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ROPER WILL ASK LIGHT ON STAND OF U. S. BREWERS

Defendants in Stockholders' Suit Invite Government Co-operation

FOOD DOESN'T FIGURE

New York Concern Sends Letters to Brewers to Go Ahead

By Associated Press

New York, Mar. 18.—Coincident with the decision of the Internal Revenue Bureau to ask the Department of Justice whether it had authority to enforce the regulation prohibiting production of beer except that of less than one-half of one per cent. alcoholic content, defendants in the brewery stockholders' suit brought here last week to test the constitutionality of the wartime prohibition act announced that they had invited the co-operation of the government in the defense.

Washington, Mar. 18.—Whether the Internal Revenue Bureau has authority to enforce its rule against the sale of beer containing one-half of one per cent. or more of alcohol, will be put up to the Department of Justice. Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper to-day decided to ask for an opinion on the subject.

Beer containing one-half of one per cent., or more of alcohol by volume is considered intoxicating by the Internal Revenue Bureau. Officials explained that this standard was based on a number of laws and court decisions in the past and was not an arbitrary executive ruling.

Appears to Be Violation

On the face of the situation, it was said unofficially by some bureau officers, the brewers' action would constitute a direct violation of a recent revenue bureau ruling. This ruling, issued February 6, after announcement of the lifting of the President's ban on manufacture of near beer, but before it had actually gone into effect, follows:

"If at any time the President's proclamation of September 16, 1918, becomes inoperative as to near beer, brewers may resume the manufacture thereof prior to May 1, 1919, where the alcoholic content during the process of manufacture exceeds one-half of one per cent. by volume but does not exceed 2 3-4 per cent. by weight, on the brewery premises, provided the alcoholic content at the time of removal for sale and consumption does not exceed the limit of less than one-half of one per cent. of alcohol by volume.

"Within the intent of the act of November 21, 1918, (prohibiting manufature of beer after May 1, 1919, and its sale after June 30), a beverage containing one-half of one per cent. or more of alcohol by volume will be regarded as intoxicating."

Merely a Condition

The provision requiring dealcoholization of beer, it was pointed out, was not positively stated in the ruling, but was a condition of the permissive clause.

Edgar Rickard, acting food administrator in the absence of Herbert Hoover, said last night that the food administration was no longer interested in the question of brewing of beer from a food standpoint, and that the alcoholic content of beer was a matter entirely up to the bureau of internal revenue to determine.

The United States Brewers' Association, comprising three-fourths of the industry throughout the country announced today that copies of the opinion of Elihu Root and William D. Guthrie, advising brewers that they might proceed legally with the manufacture and distribution of beer containing 2¾ per cent of alcohol, had been mailed to its seven hundred members.

While the association has taken no action on the opinion, officers declared they "expected" many members would follow the example set by the Lager Beer Brewers Board of Trade of New York and vicinity in deciding to ignore the government regulation restricting production of "non-intoxicating" malt beverages to those of less than one-half per cent alcoholic content.

ARMY TANK RATTLES THROUGH CITY STREETS

Harrisburgers are becoming quite blase these days, seeing everything from airplanes, automobile shows and tanks. This morning people on Market street ogled a small tank which came rattling down the paved highway just as though it were crashing its way into Metz.

The tank is one of the exhibits at the Auto Show this week.

28TH TO SAIL ON MAY 3

Franklin, Pa., March 18.—That the Twenty-eighth Division will sail for America on May 3 is the statement of Colonel George C. Rickards, commander of the One Hundred and Twelfth infantry, in a letter to his mother in this city.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Wednesday; colder to-night, with lowest temperature about 35 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Wednesday; colder to-night; fresh and strong west winds.

River

The main river will rise. The lower portions of the North and West branches will rise slightly to-night and begin to fall Wednesday. All other streams of the system will fall to-night and Wednesday. A stage of about 7 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

It Don't Seem to Have Taught Us Much

CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS PLAN NEW BUILDING

Special Conference Called For Friday to Discuss Joint Office Structure

City Commissioners are planning to hold a joint conference with county officials on Friday to discuss further plans for the erection of a courthouse and municipal office building. A communication will be sent to the county commissioners, asking them to fix any hour which will be convenient for them to consider the project.

According to Mayor Daniel L. Keister no time should be lost in getting definite plans under way for the construction of the new building. Selection of a site and adoption of plans will require much time he pointed out. These questions, together with other details, must be worked out so that an estimate can be made of the cost of the improvement, after which a loan ordinance will be passed by council. Action on this measure approving it must be taken not less than thirty days before the general election in November provided the commissioners decide to submit the qustion of a bond issue to the city voters at that time.

City officials in discussing the situation to-day said that no time should be lost in completing all necessary arrangements since legislation which will permit the city and county to join in the erection of a building, has been introduced.

John N. Peregoy Dies After a Week's Illness

John Nelson Peregoy, aged thirty-eight years, died this morning at his late home, 811 North Sixteenth street, following a week's illness from pneumonia. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, F. and A. M., assisted by the Rev. Clayton A. Smucker, pastor of the Stevens Memorial Methodist Church. Burial will be made in the East Harrisburg cemetery. Mr. Peregoy is survived by his wife, Daisy, and two children, Nelson and Irene, his mother, Mrs. Alfred Peregoy, of Waynesboro, a brother and four sisters.

Mr. Peregoy was associated with the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa. He was a pastmaster of Perseverance Lodge, No 21, F. and A. M., and a member of the Harrisburg Consistory and of Perseverance Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

PORT ROYAL TIMES SOLD

Port Royal, Pa., March 18.—J. W. Parsons, owner and editor of the Port Royal Times, a weekly publication, has sold it to George M. Hinkle, a former employe, the change to take effect about April 1. Mr. Parsons, it is understood, will engage in business at Millereburg, Perry county.

METHODISTS ASK NEW AMENDMENT

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, March 18.—A resolution providing for an amendment to the Federal Constitution to include in the instrument a declaration that "Jesus Christ is the moral ruler of nations" was today reported by the committee on church and state of the Philadelphia Methodist Conference with the recommendation that no action be taken on the matter. The committee expressed "sympathy for the spirit of the resolution."

The Rev. Charles Roads, Williamstown, urged the submission of the question "to the earnest consideration of our pastors and brethren."

YOUR NAME IS ON SUCKER LIST, BANKERS WARN

Fakirs Offer Worthless Stock and Promises in Return For Liberty Bonds

Your name is on the "sucker list." This is the warning sounded today by the local Liberty Loan committee to the patriotic men and women who subscribed to the four issues of Uncle Sam's war bonds.

Whether you get buncoed depends largely upon your own good sense, the committee says. The warning against the flimflam wiles declares that big batches of circulars are being prepared to be sent to bondholders.

The "sucker list" is compiled of the names of bond purchasers. The test as to the common sense of the men and women listed comes when the flimflamers present how they will take Uncle Sam's bonds in exchange for their own issues which will pay anything from ten per cent. on up.

Worthless gold mine, oil well and irrigation of desert lands are the favorites. There is no limit to the promises, says the committee, that the fakirs are making

"Hold on to your bond," is the advice of the committee.

Gov. Sproul to Outline Coal Situation Today

Governor Sproul will make a statement in regard to the anthracite coal price situation late to-day. The Governor planned to issue an outline of his plan and to submit a resolution to-day to start things moving, but a rush of visitors prevented action.

It is probable that something mav be done before the House adjourns to-night.

AGREE ON WOODRUFF BILL

The school teachers committee has agreed upon the Woodruff bill as the teachers' minimum salary measure.

ROTARY DAY SWELLS CROWDS AT AUTO SHOW

Big Warerooms at Twenty-Sixth and Derry Streets Filled to Capacity

This is Rotary Day at the automobile show in the Overland building at Twenty-sixth and Derry streets.

The Harrisburg Rotary Club yesterday heartily endorsed the show after addresses by George G. McFarland and Andrew S. Redmond and voted to attend to-day.

Many of the Rotarians went out this afternoon but by far the larger number will be in attendance to-night.

To-morrow evening one of the selections will be a vocal solo by Miss Florence Weiser, of Reading, a pupil of Miss M. Evelyn Essick, daughter of William E. Essick, a former president of the Rotary Club. The automobile dealers are adding special programs to their exhibit and visitors are finding the big building attractive not only from the standpoint of cars on display, but lively and entertaining as well.

Crowds Are Big

Breaking all records for attendance, the mighty motor show began to draw today from the surrounding country. One old codger had come in his mud-covered Ford all the way from the upper end of the county, traveling a good part of the night. Before the ticket sellers arrived there were several hundred country folk waiting, and the "upper end" enthusiast seemed to be more than satisfied after his long trip when the first object his eyes met was a dossy "flivver."

"Say what ye will," he slammed his rugged hand on J. Clyde Myton's

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WILSON MAY GET BACK TO AMERICA WITHIN A MONTH

Cabinet Officers Believe Congress Will Meet in Extra Session in May

GLASS SENDS MESSAGE

Senator Lodge Asks For Addresses of Colleagues as of May 15.

By Associated Press

Washington, March 18.—An extra session of Congress before June 1 is believed to be a certainty by many government officials and members of Congress, although their predictions are without the support of evidence to show that President Wilson has changed his determination not to summon Congress before his return from France.

Glass Reports Conditions

Cabinet officers believe the session will begin in May, some expecting the date to be about the middle of the month, with others suggesting an earlier date, probably May 5. As far as known, none of the cabinet members has specifically recommended any date to the President, but Secretary Glass is understood to have presented certain facts in regard to the government's financial situation from which the President may make his own deductions.

Lodge Sends Letters

Members of Congress remaining in Washington, particularly the Republicans, hope the session will be called two months before the end of the current fiscal year, next June 30, so that ample opportunity will be given for considering appropriation bills that failed at the last Congress. Republican Leader Lodge, of the Senate, has sent letters to all Republican Senators requesting them to record their address of May 15 with his office, but this was said to be without significance.

White House officials said to-day if reports from Paris that the peace treaty might be completed next week proved accurate, President Wilson might return home by the middle of April.

All Boy Scouts of City to Join in Parade After Rally in Grace Church

All Boy Scout troops of the city will join in a parade to-night to be followed by a rally to be hed in Grace Methodist Church, it was announced to-day by J. Frederick Virgin, Scout Executive for the city.

The scouts will form on Second street at Pine. They will walk around the city, and arrive at the Grace Church at 8 o'clock. George Wirt of the State Department of Forestry, will give an illustrated lecture on "Forests."

During the week street demonstrations will be given by scouts as to various practices of scoutcraft. It is planned to have the scouts cook their supper on the streets and give illustrations of life in the woods.

Next week the scouts will launch a drive for the collection of magazines to be sent the soldiers in the camps and will also help the Red ss to collect clothing. It was said by Scout Executive Virgin this morning that there has been a great lac kof interest in the collection of magazines and the scouts aim to fill this need.

Cracked Cylinder Stops Air Trip to Pernambuco; To Start For Dakar Soon

By Associated Press

London, March 18.—A telegram received here from Paris says that Lieutenant Fontan, who plans a flight from Cape Dakar, to Pernambuco, Brazil, left Villacoublay for Dakar on Sunday, but was compelled to land near Romorantin, southeast of Blois, because of a cracked cylinder. It is said he is now in Paris and intends to start once more for Dakar in a few days.

Approaching Prohibition Cause Contraction of Aldinger's Liquor Store

Contracting their business with prohibition promised for July 1, the Aldinger liquor store, 27 South Fourth street, about April 1 will vacate the first floor of the three-story building that it now occupies. The two upper stories will continue in use. The first floor will be occupied, commencing April 1, by the Dandyline shoes stores, handling the goods of Devine Yungel Shoe Company of this city.

FLIPPANT ANSWER TO COURT PROVES COSTLY

Revolver Carried by William Proctor Looked Like Machine Gun to Judge Kunkel, Who Hands Out Severe Sentence

"That miniature rifle you were carrying—it looked like a machine gun to me—where did you get it?" president Judge George Kunkel asked William E. Proctor, colored, convicted of carrying a revolver concealed.

"I told you where I got it," Proctor answered. He had been on trial before Judge Kunkel yesterday.

"Very well. The sentence of the court is that you pay a fine of $5, costs of this prosecution and serve seven months in the county jail".

Proctor looked surprised at the heavy jail sentence and passed out of the courtroom with a deputy sheriff without another word. The revolver taken from him was a long barrel .38-caliber one. Proctor a few years ago was sent to Huntingdon Reformatory on a larceny charge.

Michael Taswell, colored, on parole from Huntingdon, pleaded guilty to stealing a pair of shoes from a repair shop conducted in Middletown by H. E. Deimler. He was given five months in jail.

In courtroom No. 2, with Judge A. W. Johnson presiding, Arthur Jackson, colored, was acquitted on a charge of carrying a revolver, al-

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WILSON MEETS PREMIERS TO RECONCILE VIEWS ON PEACE TREATY AND NATION LEAGUE

GERMANS MUST DEPOSIT GOLD IN BRUSSELS BANK

By Associated Press

Brussels, March 18.—In accordance with agreement which has been reached, the German government has contracted to deposit 450,000,000 francs in gold in the Brussels National Bank. There will be two payments, one of 175,000,000 francs within four days and the other of 275,000,000 francs within ten days.

These deposits are presumably to be made in connection with the agreement recently reached at the Allied conference with the Germans at Brussels for the provisioning of Germany in connection with the shipping arrangements. Earlier dispatches had reported that Germany was to make large gold deposits at Brussels as part of the financing of food shipments to her.

POLICE ARE FIRED ON AT LAWRENCE, MASS.

Officers Stoned and Persons Clubbed During Parade of Textile Workers, at Lawrence, Mass.

Lawrence, Mass., March 18.—While the police were trying to break up a parade of textile workers today shots were fired from tenement houses. Officers were stoned and persons in the crowd clubbed. Many arrests were made. It was the most violent disturbance that had occurred since the strike began six weeks ago.

Strikers Picket Mills

The strikers had picketed the mills during the opening hours. After they left the mill district when the gates were closed they gathered at the corner of Union and Common streets and formed a column for a parade. At the head of the line, according to City Marshal T. J. O'Brien, who observed the preparations through a heavy fog, were red flags. He summoned reserves from police headquarters and ordered the crowd to disperse. The gathering held its ground and from the outskirts stones and bottles were thrown.

Twenty-two Arrests Made

Shots were fired from a house in Elm street, but no one was hit. officers forced their way through the crowd and arrested all occupants of the building. Meantime, other policemen and strike sympathizers mixed in a melee in which many were injured. Officers' clubs struck down several in the crowd and two officers were hit by stones or bottles.

Twenty-two arrests were made, nearly all on charges of inciting to riot.

When those arrested today were arraigned on charge of rioting, twenty-one men pleaded not guilty, and bonds were set at $500 for a hearing on March 26.

Captain J. J. Sullivan, of the police, told the court red flags were waved at the head of the parade. Outside the court room strike leaders denied red flags were carried, and said that an Italian flag must have been mistaken for the revolutionary banner in the fog.

Most of those arrested appeared in court with battered heads. The condition of one, Salvatore Cuzvardo, was found to be so serious that he was removed to a hospital.

Names Suggested For Cargo Ship Should Be Suggestive of Harrisburg District

A name of particular significance to this district is desired for the cargo ship that has fallen to the honor of the district to christen as a result of its work in the Fourth Liberty Loan Drive, the committee in charge of the drive to-day explained.

Thus far people of the district have displayed little originality in making suggestions as to a possible name for the freighter.

Thus far only three names have been sent to J. Clyde Myton, of the Liberty Loan Committee, who is receiving the suggestions. These three suggestions, "Yankee," "Sammee" and "Echo" are too stereotyped and to general for adoption, the committee says.

Some name that will be of particular significance to the Dauphin-Perry-Juniata district is desired. The name should be such that the freighter will be readily identified with the district.

Police Fail to Locate Dr. Wilkins, Murder Suspect; Watch For Him in Vain

By Associated Press.

Long Branch, L. I., March 18.—An all night search here and in New York, failed to disclose the whereabouts of Dr. Walter Keene, Wilkins, the elderly physician for whom a warrant was issued last night charging him with the murder of his wife at their Long Branch home on February 27.

Europa Gets in From Marseilles With Fighters

By Associated Press.

New York, March 18.—Seventy-two officers and 1,588 men who fought with the tanks arrived here today on the steamship Europa from Marseilles. They comprised the Three Hundred and Sixth Brigade Tank Corps complete, sixty-six officers and 1,306 men, and a detachment of six officers and 282 men of the Three Hundred and Fifth Brigade. They are assigned to fourteen camps and barracks throughout the country.

Accord of the Powers Sought in Conference of Allied Leaders

FINAL TERMS ARE DISCUSSED

By Associated Press

Paris, Mar. 18. — President Wilson will hold an important conference with Premiers Lloyd George, Orlando and Clemenceau at the Paris "White House" to-day. This gathering of premiers, representing the supreme directing force of the Peace Conference, takes the place of the session of the Supreme Council, which has been postponed until tomorrow to permit the meeting.

The question to be discussed is that of securing accord between the great powers on all phases of the peace treaty and its early presentation to the Germans. It is expected an agreement will be reached as to the inclusion of the league of nations as an integral part of the peace treaty, in accordance with the resolution which has been already adopted by the Peace Conference.

To Reconcile Views

Special interest attaches to today's conference in view of recent reports of divergences between the powers as to the inclusion of the league plan in the treaty. The meeting is looked upon as an earnest, decisive effort to reconcile all views into a common understanding for an early peace in a comprehensive form, including military, naval, economic and financial terms, as well as the League of Nations.

The general situation as to the peace treaty has been greatly clarified during the past twenty-four hours by discussions between the

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MINERS WANT FIVE DAYS OF SIX HOURS EACH

By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, March 18.—Recommendations for a six-hour work day, a five-day week, an increase in wages of miners and nationalization of the coal mines of the country were made today by Frank J. Hayes, president of the United Mine Workers of America, in his address at the opening session of the policy committee of the organization here today. He also recommended that miners have the right to organize and to bargain collectively with the Government in making wage scales in case of nationalization of mines.

TO PROBE STATE SCHOOL SYSTEM

Harrisburg—A joint resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of eight to investigate the public school system of Pennsylvania was introduced in the Senate to-day by Senator Frank E. Baldwin, of Potter county.

GREAT BRITAIN TO GET POTASH

Copenhagen—Under the agreement reached at Rotterdam, a dispatch from Berlin says, Great Britain will receive thirty thousand tons of potash from Germany. Negotiations with other entente countries were not completed. The proceeds of the sale of the potash will be credited to Germany in payment for food supplies.

REED SCORES LEAGUE COVENANT

Jefferson City, Mo.—The Missouri Legislature in joint session heard an address by United States Senator Reed, of Missouri, criticising the League of Nations constitution. He reiterated contentions that the league would impair American sovereignty, abrogate the Monroe Doctrine and violate the Federal Constitution.

ALEXANDER OUT OF ARMY

Chicago—"Alexander has left station en route to United States." This cablegram signed by General Persling was received by Fred Mitchell, president of the Cubs to-day. Alexander, premier pitcher of the National League, is expected to land within two weeks and to join the Cubs at the spring training camp at Pasadena, Calif.

TRY TO MURDER RAILROAD DETECTIVE

Hagerstown—Cumberland Valley Railroad Detective Walter Kettering was shot twice by trespassers in the yards here to-day. One bullet struck him in the right breast near the shoulder. The other entered his right arm. He was taken to the Washington county hospital. Kettering noticed the men on company ground and ordered them off. When he turned his back he heard a command, "Hands up" Both men emptied their pistols at him.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William McClain and Ella F. Brown, Harrisburg.