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## Not What They Fought For

It ill becomes any veterans' organization pledged to such high patriotic ideals as are subscribed to by the Veterans of Foreign Wars to appear before the legislature as petitioner for the enactment of special privilege legislation on their own behalf. Yet that is just the role in which the Baker post of that organization is admittedly doing in a bill proposed to the Oregon lawmakers by Rep. Frisbie.

At the instigation of the VFW organization at Baker, which has been refused a "club" liquor license because it cannot conform to the requirements of the Knox law for such a license, Frisbie proposes to make provision in the Knox act for a new kind of permit enabling veterans' clubs to serve liquor by the drink to club members and their guests without the necessity of compliance with present restrictions. These special licenses would be issued only to local clubs of national veterans organizations, and would be known as "veterans' club license."

In contrast, present provisions of the Knox act limits club licenses to organized groups that have been in existence for two years at least, and which club rooms are equipped with full kitchen and dining room facilities for the service of liquor (for a charge) from bottles owned by club members. Frisbie's plan provides that any recognized organization of veterans operating under a national charter shall be entitled to a license to serve intoxicating liquors within its club rooms, but only to club members and their guests. Additional requirements would provide that a licensed organization must have not less than 150 members, and that its application for a license has the approval of the city council or county court concerned.

Even more objectionable and un-American than the exemptions thus arbitrarily accorded a single class of citizens is another feature of the bill making it mandatory for the liquor commission to issue such licenses within 10 days from the date of filing applications.

While sympathetic and in full accord with Rep. Frisbie in his desire to smooth the way for ex-servicemen and women who seek to establish comfortable and adequate facilities for their social enjoyment, we venture the suggestion that the extension of special privileges of citizenship as he proposes are hardly consistent with the principles for which they fought and which they are committed to sustain. Besides it would not be long before scheming racketeers would find a means to evade whatever safeguards might be erected around such a plan and convert it to their own advantage.

## Andrew J. Volstead

The passing of Andrew J. Volstead, former Minnesota congressman, whose name became known throughout the world as father of the prohibition enforcement law, removes the last of those responsible for what President Hoover called the "Noble Experiment," an experiment based upon the delusion that human nature can be changed for the better by passing a law, a common belief among reformers in the fanatical fringe.

The "experiment" proved anything but beneficial, it ushered in a reign of hypocrisy, persecution, political cowardice, and corruption, drove the liquor traffic underground, created a regime of get-rich-quick gangsters and racketeers that terrorized the country, introduced gin into the home and stimulated drinking among the women and children that eventually forced its repeal.

Prohibition was another example of public hysteria like our appeasement policies of the 30's. We are as volatile as the French and easily swept by emotions and demagoguery. The crusaders were marshalled by the Evangelical churches which saw an easy way to worst the demon rum and during the first World War forced the passage of the 18th amendment over the veto of President Wilson. The Volstead enforcement act, also vetoed by Wilson, was designed to put "teeth" in the amendment.

Volstead was one of several men who contributed ideas to the act, but as he was chairman of the house judiciary committee, it received his name and he was proud of it. He was hailed by the "drys" as a great moral force in the life of the country and derided by the "wets" as a menace to individual liberty. He had been elected to congress in 1902 and re-elected at each election until 1922 when another "dry" on the Farmer-Labor ticket defeated him. In 1925 he became legal adviser for the northern prohibition district. He turned down many lucrative offers to write for the press and publish books on prohibition. He never commercialized his fame.

The sincerity and honesty of Mr. Volstead were never questioned. He was author of considerable important legislation, such as the Farmers' Cooperative Act and bills to end the war-time powers of the president after the first World War.

## Good Time to Act

With women's club representatives in Portland reviving their previous organization to secure cheaper milk prices for that city, over the opposition of E. L. Peterson, state director of agriculture whom the crusaders have dubbed "Oregon's one-man milk control board," the time is opportune for the legislature to take action to compel Peterson to correct one glaring error in the system of fixing milk prices.

The unsettled condition of the milk market and the daily fluctuation of prices on feeds and other factors entering into the production costs, there is one factor in the retail price of milk which should be fixed by law.

That is the differential existing in the two methods of getting milk into the hands of the consumer—by door-to-door delivery, or cash-and-carry sales over the counter. Some states permit a differential of as much as two cents a quart in favor of the cash-and-carry system, recognizing that door-step deliveries are the most expensive form of distribution. Here in Oregon grocery stores, both chain and independent, have demanded repeatedly that their customers be given advantage of savings of at least one cent a quart on the milk they carry home themselves. It makes no difference to the producer whether regulations establish the differential which the stores demand, for the farmer gets the same price for all his milk.

But in the orgy of price fixing that has swept over the country, it is high time that the consumer be given a break, even if the legislature has to amend the law to achieve that end.

## Baker Man Named On Mining Board

Gov. Earl Snell today announced appointment of H. E. Hendryx, Baker, as a member of the state board of geology and mineral industries, succeeding S. H. Williston, who resigned.

Hendryx, a mining engineer and consultant, formerly was publisher of the Baker Herald and edited a mining journal prior to World War II.

Williston resigned because of business reasons, Snell said.

There was \$155,722,778,000 worth of life insurance in force in the United States in 1945.

## A Dog's Life

By Beck



## Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Our specialist in federal affairs reports that the "Use Other Door" sign on the south door of the Church street entrance has come down as a result of a new hinge arriving and being installed on the door. Thus the great American public can ebb and flow in and out of the structure without meeting itself coming out when it's going in. We haven't got on the inside yet as to whether this great improvement was effected by our putting the force of our column behind a move for a new hinge on the door, or just the natural result of a republican congress taking over and paring off some of the ends left loose by the new deal. We'll be glad to com-

promise and say it was us, until more definite information is received. As it was most every body in town was getting left handed having to work the north door all the time getting into the place.

Last remark makes us think of encountering Don Hendrie this a. m. and he confided he'd just met an old schoolboy friend he hadn't seen for years. "Yea," said Don, "he left school to join a circus where he made a living shoving his right arm down a lion's mouth. Now he's changed his name to 'Lefty.'" Don always has some neat little quip to turn.

**Crude Doings at Pendleton**  
(50 Yrs. Ago in Pendleton East Oregonian)

"The 'Fellow About Town,' notes with displeasure that Pendleton young men continue to offer their left arm to ladies they are escorting. 'It is of very great importance, in my opinion,' he writes, 'that young men give their right arm, simply because society people in the east do so, and, of course, that settles it.'"

Bill Carver, the singing picket and also known as the sidewalk Caruso, who has kept classical music alive at the Court and Liberty street corner for many weeks, has lately been given some heavy competition by the March of Dimes announcer up the street, the announcer having the benefit of science and a loud speaker to back him up while Bill has been equipped only with the voice box nature gave him. Bill was stumped for a day or two and then began making up songs on his own about the March of Dimes and now half the time one can't tell which is which when both the announcer and Bill are tuned up at the same time. However, we're betting that the mechanical contrivance wears out before Bill does.

## Novelties

(By the Associated Press)

### No Pink Moose

Boston, Jan. 21 (AP)—The eyes of Bostonians hurrying along busy Boylston street popped yesterday at the sight of a moose up in the air.

Their vision obscured by fog and rain, the pedestrians saw at a second look that it was a stuffed moose being lowered by block and tackle from the second story of the New England museum of natural history.

The antlered creature's ignoble descent was necessary to clear the second floor for a women's fashion shop. He was too large to negotiate the stairs.

### Hot Subject

Portland, Jan. 21 (AP)—Fire destroyed the University of Portland's heating system, but the 1,485 students donned sweaters and overcoats and began taking final examinations anyway.

Most found their fingers cramped a bit writing answers, but the speech course final examination, consisting of extemporaneous speeches, was a fine. Its subject: "Heat."



## As I See It

by  
ELMORE PHILPOTT

Recently U.S. law enforcement officers broke up a southern fascist movement by timely prosecutions. A clever girl operator had photographed the secret documents. The first three questions asked recruits were:

"Do you hate niggers?"  
"Do you hate Jews?"  
"Have you got three dollars?"

About nine years ago I wrote in this column about Fascism in Quebec. I showed that Arcand and his brown-shirted gangsters were no joke—made no secret of their loyalties—wore Hitler's swastika on their shirts.

But it was not till the darkest hours of the war—1940—that action was taken against the Arcand Fascists. They were interned. But they never were brought to trial after the war, as the Hon. Ernest Lapointe promised they would be. That notwithstanding the findings of the Dies Committee in the U.S., which revealed that Arcand's men were on Hitler's payroll—that the money was paid each week over the counter of the North German Lloyd office in Montreal.

There is new indication that Fascist agents have entrenched themselves in the Social Credit movement in Canada.

The Quebec branch of the party is known as the "Union des Electeurs." Its newspaper, Vers Demain, has just finished publication of the standard Fascist handbook of anti-Semitism, the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion." This infamous volume was brought to Germany from Moscow by Rosenberg—finally hung as a war criminal at Nuernberg. It has been proved a forgery and fraud in numerous court cases. Yet its publication is permitted in Quebec in 1947.

The Toronto Saturday Night pointedly asks why the Quebec

government should run amok against the Jehovah's Witnesses—while meanwhile ignoring the Social Credit organization's dissemination of anti-Semitism on Hitlerite lines.

The Saskatoon Star-Phoenix says: "The news from Montreal that the Quebec affiliate of the Social Credit party is distributing the notorious 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion' should cause no surprise. It was only the determination of the late Premier Aberhart that kept the party relatively free from anti-Semitism in its early years. . . . After he had been in office three years he discovered racial bias of some of his followers (and) said: 'I hope the people of Alberta and of Canada will remain immune to attempts to introduce anti-Semitism into our midst.'"

The latest act of the Social Credit government of Alberta should shatter the illusion that this incipient race-hate campaign is confined to French Canada. In a letter to the National Film Board the Social Credit Provincial Secretary of Alberta fore-shadows an attempt to set up a political censorship on all films shown in Alberta.

The important thing is to note the kind of films which the Alberta Social Credit government desires to exclude.

They include: "Man, One Family," prepared by the British Ministry of Information.

"Don't Be A Sucker," which was produced for the U.S. army for educating the troops against Hitler's race-hate tricks. Hitler's ghost must smile.

## MACKENZIE'S Column

My DeWitt MacKenzie  
(AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

The London conference of the Big Four deputy foreign ministers (American, British, Russian and French) has before it a proposal that all allied occupation troops be withdrawn from Austria within ninety days of the signing of the Austrian peace treaty.

British sources said this suggestion was sponsored by two western powers. The two weren't named but presumably they were the United States and Britain. And the Russian delegate didn't oppose the idea.

Potentially that's a highly important development. Not only is Austria being crushed by the burden of occupation, but its future sovereignty is involved. Here it should be noted that this little state, which was overrun by Hitler and annexed by force, never has been placed by the allies in the same category with the Reich as an enemy state.

Clark Takes Over  
One of the delegates to the London conference—which is preparing draft treaties for Austria and Germany—is Uncle Sam's General Mark Clark who until recently was commander of American occupation forces in Austria. He is to take over the command of the U. S. Sixth army in this country but now is serving as deputy in the preparation of the Austrian treaty.

I had a long conversation with the general in Vienna ten months ago, and while he was not talking for direct quotation it is permitted to say that I came away with the distinct impression that he would like to see all the allied forces of occupation withdrawn by the autumn of 1946 and the administration turned over to the Austrian government. I believe that one of his main reasons for wanting the country turned back to its own government was that the terrific financial strain involved in military occupation was bleeding her white. That, too, seems to have been the consensus of impartial observers.

**Problem for Allies**  
Well, Austria wasn't evacuated last autumn, and I strongly suspect that General Clark didn't believe it would be. While America, Britain and France presumably would have grieved to withdraw, there was no indication that Russia would subscribe to such procedure at an early date. And it strikes me that there is no reason to jump to the conclusion that Moscow has changed its views merely because its deputy at the London conference hasn't opposed the suggestion of withdrawal.

The future status of Austria poses a mighty problem for the Allies. This small but strategically situated state is wedged into the western frontier of Russia's protective bloc of countries like a plum in the side of a pudding. Moscow wants Austria wholly within that frontier—along with Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia—in order to perfect its original plans for insuring security.

## Reserve Officers To Hear Colonel Wahl

Col. Douglas Wahl, senior instructor for the Organized Reserve corps of Oregon, will be the speaker at the Wednesday night meeting of the Salem Reserve Officers' association, slated for 8:15 o'clock at the Golden Pheasant.

Topic of the colonel's talk will be "As the Colonel Sees It from His Window," which will be on the future plans for defense. He will also show motion pictures to the group.

### Horse Owner Dies

London, Jan. 21 (AP)—Sir Alexander Herbert Maquire, 70, wealthy match manufacturer whose horse, Workman, won the Grand National in 1939, died yesterday at his home in Eastbourne.



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## Highway Snow Turns to Slush

Packed snow on many of Oregon's mountain pass roads is turning to slush as temperatures continue to rise. R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, reported today.

Some ice remains at higher altitudes, however, Baldock warned.

The road report follows: Government Camp—Packed snow and ice and slush throughout. Santiam—Spots of light frost, slush to ice. Most of pavement bare and frosty. Saged.

Ocell Lake—Spots of packed snow and ice throughout section. U. S. 101—One-way traffic over temporary bridge 12 miles north of Florence. Also, short section of one-way traffic one mile north of Manzanita, at two places.

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three miles north of Gardiner. Also—Short sections of one-way traffic near Benton-Lincoln county line, due to slides.

Slush—Several short sections of one-way traffic, due to slides.

## Challenger Will Publish in March

The Challenge Publication company with Gil Leiser as owner, has purchased the equipment of the Beaver Press of Portland and will move the machinery to a recently completed building on Edgewater street in West Salem. Leiser says he will

print the first issue of the "Challenger," a weekly publication, some time in March. Leiser is a graduate of Willamette university where he handled publicity before and after the war. He served as a lieutenant with the navy in the south Pacific.

Cattlemen Enter Protest  
The proposal by several legislators to discontinue farming operations at the state training school at Woodburn as an economy move drew fire today from the Marion County Jersey Cattle club.

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