

BY PRESIDENT WILSON

The basis of neutrality is not indifference; it is not self-interest. The basis of neutrality is sympathy for mankind. It is fairness. It is good-will at bottom; it is impartiality of spirit and judgment.

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COUNCIL TO CURB DANCE HALLS

BANK TRAGEDY FOLLOWED WARNING

HANDS OFF THE DRY LAW!

The present dry law should be left exactly as it stands. Vote an emphatic "No" against both Initiatives No. 18 and No. 24.

Let not the sophistry of clever press agents or the inconsistency of any newspaper spokesman for brewery interests beguile you with the idea that ANY booze measure can increase temperance.

Two years ago the people wisely adopted the prohibition law. They voted the saloons out of business.

Should either Initiative No. 18 or Initiative No. 24 pass, the saloon will return in a disguised form. It will be the saloon of the hotel and rooming house and dining room and cafe.

If graft exists now, it will increase a hundred fold or more. If it is difficult in any degree to enforce the dry law now, it will be a thousand times more difficult with either Initiative 18 or 24 in force.

Both of these measures are the brain products of liquor interests. Let not any honeyed words of theirs, their newspaper mouthpieces, or their subsidized advocates, delude you with the idea that either measure sprang from a desire for TEMPERANCE.

The present prohibition law is immeasurably better than any law now proposed by the liquor interests. It has proved a genuine blessing to countless households. It has improved all legitimate business.

It has given food, and shoes, and clothes to children of the poor whose dads formerly fell easy prey to "the poor man's club"—the saloon.

This is fact. Ask any business house. Ask the credit managers of department stores and other firms. Collections are steadier and better now.

Seattle used to spend from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 a year for liquor.

Not all of the Billingsleys and Clancys and Margetts, not even the whole determined force behind the California Liquor Dealers' association, which is seeking to discredit Washington's dry law, can, under any circumstances, unload anything near the amount this city used to consume.

The temptation of the saloon has been removed. Initiative Bills Nos. 18 and 24 will bring it back because they remove the difficulty of getting booze.

Under the booze bills, booze will fairly be thrust upon the people without check. Under the present dry law, our youngsters can grow up without even seeing boozed signs or liquor advertisements. Under the booze bills, booze literature will again enjoy general circulation.

Shall the state of Washington go backward? The dry law has been in existence only nine months. It is true that bootleggers have disposed of considerable booze here. It is true there has been more or less grafting. But they have sold their booze to confirmed drinkers only. They have made no new recruits to King Alcohol's pathetic army.

It is only a question of time when the grafters will be caught, the higher-ups as well as the small fry. When the graft is cut out, the bootlegging will cease. It is no argument that we should legalize gambling because there are some gambling resorts, in spite of the law. It is the same with every law.

As far as the vast majority of the people are concerned, the prohibition law, as it stands today, has been a perfect godsend. Those who want a moderate amount of liquor can get it legally. The necessity for importing it from the outside affords a check upon booze consumption which is healthful for the individual as well as an aid to officials against bootleggers.

It would be a calamity to add new graft and renew old miseries by the enactment of either Initiative No. 18 or 24. The booze gang will vote for both of these measures, but their newspaper mouthpieces will seek to concentrate on one. The safe thing to do is to vote "No" against both of them.

Woman Shot Boy and Self After Trouble at Home

The murder of Leo G. Pratt, 19-year-old bank clerk, by Mrs. Edwin Sobel, and her suicide, in the Canadian Bank of Commerce Friday afternoon, followed warnings over the phone from her and from her husband.

This was the statement of Lendorous Pratt, aged father of the victim, Saturday.

"My son had been warned both by Sobel and the woman," Pratt said. "This was after Leo had been interviewed by Sobel and his lawyer concerning Mrs. Sobel's relations with William Matthews, a Spanish chauffeur who had been driving a Cowen park jitney owned by me.

"The boy had told them what he knew because Matthews had talked to him about his relations with Mrs. Sobel. I knew of their relations, too. I fired Matthews last Saturday. Sobel was considering divorce action. That's why he went to my boy at the bank to find out what he could.



Leo G. Pratt

WOMAN KILLS WOMAN WITH HER MOTOR

Evidently becoming confused at the blast of the automobile horn, Mrs. Hartley D. Smith, 56, stopped stockstill in the middle of the street at Second ave. and Stewart st. Friday and was knocked down and instantly killed by a machine driven by Mrs. Charles W. Hart, 4738 15th-ave. N. E.

Mrs. Smith was returning home at 1415 East Olive st. Mrs. Hart told the police she saw the woman start across the street and sounded her horn more for precaution than necessity as Mrs. Smith had plenty of time to get out of the way.

Mrs. Hart was booked on an open charge and released on her own recognizance.

PRINCE HENRY WILL HEAD GERMAN NAVY

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 21.—Kaiser Wilhelm has appointed Prince Henry of Prussia, his oldest brother, grand admiral in the German navy, said a Berlin dispatch today.

THINK AMERICAN LOST WITH LINER

LONDON, Oct. 21.—E. R. Sloane, an American horse dealer, probably was lost on the Alaula, Charles Brodie, of Washington, D. C., reported to the American embassy this afternoon.

Brodie said he was in a lifeboat which had pulled away from the liner's side when he saw Sloane and a Russian passenger running about the decks searching for life belts. The vessel sank a few minutes later.

University Couple Spring Surprise by Hurried Wedding

Violet Wilhelmina Dungan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elton S. Dungan, 1210 16th ave. N., and a member of the University of Washington faculty, surprised her university friends, as well as her parents, when she met George R. Keith of the state university extension department, Friday, and after



Mr. and Mrs. George R. Keith

a hastily arranged marriage, left for their honeymoon at Banff Springs, Canada.

Mrs. Keith's parents had announced the engagement Sunday, and were planning on an elaborate wedding in April, following her resignation from the faculty.

The couple got their license at 2 p. m. and were married by Dr. M. A. Matthews at 3 p. m. They left immediately, without even acquainting the girl's parents of the marriage.

STEAMER ALMOST ON REEF OFF FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—The steamship Daisy Gadsby, San Pedro disaster today on Duxbury reef, the "graveyard of the Pacific," near Point Reyes, when she was stopped just in time to save her from drifting on the rocks in a dense fog.

She is 300 feet off the reef, with both anchors down.

Unless a heavy gale blows up, she is safe, it was declared.

KAISER ADDRESSES WESTERN TROOPS

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 21.—In address to his troops of the western front, commemorating the German deed, the Kaiser said:

"We who survive will fight until none ever dares again assault the honor and liberty of the German people."

BRITISH PROGRESS

LONDON, Oct. 21.—Further progress for the British last night, near Butte De Warlencourt (three miles south of Bapaume) was reported by Gen. Haig this afternoon. Both north and south of the Ancre there was intermittent enemy shelling.

Mayor Raps Way Girls Are Lured by Proprietors

"Forty-nine" dance halls, below Yesler way, must be curbed. Mayor Gill, Chief Beckingham and city councilmen agreed on that Saturday.

New legislation, to change the method of licensing the dance halls so only responsible proprietors operate, is already on the way.

"And if any of these fellows get girls down there by misleading advertisements in the papers," said Mayor Gill, "my advice to the chief is to use strong-arm methods to stop it."

Chief Beckingham said he sent an officer three days ago to warn George Ecker to immediately stop his method of luring girls, as reported in The Star.

"The matter was brought to my attention," the mayor said, "and I was even in favor of throwing him in jail."

Councilmen Hesketh and Hanna, of the license committee, as well as Mayor Gill, said they thought most of the underworld dance hall managers were making an effort to respect the dry law.

New Law Needed Chairman Hesketh said, "on the matter of a new licensing ordinance. Present conditions didn't exist when we drafted it, with the uptown dance halls in mind."

"We will have to deal with the dance hall managers like we do with the pool halls. Every applicant will have to appear before the license committee, and the council will take over the power of revoking licenses of managers who become irresponsible."

Under the present system, anybody gets a license by planking down \$25 to the comptroller. The councilmen never see him. Then they get a permit from the chief of police.

May Raise License Fee Councilman Hanna said that he was in favor of increasing the fee to \$50, prohibiting girls under 21 from going into the places, taking out all boxes and promptly revoking the license of any irresponsible manager.

Councilman Haas declared he favored "closing them all up."

Erickson had "given the matter much attention."

"I supposed the police could handle the situation all right under the present ordinance," he said.

Bolton and Moore both were of the opinion that it was a matter for the police.

"The council is certainly not responsible under the present ordinance," Bolton said.

Mayor Gill said he did not favor closing the responsible "45 halls, long as the uptown halls were permitted to run.

"All these managers," Chief Beckingham said, "have agreed to keep their girls from leaving the place during the evenings. I wish this rule applied to all of the places in town."

Councilmen Hanna and Hesketh made a personal survey of the situation several nights ago.

Prosecutor Lundin said Saturday that he desired to do everything in his power to work with Chief Beckingham in cleaning up dance halls below Yesler way.

"I wrote the chief a letter a while back, in which I called his attention to the dance halls and their methods of operation," Lundin said, "and I understand that some of them are pretty bad."

"I thought of having the grand jury investigate them, but later learned that they were operating under city permits that were revocable upon the word of the police, so I felt that it wasn't my place to interfere."

"The Idyll of Twin Fires," Walter Pritchard Eaton's novel of how a college professor resigned to live on a run-down and worn-out farm, begins in The Star on Monday.

It is the new novel-a-week, and a good one, too. Starts Monday, ends Saturday. Six healthy helpings, one each day.

LANDSLIDE FOR WILSON LOOKED FOR BY CHIEFS

BY ROBERT J. BENDER U. P. Staff Correspondent LONG BRANCH, Oct. 21.—Back to the "most successful trip" of his campaign, President Wilson prepared to launch his most vigorous efforts during the two weeks now remaining before election.

This afternoon he addresses a delegation of farmers from the veranda of the summer White House here. The democratic lieutenants no longer believe Wilson will "carry" the election. They are talking "landslide." They're a mighty confident group of leaders. They believe the trip of the president thru Pennsylvania yesterday when thousands of people met the train at every station, in spite of the continuous downpour of rain, indicates "the way of the tide." At Lancaster last night, a community which has not gone democratic since the civil war, fully 10,000 people waited in a cold rain for more than an hour and gave the president a great ovation.

INDIAN CONFESSES TO OLD MURDER WEAVERVILLE, Cal., Oct. 21.—Frank Barker, half-breed Indian, was placed under arrest today, following his frank story of the killing of Joseph Bebeau and Fred Holmes near Hayward eight years ago, and of his receiving \$100 for guiding the slayers to the cabin where the crime occurred.

Barker will be held as an accessory, pending appearance as the state's star witness in the trial of Robert McKay and Joseph Chase, recently indicted on a charge of murder.

SAN FRANCISCO.—She was willing to serve her husband his breakfast in bed, but when he threw the breakfast at her for serving it a little too early, she objected, Mrs. Lavina Leffman said, in suing for a divorce.

THE UNIVERSITY extension course in commercial correspondence will meet Monday night in the assembly room of the Henry building to outline a course for the year.

LAW BODY ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY OPPOSES ROOT AS CANDIDATE

By practically a unanimous vote, the Seattle Bar association is on record Saturday against the candidacy of Judge Milo A. Root for a seat on the superior court.

At one of the largest meetings held by the association, with more than 100 lawyers present, resolutions were adopted in department No. 1 of the court house Friday night condemning his candidacy because "the misconduct of Judge Root while on the bench would tend to bring the bench of this county into disrepute."

The resolutions further urge that the press of the county republish the report of the committee of the State Bar association which investigated the Root case in 1908, at the request of Chief Justice Hadley.

Judge Root made a statement in his own behalf. He denied Judge Hadley urged an investigation. He declared it was himself who asked Judge Hadley to call for the investigation.

Investigated by Grand Jury "I was investigated by the grand jury," said Root, "and that body, after gathering all the evidence for six months, finally returned a 'no true' bill against me.

As to the charge that I had a railway pass, I admit it. I was not the only one who had such pass, but that was before the days when giving free passes was prohibited as it is now."

Judge Root emphatically denied he had ever been dishonest.

Charges a Plot "Underneath all these charges," he said, "was a plot to destroy me. I have been asked why I resigned, and I admit it is the biggest argument that has been made against me; but the facts are these: I came to Seattle from Olympia, was sick, was ordered to bed by my physician, but instead, responding to a summons of an editor, went to his office, where I was informed by him that my colleagues on the supreme court wished me to resign, a statement which I later learned was untrue.

Makes Threats "I thought this editor was acting in good faith, was told it was the honest, courageous thing to do, and I did resign.

"You men may publish my record, but I'll give you something to think about if you do, for you people are not going to trample on me without hearing from me."

James A. Kerr, one of the attorneys who represented Judge Root at the hearings in 1908, asked him why he resigned, when under fire, without consulting his counsel.

Says It Was Mistake "My opinion is my resignation was a mistake," replied Root.

"Then is it your belief as a lawyer that you should from an ethical standpoint resign?"

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2,000 PARENTS SEE CHILDREN'S EXHIBIT About 2,000 fond parents saw the works of their children Friday night, at the opening of the Junior exposition in the Y. M. C. A.

There are 4,000 entries in all, arranged in 12 different divisions, including agricultural, home economics, art and design, collections, pictures, pets, and so on.

The program will be repeated Saturday at 2:30 p. m. and again at 7:30 p. m. The Boy Scouts will pitch a camp in the tennis court across from the association building.

NEWTON POSTON, sales manager of the Pacific Coast Co., has been granted an indefinite leave of absence to recuperate his health.

Something Is Going to Happen Monday