those above draft age, performed twice the amount of work done by the boys and the knowledge that they were paid the same rate as the youngsters caused dissatisfaction. The employers explain that they were paying the boys too much; that they should not be given the same pay as the older men, for they did not or would not do the same amount of work. The wage-hour law governs the pay in seasonal occupations, however, and therefore all engaged in a particular industry receive identical wage. Paying 18-year old lads \$6.50 a day is, contend the bosses, foolish, as too much money is not good for them. Unless there is some sort of adjustment the 15 and 16 year olds will be drawing the same high wage next year, and doing even less work for the money than did the 18-19 group of the current year. Suggestion is made that boys be paid 10 or 20 cents less per hour in 1943, but if they work the full season a bonus be given that will equal the regular rate. This suggestion is prompted by the habit of the boys quitting after a few days and they have accumulated a few dollars.

Crash of Bomber Causes Casualties

Shreveport, La., Oct. 21 (AP)—A twin-motored army bomber burned after a crash landing at Barksdale field yesterday killing two enlisted men and seriously burning two officers.

Staff Sergeant Arden R. Fox, 23, Youngstown, Ohio and Sergeant Alvin M. Dunn, 19, Pasadena, Calif., apparently were killed outright, officers of the field said.

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West Salem, Oct. 21—Rationing board 27-3 issued during the week of October 19, grade II tires and/or tubes to John Todd, Salem, farmer; passenger tire and/or tubes to Chester Fisher, Salem, U.S. guard; passenger tubes to Frank Terrault, Salem, farm laborer; truck recaps and/or tubes to Allen Brothers, Rickreall, farmers; passenger recaps and/or tubes to Chester Fisher, Salem, U.S. guard; Henry Williams, log scaler, West Salem; W. Fitzgerald, Salem, farmer, and Charles Glaze, Salem, farmer.

West Salem Ration Board Grants Tires

Forget-Me-Nots On Sale Soon

Sale of forget-me-nots by the Salem chapter of the Disabled American Veterans of the World war will take place here October 23 and 24.

During the last year the local chapter gave \$125 to the psychiatric hospital in Roseburg and \$25 to the associated veterans for the Christmas cheer fund, and this year will be called upon to assist the auxiliary in the civil defense program.

The DAV has as state service officer, Lile Dailey of Portland, who last year handled claims of 310 men. In this community there are about 200 disabled men receiving compensation for disabilities traceable to military service. The average compensation check amounts to \$46 with 43 per cent of the men receiving less than \$30 per month.

Officers of the Salem chapter are Jay Harnsberger, commander; Luther Cook, adjutant; Dr. George Lewis, treasurer. Katie Johns is commander of the auxiliary and in charge of the sales crew for the forget-me-not campaign. Headquarters are in the Chemawa room of the Chamber of Commerce. The auxiliary is providing lunch for the workers and the kitchen and dining room are being donated by Dr. J. C. Harrison, pastor of the First Methodist church.

Monmouth—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Campbell entrained at Portland Tuesday for North Platt, Neb., where they will be guests of her mother, Mrs. McLarty, and sister, Mrs. Cunningham. They plan to spend the winter with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Nichols, at Princeton, Mo. The Campbells recently traded farm property for a residence in Monmouth which has been rented to Lieut. and Mrs. Donald Sherwood during their absence.

Councilman Donald Kuhn, city attorney Elmer Cook and Charles Peterson returned this week after spending several days hunting near Klamath Falls. All of them brought back deer. Elmer Cook, D. Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peterson made up a party for a few additional days of hunting.

Mrs. Arthur Brown, Mrs. Riddell Kelsey and Mrs. G. E. Vosburgh spent several days this week in Eugene as delegates to the WSCS conference convening in that city.

Miss Constance Rose of San Francisco spent her vacation as house guest of Mrs. John Bowne.

Mrs. Charles Unruh has returned to her home after spending some time at Ft. Stevens with Capt. Unruh.

Total Ships Sunk Listed at 499 Today

(By the United Press) The number of united and neutral nations cargo ships sunk by submarines in the western Atlantic since Pearl Harbor was within one of the 500 mark today in the Associated Press tabulation.

The total rose to 499 yesterday when officials announced the destruction of three more American merchant vessels in those waters.

Sinking of the two-months-old Liberty ship John Carter Ross (10,000 tons) was announced in Recife, Brazil, where an Argentine tanker brought 35 survivors.

Two torpedoes sank the second off South America this month, taking six lives.

The third was destroyed in the North Atlantic in September with no loss of life.

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