

WIDENED BEER MEANS DRY U. S., BRYAN ASSERTS

Nebraskan Tells W. C. T. U. Convention Nation Will Accept Prohibition.

William Jennings Bryan, speaking at the first formal session of the annual convention of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Poli's Theater yesterday afternoon, declared that the President's action in reducing the alcoholic content of beer was a dry step toward national prohibition.

He concluded by saying that as a democracy means the rule of the people, the people should not be denied the privilege of expressing themselves on prohibition.

Miss Anna A. Gordon, of Evanston, Ill., national president of the W. C. T. U., presided at afternoon and evening sessions. In the evening session Miss Jeanette Rankin, member of Congress from Montana, who was scheduled to speak, was unable to appear, being detained at Lexington, Va.

Special features today will be the annual address by Miss Gordon, national president; report of the executive committee; appointment of committees on credentials, publications, courtesies, subscriptions to the union's publications; reports of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Frances W. Parks; treasurer, Mrs. Margaret M. Munns; auditor, Edwin M. Pierce; and branches of the W. C. T. U.

Mr. Brownlow speaks. District Commissioner Louis P. Brownlow, at the evening session, will welcome the convention delegates to Washington. A. Leftwich, secretary, president of the Chamber of Commerce, W. T. Gilmer, president of the Board of Trade; the Rev. Carl W. Wiley and Mrs. Emma Sanford Shelton, president of the District W. C. T. U., also will make addresses. Responses will be by Mrs. Culla J. Vashinger, president of the Indiana W. C. T. U., and Miss Mary E. W. Anderson, of the Young People's branch.

Mrs. Gordon presided at the sessions yesterday. The first was held at Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church at 10 o'clock, followed by a convention sermon at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Harry D. Mitchell, and a special program. At the afternoon session in Poli's Theater, in addition to the address by Mr. Bryan, the Washington Ladies' Orchestra, Minnie Hoch Smith, director, gave a program; Mrs. Ella A. Hoole, vice president, gave a Scripture reading and the invocation; Miss Belva Hock, a cornet solo, and prayer was offered by the Rev. R. R. Reidel, of Calvary Baptist Church.

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RED CROSS SEALS WIDELY SOLD HERE

Workers Pleased with Showing on First Campaign Day.

Reports from the opening day's sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals which began Saturday are said to be promising. Those who were in charge of the different booths have not yet made full returns. The slogan adopted by the Anti-Tuberculosis Societies of the country, which are conducting these sales in their respective localities, is "Three Seals Per Capita."



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GARFIELD GIVES COAL PRODUCERS FAMINE ORDERS

Preferential Shipment Directions of Fuel Administration Cover Most Fields.

The Fuel Administration has moved to avert a serious industrial fuel famine by ordering a series of preferential shipments to continue over a period of thirty days.

Dr. H. A. Garfield established the order of preference in which coal needs are to be filled and directed 5,000 producers, representing all mines east of the Rockies, to give preference as follows:

From all fields in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Alabama, Tennessee, Colorado and Oklahoma: Preference to government orders, railway fuel, domestic requirements, public utilities and munition plants.

Kentucky and Pennsylvania: Government orders, railway fuel, domestic requirements, public utilities and munition plants.

West Virginia and Virginia: Government orders, railway fuel, domestic requirements, public utilities and munition plants.

While these efforts to meet the situation were being made by the Fuel Administration, big business was preparing to mobilize for war service.

A call had been issued for assembling in Washington on December 12 of the chairmen of the war service committees of every industry in the nation. The call was sent out by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

The meeting will perfect plans for complete co-operation of all industries with the government. It is to round-up the business interests on such vital problems as priorities of transportation, readjustments of industry to meet war demands, etc.

HOUSE BURNS WHILE FIREMEN STAND NEAR

Lack of Water Prevents Efforts to Save Building.

For the second time within a week, lack of water, according to members of the fire department, caused the total destruction of a frame dwelling in Anacostia.

A one-story building on the corner of First and Orange streets, Congress Heights, occupied by Annie Lewis, and owned by the Lincoln Land and Investment Company, burned to the ground yesterday, while firemen of Engine Company No. 25, and Truck Company 8, stood by helpless, on account of the lack of water.

The house and contents were destroyed. Damage amounted to \$500. The cause of the fire is not known.

Wednesday last, a frame building at 123 Sheridan road, Hillside, Anacostia, burned to the ground, at a loss of \$2,000. Losses to adjoining buildings at this fire amounted to \$250. The firemen were handicapped by lack of water.

G. O. P. SHAKE-UP

(Continued from page one.) (Republican) in 1898, the troops suffered from bad medical management. The "punch" in this story was suddenly halted by revelations of Surg. Gen. Gorgas concerning the terrible conditions at Camp Wheeler. Since the Gorgas report no information concerning conditions at other camps has been made public by the War Department, except perfunctory weekly health reports.

Boosting the Administration. Other press agencies, including the committee on public information and the Food Administration, are deftly "boosting" the administration. Nothing is allowed to escape from these departments that could possibly be used as a basis for criticism of the administration.

The Republicans will soon start their press bureau and probably some illuminating facts concerning the administration and the conduct of the war, heretofore carefully hidden, will be dished out to the public.

SUMMONS WORKERS FOR THIRD U. S. LOAN

Secretary McAdoo Orders Conference to Start December 10.

Secretary McAdoo, has called a conference, to be held at the Treasury Department, December 10, of representatives of the liberty loan committees in each of the twelve Federal reserve districts and of the woman's liberty loan organizations throughout the country, and to obtain for the benefit of the Treasury Department and of the various committees the experiences of the executives and workers in the several districts.

Those attending the conference will include executives, publicity managers, heads of speakers' bureaus and men familiar with accounting and mechanical details of past liberty loan campaigns. These specialists have been asked to bring samples of all printed matter issued and to be ready to make thorough explanations of all campaign work undertaken, so that methods used successfully in one district may be made available in others.

K. OF C. CAMP FUND \$25,000 DRIVE BEGUN

Mass Meeting of Sacred Heart Parishioners Starts Campaign.

A mass meeting of parishioners of the Church of the Sacred Heart was held yesterday afternoon in the Arcade, fourteenth street and Park road, in behalf of the Knights of Columbus' \$25,000 war fund.

Washington has been assessed for \$25,000, and there is to be a drive in the Sacred Heart parish during the next seven days for a large portion of this sum.

Rev. P. C. Gavan, rector, addressed the congregations at the five masses yesterday and also spoke in the afternoon at the rally. William P. Normoyle, of the Knights of Columbus general committee, presided. Leo Rover, State deputy for the District, told briefly of the scope of K. of C. war work at the camps and of the manner in which the funds would be disbursed. No contributions will be used to defray expenses of collection or maintenance of the general offices of the war committee in Washington.

Two thousand dollars was subscribed and pledge cards were distributed for the week's drive. The entire parish, containing more than 5,000 Catholics, is to be blockaded and collectors will make house-to-house calls.

GERMANY IS UNFIT

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up their reason and their humanity, behind them the misshapen image they have made of the German people, leering with bloodstained visage over the ruins of civilization.

There is no thinking human being who would not gladly blot out the whole ugly record of these pages both because of what it advocates and because of the untold anguish its translation into deeds has caused. But it can never be done.

Only its full and fair presentation can enable the American people to know what it is from which they are defending their land, their institutions and their very lives. Only from such a carefully documented self-revelation of German deeds can they fully know what they must overcome—not only they, but the German people themselves, for no peace, no matter when it may come nor what may be its terms, can ever make of Germany a "fit partner for a league of honor" until the German people have driven out the spirit which inspired these utterances made in their name.

FRISCO ENFORCES FOOD LAW

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MEATLESS DAYS SAVE FOOD.

Meatless and wheatless days in Massachusetts hotels during October saved 500 tons of meats and 450 barrels of wheat flour.

These figures were made public by the Food Administration yesterday in a report from Frank C. Hall, chairman of the New England committee for hotels and restaurants.

NATIONAL BANK PROFITS REACH \$667,406,000

National bank earnings in the last fiscal year were \$667,406,000, the greatest in their history, according to figures announced yesterday by the Comptroller of the Currency.

The total earnings were 12.1 per cent greater than the previous year, an increase of \$7,764,000. On their capital stock the banks report net earnings of 17.24 per cent. The amount of dividends distributed was \$125,538,000, and increase of \$10,512,000 over the preceding year.

PASTOR EXHORTS NEGRO SOLDIERS

Stirring appeal was made yesterday by the Rev. Simon P. W. Drew, pastor of the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, N. near Ninth streets northwest, to a delegation of negro soldiers from Meade, in a sermon in which he admonished the men "to stand firm and do their part for their country."

Rev. Mr. Drew paid tribute to Gen. C. Ballou, whom he described as one of the sterling examples which stood before the colored soldiers not only of this city, but of the entire country.

He urged his congregation to stand by the President and to lose no opportunity of aiding the United States.

26 Killed in Peru Oil Strike.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 2.—Violence in marking the strike in the Peruvian petroleum fields. In a skirmish between strikers and soldiers yesterday twenty-six casualties occurred.

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If you send this coupon at once you can get your set of Mark Twain at the present price based on former low prices on paper. We have kept the price low on these books because Mark Twain wanted every American home to own his books at a reasonable price, in a good binding, with fine paper and clear type.

A flood of orders on Mark Twain has used all the paper that we could get even at a fairly reasonable price. And the low price sale must close—paper costs too much—cloth—everything that goes into the making of books—has climbed to such heights that we estimate our present supply cannot last very much longer. So after December 10, we must raise the price on these sets.

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In him a tired world finds relief—finds laughter and cheer.

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More than ever we can see under the laughter the philosopher. For this country has produced no greater thinker than Mark Twain. And never has there been a citizen of this country so magnificently welcomed in England, so beloved on the continent of Europe, so eagerly read in Asia and Australia. Even the Chinese read Mark Twain. And if they must have his books, surely YOU must have the work of this greatest of all Americans.

MARK TWAIN

When Mark Twain first wrote "Huckleberry Finn" this land was swept with a gale of laughter. When he wrote "Innocents Abroad" even Europe laughed at itself.

But one day there appeared a new book from his pen, so spiritual, so true, so lofty, that those who did not know him well were amazed. "Joan of Arc" was the work of a poet—a historian—a seer. Mark Twain was all of these. His was not the light laughter of a moment's fun, but the whimsical humor that made the tragedy of human life more bearable.

His fame spread through the nation. It flew to the ends of the earth, till his work was translated into strange tongues. From then on, the path of fame lay straight to the high places. But his troubles were not over. At the height of his fame he lost all his money. He was heavily in debt, but though 60 years old he started afresh and paid every cent. It was the last heroic touch that drew him close to the hearts of his countrymen.

A Real American

Mark Twain was a steamboat pilot. He was a searcher for gold in the Far West. He was a printer. He worked bitterly hard. All this without a glimmer of the great destiny that lay before him. Then, with the opening of the great, wide West, Mark Twain's genius bloomed. He had found his great place.

The world has asked, Is there an American literature? Mark Twain is the answer. He is the heart, the spirit of America. From his poor and struggling boyhood to his glorious, splendid old age, he remained as simple, as democratic as the plainest of our forefathers.

This is MARK TWAIN'S OWN SET—the set we planned with him—and this is a low price after Mark Twain's own heart. Remember, December 10th—the last day, and orders must be mailed before midnight on that date. Never again will such a set be offered at such a price. Don't wait and be too late. Send the coupon now, today—at once, to make sure.

Don't Miss This Opportunity

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Advertisement for W. & J. Sloane furniture, featuring hand-made furniture and a list of items like tables, chairs, and desks.

Advertisement for National Bank Profits, mentioning a reach of \$667,406,000 and a 12.1% increase in earnings.

Advertisement for meatless days, stating that such days in Massachusetts hotels saved 500 tons of meats and 450 barrels of wheat flour.

Advertisement for a pastor exhorting Negro soldiers, mentioning Rev. Simon P. W. Drew and his sermon at the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church.

Advertisement for 26 killed in Peru oil strike, mentioning violence in marking the strike in the Peruvian petroleum fields.

Large advertisement for American Sugar Refining Company, titled 'Facts About the Sugar Situation' and 'Our Government has asked you to use sugar sparingly.' It includes the slogan 'Sweeten it with Domino' and lists granulated, tablet, powdered, and confectioners' sugar.

Advertisement for Harper & Brothers, featuring a coupon to request a set of Mark Twain's works (25 volumes) for \$2.50 in 5 days and \$1 a month for 20 months.