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## WASHINGTON DRY MEASURE UPHELD

### Supreme Tribunal Hands Down Unanimous Decision.

#### DOCUMENT IS LONGEST ONE EVER FILED

#### Decision Upholds Woman Suffrage and Recall Also—Main Objections Fully Disposed Of.

Olympia, Wash.—Washington's prohibition law was upheld unanimously by the Supreme court Friday and will become effective January 1.

The decision, the longest ever filed in the history of the court, containing 19,200 words, not only validates the initiative prohibition measure, but also specifically upholds the initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution against the latest and most weighty of the objections brought against it.

The effect of the decision is to adjudicate for all time the validity of the direct legislation amendment.

Since the same objection urged against the initiative and referendum amendment, that of insufficient publication, could be urged equally against the woman suffrage and recall amendments, the real effect of the decision also is to uphold these additions to the constitution.

The majority opinion was written by Judge Emmett N. Parker, with Chief Justice George E. Morris and Judges O. G. Ellis, O. R. Holcomb, John F. Main and Wallace Mount concurring. There are no dissenting opinions, but Judge S. J. Chadwick notes, in a separate opinion, that he does not follow the reasoning of the majority, but yields his judgment and concurs in the result "not because it is the law as I had understood it, but because it has been so declared by a competent tribunal."

Judge M. A. Fullerton notes that he does not follow the majority reasoning, but concurs in the result and will file a separate opinion later rather than postpone further the filing of the decision.

Briefly, the Supreme court decides that it cannot, and will not, notice admitted irregularities in connection with the publication both of the initiative and referendum amendment and the prohibition law, which, though stipulated by counsel in the case, do not appear as part of the official state records and are not matters of common notoriety. This disposes of the main objections.

The court then decides that any question of interference with interstate commerce is settled by the Webb-Kenyon act of congress of 1913, divesting intoxicating liquor of its interstate character, and that the privileges in regard to sale and prescription of liquor granted to pharmacists and physicians do not constitute such discrimination as to invalidate the act.

The one crumb of comfort left for the "wets" is that the court did not pass on any constitutional question raised from the consumers' standpoint, the court stating specifically that since this was an injunction action to prevent enforcement of the act only questions involving property rights could be considered.

## American Rights Brings Senate Storm.

Washington, D. C.—The long-expected storm in congress over the administration's conduct of the defense of American rights on the seas broke Saturday when Senator Hoke Smith, Democrat, demanded an investigation of Great Britain's interference with neutral trade and Senator Lodge, Republican, replied with a demand that any investigation include the loss of American lives.

"The body of an innocent child, floating dead on the water, the victim of destruction of an unarmed vessel, is to me a more poignant and more tragic spectacle than an unsold bale of cotton," declared the Massachusetts senator.

## Men Cling to Launch.

South Bend, Wash.—Word reached here Saturday of the heroic struggle made by Captain C. O. Reed and Mate Cuts, of the fishing launch *Airdale*, of Bay Center, during a storm in which both nearly lost their lives and were rescued.

They had left South Bend Tuesday night with a load of 15 metal tanks of gasoline for a fish-packing plant at Bay Center. They were a short distance from the fish company's wharf at Bay Center when the oil tanks were lost and the launch filled.

## Fruit Scarcity Predicted.

Kansas City — Plums and cherries may become scarce in the United States as a result of the European war, according to reports given here by speakers at the 26th annual convention of the Western Association of Nurserymen. Imports of plums and cherries, grown chiefly in Europe, have been cut off by the war. The association, it is said, represents more than one-half of the nursery business of the nation.

## GERMAN CONSULATE ATTACHE AT 'FRISCO INDICTED ON 2 COUNTS

San Francisco — Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, an attache of the German consulate here; C. C. Crowley, a detective employed by the consulate, and Mrs. Margaret W. Cornell, a secret agent in Crowley's employ, were indicted late Tuesday by the United States grand jury on two counts each. The first count charged conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce between the several states of the Union and foreign countries; the second alleged use of the mails to incite arson, assassination and murder.

Bail was fixed at \$5000 for each count in the three indictments. Counsel for the defendants, all of whom had been arrested previously on commissioner's warrants, promised their appearance in court.

Baron von Brincken and Crowley were previously charged in the commissioner's warrants with the first

## GEORGE C. CAROTHERS



George C. Carothers, special agent of the state department with the military forces, bids fair to add one more difficulty to the puzzle facing the United States in Mexico. Gen. Alvaro Obregon has protested to General Carranza, saying that Mr. Carothers "is dangerous to the tranquility of the de facto government."

Count and has been at liberty on \$10,000 bail, while Mrs. Cornell, arrested as a detained witness, gave \$1000 bail. The overt acts set out in the indictments purporting to substantiate the charges against the indicted persons were not made known, but it was said that the government is in possession of all the necessary documentary evidence to support the charges.

## Oregon and Washington Men Pay Large Taxes on Incomes

Washington, D. C.—The richest person in Oregon has an annual income of from \$300,000 to \$400,000, one other individual has an income of from \$150,000 to \$200,000, five have incomes between \$75,000 and \$100,000, 10 with incomes from \$50,000 to \$75,000, and 10 between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Washington has one citizen of a bigger income than that of Oregon's richest, for the largest income tax paid in Washington is on an income that exceeds \$500,000 per year. Washington also has two citizens with incomes from \$250,000 to \$300,000, one from \$150,000 to \$200,000, and 10 drawing \$75,000 to \$100,000.

These figures are found in the annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue.

## Arabs Beaten by British.

London—The defeat of an Arab band in an engagement with a British reconnoitering party on the Sinai Peninsula is announced in an official statement issued in Cairo, Egypt, says a Renter dispatch. The dispatch follows: "A band of 300 hostile Arabs was routed Saturday by a British reconnoitering force in the vicinity of Matrah, on the Sinai Peninsula. The Arabs, 25 of whom were killed and seven captured, were driven eastward. British casualties were 16 killed and three officers and 15 men wounded."

## Sober New Year Asked.

New York—No all-night permits for the sale of liquor for New Year's eve will be granted in the metropolis this year, if Mayor Mitchell complies with a request made Tuesday by the board of directors of the Anti-Saloon League. The league says the practice ought to be discontinued "when the distresses incident to the war hang like a pall over so large a proportion of the civilized world."

## Meteor Kills Three Dogs.

Dawson, Y. T.—Three dogs driven by Andrew Johnson, a telegraph line man, were killed by a giant meteorite which fell on the Yukon telephone line near Nahlin, south of Atlin, according to word reaching here. Johnson, who was traveling 50 feet behind the animals, was stunned for several hours as a result of the impact. The meteorite made a hole almost 50 feet in diameter.

## U. S. SENDS PERT NOTE TO AUSTRIA

### Washington Communication Is Brief and to Point.

## ANCONA LINER CASE GETS ATTENTION

### Assurances of Safety to Americans in Future Is Demanded—To Avoid Controversy Is Aim.

Washington, D. C.—The United States has sent to Austria-Hungary a note asking for a disavowal of the submarine attack on the Italian liner *Ancona*, assurances that such an act will not be repeated, some degree of punishment for the commander of the submarine and reparation for the American lives lost.

The communication was sent from the State department to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, who was instructed to hand it to the Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Baron Burian.

Friendly but firm terms, it is said, characterize the document, which is understood to make a particular point of prompt assurances for the future safety of American lives.

Austria-Hungary has never informed the United States whether the commanders of its submarines had received instructions similar to those which the German government gave to its commanders after the Lusitania tragedy.

It is understood that the note referred particularly to the charge that shells from a submarine killed or wounded some passengers on the *Ancona* after she had halted, and asked for an explanation on that point.

In discussing dispatching the note Secretary Lansing acted with the approval of President Wilson. It is said authoritatively that the document, which is described as being comparatively brief and decidedly vigorous in tone, was so drafted as to attempt a settlement of the controversy at once without bringing on a series of communications, such as followed the sinking of the Lusitania.

High officials are said to be of the opinion that the situation is one which calls for grave consideration, the state of affairs having become more complicated since the note was dispatched by reports of attacks on American oil-carrying vessels in the Mediterranean, presumably by Austrian submarines.

## Half Ton of Pork Condemned By Portland Food Inspectors

Portland — Eleven hundred and ninety-five pounds of diseased pork were condemned Thursday by an inspector from the city health office, upon the ground that the meat showed traces of cholera. The pork was shipped to Constantine's market from a farmer by the name of A. Blatt, living in Clackamas county, it is reported.

When the pork arrived at the market Mr. Constantine did not like the looks of the meat and called up the city health officer before he would accept the shipment. An inspector was sent to the market and declared the pork to be diseased, so the meat was condemned. A report will be made to the state food and dairy commissioner, Blatt living outside the jurisdiction of the city.

Because of the frequency of trichinosis among Portland residents and four fatalities from the disease, the condemnation of the city health officer may lead to an extensive investigation in the line of pork shipments into the city. The state food and dairy commissioner will investigate the Blatt case.

## All in City to Get Cheer.

Pendleton, Or.—Pendleton will have two municipal Christmas trees, with presents for every child in the city. A large choir of mixed voices is practicing to sing Christmas carols Christmas eve, in a grand spectacle on Main street. One tree will be placed at the corner of Main and Court streets and the other at the corner of Main and Alta streets. A program will be given and the streets will be lined with evergreens and red, white and blue cluster lights. Two dinners are being arranged for the poor.

## \$53,986 Left by Beachey.

San Francisco—Lincoln Beachey, the young aviator who met a spectacular death in the bay off the exposition grounds early in the exposition period, left an estate valued at \$53,886.44, according to an appraisal filed in the probate department of the Superior court Thursday.

All of the estate is bequeathed to his mother and father. The mother, Mrs. Amy Beachey, is administratrix of the estate.

## NEWS ITEMS

Of General Interest  
**About Oregon**

### Oregon High School Debating League Begins Series in January

University of Oregon, Eugene—Fifty high schools of Oregon have this year joined the Oregon High School Debating league, the first debates of which will be held early in January. The question that will be debated among all these schools until a champion is determined will be: Resolved, that the United States should adopt the essential features of the Swiss system of military training and service. The finals will be held at the University of Oregon in May. The winner receives a cup given by the university.

The 50 high schools are divided into nine districts, and are as follows:

Coos Bay district—Myrtle Point, Marshfield, North Bend, Coquille. Eastern Oregon district—Union, Enterprise, Prairi City. Lower Columbia district—Tillamook, Astoria, Clatskanie, Rainier, Seaside, St. Helens, St. John.

Northern Willamette district—Silverton, Woodburn, Jefferson, Canby, Estacada, Forest Grove, Newberg, Oregon City, Salem. Southern Oregon district—Ashland, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Medford, Talent.

Southern Willamette district—Albany, Brownsville, Corvallis, Eugene, Junction City, Lebanon, Roseburg, Springfield, Yoncalla. Umatilla district—Athens, Condon, Echo. Upper Columbia district—Bend, Madras, Moro, Prineville, The Dalles, Wasco, Redmond.

Southeastern Oregon district—Ontario, Nyssa, Vale.

### Hope Lies in Water Test.

Salem—Upon the result of tests of the water from Summer and Abert lakes, which will be made in New York within the next month, depends Jason C. Moore's hope of financing his lease for development of the lake's deposits successfully. This information was contained in a letter received here by the State Land Board from C. A. Sheppard, of Portland, Moore's attorney. Moore expects to come to Oregon soon and arrange for transporting a carload of water from the lakes back East.

### High Schools Standardized.

Salem—Speaking recently before the Men's Club at Independence on Oregon High Schools, Assistant State Superintendent Frank K. Welles announced that the State Department of Education has now standardized 165 High Schools. Each of these schools is not only offering full four years of work above the eighth grade, but they are all well supplied with libraries and apparatus so that they can do their work efficiently. In referring to the rapid increase in the number of High Schools, Mr. Welles stated that only thirteen years ago there were but five high schools in the state and that their graduates numbered from 12 to 15 each year, while now over 2000 students are graduated annually.

### Teacher Decision Is Due.

Salem—Whether school district boards have power to make rules governing instructors absolute or whether the rules must be such as will be determined reasonable, will be decided by the Supreme court shortly in the case of Mrs. Maude Richards, the Portland schoolteacher who was barred from re-employment by the board after her marriage. The case was heard by the Supreme court on appeal from Circuit Judge Morrow's decision in favor of Mrs. Richards. C. W. Fulton appeared in behalf of the Portland School Board, while her husband represented Mrs. Richards.

### Pendleton Census 8180.

Pendleton—According to a preliminary estimate made this week by Harry Bickers, who has been taking the city school census, Pendleton has 807 boys and 829 girls of school age. Taking the usual ratio of school age would have a population of 8180. While this estimate is considered a little below the actual population, yet the showing is regarded as encouraging, and if the present rate of increase is maintained Pendleton will show a population of 20,000 by the time the next National census is taken.

### Klamath Wheat is Lauded.

Klamath Falls—Klamath county's hard wheat, which averages from 40 to 45 per cent in the gluten test, has been rated by Government experts as second in quality only to the famous Kansas product.

Recently the Klamath Commercial club sent samples of local wheat to the Portland Flour Mills, to the Sperry Flour company and to the Pillsbury company, asking them to give an opinion as to its milling qualities. The Pillsbury mills at Minneapolis declare that the wheat is of the finest quality.

### Freewater Apples All Harvested.

Freewater—The Lamb Fruit company, of Freewater, reported that nearly all of the apples of this vicinity were either in warehouses or had been shipped.

## CZAR AND CZAREVITCH REVIEWING COSSACKS



A splendid review of Cossack troops marked the czar's assuming of supreme command over his armies. Dressed in the uniform of the regiment, the "Little Father" of all the Russians and his son and heir reviewed the Caucasian troops in the area of the fighting lines. They are seen here accompanied by one of the commanding officers.

## HOT DINNER FOR THE MEN IN THE TRENCHES



Ration party of the King's Liverpool regiment about to take to the men in the trenches in France a hot meal prepared by the traveling kitchens.

## WAR IN THE DOLOMITE ALPS



This photograph taken along the line of the Italian advance into Austria, is interesting as showing the nature of the country and the reason for the slow progress made by the invaders. Austrian soldiers are here seen scaling a height in order to ambush Italians.

## YOUNG VICTIMS OF THE GREAT WAR



A young boy and girl are here seen being ministered to by Red Cross nurses in France after being wounded by German shells. Such scenes are frequent, for many refugees are hit before they can get out of the zone of fire.

## SUGGESTS NEW PEACE PLAN



Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford Jr. university, called at the White House as a representative of the American Peace society to suggest to President Wilson, that a conference of neutral nations be called to act as a voluntary court of arbitration to receive and consider any plans that may be advanced looking toward peace in Europe. This is a part of the program agreed on at the international convention of the society held in San Francisco.

## Drug Alone Stops Laughter.

Betty Green, a "blond" woman, stood beside a big fat man at River-view station here, when down the street fitted a puff of wind and neatly removed the fat man's hat and sent it sailing up Central avenue. Everyone smiled as the fat man gave chase as best his avoirdupois would permit. Betty laughed.

When Betty had laughed for one hour and 45 minutes without being able to stop an ambulance surgeon stopped it with a dose of morphine. Kansas City Post.

## Important Medical Discovery.

Dr. Richard Bull, a director of the bacteriological laboratory of the University of Melbourne, Australia, recently announced the discovery that scalyptus is a valuable agent for destroying the germs of cerebral spinal meningitis, sometimes called "spinal fever" or "black death," which has long baffled medical science.