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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 measures, 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, diverting 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 act 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 interferences 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 unsoiled 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 Cuta, of the fishing launch Airside, 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 25th annual convention of the Western Association of Nurserymen. Imports of plum and cherry seedlings, 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 Villa 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 tranquillity of the de facto government."

Count and have 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 Reuter 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, 35 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 Nablin, 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 Burián.

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.

\$53,888 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 \$53,888.44, 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.

Tanker's Loss Confirmed.

Rome — The Giornale d'Italia says the Egyptian authorities confirm the torpedoing of the American oil tank steamer Communipaw. The submarine which sent her to the bottom is said to have been a German of a large type. First report of the torpedoing of the American tank steamer, says the Giornale d'Italia, was a radio message from an Italian steamer which had picked up a wireless call for help from the Communipaw.

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

- Cosco Bay district—Myrtle Point, Marshfield, North Bend, Coquille.
- Eastern Oregon district—Union, Enterprise, Prairie City.
- Lower Columbia district—Tillamook, Astoria, Clatskanie, Rainier, Scappoose, St. Helens, St. Johns.
- 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—Athena, 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.

Under the new conditions Moore must assign his lease over to a company which shall be incorporated in Oregon and deposit \$4000 in addition to the \$10,000 already put up to insure the board that he will complete the required \$25,000 bond.

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 reinstatement 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 Pendleton 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 46 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.

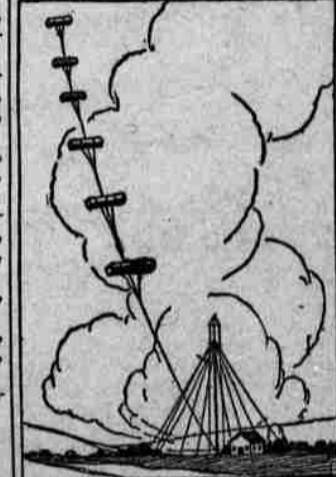
MESSAGES GO FAR

Range of Wireless Aerial Materially Increased.

Successful Experiments Have Shown Possibilities That Have Given Great Encouragement to Those Undertaking Them.

A series of remarkably successful and interesting experiments were conducted by the United States Signal Corps at the recent maneuvers in Massachusetts in maintaining a wireless aerial by means of box kites and thereby increasing the efficiency of an ordinary field wireless outfit from 6 to 16 times. The tests were conducted by Samuel F. Perkins, a maker and flyer of man-lifting kites.

Favorable strong and steady winds, says the Scientific American, in reporting the experiment, enabled Mr. Perkins to send up a string of kites to an altitude of 1,600 feet. Messages



The Wireless May Be Sent to Great Altitudes With Kites.

transmitted from the set of field wireless attached to this kite-supported aerial were received 150 miles away with distinctness, although the ordinary range of the set was only 25 miles. One thing that aided materially in obtaining this result was the fact that the kites flew so steadily that the aerial was always maintained at a constant altitude.

Quite as remarkable as the sending power of the wireless was its receiving quality. Messages were received with distinctness from the battleship Georgia while off Newport and from the government station at Arlington, Va., and Bermuda.

These experiments were but the first of a long series that will be conducted, and it is the belief of those who are interested in the matter that they will lead to a system by which the range of the ordinary field wireless will be materially increased. United States government and Marconi officials are following the experiments closely.

Tremendous Waste of Energy.

With reference to the immense loss in wealth occasioned by the war, Theodore H. Price in World's Work says: "There is hardly a man who works up to the limit of his capacity. There are millions who try to do as little work as possible. The waste even in the most scientifically conducted industries is enormous, and there is an immense amount of energy generated that is not utilized at all."

"It has been jokingly said that the collective energy of the baby's cry would run the railroads of New York state if it could be conserved, and when we consider that only 15 per cent of the energy of coal is utilized, that the unharvested water power of the United States represents millions of horse power going to waste, and that probably less than 5 per cent of the available human energy in the world is productively employed, we must admit that a very slight increase in industry or efficiency will recover an enormous loss of wealth."

Answered Call of World.

Emile Verhaeren, the Belgian poet, might have been a priest, but decided that his wild nature could not be clamped within cloister walls. As a youth he attended the Jesuit college of Saint-Barbe at Ghent. There he met Maeterlinck. The fathers would have saved their young pupils from the world by making them priests, and endeavored to inspire in them a profound respect for the past, with a hatred of all innovation. After the school at Saint-Barbe, Verhaeren studied law at Louvain. Admitted to the bar at Brussels, he joined a coterie of young artists, and, like Gautier, he won a name for shocking the bourgeois by fantastic freaks of dress and conduct. The muse called, and the law was deserted.

Power in Japan.

The great dictator in the legal administration of Japan is not the minister of justice or the chief judge of the court of cassation, but the chief general public prosecutor of the supreme court, Kichiro Hiranuma. Hiranuma is the strength and embodiment of the procuratorial system as it works in Japan today. He is a man of fifty, has been an official of the department of justice since 1888, and in 1912 was appointed chief procurator. No man's word carries greater weight in the courts of Japan.

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