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EDITORIAL PAGE

NATIONAL PROHIBITION.

Only seven more state legislatures are needed to ratify the national prohibition amendment to make it binding, and there is no doubt in any reasonable person's mind that the additional states needed will ratify so that we may confidently expect a national prohibition law before long.

National prohibition is a new experiment with us. It is a new experiment in the world we think. The Russian czar before his deposition and fall issued such an order against vodka or strong spirits, but it was not very generally observed.

With national prohibition in the United States the only source of booze supply will come from moonshiners. That will probably not be a great deal. The risks are too great to make it pay.

One evidence that the brewing and liquor interests are now fully satisfied that the national prohibition law will be ratified by the necessary number of states lies in the fact that they seem to have abandoned any attempt to prevent such ratifications in the state legislatures.

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The politician "friend" of the working man, "friend" of the farmer, and "friend" of the soldier very often finds himself cruelly disappointed in the reciprocity he expects at the ballot box.

grieved disappointment. Just now something like four million young voters who were inducted into military life are returning to civil life. They will be voting at the next election. Any politician who can command even a considerable portion of their support and approbation has a cinch on high office and fat salary at the expense of the taxpayer.

At Camp Devens on the Atlantic coast the newspapers get hold of some petty grievances of officers and men and made much of them. Politicians at Washington seized on the newspaper reports and made a big fuss.

A senior officer of the 26th division, who since his return from France three weeks ago has been at Camp Devens under orders in connection with the returned wounded men of the organization, is emphatic in his condemnation of the continued agitation as to the treatment which the officers and men of the 26th division have been and are receiving.

"There is no doubt in my mind nor in that of hosts of other army officers that the valor and status of the 26th is being done irreparable damage by these continued 'kicks' to the war department and the publicity that is being given as to the alleged injustices.

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"Until the division itself makes a kick I am positive it would be much pleased to have the howlers over here subsided."

The Opinions of Others

INQUIRE OF THE BOLSHEVIKI.

Suppose, for the sake of argument, that William is still emperor of Germany, of what is he emperor?

A FINE COLOR SCHEME.

November 11, 1918, was probably the most red, white and blue Monday in the history of the world.

CAUGHT UP WITH THE CLAIMS.

Another day we never expected to live to see but did was the one when the prohibition movement would begin to overtake all the exaggerations of the prohibition orators.

CURFEW IS TOO EARLY.

With so many places gone dry a lot of sports have had some trouble in complying with the wish of the administration that they have their tanks filled before 6 o'clock.

HASKIN LETTER

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN

HAS THE U-BOAT GONE UNDER?

Washington, Jan. 12.—For a while all who wanted to see wise what boat the submarine "would revolutionize naval architecture," meaning thereby that it would put heavy ships out of the game.

Now that it is all over, where does the U-boat stand among the agencies of modern warfare? How many of its threats has it made good?

None of them, in the opinion of some expert observers of the Navy. They say that the U-boat, as a free agent of destruction, has been conquered by the depth bomb, the destroyer and the mine.

The submarine chaser is, not mentioned among the agencies that beat the submarine last year and will hold it down in the future.

The British also built a small chaser, known as the Motor launch, which was only 80 to 100 feet in length, and had a speed of about 20 knots.

The destroyer, using depth bombs in quantity, was the thing that beat the submarine. It was greatly aided by mines, and to some extent by nets.

The spectacular career of the submarine in this war was due solely to the fact that Germany used them for the new business of underwater commerce.

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PLENTY OF COAL FOR ALL WINTER

That Is Report for Northern and Eastern Montana at All Shipping Points.

While the weather of the present winter has been ideal, the people who handle coal have been practicing the doctrine of "using hay while the sun shines" and applying the doctrine to storing coal, according to the railway officials of this city.

The railroad officials say that every small town has a supply of coal on hand. They say that every coal dump on the central district has a good supply and some of the points where the district is served has gained substantially in population since the local coal company installed its equipment.

It appears that the farmers have learned a lesson from the last two or three winters and have been taking their supply to their homes and getting ready for the winter weather while the roads were good to haul it.

LOVE POEM.

Two hearts that yearn For love's sweet prison, Where his is her'n And her'n is his'n. —Richmond Times-Dispatch.

sense of the submarine to waiting patrols and destroyers then went in pursuit.

Besides the laying of a large part of the mine barrage, the Americans made an important contribution to the science of U-boat fighting in that they initiated the practice of carrying depth bombs in quantity.

When a submarine is sighted by a destroyer, the U-boat, as soon as its crew is aware that it has been detected, makes a "crash" dive, which means that it goes down almost instantly to as great a depth as it dares.

The chances that the submarine will escape without damage are slender. If none of the explosions are close enough to smash it, they may yet loosen its plates so much that its only hope is to come to the surface and surrender.

The only other agency used against the submarine effectively is the submarine. There were some thrilling battles between U-boats, fought partly upon and partly beneath the seas.

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JANUARY 1886 IN CLASS OF 1919

That Is Testimony of E. V. Rubottom and He Was Here and Ought to Know.

Why not have a hand concert in the park this afternoon at 2? Whether there is an affirmative answer to that query today or tomorrow such weather as Great Falls has been having the past 10 weeks is the best advertising asset that it could turn into.

"This isn't unusual weather for Montana," said E. V. Rubottom yesterday. "It is only usual weather, and I think I ought to know, for I have been here in Great Falls for more than 32 years.

"But let me not conclude," continued Mr. Rubottom, "that we are going to drift easily into the balmy weather of spring from this type of winter weather, for we will not. And let me not be dismayed lest there be no freezing weather to produce the needed ice supply. There will be plenty of ice making weather, and that statement stands, even if it is pleasant on the 15th of February."

SERGEANT STRAIN HOME ON THURSDAY

Sergeant W. Russel Strain will arrive at his home here tomorrow after about five months' service in the United States army. Sergeant Strain's final service was at Camp Raritan, N. J., from where he was discharged a few days ago.

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TRAVELETTE

By NIKSAH Liberty Lake.

Liberty lake is the most popular of twilight hour, just after picnickers with more than a score of jacks which dot the pretty western city of Spokane.

Liberty lake is short enough so that gay couples can row from end to end of it on a perfect summer afternoon, and it is long enough to keep the little launch that putters importantly along its shores from appearing ridiculously non-essential.

The upper end of the lake has the usual imitation Coney island conglomerate of buildings, including an especially popular dance pavilion.

One of the favorite sports at Liberty lake in the early summer, enjoyed by young people, is to risk their lives by leaning over the sides of their canoes, to pick the beautiful water lilies for which the lower end of the lake is noted.

small children have taken the electric cars or their Fords for home, and just before the lights of the pavilion twinkle out to flirt with the waves, and syncopated jazz notes shatter the peace of evening quiet.

SEARCHLIGHT

An American inventor has revived the long lost Venetian art of spinning glass. The glass is spun like thread and wound on a spool. It can be used in insulating wires, and when colored can be woven with other materials in making costumes and draperies.

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