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### CONFUSION OF SILVER

SILVER quotations are all at sea. Within the past few days reports have credited the Tonopah Mining company with disposing of 200,000 ounces at prices ranging from 98 cents to \$1.02 1-2. None of the papers mentioning these reports give their authority for the statements which apparently cannot be harmonized by any direct account of recent operations.

### LOWER COAL RATES TO THE COAST

CALIFORNIA has united in a petition to the Interstate Commerce Commission asking for a reduction of from 30 to 40 per cent in freight rates from western coal mines to Pacific coast points. This movement will meet with the cordial endorsement of Nevada consumers who have protested against paying a rate of \$9.00 per ton from Utah and Wyoming points on a class of freight that is easily and expeditiously handled both in loading and unloading where the operations are prosecuted without entailing any loss of time in car service.

### STATISTICS AND HABITS

IT is hard to reconcile the recent sweep of the prohibition wave which has covered half the state of the Union with the report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue unless the theories of the anti-prohibitionists are accepted. For the fiscal year ended June 30 last 164,665,246 gallons of potable distilled spirits yielded a revenue to the government of \$186,563,055, which was an increase of 26,000,000 gallons over the preceding year.

These increases in consumption of alcoholic beverages were not due to forestalling the increase in internal revenue taxes which will undoubtedly be imposed by the war revenue bill. That did not come till later and it has not amounted to as much as many have supposed. There is nothing wonderful about withdrawals of a million gallons of whiskey from bonded warehouses every day for a few days. The average for every business day of the last fiscal year was more than half a million gallons.

In the eyes of western prohibitionists, New York City is a sink of iniquity, but it is not drinking this excess whiskey, says the New York Commercial. The liquor trade of this city has been complaining of decreasing sales and many saloons have gone out of business in the last year or two. Some people outside of New York are drinking and paying for it. In addition to the increase in tax paid whiskey the "moonshiners" are busier than ever in the prohibition states of the south and they are resisting the federal excise officers more boldly than they have in 30 years before.

### COST OF THE RUSSIAN BREAKDOWN

FIGURES fail to convey an adequate impression of the enormous losses accruing to Russia through subversion of discipline in the army which admitted the enemy at the strongest point in the line while it was gathering a momentum calculated to sweep the German-Austro lines from the field. Since the catastrophe has happened there is no use in idle repining and, apparently, there is very little use in trying to reconstruct the debilitated forces whose commander in chief has been so insensible to the welfare of his country that he has permitted his personal ambition to override the patriotism of a soldier regardless of what conditions are imposed or how distasteful these may be.

over 22,000 prisoners and at least 200 guns in Galicia and Bukowina. The facts were carefully suppressed by the Germans while the offensive movement was in progress regardless of the prestige that such reports would add to their arms but, now that the forward movement has been halted, it is evident that the authorities at Berlin are better disposed towards giving out information that will serve the purpose of staying the rebellious spirits of Germans who hanker after something to offset the constant succession of reverses on the western front. A more recent report states there has fallen into the hands of the central allies 655 officers, 41,300 men, 257 cannon, 548 machine guns, 191 mine throwers and 50,000 rifles. In war material there were captured large masses of munitions, 25,000 gas masks, 14 armored cars, two armed trains, 6 loaded railway trains, besides 26 locomotives and 218 freight cars. This wearing down movement may be responsible for the revolt of Gen. Korniloff who sees the folly of keeping up the pretense of resistance where he cannot overcome the inertia of the army and navy brought about by the insidious action of German socialists. The evacuation of Riga is not such a serious matter as first reports have led the world to believe for it is asserted by eminent Russian statesmen that the weakness of that port was recognized two years ago when orders to evacuate were issued and the work of dismantling the city was begun. At about that time the Russians were removing machinery from the industrial enterprises which comprised some of the most important in the country and that since the depopulation began millions of dollars worth of machinery and stocks of goods have been taken back to the interior where they are reasonably safe from attack by the enemy. This would make it appear as though the capture of Riga was a hollow victory but, nevertheless, it is obvious that all this destruction wrought by the Germans and Austrians must be repaired by either the United States or Japan or both working in unison. Such devastation does not signify an early suspension of operations for the conservative observers in this country and Europe are now discussing means and measures for carrying on the war for another five years.

## WAR PRISONER ELUDES GUARD

GERMAN CAPTIVE JUMPS FROM FAST TRAIN AND IS RECAPTURED

John Schoffker, a German prisoner of war in charge of two army officers, made a daring attempt for his freedom when he jumped from a Pullman car of the Pacific Limited near Apex, a small siding 20 miles east of this city, Wednesday night, says the Las Vegas Review.

Schoffker, who was being taken to an internment camp somewhere in the east, gained permission from the guard on duty to go to the rear of the car, and in an unguarded moment opened a window and jumped. The sheriff's office here was notified by wire from Moapa, and Under Sheriff Keate and Night Policeman Wait were immediately sent to the point where Schoffker jumped from the train, and with the two army officers took up the man hunt.

The escaped prisoner, when he accomplished his getaway, was without coat or hat, and the officers were confident that, unless he was successful in boarding a passing freight train unnoticed, he would put in an appearance at some nearby point on the railroad for food and water, the region being one of the most desolate in the surrounding country.

Late Thursday afternoon, after remaining on the desert some eighteen hours without food or water, Schoffker walked into the pumping plant at Dry Lake and was captured by one of the army officers who, upon the advice of Officer Keate, had stationed himself at that point. While the escaped prisoner was in hiding other officers, with Wait, were scouring the country between Dry Lake and Las Vegas.

The prisoner was taken aboard dejected eastbound overland train No. 2 at Dry Lake.

Our idea of an unsuccessful honeymoon is one where the bride does not know how to keep house and the groom does not know how to keep still.—Dallas News.

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### FORECAST FOR THE WEEK

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 11.—Rocky Mountain and Plateau Regions: Generally fair weather except showers in the early days of the week over the southern and extreme northern mountain districts, with slowly rising temperatures over the central and northern districts after Monday.

### MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT REACHING RETIRING AGE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—With Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, reaching retirement age this month, speculation has begun at the war department as to whether he will be retained on active service under the war time emergency provisions of the law.

### ORDINANCE CHANGING DEER SEASON IN NYE COUNTY

The Board of County Commissioners of Nye County do ordain as follows:

Section 1. The open season for deer and antelope in the County of Nye, State of Nevada, shall be from and including September 15th and until October 15th of each and every year.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful in the said County of Nye for any person, firm, company, corporation, or association after the 15th day of October and before the 15th day of September of each and every year, to kill, catch, trap, wound or pursue with an attempt to catch, capture, or destroy any deer or antelope.

Section 3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by fine in any sum not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment in the County Jail of Nye County for a term not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 4. Section 3 of Chapter 265 of the laws of Nevada, 1913, relating to the killing, catching, trapping, wounding or pursuing with intent to catch, capture, or destroy any deer or antelope insofar as relating to Nye County is concerned is hereby changed to conform to this ordinance.

Tonopah, Nevada, September 10, 1917.

Board of County Commissioners of Nye County,

By R. H. DAVIS, Chairman.

Attest: L. E. GLASS, Clerk of said Board.

Adv. Sept. 10-11-12-13.

# GERMAN DAILY PAPER SUPPRESSED FOR OPPOSING WAR POLICIES

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 11.—In a raid on the Philadelphia Tageblatt, a long established German language morning newspaper which is charged with having been attacking government war policies for several months past, federal agents last night arrested the editor and manager and confiscated a large quantity of literature, files and documents. The prisoners, who are charged with violating the espionage act, are Dr. Martin Darkow, editor, and Herman Lemke, business manager. Warrants also have been issued for the president, treasurer, editor in chief and an editorial writer.

The government agents in one warrant charge certain members of the staff with "willfully making and conveying false reports and statements with the intent to promote the success of the enemies of the United States, while the United States is at war."

According to government officers under Special Agent Frank Garbarino, who conducted the raid, the Tageblatt on Saturday published a statement instructing Germans in this country how to evade the postal laws and forward letters to Germany. In these statements, government officers say, a man described as "H. Inselhurst, care of the German Aid Society, Stockholm, Sweden," was given as the official who would see that communications addressed to German destinations would arrive unimpeded by American or allied censors.

## OUTLAWS SEIZE CHINESE TOWNS

(Correspondence Associated Press.)

HAILAR, Manchuria, Aug. — Officials of the Russian government are endeavoring to induce the Mongolia outlaws who have seized this city to abandon their depredation and return to Mongolia.

For more than two months the Mongolians have been in virtual possession of this large municipality. They have not interfered with the

Trans-Siberian railway and property in the railway zone, but their occupation has stopped all business within and the town has interfered seriously with the delivery of hides, wool and other products which normally are shipped in large quantities from Hailar.

M. Grave, the counselor of the Russian legation at Peking, is here negotiating with the outlaws, and hopes to induce them to return to Mongolia. Foreigners have not been interfered with to any extent by the Mongolians but Chinese and Chinese property are absolutely under their sway.

### STRIKE OF OPERATORS AFFECTS THE PENNSY.

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 11.—While the Pennsylvania railroad announced tonight that there was improvement in its train service on the Trenton division in New Jersey, schedules were still badly disarranged, due to the strike of telegraph operators for higher wages and better working conditions.

### FROM GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

The Tonopah public library has received the Geological Survey paper No. 423 on "Geology and Water Resources of Big Smoky, Clayton and Alkali Spring Valleys of Nevada," by Oscar E. Meinzer.



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