

# WALSH DEFINES LAW IN CLEAR PLAIN LANGUAGE

## Also Answers Questions Relating to Enforcement

Minister of Internal Revenue James J. Walsh today made a complete statement of the rules governing the duties of the liquor traffic in this state, and also explained the reasons why the law should be enforced during the day by dealers and others interested throughout the state.

"What is liquor, or intoxicating liquor, under the terms of this title in the act?" the reporter asked Mr. Walsh.

"Alcoholic drinks, whiskey, rum, gin, brandy, and wine," Mr. Walsh said, "and in addition thereto, any substance, whether made or fermented, which contains alcohol, and which is fit for use as a beverage."

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(Special to The Times.)

Redding, Oct. 30.—Excepting for one amendment the adjourned town meeting on Saturday afternoon adopted all the Finance committee's recommendations as to appropriations. The exception was the \$100,000 allotted for improvement of the highway connecting the Lewiston section of the State road with the new trunk highway. Upon its being made apparent that this sum was insufficient to do the job properly the appropriation was doubled to \$200,000. The money proposed to be used for road improvements is a permanent charge in other sections of the town. The division leaves this important department unappropriated for the first time in several years. A mission much to be regretted. The assessors presented a request to the meeting that their pay be increased to \$1 per day from the present rate of \$3, and such increase was voted accompanied by the provision that it should cover the board's expenses for transportation. The qualification renders the concession of doubtful advantage to the assessors, as they must do a lot of traveling the year around to make an appraisal of all property from personal inspection in accordance with the law's requirements. After some discussion the proposition was voted down. It is to be done with an unusual attention to detail.

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# LARGE INCREASE IN IMPORTS IS DUE THIS YEAR

## High Prices and Greater Demand Given As Cause For Increase.

Demand in the United States for manufacturing materials and foodstuffs are the principal causes of the large increase in importations. The trade figures for the nine months ending with September, says a statement by The National City Bank of New York, indicate that the total value of our imports in the calendar year 1919 may reach nearly 4,000,000,000, as against last year's \$2,000,000,000. Practically all of this increase occurs in manufacturing materials and foodstuffs. Manufacturing shows a fall off of about \$75,000,000, while manufacturing material shows an increase of approximately \$140,000,000, and foodstuffs an increase of over \$15,000,000.

India rubber, hides, and skins, raw silk, tobacco, and diamonds are the principal manufacturing materials showing increases. The value of fresh meats, olive oil, and other principal foodstuffs showing increases.

Raw cotton, wool and fibers show decreases. Manufacturers of fibers, cotton, and wool also show marked decreases. Burlaps show \$18,000,000, against \$15,000,000, and a net of \$2,000,000, and woollen manufactures a fall from \$17,000,000 to about \$8,000,000. There is a large increase in the importation of cattle; 270,000 head this year valued at \$21,480,000, against 162,000 valued at \$8,572 in the same months of last year.

A considerable part of the increases in value of foodstuffs and manufacturing material imported is due to the higher prices. Coffee shows a total value in eight months ending with August, \$18,000,000, against \$10,000,000 in the same period of last year, while the quantity is 883,000,000 pounds against 819,000,000 in the corresponding months of last year, the value having more than doubled while the quantity increased less than 10 per cent.

The average import price of the coffee brought in in the eight months ending with August 1919 is about 18c per pound, (these figures being the valuation in the country from which imported), as against about 9c in the corresponding months of the preceding year. The month of August the import price was 21.8c per pound as against 9.4c in August of last year.

Sugar importations, despite the shortage at present, show large gains today, but which will soon be soon to be of the dreaded influenza type.

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# STEPNEY

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Miss Mabel L. Morgan was a week end guest at the home of Miss Edith Richdale in Cannondale.

Miss Emily D. Leavenworth is spending some time in Bridgeport as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Broderick.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton B. Hawley have been entertaining as house guests a party of relatives from Illinois.

The upper and lower schools were closed on Monday as the teachers spent the day in Danbury at the Model school.

There will be a dance given at the Fireman's Hall on Thursday evening. Every other number will be a square set and supper will be served during the evening.

Mr. Horwitz has purchased the home belonging to George Douglas. This was the former Andrew Curtis place and is a fine piece of property.

John Wheeler who has been spending the summer at his home in Easton has returned here where he will occupy part of Miss Emily Seeley's place.

Miss Grace Deardor attended the Teacher's Convention in New Haven on Friday.

Miss Edith Richdale was an overnight visitor at the home of Mrs. Ralph Lucas in Long Hill on Friday.

The Baptist Choir are rehearsing for a cantata which will be given some time next month.

Mr. Elmer Reid has been a recent guest at the home of Mrs. C. E. Osborn.

The ghosts and spooks and every-body else will be in attendance at the Halloween entertainment at the Methodist Church parlors on Friday evening. Don't fail to be one of the crowd.

Mrs. Frederick Porter has spent a few days as the guest of out of town friends.

# POLICE RAIDS IN PARIS END PROFITEERING

Paris, Oct. 30.—The raids of the "high cost of living" police on one of the largest department stores of Paris, and the numerous summons to appear before the courts which have been delivered to the staff of the store, managing directors and directors, to mere clerks, has had a salutary effect on the prices in the other big stores of Paris. In some cases the prices have been reduced forty per cent.

George Humphrey is soon to move his family from present quarters in Edgewood park to the house recently vacated by Mr. Nolan and family, also in the park.

The assessors, assisted by Messrs. Stannard and Harry Moore, will begin the work of reassessment on Monday. Under the law it will be necessary for them to inspect every piece of property involved.

Two more houses in Edgewood park have been made available for the overflow of the Rosenbaum dormitories, so that it will not be necessary this winter for the management to house so many of the inmates with their neighbors.

The regular meeting of Co. B. C. S. G. was made interesting Tuesday evening by an address from Major Mazen. His talk was along the line of administration. The handling of orders, and he also gave some detail in connection with the construction of trenches. He will give a series of talks before the company, devoting himself to the actual working of a soldier in the field.

The W. R. C. will cater for the Welcome Home day gathering under the charge of the Sons of Veterans, to take place on the evening of Nov. 10. The Connecticut Oyster Co. is repairing the coal dock, driving necessary spiles, etc., and will use the storage of coal for its boats that will find their headquarters in Milford.

# GOLD STRIKE IN SERBIA DRAWS MANY HUNTERS

Nome, Alaska, Oct. 29.—Gold seekers are leaving here in increasing numbers for mysterious rich deposits somewhere across the Bering Sea in Siberia.

Recently the trading schooner Esperance was purchased by several Nome residents and is being outfitted for a treasure-seeking trip across to the continent opposite Nome.

# HOUSE AT DOORN IS UNLUCKY FOR MALE OCCUPANTS

Doorn, Holland, Oct. 29.—(By A. P.)—There is a superstition at Doorn which, because of incomplete records in some ways difficult to hear out, the house at Doorn, recently purchased by the former Kaiser, is unlucky for its male occupants. It is said that the house has generally been occupied by widows, the men having died after a few years' occupancy. The Baroness Van Heemstra, who sold the house to the Kaiser, was a widow.

# GETTING HIS AUDIENCE.

An evangelist conducting nightly services announced that on the following evening he would speak on the subject of "Lars." He advised his hearers to read in advance the seventeenth chapter of St. Mark. The next evening he said—"I am going to preach on 'Lars' tonight, and I would like to know how many read the chapter I suggested." A hundred hands were raised. "Now," he said "you are the very persons I want to talk to—there isn't any seventeenth chapter of Mark."

# MONROE

Thirty-three members of Harmony Grange accepted the invitation and visited Trumbull Grange last Friday evening.

Harmony Grange entertained Housatonic Grange of Stratford last Thursday evening. Thirty-two members were present, besides visitors from Pohatuck and Trumbull granges. Among the numbers on the program was a debate between Housatonic and Harmony Granges, which was won by the latter. A fine supper was served later.</