LOCAL OPTION MEN SEE SURE VICTORY

Legislative Committee Votes 8 to 5 to Report Bill and Whitman Favors It.

PREDICTS ITS PASSAGE

Measure, if Enacted, Will Enable Every City in State to Vote on Prohibition.

ALBANY, March 7.—Advocates of local option for every city in New York State claimed victory to-night over the brewing and liquor interests. They based their claim on the facts that the committee which has the Hill-Wheeler bill in charge voted 8 to 5 to report it favorably; that Gov. Whitman predicted it would pass both houses, and that they outnumbered and believe they outargued the liquor interests at the public hearing to-day. It was one of the largest hearings ever held in Albany.

The bill, if enacted, would give 25 per cent. of the enrolled voters of every city in the State the right to petition their local election officials to have printed and ready for the next general election blanks bearing the question: "Shall this be a dry territory?" In every city where the majority of the voters registered "yes" in the specified blank the liquor traffic would cease after a reasonable time had been allowed for the retailers to close their places and go out of business.

Governor Firmly for Bill.

After the public hearing Gov. Whitman sent for Senator Hill and Assemblyman Wheeler and said he heartily approved the contention of all the advocates of the bill that they had the right to demand the privilege of being permitted to vote upon the question of whether their respective communities should or should not tolerate the sale of liquor.

The Governor insisted that the impression should no longer prevail that "the Legislature is the bodyguard of the liquor interests," a declaration made during the hearing by the Rev. Dr. James Empringham of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who said also that it was the first time on record that the Episcopal Church was taking such a strong and open stand on the local option question. After the conference with the Governor Assemblyman Wheeler's committee, by a vote of 8 to 5, voted to report the bill favorably next Tuesday.

Gov. Whitman congratulated the advocates of the bill to-night and expressed the belief that it would pass both houses.

A Fight of Democracy.

"I am not leading any fight for temperance or moral reform," said the Governor. "I am fighting to give the people the right to decide these questions for themselves. It is the fight of democratic government.

"It is perfectly true that I have no doubt in my own mind how the people will vote when they get the right to decide what they want to do. But that is entirely aside from the present issue. No one dares question the right of the people to rule, and what I want to do is to see that the people get the right to say whether or not the saloons shall continue.

"The people of the cities have been stifled. The Legislature has strangled the popular vote by denying to the people the right to vote on this question. But the end is very near. The Hill-Wheeler bill I am sure will pass at this session of the Legislature."

The anti-liquor crusaders worked hard to impress the Legislature with the spread of their reform. They had delegations of at least two or three citizens from every city of the State, while the liquor and brewery interests were lined up with a smaller but indignant opposition.

Brewers Ask New Hearing.

At the outset William M. Hirsh, attorney for the brewers, said the sudden shifting of the Hill-Wheeler bill from a ward unit local option measure to a city option affair made it practically impossible for the saloon and hotel interests of the State—"representing hundreds of millions of dollars," Mr. Hirsh said—to become as familiar with the measure as they desired. He asked for another hearing on the bill next week.

The Senate Committee on Taxation and Retrenchment and the Assembly Excise Committee, before which the hearing was held, deferred granting the request until both committees could meet and discuss the advisability of doing so. These meetings will not be held, their chairman said, until next week. Senator Hill said there would not be another hearing.

Gov. Whitman is strongly in support of the Hill-Wheeler bill, but its fate in the Legislature is not wholly certain. It is believed it will pass the Assembly, but will have hard sledding in the Senate, where the Brown increased liquor tax bill is to be given preference. The anti-saloon men insisted at to-day's hearing that the Legislature could consistently pass both bills.

Opponents of the Bill.

Mr. Hirsh, James C. Campbell, counsel for the New York State Hotel Men's Association; John J. Erwin, formerly Mayor of Binghamton; T. de Quincy Tully of New York, John Sullivan of New York, speaking, he said, for 40,000 brewery workers; John Becker, for New York property owners; James P. Holland, president of the State Federation of Labor, and Rudolph Modest of the Central Federated Union of New York, opposed the bill. They insisted that its enactment would mean the confiscation of millions of dollars' worth of property and destroy a revenue flowing into the State treasury which in the past twenty years has aggregated more than $300,000,000 to the State and $400,000,000 to the Federal Government.

The opponents of the bill insisted that if the State proposed prohibition to go at it directly; that the Hill-Wheeler bill was half way in that direction.

"Let us make it dry for every one—not for a favorite few as against a great industry," insisted Mr. Campbell, "and thus smoke out the hypocrites."

Harry E. Perkins of Binghamton, formerly an Assemblyman, said Mr. Erwin did not represent the actual sentiment in that city, which is part of Senator Hill's district, in opposing the bill. He spoke in its support and said Senator Hill got 5,000 more votes in that Senate district last year than Gov. Whitman and 6,000 more than Mr. Hughes, merely because local option was advocated by Mr. Hill. He cited that fact as an evidence of the rapid spread of local option sentiment.

View of Citizens Union.

R. E. McGahen of the Citizens Union said New York city was not worried so much about the bill, because of the very strong possibility of the wets overwhelming the drys in that city, and that it would stand a better chance there if amended to make the boroughs the units upon which the voters could determine the local option question.

Charles H. Blood of Ithaca, formerly County Judge, who said he never went around a corner to take a drink himself, favored the bill. He read a letter from Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell University, favoring features of the measure, but expressing the opinion that the proposal might better be tried first on third class cities of the State and not all of the cities at once.

James L. Martin of Hudson said the business men of that city were ready to turn their celebrated local brewery into a shoe factory, and Edwin G. Dillon of Port Jervis said he believed there would be fewer accidents on the Erie Railroad if the saloons were removed from the vicinity of the Erie shops "and the engineers were not so tempted to drink."

The Rev. James Empringham, speaking for the Episcopal diocese of New York, said the great farewell of the saloon was in sight and that the Legislature could not afford to be any longer "the bodyguard of the liquor interests."

FAVORS NEW PENSION BILL.

Board of Education Acts on Lockwood Measure.

A special meeting of the Board of Education yesterday adopted a resolution favoring the Lockwood-Ellenbogen pension bill for teachers, pending in the Legislature.

No action was taken by the board on the proposed Finegan bill, offered by the Assistant Commissioner of Education, T. E. Finegan, which proposes to reduce the size of the board. Chairman William G. Willcox said this bill will be the subject of a conference to-morrow between the committee on bylaws and legislation and Assistant Commissioner Finegan. The bylaws committee will make a full report to the board on March 14, when the bill comes up as a special order.

SCOTT CONTINUES AS CHIEF OF STAFF

General Is Reappointed by President—Advocates Universal Training.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Major-Gen. Scott was detailed again as Chief of Staff of the army to-day by President Wilson. Because of his intimate association with the Secretary of War, the Chief of Staff has to be reappointed when a new administration begins during his term.

Gen. Scott will serve until next September under the ordinary procedure, when he will reach the retirement age. In the event of war, however, he would continue in active service without regard to the age limit.

As Chief of Staff during the last three years Gen. Scott has led the fight of staff officials for reorganization of the army, culminating in his appeal to the Congressional Military Committees for universal military service. In the latter move he acted on his own initiative, as neither President Wilson nor Secretary Baker had reached any conclusion on the subject. Gen. Scott, in a carefully prepared statement, laid before the committee the conclusion of staff officers that the volunteer system had shown itself inherently inadequate.

War Made Her Try Suicide.

The fact that she has four brothers in the Italian army and, no word having come from them, she feared they had been killed, was given yesterday in explanation of an attempt at suicide by Mrs. Amelio Amedio of 233 Mulberry street. She swallowed insect powder, but was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital and will recover.

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March 8.....	7:21	7:43	7:26	7:48	8:06	8:28	7:46	8:06	10:56	11:11	8:58	9:20
March 9.....	7:56	8:18	8:01	8:23	8:41	9:03	8:14	8:32	11:23	11:38	9:33	9:55
March 10.....	8:31	8:52	8:36	8:57	9:16	9:37	8:40	8:58	11:54	——	10:09	10:29
March 11.....	9:04	9:25	9:09	9:30	9:49	10:10	9:13	9:26	12:10	12:30	10:45	11:06

New Yorker Takes Tarpon.

Louis S. Greener of New York fishing in Miami waters the other day caught a tarpon weighing 87 pounds that required three hours to land. He also caught eleven snappers that weighed 65 pounds.

Miami, Fla., March 6. MIAMI.

Need of Fish Farms for New York.

When you're on the wrong track back up and start right, or you'll get where you ain't a-going. The longer you go wrong the more back up you'll need.

The people of New York are on the wrong track after fish food. They have gone as far as they can and stay in the United States, to the far Northwest of the country, on the Pacific ocean, to get smelts to sell in New York at 6 cents a pound because they are protected.

There are plenty of our own smelt to sell at 6 cents a pound, but if they don't fetch 20 cents they go in cold storage or to Barren Island. So with all other fish food.

Last year net fishermen about Wreck Lead got $4 for 200 pound barrels of flounders. Did we get flounders any cheaper? No. What's the answer? Back way up.

We have built up a fish trust that controls the people. Forget it and propagate and catch your own fish, as your fathers did. You see what the people have done to potatoes.

The people in a democracy are sovereign. The people of New York now get their apples from the far Northwest. Why, when New York State apples were ever best? Abandoned farms. But a new class of people are now cultivating in the new ways those abandoned farms, and all getting great crops.

So our abandoned fish farms all about New York waters are only waiting for the new cultivation, when they will again supply all we want, and everybody can catch enough fish for himself and friends and eat them fresh and defy the fish trust.

Think of the abandoned fish farms on Coney Island mussel beds, or off Bergen Beach, or Gravesend Bay—10 cents car fare, 50 cents boat and 20 cents bait and plenty of fish.

Some new people are going to cultivate those abandoned fish farms and make them yield like the abandoned farms of New York State.

They have got to take them as they are and propagate from the few fish that still dwell in the polluted waters, and by and by people will realize that dirty water is not fit for man or fish, but in the meantime cultivate, educate and dig.

Meet together at the Fish Farmers Union, the United Anglers League, and teach and learn. Come to Cooper Union mass meeting to-night and show yourself and your determination. HY JULIUS.

New York, March 7.

Spanish Mackerel on Way North.

The fishing around the long piers at St. Petersburg, Fla., is having a lull. The water is amazingly full of minnows and small grunt. Recently a number of bonitas struck in, but that's all, and probably will be all (from the piers) till the Spanish mackerel arrive. They are already in the passes leading to the gulf from Tampa Bay, and probably will come into the bay within a week.

Sea trout are biting pretty well in many places in Tampa Bay and especially along the front of the town, but the catches have not been extraordinary nor have the fish been running larger than the average runs of the Northern relative, the weakfish.

Therefore the main fishing for big fish just now is being done at the grouper banks, ten to twenty miles out in the Gulf of Mexico. Party boats a good deal like those of New York harbor take the men out for $1 a head, and they certainly get the fish, and big ones.

The writer should estimate from a rough survey of the fish as they are carried off the boats that the average weight must run well above seven pounds, and fish running up to fifteen and twenty are quite numerous. Groupers, amberjack and red snappers are the fish caught chiefly—all bottom fishing and mostly hand lining.

In fact, the writer understands that rod fishing is interdicted by many of the captains runing to the Gulf banks because it interferes too much with the lines if a fish has to be played. J. W. M.

St. Petersburg, Fla., March 4.

Tarpon Club Issues Striking Poster.

The St. Petersburg Tarpon Club has issued a striking poster announcing the tenth annual tournament of the club and prizes offered for various fish.

The poster is on black paper with a border of St. Patrick's green and shows a silver leaping tarpon on a gold background.

At the bottom of the poster, printed in silver, trophies and prize awards are announced as follows: Silver cups for largest tarpon on 24 thread, 15 thread and 9 thread line, also cups for the smallest and lightest tarpon and first and last tarpon.

Cups are also offered for the largest redfish on 15 thread line, reels for largest kingfish taken on 15 and 9 thread lines, cup for the largest kingfish caught on the lightest line (the weight of the fish divided by the number of threads in the line), reel for the heaviest mackerel on 9 thread line, reel for the heaviest trout on 6 thread line, reel for the largest fresh water bass, and a prize of $10 for the guide catching the largest fish on light tackle. For the largest black bass caught under club rules the Rinaldi challenge cup is offered. The cup must be won three times for permanent possession.

T. Winthrop Weston of St. Petersburg, Fla., is secretary of the club.

Mass Meeting to Save Fish To-morrow.

The United Anglers League's proposed public meeting is the most far reaching and important event that it has ever undertaken. On its success will depend improved conditions in salt water fishing.

The national bureau of fisheries, through Dr. H. F. Moore, and the State Conservations Commission, through George D. Pratt, show that they are in full accord with our aims, and these representatives will be among the many speakers.

The league has been working steadily and faithfully for many years principally for the benefit of local and hence salt water anglers. It has not received adequate support. The forty to fifty thousand fishermen of Greater New York have but fifteen hundred representatives in the league. How long will these slackers allow the league to shoulder all the expense of benefiting them? To many of them there has been perhaps lack of opportunity to familiarize themselves with its objects.

The publicity given to the proposed meeting deprives them of even this excuse. They have their chance now to aid a work of common benefit. Will they make the little effort required and help by their presence on March 8 at Cooper Union? Admission is free. F. I. SHERMAN.

New York, March 6.

Bass Through Ice Not Uncommon in N. H.

I note that in the SUNDAY SUN of February 18 there was a discussion as to whether black bass were ever caught through the ice.

For your information I will state that during the winter of 1915, I was located at Rochester, N. H., and one day, while fishing through the ice of a pond about ten miles north of there, I caught two small mouthed black bass weighing 1½ pounds each.

We were using live chub for bait and the ordinary pickerel rig used in fishing through the ice.

On questioning several of the native fishermen at the hotel that evening they stated that it was no uncommon thing to catch black bass through the ice in that section. A. A. HOBART.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 5.

Getting the Rod Ready for Spring.

"W. L. M." wishes a good stain for his rod. Here it is: Get some Bismarck brown No. 3 and dissolve it in alcohol, adding a pinch of black aniline. Paint rod with this solution and when dry give it a coat of shellac. Sandpaper with No. 00 sandpaper, then give it another coat of shellac, and follow with a coat of spar varnish. Set out in the air for about a week to give varnish time to harden and dry, and I guarantee that you will have a rod to be proud of. DOUBLE U. P.

New York, March 7.

Wants Clubs to Care for Every Lake.

The other day a suggestion was made in this column that some attention be paid to the stocking of other lakes and ponds besides Ashokan.

Let me make a suggestion which has proved excellent in a number of cases.

Let the hotel and cottage owners and the visitors form an association to preserve the fish and promote the stocking of each lake or pond. The dues should be made from $1 to $5 a year. A large membership should be aimed at in order to secure effective work.

The money obtained should be used to stock the streams and to pay a bonus for the killing of snakes; also provide food for the fish during the winter months when there are no frogs or insects on which the fish can feed.

Most of the smaller lakes have too many turtles. Turtles are scavengers and a few of them are all right, but when they become too numerous they eat large quantities of spawn. I never saw so many turtles anywhere as in Rockland Lake, and the fishing there is very poor.

I would strongly advise the formation of clubs at every one of our lakes. These clubs could do much good in various ways. The locality would be benefited and the knowledge of ichthyology would be increased. H. SUTRA.

New York, March 7.

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March 12—By McAleenan's, 1330 Broadway, Unredeemed pledges of every description, consisting of diamond, pearl, ruby, sapphire and emerald rings, brooches, pendants, scarf pins, earrings, lockets, studs, bracelets, necklaces and collars, gold and silver watches, jewelry of all kinds, all articles of silverware, running from pledge No. 1 of 1915 to 32000 of 1915 and No. 1 of 1916 to 2500 of 1916. Also pledges Nos. 15766 of 1914, 3 pearl studs, diamond scarf pin, diamond and pearl ring, 2 diamond rings, 27439 of 1915, diamond ring, 1650 of 1916, 1 sapphire, 1 diamond, 1 pearl ring and diamond and sapphire lavalliere and all pledges of like description held over from previous sales.

March 13—By R. Simpson & Co., 1978 Broadway, all unredeemed pledges of pearls, diamonds and other precious stones, watches, jewelry, silverware, &c., pledged previous to No. 22001 Dec. 1, 1915, and goods held from former sales.

JOSEPH SHONGOOD'S SONS, Julius Shongood, Auct., 84 Bowery, sell 10 A. M.

March 8—Unredeemed pledges, diamonds, watches, jewelry, silverware, odds and ends, &c., pledged prior Feb. 1, 1916, to No. 60993, and all goods held over from previous sales. A. Wollheim & Sons, 1483 First Ave.

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March 12—Unredeemed pledges, diamonds, watches, jewelry, silverware, odds and ends, &c., pledged prior March 1, 1916, to No. 69782. Also pledges No. 37649 of March 17, 1914, and 88633 of April 9, 1914, and all older dates. National Collateral Co., S. Hilpoltsteiner, prop., 401 3d Ave. E. Glaser, 1880 3d Ave.

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March 14—Unredeemed pledges, diamonds, watches, jewelry, silverware, odds and ends, &c., to No. 40200. Raphiel Bros., 1137 2d Ave., also similar goods to No. 6100; also Victrola No. 92569. M. Raphiel, 272 8th Ave.

March 14—All men's and women's clothing, shoes, &c., pledged to Feb. 15, 1916, to No. 55800. Chas. Weaver, 724 10th Ave.

JACOB SHONGUT, Auctioneer, 98 Bowery, sells at 10 A. M.:

March 8—Jewelry, watches, diamonds and pledges of every description pledged to Feb. 8, 1916, to No. 4232, and goods held over from previous sales. Newman & Rosenbluth, 1655 Broadway, B'klyn.

March 9—Jewelry, watches, diamonds, &c., prior March 2, 1916. Ridgewood Loan Office (formerly 1551 Gates Ave.), now 203 Wyckoff Ave., Brooklyn.

March 12—Unredeemed pledges of every description, consisting of diamond rings, pins, lockets, earrings, buttons, studs, charms, all jewelry, watches, silverware and all goods pledged prior to March 1, 1916, from No. 38000 to No. 65100 and goods held over from previous sales. J. B. Konjik & Co., 101 Park Row.

March 13—Clothing, &c., prior March 6, 1916. L. & P. Keller, 2242 8th Ave. Also for N. Y. Loan Office, M. Brown, prop., 1861 3d Ave.

March 14—Jewelry, watches, diamonds and all pledges prior March 7, 1916. S. Wronker & Son, 1537 1st Ave.

L. L. FIRUSKI, Auct'r, 70 Bowery, sells 10 A. M., unredeemed pledges of every description for unpaid loans from the following pawnbrokers, including all diamonds, rubies, sapphires, pearls, emeralds, all other stones unset or set in rings, earrings, pins, links, chains, studs, bracelets, locket or other mounting, all jewelry, watches, silverware, guns, instruments, furs, clothing, cameras, all other goods pledged previous to dates and up to numbers mentioned, both inclusive, and all pledges held over:

March 12—Sobel Bros., 822 Columbus Ave., prior Feb. 25, 1916, to No. 45192.

March 15—Wm. Simpson, 5 Park Row, prior Jan. 15, 1916, to No. 3061.

March 15—F. Sobel & Son, 1426 2d Ave., prior March 1, 1916, to 47400; Sobel Bros., 822 Columbus Ave., prior March 5, 1916.

FORECLOSURE SALES.

SUPREME COURT, COUNTY OF NEW YORK.—THE BARON DE HIRSCH FUND, Plaintiff, against THEODORE P. COOPER et al., Defendants.

In pursuance of a judgment of foreclosure and sale, duly made and entered in the above-entitled action and bearing date the 13th day of February, 1917, I, the undersigned, the referee in said judgment named, will sell at public auction, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 14-16 Vesey Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on the 8th day of March, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon on that day, by DANIEL GREENWALD, Auctioneer, the premises directed by said judgment to be sold, and therein described as follows:

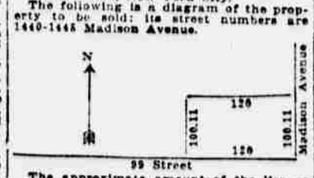
ALL those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, with the building thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Madison Street with the westerly side of Madison Avenue, running thence westerly, along the northerly side of Ninety-ninth Street, one hundred and twenty (120) feet; thence northerly on a line parallel with the westerly side of Madison Avenue one hundred (100) feet eleven (11) inches to the middle line of the block between Ninety-ninth Street and One Hundredth Street; thence easterly along said middle line of the block one hundred and twenty (120) feet to the westerly side of Madison Avenue and thence southerly along the westerly side of Madison Avenue one hundred (100) feet eleven (11) inches to the point or place of beginning.

Dated, New York, February 15th, 1917.

SAMUEL STRASBOURGER, Referee.
M. S. & I. S. ISAACS, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 52 William Street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

The following is a diagram of the property to be sold: Its street numbers are 1440-1446 Madison Avenue.



The approximate amount of the lien or charge, to satisfy which the above-described property is to be sold, is One hundred eighty-four thousand five hundred twenty-five Dollars, with interest thereon from the 8th day of February, 1917, together with the costs and allowance, amounting to Four hundred fifty-one 56-100 Dollars, with interest from February 13, 1917, together with the expenses of the sale. The approximate amount of the taxes, assessments and water rates, or other liens, which are to be allowed to the purchaser out of the purchase money, or paid by the Referee, is $5349.79, and interest, and possible additional meter charges.

Said premises are to be sold subject to any state of facts which an accurate survey would show and to any leases or tenancies having not more than one year to run, which may have been made by or through the Receiver herein.

Dated, New York, February 15, 1917.

SAMUEL STRASBOURGER, Referee.

THE WEATHER FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

Steamship Arrivals and Departures—Outgoing Foreign Mails.

THE WEATHER.

For eastern New York, rain and warmer to-day; to-morrow, fair, somewhat colder in the western section; fresh to strong south to southwest winds.

For New Jersey, partly cloudy and warmer to-day; probably rain by night in the northern section; to-morrow, fair and somewhat colder; moderate to fresh south winds, shifting to northwest.

For western New York, rain to-day; warmer in the eastern section; strong south and southwest winds; to-morrow, fair and somewhat colder.

For southern New England, increasing cloudiness and warmer, followed by rain to-day; to-morrow, partly cloudy; fresh to strong south and southwest winds.

NEW YORK, March 8.—The most notable feature yesterday was a definite storm development out of the irregular area of depression which covered the eastern Rocky Mountain slope and plains States on Tuesday. The centre of disturbance was over Iowa and influenced conditions throughout the interior of the country.

Rain fell in the middle Mississippi and lower Ohio valleys and light snow in the upper lake regions, upper Mississippi and middle Missouri valleys. Excepting a little rain on the north Pacific coast the weather elsewhere was generally fair.

It was warmer in the Mississippi Valley and all sections eastward, except in New England and New York.

A small area of zero weather appeared in western New England and northeastern New York, but the temperature was above the freezing point in the central valleys northward into Michigan, Wisconsin and southern Minnesota. It was somewhat cooler in the Missouri Valley and plains States.

High pressure prevailed over all but the central and north central States.

In this city the day was fair and warmer; wind, fresh southeast; average humidity, 49 per cent.; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 30.56; 3 P. M., 30.50.

	8 A. M.	3 P. M.
Barometer	30.56	30.37
Humidity	45	49
Wind—direction	E.	S. E.
Wind—velocity	9	26
Weather	Partly cloudy	Clear
Precipitation		

The temperature in this city yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

8 A. M.	31	1 P. M.	36	6 P. M.	34	
9 A. M.	23	2 P. M.	36	7 P. M.	34	
10 A. M.	23	3 P. M.	36	8 P. M.	34	
11 A. M.	31	4 P. M.	35	9 P. M.	34	
12 M.	33	5 P. M.	34	10 P. M.	34	
	1917.	1916.		1917.	1916.	
9 A. M.	29	28	6 P. M.	34	33	