

NATIONS' LEAGUE HOLDS FIRST MEETING

AMERICA OFFICIALLY DRY AT TWELVE O'CLOCK TONIGHT

UNCLE SAM'S DROUTH BEGINS AT MIDNIGHT; LONG FIGHT FOR BAN ON ALCOHOL RESULTS IN VICTORY

Prohibition Amendment to Federal Constitution Becomes Effective at 12—Manufacture of Liquor With More Than One-half of One Per Cent Illegal—Home Brewing Goes; Wine-Making Stays

Constitutional prohibition, effective at midnight tonight and the enforcement legislation enacted by Congress, make the following provisions.

Declare unlawful the manufacture or sale of any beverage containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol.

Declare places where liquor is sold in violation of law to be common nuisances, abatable as such.

Search and seizure powers given prohibition enforcement officers, except for the search of private dwellings unless used for the unlawful sale of intoxicants or in part as places of business.

Liquor seized to be destroyed, vehicles and other property to be sold and proceeds paid into United States Treasury.

Advertising of liquor by any method prohibited.

Permit manufacture at home for personal use of non-intoxicating ciders and fruit juices.

Permit manufacture of alcoholic liquors for sacramental and medicinal uses, under restrictions.

Permit manufacture of alcohol for industrial and scientific uses.

Permit possession of liquor in home if purchased before prohibition became effective.

Physicians prohibited from prescribing alcoholic liquor for patient unless in good faith they believe it will afford relief from ailment.

Complete records of sales, including names of persons obtaining liquors, required of manufacturers and druggists.

Various penalties for violation fixed, the most severe being \$2,000 fine and two years imprisonment.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Constitutional prohibition becomes effective at midnight tonight.

From 12:01 a. m. the "manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors within the jurisdiction thereof, into or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes" is prohibited by the 18th amendment to the Constitution, and the United States becomes the first nation of the world to make such a provision part of its basic law.

Actually the event of constitutional prohibition will make little difference in the daily life of the people of this country, as they have been living under the nation-wide war-time ban on alcoholic drinks since last July. There have been eager hopes entertained by the thirsty, by distillers and by speculators holding large quantities of whiskey for higher prices, that war-time prohibition would be lifted before today in accordance with the recommendation of President Wilson to Congress, but Congress refused to do so and the arid spell now about to be so under authority of the nation's Constitution, which prohibitionists declare will continue in effect for all time in as much as it can be revoked only in the same manner in which it came into existence, will permit no opportunity for the replenishment of private cellars or the unloading.

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STATE BANK LOANS FUNDS TO FARMERS OF THIS COUNTY

Many Deals Put Through This Week on Burleigh Acreage

A number of loans have been made by the Bank of North Dakota to owners of farm property in this county during the past week.

Vernon G. Hallum on Section 3, township, 144; range, 78; being in Steiber township in the north part of the county.

Alex I. Anderson on the south half of the northwest of section 2, township, 137; range, 79; being in Missouri township.

STATE BOARD TO STAMP OUT T. B. IN CASS COUNTY

Disease Affecting Cattle of the State Will Be Eradicated Under Present Plans

HOG CHOLERA TAKEN UP

Members of State Livestock Board Broaden Regulations to Combat Sickness

Plans for the eradication of tuberculosis in cattle in Cass county which will ultimately include the entire state until every herd in North Dakota is free from this disease were the most important feature of the quarterly meeting of the state livestock board which was held here Wednesday.

The members of the board, after conferring with Dr. W. F. Crewe, state veterinarian, decided that instead of attempting to cover the entire state in the campaign to isolate and eradicate tuberculosis among cattle, the work would be confined to a circumscribed area.

Cass county was picked as the first field for the campaign and from this section the board will extend this activity until it has covered every county in the state.

Government Co-operating There will be four veterinarians assigned to the work, two being furnished by the United States bureau of animal husbandry and two by the state livestock board.

These workers will start the first of February in Cass county. This county was chosen because it is one of the oldest settled counties in the state, the livestock men there are familiar with the plan and will cooperate in the work.

The facilities are better and there is more work to be done in that county. The state board will cooperate with the federal government in obtaining for North Dakota more accredited herds.

In this connection Dr. Crewe states that this section compares favorably with any of the middle west states in the matter of affected cattle and that it ranks first in the number of accredited herds, i. e., herds entirely free from tuberculosis by positive test, and ranks first in the number of herds tested for tuberculosis.

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LANGER DEFIES TOWNLEYITES TO SHOW BAD FAITH

Attorney General Tells Neighbors of Late M. K. Bowen of Murder Case

GOLVA, N. D., Jan. 16.—In the presence of old friends and neighbors of M. K. Bowen, who was killed at his ranch near here last summer by constables who included neighboring ranchers, Attorney General Langer, at whose door the Townley administration has laid the charge of contributory negligence, this afternoon reviewed the tragedy from beginning to end, and denounced what he declared to be an effort upon the part of the administration to make political capital out of the unfortunate affair.

He condemned Governor Frazier for the removal of State's Attorney Gallagher and Sheriff Piercina, upon evidence which the attorney general declared did not warrant such executive action and challenged the Townley press to substantiate the charges which it made against Langer and other officials in connection with an alleged cattle poisoning mystery which preceded the killing of Bowen in an altercation over cattle which he had impounded.

"It was along with this manufactured cloud of accusations against me that every Townley paper carried the headlines that I should be impeached," said Langer. "But today in those same newspaper nothing is being said about the Bowen cattle poisoning. The special session of the legislature has met and adjourned. There was the opportunity for which the men who had charged me with failure to perform my duty in connection with this case had led you to believe they were dreaming."

The session was the slightest action taken in connection with the Bowen case. A single vote by those men, and all the records would have been spread before them, and the concealed derelictions of duty, had there been any, brought to the light of day."

Mr. Langer described the events leading up to the tragedy, and asked the friends and neighbors of M. K. Bowen to judge for themselves as to whether he, the attorney general, had been derelicted in his duty.

EXTRA!

HOUSE BILL 60 KNOCKED OUT

House Bill 60, which would have given immediate effect to all acts of the recent special assembly, was declared unconstitutional in a four to one decision of the supreme court handed down late this afternoon. Judge Robinson dissented.

ANCIENT MARINER AGAIN AT HELM OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL AFFAIRS

William Jennings Bryan Biggest Influence in Shaping Course of His Party's Politics for 1920—Not Thought to Be Candidate Himself

BY HARRY B. HUNT. WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The biggest influence shaping the course of democratic politics in 1920, not even excepting Woodrow Wilson, who as president is titular head of his party, promises to be that experienced and time-tested political mariner—William Jennings Bryan.

Whether Bryan himself is to steer the course of whether he will simply sit the course for another helmsman is, in the belief of political analysts here, the only question involving doubt.

TO LIBERALIZE PLATFORM Those who know Bryan best, however, and the impulses that move him, believe that he has re-entered the political arena not to capture or attempt to capture any nomination for himself, but to see that the political program laid down by his party is a liberal and appealing one and that the candidate chosen is one that, in an admittedly difficult year, has a chance of election.

President Wilson admittedly has dominated his party for the past seven years. He alone has held leadership.

W. J. E. AGE Will be sixty March 19, 1920. RESIDENCE Born Salem, Ill., lives Lincoln, Neb., except when at Miami, Fla., winter home.

BUSINESS Publisher of Commoner, lecturer and statesman.

POLITICS Served as congressman from Nebraska 1891-95; defeated for senator in 1894; won national fame and democratic nomination for presidency in 1896 at Chicago by his silver plank and famous "cross of thorns and cross of gold" speech; was defeated by McKinley; enhanced his power of democratic leadership in next four years and in 1900 again opposed and lost to McKinley; toured world in 1906; for the third time ran for president in 1908 against Taft and lost; he forced nomination of Wilson in 1912 and became Wilson's Secretary of State; resigned June 9, 1915, because he differed with Wilson over way to handle negotiations with Germany.

BRYAN'S VOTE 1896—Six and a half million. 1900—Six and a half million. 1908—Six million, four hundred thousand.

POLITICS Bryan was one of the first advocates of free silver, prohibition, woman's suffrage and government ownership and operation of railroads. Advocate of the latter policy in a Madison Square Garden speech on his return from his world tour contributed to his defeat in 1908. He has always been a progressive and in 1906-07 wrote most of his policies, including the initiative and referendum and direct election of U. S. senators into the Oklahoma state constitution.

FAMILY Bryan married Mary Elizabeth Baird of Perry, Ill., in 1884. He has one son, William Jennings, Jr., and two daughters.

ship, he has not, as leader, developed a supporting staff of political aides who could carry on efficiently without his direction.

The result was that, following the president's physical breakdown four months ago, the Democratic party was without an able steersman. She fell off in the trough of the seas, was buffeted from all sides by the rising tide.

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MANKATO WINTER CARNIVAL MONDAY

MANKATO, MINN., Jan. 16.—The Mankato Winter Carnival opens Monday and continues all week. The program as planned includes Alaskan dog races, and international ski meet, speed and fancy skating, curling, illuminated night airplane flights, elaborate carnival court parades by fifty marching clubs, fireworks, tobogganing, indoor and outdoor dances and other features. Everything is free.

BRITAIN MAY ACT IN INDIA

Impression Prevalent in London That Conference May Bring Results

SOVIETS AT ASIA'S DOOR

Empire Threatened By Bolshevik Aggressions on Eastern Frontiers

London, Jan. 16.—The impression prevailed here today that in the conference at Paris of Premier Lloyd George, Winston Spencer Churchill, the war minister, Walter Hume Long, first lord of the admiralty; Baron Beatty commander of the grand fleet, and Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, chief of the imperial staff, it would be decided to take some defensive action against Bolshevik military aggression. The Persian government has requested Great Britain to state what assistance can be given Persia in the event of a Bolshevik invasion and what defensive action by Persia would accord with the British policy.

AT THRESHOLD OF INDIA Attention of the British people is fixed on the near east, where recent Bolshevik successes have carried the red Russian armies almost to the threshold of India, Persia, Mesopotamia and Asiatic Turkey. Cabinet members and chiefs of the British army and navy are today in Paris whither they were hastily summoned yesterday and are conferring with Premier David Lloyd George on military and naval matters in connection, southwestern Asia.

Apprehension was aroused by the issuance of a semi-official statement yesterday relating to the situation that has arisen through the collapse of General Denikin's army in southern Russia and Bolshevik penetration of trans Caspia. Not only was it admitted the menace from a Russian Bolshevik invasion in the near east was very real, but it was pointed out that internal conditions in Persia, Turkey and Afghanistan were threatening.

In Mesopotamia too the British are forced to contend with difficulties arising from radical dissension.

SITUATION ANTICIPATED The situation which now confronts Great Britain and more or less Japan and China is not of sudden growth, however, for the past two months or more the Bolsheviks have had an almost unbroken series of successes which had swept them forward on all front where their forces are believed to be formidable.

Admiral Kolehak's army in Siberia seems to have been completely defeated, if not dispersed. Thus from the Yenisei river to the Caspian a distance of more than 2,200 miles, the Bolsheviks seem to be quite firmly established. From this line it would appear they might be able to essay incursions toward China to the southeast or Afghanistan or India to the south.

THREATS OF TERRORISM Thinly veiled threats to resort to methods of terrorism should the Bolsheviks be opposed by the entente are contained in a wireless message received here from Moscow. It is said capital punishment will be inflicted upon enemies of the soviet government only when sentences are approved by the all-Russian extraordinary commission but a return to wholesale executions was hinted should the entente nations take steps to combat Bolshevism.

BIGGEST BANK HAS ANNUAL MEETING; NO CHANGES MADE

First National Will Go Through 1920 With Same Officers as Last Year

No changes were made in either the directorate or officials of the First National bank at the annual meetings of the stockholders and directors of that institution Wednesday.

The following officers were re-elected: C. B. Little, president; J. L. Bell, vice president; Frank E. Shepard, cashier.

The bank has a capitalization of \$100,000 with a surplus of \$290,000 and undivided profits amounting to \$42,082. According to the last statement issued December 31 the deposits subject to check amounted to \$1,631,077 and the certificates of deposits totalled \$118,449. Time deposits were \$259,929 and United States funds on deposits amounted to \$15,434.

The First National bank is the largest in the city and one of the largest in the state. It has had a very steady growth under the direction of its president, Col. C. R. Little, and now ranks as one of the most conservative and accommodating financial institutions in the central part of the state.

FAMOUS BATTLE OF NEIL MACDONALD ENDED YESTERDAY

Last Papers Filed, and Office-seeker Given Permission to Get Diploma

The last echo in the famous battle waged by Neil C. Macdonald to dislodge Miss Minnie J. Nielson, state superintendent of public instruction, was heard today in the filing with the clerk of the Burleigh county district court, Charles Fisher, a satisfaction of judgment amounting to \$50.62 in favor of Miss Nielson.

The amount in question covers the costs on the appeal of Macdonald to the supreme court, and the release against Macdonald was signed by E. P. Coe, Miss Nielson's attorney in the fight.

Macdonald also filed through his attorney a petition for the possession of certain exhibits used in the case, including his diplomas and certificates. Judge W. L. Nuesse granted the petition yesterday, and Mr. Macdonald can now obtain his valuable papers whenever he desires.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL GREATER POWERS EXCEPT AMERICA PRESENT AT INITIAL SESSION THIS MORNING

Opening Act of Council Appointment of Commission to Trace New Frontier For Territory of Saar Basin—Original Protest Comes From Envoys of "Elected Government of Irish Republic"—United States Senate Remains in Deadlock

Paris, Jan. 16.—Representatives of France, Great Britain, Italy, Greece, Belgium, Spain, Japan and Brazil, members of the council of the league of nations, met in the "clock room" of the French foreign office at 10 o'clock this morning for the first meeting in the history of the league.

The council organized at 10:30 o'clock by electing Leon Bourgeois chairman and confirming the choice of Sir Eric Drummond of Great Britain as general secretary.

The first official act of the council was the appointment of a commission to trace upon the spot the frontiers of the territory of the Saar-basin.

Paris, Jan. 16.—The council of the league of nations received the first formal protest to be presented to it almost before it came into being with today's initial session. The protest was from "the envoys of the elected government of the Irish republic" against "the unreal English simulacrum of an international league of peace."

HUGE CROWDS GO WILD OVER BILL LANGER'S TALKS

Attorney General Enthusiastically Greeted in Golden Valley County

WITH YANK LEGION HEAD

Beach, N. D., Jan. 16.—No one who has ever spoken on political subjects in this county has received closer attention from larger crowds than Attorney General Langer in speeches at Sentinel Butte and Beach yesterday and at Gola today.

Crowds of farmers followed Langer from one point to another, apparently anxious to hear every word he had to say, and at all places halls were jerked off the walls and the crowds cheered his slashes and bangs to the echo.

Many members of the league were there. At Sentinel Butte and Beach Langer reviewed the general history of the birth and development of the league and told how the promise of fighting of wrongs attracted thousands of farmers and business men to its standard. Then he told how he and other state officers began to see the situation in the Townley way of working farmers for huge sums and forgetting in his quest for dollars, the high aims he set out with; of the final break over Miss Nielson and rotten bank deals, explaining these two features in detail, and he then told of the part being played in the betrayal of the people by the board of administration and the new laws, and the absolute subservience of legislators to Townley's will, and how this came about through the secret caucus and from banking on the farmers' honest promise to make better conditions in state. In this connection he unmercifully flayed Senator Hunt of this county, and the fact that his sentiments were cheered showed he hit a responsive chord. Some leaguers attempted to heckle Langer here last night, but before they got through were laughed out of hall on Langer's answers.

This afternoon Langer is speaking at Gola to an overflowing meeting. His subject being the Bowen killing. Gola is but a few miles from the scene of that tragedy, in which he is showing up the politics injected into that affair and subsequent events. He speaks tomorrow at Belleville and Medina.

DAWSON IS INTRODUCING C. L. Dawson, state commander of the American legion and acting attorney general of Golden Valley county, is accompanying the attorney general on his tour and is introducing him to Golden Valley and Billings county crowds.

MINNEAPOLIS MAN TO HANDLE TIRES

A. H. Wolf of Minneapolis, who has had years of experience in salesmanship in the northwest, has arrived in Bismarck to take charge of the distribution of Stronghold tires, which are handled in the southern half of North Dakota and the northern half of South Dakota by the Finch Lumber Co.

Mr. Wolf will make Bismarck his headquarters and will bring Mrs. Wolf and their son hither as soon as he can lease a suitable residence. He left today for a tour of the South Dakota territory. The Stronghold tire is manufactured by one of the oldest rubber goods houses in America, and its high standard has already won it wide popularity, although it has been on the market a comparatively few years.

REGINALD DE KOVEN, IS DEAD

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Reginald De Koven, American operatic composer and conductor, died here early today of apoplexy.

RETURNS FROM TRIP

Theodore Koffel returned yesterday from Waupeton and Minnesota points where he has been during the past week on business. Mr. Koffel conducted several cases at Waupeton at the regular term of court there.

PURPOSE OF LEAGUE

New York, Jan. 16.—The purpose of the league of nations, the council of which holds its first meeting in Paris today, was declared in the covenant of the league to be "to promote international co-operation and to achieve international peace and security."

This was to be accomplished, according to the covenant, by the nations obligating themselves not to resort to war; by prescribing open, just and honorable relations between them; by establishing international law as an actual rule of conduct among governments; and by maintaining justice and scrupulous respect for all treaty obligations.

32 NATIONS REPRESENTED

Thirty-two nations were to become the original members of the league upon signing of the peace treaty. These nations as listed in the annex to the covenant were:

United States of America, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, British empire, Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India, China, Cuba, Ecuador, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Portugal, Rumania, Serb, Croat and Slovene states, Siam, Czechoslovakia and Uruguay.

Of the foregoing nations a number, however, have not yet ratified and signed the peace treaty. Notable among these is the United States which therefore remains outside the great confederation.

AMERICA STILL HEDGES

Washington, Jan. 16.—While it was said no actual agreements had been reached between the two sides of the senate treaty fight, today expressed belief that some progress in the compromise movement was made at the by-partisan "round table" meeting of faction leaders yesterday and that the continuation of the conference arranged for tomorrow might pave the way for final settlement.

The meeting was participated in by four republicans and five democrats including Senator Lodge, republican leader, and Senator Hitchcock, administration leader, and marked the first formal step in the negotiations for compromise reservations to the peace treaty.

ARMY OFFERS BIG CHANCES FOR WIDE AWAKE RECRUITS

Many Courses Available at Various Camps to Prepare For Civil Life

An example of the opportunities offered the recruit in the United States army for obtaining a technical training that will enable him to gain a good position after he leaves the army is demonstrated by the schools conducted at Camp Meade, Md., for the benefit of the enlisted men.

"This camp is only one of a number where similar schools are established and all men in this vicinity who enlist through the Bismarck recruiting office are given an opportunity to name which one of the camps they desire to be sent to after enlistment.

Among the courses of study which are open to the recruit at Camp Meade are clerical, commercial, civil service, radio and telegraphic, motor transport, practical road work in motor cars and trucks and motorcycles, tank corps instruction, music, photography, chemistry, blacksmithing, machine shop, plumbing and many other forms of instruction.

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