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FOUR STREET CARS AND TAXI COLLIDE; MANY PERSONS HURT

DISTRICT DRY LAW UPHOLD; INJUNCTION NOT GRANTED

Justice Gould Disrupts Contentment of Liquor Interests in Decision in Roth Case—Appeal Will Be Taken.

The Sheppard excise law making Washington dry on November 1, was declared constitutional by Justice Gould in the District Supreme Court this morning.

In denying the petition of Martin Roth, a saloonkeeper, and five others, for an injunction to restrain the District Commissioners from enforcing the law on the ground that it is unconstitutional, Justice Gould, in his opinion rendered in open court, disputed practically every contention advanced by the petitioners to show that the law is unconstitutional and that an injunction should issue.

Preparations were at once made by the attorneys for the petitioners, Daniel W. Baker and Mr. De Patron, to carry the case to the Court of Appeals.

Not Revenue Act. Referring to the contention of the liquor dealers that the Sheppard law is a revenue act and should for that reason have originated in the House instead of in the Senate, Justice Gould said: "I am unable to consider that this act, covering as it does the regulation of the liquor traffic in this city, is a revenue act. The act would not be affected so far as its constitutionality is concerned on account of the penal provision it contains."

The contention of the petitioners that the act is discriminatory was overruled by Justice Gould. He cited a decision of the United States Supreme Court where discrimination between States was charged, but was not sustained by this tribunal.

In answer to the argument of the petitioners that the act interfered with the free exercise of religion, Justice Gould said he failed to discover anything in the law that prevented the free exercise of religion.

The argument of the plaintiff regarding the rights given by a revenue license proceeds on a misconception of the revenue laws," said Justice Gould. "The revenue license does not give a person a right to sell liquor without complying with local or State laws regulating liquor traffic."

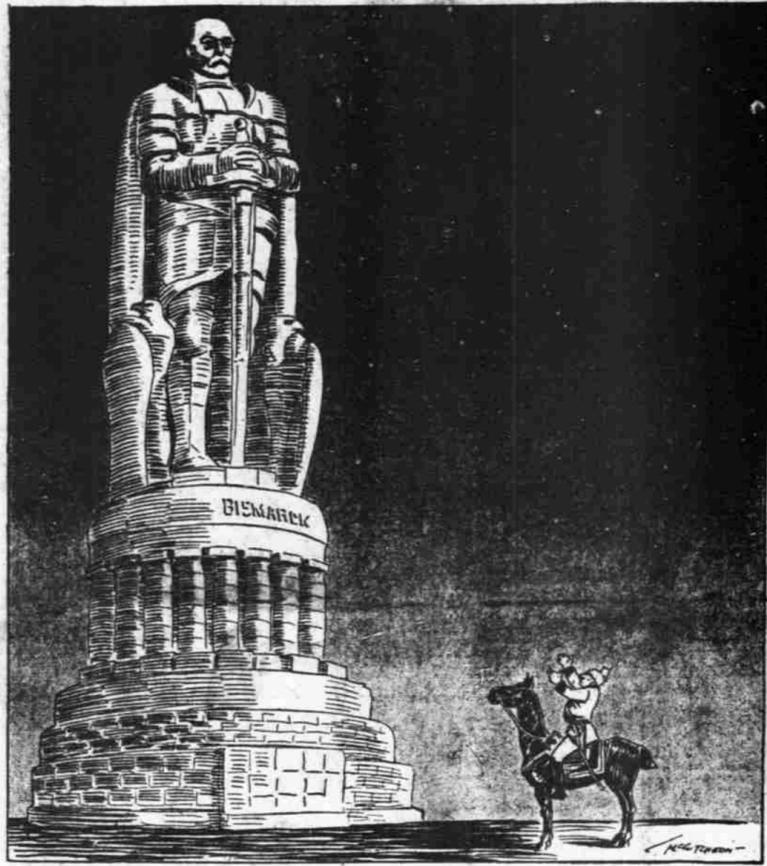
Congress Has Right. Justice Gould upheld the power of Congress to make laws for the District of Columbia, and said that in doing so Congress was exercising constitutional powers.

Regarding the contention of the petitioners that the act is unconstitutional in that it provides for the manufacture of liquors for sacramental purposes, it gives the licensees no right to sell to the users thereof, but that they have to buy it from licensees outside the District, Justice Gould said he felt inclined to entertain the views as advanced by the petitioners. In doing so, he said, and even if this clause were held unconstitutional, it would not affect the other features of the act or the act itself. The court added that even if any part of the act were held to be unconstitutional it would not make the act itself unconstitutional.

EARLY RELIEF FORESEEN FOR SUGAR SHORTAGE. Relief for the serious sugar shortage is in sight today, according to officials of the food administration. Reports have been received that 150 carloads of Hawaiian sugar cane are now on their way eastward. Two million tons of beets today began moving through the mills in Utah and this sugar will also begin moving eastward within a few days.

THE KAISER AND THE CHANCELLOR

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The Kaiser—"Oh, for another strong chancellor now!" The Chancellor—"You don't want a strong chancellor; you want a weak one—one that you can manage. If you had a strong one you would fire him."

NAVY YARD MEN GET SECOND RAISE WITHIN A MONTH

A new wage scale for Washington Navy Yard, the second increase within a month, was announced today by the Navy Department.

The new scale will add thousands to the monthly payroll of the Washington Navy Yard. Added to the increases given a month ago, the average gain in wages for the men is approximately 10 per cent, although some increases are considerably higher.

All the trades do not receive increases in the wage scale announced today over the scale which went into operation September 24. The trades with the largest number employed, however, benefit by this second increase as well as the first.

Indian Head employees were given general wage increases, winning their fight to be placed on a parity with the Washington yard.

BAKER AT CAMP DEVENS TO INSPECT SOLDIERS

Secretary of War Baker today is at Camp Devens, the National Army cantonment at Ayer, Mass., inspecting the New England civilian soldiery. Secretary Baker left last night. He will visit Boston on his trip and probably will meet representatives of the Watertown arsenal workmen who went on strike yesterday.

The Secretary had no report on the labor situation at Watertown arsenal when he left Washington, except a brief telegram saying that some of the men had quit work. So far as Mr. Baker knew, the trouble was confined to Watertown, and he had no information that the arsenal workmen at Watervliet arsenal were threatening to strike, as indicated by reports from Watervliet union workmen to heads of the machinists' organization in Washington.

JUDGE AIDS LOCAL WOMAN IN SUIT TO RETAIN ALIMONY

LEBANON, Pa., Oct. 24.—Judge Henry went to the rescue of Mrs. Helen Funck Karmany, when he considered she was being badgered on the witness stand by her former husband's counsel, and adjourned the hearing of Col. Lincoln Karmany's application for reduction or revocation of \$1,200 alimony annually.

Mrs. Karmany had been asked whether she had not gone to Secretary Daniels, of the Navy, and tried to injure Colonel Karmany's candidacy for a major generalship in the Marine Corps. She denied this.

Three months following the granting of the divorce by Judge Ehrgood, here, nine years ago, Mrs. Karmany testified Colonel Karmany was married to a Mrs. Cook, a divorcee, at Shanghai, China, and they are now living in lavish style at Pebble Beach, Cal., where they occupy a magnificent show place. Colonel Karmany being commandant at the United States Marine headquarters for the Pacific coast at Mare Island, Cal. Mrs. Karmany further testified that Colonel Karmany receives \$5,000 a year with an additional \$1,000 for light, heat and lodging, while she and his children occupy a modest little flat in Washington, the son, whose health had failed, demanding his leaving college, being employed there.

Answering the plea of Colonel Karmany that she recently became one of three participants in the distribution of a \$75,000 estate left by her father, the late Josiah Funck, who was a leader of the Lebanon bar, Mrs. Karmany testified, and was corroborated by her sister, Miss Sadie Funck, that she has up to this time profited only to the extent of receiving the interest on a \$500 bequest.

The city directory gives Mrs. Karmany's local address as 1621 Ninth street northwest.

ALIBI MAY ACQUIT CONDON, ON TRIAL FOR KILLING YOUTH

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 24.—Counsel for William J. Condon, charged with the murder of John V. Piper, a college student, called in a score of witnesses today in an effort to establish alibi for the defendant.

Russell M. Watson, chief counsel for the defense, announced that there are three phases of the case in which he expects the accused man. They know the whereabouts of Dr. Condon on the night of February 17, when neighbors heard a shot fired; how he spent his time just prior to his departure for Chattanooga, Tenn., where he went to enter the engagement as an army medical officer the day before the discovery of Piper's body, and the testimony of many witnesses who had free access to the Condon cellar.

The State rested its case yesterday without having established a motive for the crime, and the success of the defense depends on its ability to break down a chain of circumstantial evidence.

SNOW IN MARYLAND; STORM BREAKS WIRES

With wires in the vicinity tied up, and many of them down, the storm sweeping the Atlantic seaboard today brought snow with it for some sections of Maryland.

Telegraph and telephone companies throughout Maryland and nearby territory are having much trouble with wires.

Low temperature and low barometric pressure in the middle Atlantic States, and extremely cold weather in Texas is being experienced at the present time. Records for early low temperatures are being broken.

LOAN FLOOD, EVERYWHERE, IS TURNED TO UNCLE SAM

Washington's Patriotic Keeping Pace With Nation's Outpouring of Golden Backing to Win Democracy's War.

Spurred on by Liberty Day rallies throughout the city and by reports coming to the Treasury Department of other cities filling their maximum quota of subscriptions, hundreds of Liberty loan workers in Washington, and the thousands making a holiday, carried the Washington total forward with a rush today.

Early indications are that the city's allotment will be reached when the totals for the day are counted.

Hundreds of bond buyers thronged the banks and trust companies all day and the rush increased with the afternoon hours. A number of big subscriptions were reported.

Plate Printers Take \$70,000. John J. Dewey, president of the Washington Plate Printers' Union, announced this morning that as a result of a patriotic rally which was held last night in connection with the regular meeting of the union \$5,000 of the union's funds will be invested in Liberty bonds. In addition, \$20,000 was subscribed by the members present, bringing the total of subscriptions to the plate printers to the \$70,000 mark.

Ellipse Meeting Off. Plans for the great mass meeting and rally on the Ellipse at 2:30 o'clock were recalled at the last minute because of the rain and chill wind. It is to be held in Poli's Theater at 4 p. m. with an overflow meeting in G. A. R. Hall, if necessary.

Two-score or more community meetings will be held in every section of the city, late this afternoon and tonight, all with the single purpose of rallying the national finances to meet the expenditures of war.

One of the features of the civic meeting in Poli's Theater will be the presence of six motion-picture stars, each of whom will be a bond saleswoman. They are Edna Goodrich, Peggy O'Neill, Fannie Ward, Mollie King, Creighton Hale and Owen Moore.

Pool to Preside. John Poole, chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee, will preside and will introduce the speakers: Commissioner Louis Brownlow, Third Assistant Postmaster General A. M. Dockery and Senator Gore, of Oklahoma. Each will picture a lesson on patriotism and self-sacrifice for the common weal in the greatest crisis in American history.

The Marine Band will be placed upon the stage, and will play patriotic airs. Each of the motion picture stars will be introduced to the audience by Chairman Poole, and they will sell bonds in the audience and in the lobby.

The band, speakers, and movie stars will go from the theater to G. A. R. Hall if there is an overflow, and repeat the program.

Plans for the celebration on the Ellipse were suddenly switched when began raining again at noon, and (Continued on Page 2, Column 7.)

YESTERDAY The Washington Times GAINED 7,153 Lines of Advertising (26 cols.)

Over the Corresponding Day (Oct. 24) Last Year. EDGAR D. SHAW, Publisher.

White Lot Meeting Transferred To Poli's Theater

"Movie" stars will sell Liberty Bonds at Poli's Theater beginning at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Everyone in Washington is invited to visit this theater and buy a bond from his or her favorite screen idol.

The mass meeting on the White Lot has been called off because of bad weather. Community meetings will be held by the various citizens' associations and other organizations this afternoon and tonight.

FRENCH PLUGGED CAVERNS WHICH CONCEALED FOE

PARIS, Oct. 24.—Prisoners in France's great victory on the Aisne front today reached 2,000, including 100 officers, and these of the choicest of the Crown Prince's troops.

Today's official statement said they had been identified as belonging to eight separate German divisions. Three full regimental staffs were included in the prisoners taken.

By HENRY WOOD, (United Press Staff Correspondent.) WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES AFIELD, Oct. 24.—General Petrain's corps fought in the air, on the ground, and actually far below the ground to achieve their epochal victory of Tuesday morning.

The fight will go down in history as the Battle of the Caverns—the conflict of caverns. The French won their objectives, which means that today they hold every inch of the famous Aisne crest and have shut the Germans off from their last look at the promised land of France beyond the ridge.

Drive On To Mile Front. Tuesday's drive was across a front of six miles on the Allemande-Pantheon front. The French seized the Aisne ridges, including the west, a little over two kilometers of historic "Ladies' way" (Chemin des Dames), with its junction on the Brussels highway, which the Germans still held, together with all observatories, notably Malmaison.

The French are now masters of every spot on the entire Aisne ridge, from Vauxaillon to Chronne, which heretofore formed the backbone of the German position. Held Less Defenses. Not only that, but the French now hold the outer line of defenses to Laon.

The battle was fought on the summit of this razor-back ridge, beyond which, on a plateau half a mile wide, there runs the "Ladies' Highway." The northern slope of the ridge was in possession of the Germans and it slid away abruptly into the valley of the Ailette.

Every inch of these German positions was honeycombed with caverns, tunnels, and subterranean squares. Many were two stories deep, electrically lighted, and ventilated. (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

KERENSKY TO GIVE UP COMMAND OF RUSSIAN ARMIES

PETROGRAD, Oct. 24.—Premier Kerensky will soon relinquish his post as commander-in-chief of the Russian armies to General Dukhoinin, it is indicated by developments here. This is taken as an indication of improvement in the morale and discipline of the soldiers.

General Dukhoinin, Russian commander on the Galician front, who has arrived here to participate in a secret session of the temporary parliament, which begins today, declares he does not expect the Germans to undertake any serious land operations on the Esthonian coast before spring.

The holding of a secret session indicates the determination of the government and Parliament to settle the internal chaos and save the military situation. The fact that it is possible to arouse the protests or suspicions of the populace also shows a growing faith on the part of the people in the government.

INTERNED GERMAN SHIP OFFICERS AND MEN FLEE

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 24.—Two officers and eight men of the crew of the German auxiliary cruiser Eitel Friedrich interned at Fort McPherson, escaped last night.

MICHAELIS QUILTS, REPORT HAS IT; BUELOW APPEARS

LONDON, Oct. 24.—A wireless press message received from Amsterdam asserted that Chancellor Michaelis had "placed his portfolio in the Kaiser's hands."

The wireless press story was not confirmed from other sources. The opposition to Chancellor Michaelis has been growing steadily during recent months in Germany. It started with the effort of the majority socialists to obtain some definite statements of Germany's war aims and grew more formidable when Michaelis evaded and ducked the issue.

It reached a crisis when Michaelis and Admiral von Capelle, minister of marine, agreed the secession of the German navy mutiny in what socialists soon saw was a trick to gain a weapon by which Michaelis could crush liberalism in Germany.

Within the last few weeks Berlin reports have indicated the mysterious presence there of Prince von Buelow, formerly chancellor, and have coupled his conference with high officials with the report that the chancellorship was again to be offered him.

Prince von Buelow's candidacy is opposed by the pan-German Deutsch-Zeitung in an article that also seeks to dispose of the candidacy of Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann and Count von Bernstorff. That paper says that a representative of powerful policy is needed, and if necessary should be given dictatorial authority.

SLIPPERY RAILS ARE CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

About Dozen Persons Injured in Crash at Connecticut and Florida Avenues—Cars Demolished.

More than a dozen persons were hurt, some seriously, in a spectacular crash at Connecticut and Florida avenues shortly before noon today between four southbound cars of the Washington Railway and Electric Company and a taxicab of the New Service Taxicab Company.

List of Injured. Among the injured identified were Miss Vera Taggart, twenty-four, of Potomac Courty apartment, Seventh and Fuller streets northwest; left arm broken.

L. C. Rinal, fifty-four years old, 1525 Hiltmore street, right leg broken.

W. T. Howe, thirty-six, conductor, Capitol Heights, Md.; shoulder broken.

Simon Griffith, thirty-five, conductor, 1324 B street northeast; contusion of knee.

Carrie Braxton, twenty-four, colored, 1642 Florida avenue; back bruised.

Samuel J. Gottlieb, 1221 B street northeast, right shoulder dislocated.

Mrs. W. B. Culver, Woodward apartment, occupant of the taxi, bruised and shock.

Bernard Krack, 2408 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, bruised and cut. He was driver of the taxi.

L. Quickstein, forty years old, 1630 Fairmont street, injuries about chest and knee at Garfield Hospital.

Mamie Jones Proctor, colored, thirty years old, 1821 L street northwest, probably fractured arm; at Garfield Hospital.

How Crash Occurred. According to statements of witnesses, car No. 432 had halted at the Florida avenue to take on passengers, and the taxi driver, Krack, halted fifteen feet to the rear. At a high rate of speed, and uncontrollable because of greasy tracks, car 447 came down the tracks, and while the motorman desperately tried to halt it, crashed into the taxi and the car ahead.

A few seconds later, cars 441 and 435 came down the hill, hitting those in front heavy blows. Every platform was splintered, and scores of persons were thrown to the floor amid flying glass.

John S. Block, of Eighth street and Florida avenue northwest, passing in his auto, rushed four of the injured to the Willard Hotel, where, it is said, they are guests.

Miss Taggart's mother told the following story to a Times reporter: "Vera was on her way to the garage to get her machine out. She was on the Connecticut avenue car and while near the drug store at Florida avenue she saw the conductor suddenly jump from his car. Starting for the back door to get out herself she was knocked down when the crash came and her left arm broken, but managed to get up and run to the ambulance before fainting. She is in a very serious condition from the shock as she has a very weak heart."

Conductor Gives Story. W. T. Howe, conductor on the Mt. Pleasant car No. 441, the run-away car, told The Times his version of the accident. "My car was coming down the hill," he said, "at a moderate rate of speed. My motorman, whose name I don't know, because it was my first trip with him, could not stop the sliding car, and I saw passengers on the other car getting out as we drew closer. There were between fifteen and twenty passengers on my car. Just before the crash I saw my motorman jump from his post. I heard glass smashing as I fell. It all happened so quickly that I hardly realized that anything had happened. I came to the hospital in the ambulance with Mr. Rinal who was suffering great pain in his leg. I know nothing more."