CALLS ON WILSON FOR PROHIBITION

DRY COMMITTEE WANTS PRESIDENT TO CONVENE SPECIAL SESSION.

Letter Points to Move Taken Against Use of Liquor by the Nations of Europe.

Chicago, April 3.—In a letter sent yesterday by the national prohibition committee, Chicago headquarters, President Wilson is requested to call an immediate and special session of congress for the express purpose of enacting a national prohibition law.

Former Gov. John P. St. John of Kansas is one of the signers. Others are Lulu Irene Haynes of Wisconsin, Charles J. Hall of California, E. W. Chafin, former prohibition candidate for president, of Arizona, and Cecil Pearl Buckingham of Colorado.

The letter to the president reads:

"We, the undersigned, members of the national prohibition brigade, citizens of United States, jealous of the honor and good name of our country, respectfully but emphatically request you to immediately call a special session of congress for the express purpose of enacting the necessary legislation forever prohibiting the manufacture, sale, and importation of all alcoholic liquors within the bounds of the United States and territories within the jurisdiction of this government.

"It is our firm conviction that the government of our great Christian nation should be as eager to protect the happiness and efficiency as well as the lives of its citizens in times of peace as are the governments of Europe in times of war.

"We have every reason to believe that if it were in your power you would gladly terminate the war in Europe, and thus stop the awful cost of human blood and life which that conflict entails.

Chance of Liquor Law.

"You cannot do that, but may we not hope that you will promptly use the power vested in you by virtue of your high office to do as much for our own people by using all the influences at your command to save the citizenship of our land from the constant toll of death caused by the legalized liquor traffic?

"Millions of our people would be deeply humiliated if the United States, with all its boasted Christianity, should be the last nation in the world to destroy this enemy of humanity.

"It should be our proud boast to lead and not to follow, and we make our plea for a special session of congress for the purpose above named because if events across the sea in Europe and over the border in Mexico continue to move in the next few weeks as rapidly as they have moved during the last few months long before the regular session of congress shall convene in December all the civilized world, except the United States, will have banished the liquor traffic and our nation alone will be the asylum for this curse.

"In conclusion may we remind you of the important fact that congress has the power immediately by statute to prohibit the manufacture, sale, and importation of alcoholic liquor without violating any fundamental principle of American government and without establishing any new precedent in American law. Most respectfully yours,

"LULU IRENE HAYNES, Missouri.
"JOHN P. ST. JOHN, Kansas.
"CHARLES J. HALL, California.
"E. W. CHAFIN, Arizona.
"CECIL PEARL BUCKINGHAM, Colo."

The president should get the letter by Monday.

OFFICIAL DENIAL

No War Tax on Homestead Land in Canada.

"The report that a war tax is to be placed on homestead lands in Western Canada having been given considerable circulation in the States, this is to advise all inquirers that no such tax has been placed, and there is no intention to place a war tax of any nature on such lands. (Signed) W. H. SCOTT, Supt. of Immigration.

Ottawa, Can., March 15, 1915.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED THIS WEEK

Walter Smith, for J. Scisivelk, 512 Fifteenth street, alteration	$ 320
W. Weyerhaeuser, for H. D. Folsom, 1128 Fourth avenue, alteration	1,000
McInnis Bros., for Max Gstettenbauer, 1416 Twenty-fifth street, garage	200
William Von Dohlen, for Otto Hockstedt, 2514 Seventh avenue, porch	300
Walter Smith, for William Gordon, 1225 Fourth avenue, two-story porch	450
A. Langman, 408 Dearborn street, dwelling	1,000
A. Langman, 416 Dearborn street, dwelling	1,000
C. W. Cline, for A. J. Tremann, 901 Thirty-fifth street, alteration	1,000
J. E. Farrar, for Alex Quiet	2,300

Total for month of March, $41,515.

SILVIS

Thomas Bledsoe and family have moved to Rock Island.

H. W. Hill had as a guest Albert Berquist of Chicago Heights.

A very interesting meeting of the Parent Teachers' association was held at the McKinley school house Friday evening. Rev. Loyal Thompson gave an address on the subject, "The Heritage of the Child." Mrs. Haddick read a paper entitled "Civics." A musical program followed.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. James Shannon threw open the doors of her home for the entertainment of the members and friends of the Crescent Embroidery and Reading club. The time passed quickly and pleasantly in embroidery work and general sociability preceding an elaborate luncheon served by the hostess. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion with house plants and carnations.

W. D. Chapman and family have arrived home from a visit at the Wayne home at Orion.

Tuesday evening the local Order of the Eastern Star had a special meeting after the regular session. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Henry Schmidt, Mrs. James Shannon, Mrs. Stevens and daughter of Rock Island and Mrs. George Schmidt.

Mrs. Paul Lithicum entertained a number of young friends in honor of her daughter Pauline last Monday evening, it being the occasion of her birthday anniversary.

Sunday morning at the Memorial Methodist church Rev. Loyal M. Thompson preached following Sunday school Epworth league meeting was held in the evening at 6:30.

Prayer services will be held at the Memorial Methodist church Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

ITALY'S FIGHTING MEN IN ARMY AND NAVY READY FOR ACTION

Italian marines; officers and men of artillery division.

The Italian army, whose immediate trained fighting strength is estimated at 560,000 men, counting the mobile militia, is organized under the system introduced in 1910 by Gen. Spigardi, minister of war. The war strength is 1,000,000, with 2,200,000 territorials in reserve, making a total strength of 3,200,000.

Service in the army, as in the navy, is universal and compulsory. Enlistment begins at 20, and the conscript is liable to the colors for 19 years. Each year's draft is separated into three classes. The first go into the regular army. They represent the choicest specimens, physically. The second are allotted to the army, but with "unlimited leave." They are the not-so-goods in point of physique. The remainder of the draft are exempted from active service, and are relegated to the territorial militia.

The army as a whole consists of 56 regiments of infantry, 12 regiments of light infantry, eight Alpine regiments, 29 regiments of cavalry, 36 regiments of field artillery, one regiment of horse artillery, two regiments of mountain artillery, 10 regiments of coast artillery, 10 regiment of coast artillery and a brigade in Sardinia, two regiments of fortress artillery, six regiments of engineers and a battalion of aviators.

The Italian government, by adding to its estimate 2,200,000 of territorial militia, who are practically raw recruits, figures a total war strength of about 5,200,000.

As to the preparedness of the Italian army, it has been published recently that the firm of contractors in the City of Turin that exclusively furnishes the army with supplies, put out, last January, tentative contracts in the United States for $25,000,000, some of which, consising of ammunition, have been filed.

Last month the Italian government prohibited the exportation of pork and fowl, oil, fat, tallow and chestnuts. This was in addition to the earlier decree conserving supplies for the army.

Italy has been buying several million bushels of wheat and over 200,000 bags of American flour.

Since King Emmanuel signed, March 21, the decree promulgating the national defense law, forbidding espionage, the movements of the Italian army toward mobilization have been carried on in secret. In February this year the reservists abroad, in Britain, America and elsewhere, got word from Rome to prepare for a call home.

The effect of the decree of March 21 has been to establish zones throughout Italy, especially in the neighborhood of the frontiers, where no foreigners are permitted to sojourn or even visit on any plea or pretense. The publication of military news is forbidden.

According to a statement made in the chamber of deputies March 2, over 7,000 officers of reserves would be recalled to the colors by the end of that month. "All classes of the nation," he said, "are asking to enter the army. There are new needs for the defense of the Fatherland."

As soon as the national defense law went into operation the foreign consuls in Italy began a general movement to get all foreigners out of the peninsula.

The Germans, it is reported, have been able, by their spies, to keep close tab on every step in Italian mobilization.

No secret was made by Italy of its order, sent out about Feb. 8, requiring the reserves born in 1893 and 1894 to stay under the colors until May 31, 1915. This affected only those of the years named who were still in Italy.

DAY IN DAVENPORT

Mothers' Congress Hears Talk—The importance of the proper supervision of school children in reference to health and morals was ably discussed before the Iowa congress of Mothers held yesterday afternoon in connection with the teachers' convention. The speaker was Dr. A. E. Kepford of Des Moines. Dr. Kepford urged upon his audience the great importance of the parents' cooperation with the teachers in seeing that the school houses and grounds are sanitary and beautiful and in a condition to make them a pleasant environment for the children. "The development of a strong body in a child is most essential to that child's success in life. I would much prefer to have a boy or girl go through life with a strong body guided by common sense than to see that child with an educated brain and an emaciated body, as is often the case," declared the speaker with decided emphasis. "This policy," continued Dr. Kepford, "involves medical supervision in the public schools. The caring for the body physically will tend to strengthen it mentally and morally. Our work over the state shows a decrease in delinquency. This is because of the numerous sanitary measures adopted and which are responsible for the prevention of many diseases. The physical condition of the school child is most important. Arrested mental development is conducive to crime. We should give more care to the child's physical welfare and not neglect this all important feature for its brain development."

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Executor Holds Funds, Claim—Claiming that the executor, William Gremmels, of the estate of Heinrich Gremmels is wrongfully withholding his report because he is indebted to the estate, Emma Diedrich, a beneficiary, has started proceedings to have him removed. The petitioner claims that Gremmels was appointed executor of the estate on April 27, 1914, and although almost a year has passed he has failed to make a report showing the assets of the estate. It is also charged that he is unfit to act because of the fact that the petitioner believes he is indebted to the estate in a large sum and is concealing the assets "for selfish reasons and has hostile feelings for the petitioner."

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Seeks $10,000 for Death of Woman—Suit for $10,000 has been instituted in the Clayton county district court by Attorney Fred Vollmer representing the estate of Mrs. Margaret Winterland against the town of McGregor in that county. The petition was filed in Elkador Thursday. Mrs. Winterland was formerly a resident of Davenport and left here a few years ago. While walking across an unguarded bridge in McGregor on Jan. 5 she fell into an open sewer, sustaining a fracture of the skull which caused death a few hours afterward. Her son is living in Rock Island.

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Mrs. Matthey to Europe — Mrs. Hilda M. Matthey and son Carl, departed last night for New York. At that point they take passage on April 7 on the new steamer Freiderick VIII of the Danish-American line, bound for Copenhagen. From Copenhagen they will travel by boat and rail overland through Denmark into Germany and once in that country will proceed by rail to Munich. Here Dr. Henry Matthey is in charge of a German Red Cross hospital. The ocean trip to Copenhagen requires nine days of uninterrupted travel and the journey from that place to Munich will consume four or five more days, making practically two weeks of travel to reach their destination, a distance of 5,000 miles. Mrs. Matthey and son will visit Dr. Matthey in Munich. They expect to return home in July. At the Bismark centenary celebration of the Davenport Turners Mrs. Matthey was the recipient of an enthusiastic and heartfelt farewell. Through their spokesman, Adolph Peterson, the Turners wished Mrs. Matthey a safe and pleasant journey and presented her with a handsome spray of roses. Mrs. Matthey sang several songs and was given a tremendous ovation.

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Man's Suit for Divorce Stopped—Suing his wife for divorce on the grounds of desertion has served to resurrect an old indictment against P. W. Hall in Marshall county, Iowa. An affidavit and motion for change of place of trial of his divorce suit against his wife, Sarah Bodie Hall, was filed here yesterday. Hall's suit for divorce was filed Feb. 11. When his wife, who is in Marshall county, was provided with a notice of the action she consulted with the county attorney of Marshall county and the latter filed affidavit showing that Hall is sought in that county under an indictment for desertion. He had filed the same charge against his wife. It is stated in the affidavit that Hall was indicted by the grand jury of Marshall county in September of 1914 and it has been continued on two occasions because of the ill health of the defendant. It was to come up for hearing at the March term of the Marshall county district court.

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Iowa Notables Send Pictures for Building—Lillian Russell of Clinton and Buffalo Bill of Davenport have been honored by the Iowa commission to the Panama-Pacific exposition. Their pictures have been hung in the reception room of the Iowa building at San Francisco. The fair Lillian got under the wire first. She sent a portrait of herself in the character of "Erminie," one of her many successes. With this portrait came a letter saying: "I consider it an honor to be a native daughter of the state of Iowa and to be so honored by your commission. With the kindest regards to all the members of the commission and my thorough appreciation of their action I beg to remain, Lillian Russel Moore." Colonel George Watson French of this city sent on the portrait of Buffalo Bill. Portraits of General Granville Dodge, Rear Admiral Walker and Rear Admiral Remey are among the other pictures of native Iowans on the walls of the Iowa building and one of Rear Admiral Fletcher, now in command of the South Atlantic fleet is on the way.

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C. D. Waterman is Improving—C. D. Waterman, son of Judge Waterman of Davenport, is making good headway as an aftermath of an operation performed upon him at Mercy hospital. The operation was an extremely delicate one. It is believed, however, that the young man may return to school following the spring vacation which is now on.

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Suit for Divorce—Petition for divorce was filed in district court by Elizabeth Jane Gaskey against Lee R. Gaskey on the grounds of habitual drunkenness and cruel and inhuman treatment. The plaintiff states they were married in Muscatine, Aug. 29, 1911 and lived together until March 15, 1915.

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Building Permits—A. A. Arnould for J. J. Richardson, $500 remodeling, East River street, west of Spring street. J. L. Peterson for William J. Gosch, $1,500 one-story frame and stucco dwelling, 1600 South street. M. H. Hess for Mrs. A. Rayfield, $50 remodeling, 129 East Second street. R. Schmidt for T. Kloppenburg, $400 remodeling, 817 West Fifteenth street.

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Obituary Record—Mrs. Anna Hintze, at one time proprietor of the Walcott hotel and well known in both Walcott and Davenport and this section of the county, died at her home in Walcatt late Thursday, after a brief illness of three weeks. She was over 55 years of age and her death was due to heart disease. Mrs. Hintze conducted the Walcott hotel for more than a year. She was also prominently identified with the lodges of her community. Born Nov. 25, 1859, in Kirchspiel, Blixbuell, Germany, she came to America, when a young woman of 23 years, in 1882. She arrived in Davenport soon after her arrival here and two years later, Dec. 1, 1884, she was married to Jochim Hintze and they moved to Walcott, where they have lived continuously since that time. She was a member of the Pythian sisters, Royal Neighbors and the Walcott K. U. V. Besides her husband she is survived by seven sons and daughters, Mrs. William Dietz of Harris, Iowa.; Clarence Johnson of Blue Grass, and Henry, Herman, James, Walter and Mrs. Harry Rathjen, all of Walcott; two sisters, Mrs. Christna Schmoelker and Mrs. Marie Bullakist, both of Germany, one brother, Henry Hansen, also of Germany, and eight grandchildren. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 oclock from the home in Walcott. Interment will be in Walcott cemetery.

Addie May Cooper, wife of Virgil A. Cooper, died Thursday afternoon after a brief illness due to an abcess of the stomach. Death occurred at the family home, on the Cradle street road, three miles northwest of Davenport. She was born in Montgomery county, Sept. 13, 1885, thus making her 29 years of age. When six months of age she went to Muscatine county with her parents. On Feb. 14, 1906, she was united in marriage to Virgil A. Cooper. Surviving is the bereaved husband and two daughters, in addition to her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge of Muscatine and two brothers, George and Warren, of Muscatine, and six sister, Mrs. Earl Duncan, Ethel, Violet and Opal, at home; Elsie of Blue Grass, and Mrs. Lea Terry of Illinois. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church in Blue Grass and burial in the Blue Grass cemetery.

Business Change.

C. H. Thornhill, proprietor of the Independent Express, has sold his express and storage business to Voss Bros., and wishes to thank his patrons for their support during the past five years, and to assure them that they will receive the same service at the hands of the new firm.—(Adv.)

Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, is a considerable real estate owner in France, with which country he is at war. He owns one of the grand old buildings of Nancy, which he has enriched with gifts, and kept in good restoration by his money. He also owns the church of the Franciscans at Nancy, wherein are the tombs of the Dukes Lorraine, from whom he was descended. He gave Nancy cathedral the beautiful stained glass windows. He gave Nancy museum the life-size oil portraits of himself and his empress, Elizabeth, which still hang in a place of honor. And his donations of valuable historical and art objects during a half century have won him the title of "benefactor of the museum."

The vast forest areas of Russia in Europe, which cover nearly 500,000,000 acres, or 36 per cent of the entire area of the country, are aptly termed "Wooden Russia."

SETTLES ACTION BROUGHT BY WIFE

PRIVATE AMOUNT GIVEN MRS. KUHNS-BRADY, WHO SEEKS ANNULMENT.

State Auditor Makes Financial Allowance Woman Declares is Entirely Satisfactory.

Chicago, Ill., April 3.—A settlement effected by attorneys for State Auditor James J. Brady and Mrs. Mary Quinlan Kuhns-Brady resulted yesterday in the dismissal by Judge Tuthill of the $50,000 breach of promise suit brought by the woman against the state auditor. The financial consideration was not made public.

Attorney Benjamin Ehrlich, counsel for Mrs. Brady, also filed a suit in the circuit court for the annulment of her marriage, a hearing on which has been set for Monday afternoon.

The bill of annulment recites Mrs. Brady married Charles O. Kuhns on April 3, 1913. Five days later divorce proceedings brought by her on statutory grounds were heard in the circuit court and the court indicated a decree would be entered. Mrs Brady states she was assured by her attorney she was "a free woman" and that she was of the opinion a decree already had been entered. She went to Detroit the same day, she sets forth —April 8, 1913—and was induced to marry Brady.

She did not learn the divorce was not entered until May 1 until some time later. She then was aware her marriage to the state auditor was invalid and asked him to remarry her.

Threatened Mann Act Case.

When Brady refused or failed to have another ceremony performed, Mrs. Brady brought the $50,000 breach of promise suit under the name of Mary Quinlan. A default entered in the breach of promise suit was set aside, after it developed the service obtained upon the state auditor was not regular. At that time Mrs. Brady stated she would eventually prosecute Brady under the Mann act and that she would later start suit for breach of promise in Sangamon county, where she could obtain service.

In her suit for annulment she says she has not lived with the state auditor since Dec. 1, 1913.

"We have come to an agreement with Mr. Brady," Mr. Ehrlich announced. "A settlement has been reached that is entirely satisfactory to my client. She does not wish to state the amount."

Mr. Brady filed his appearance in the suit for annulment, waived service, and consented to the entry of a default order.

Later Mrs. Brady showed a copy of the agreement on which the breach of promise suit was dismissed.

Land Fighting Not Clean.

The American troops who occupied Vera Cruz last year were the second body of our soldiers to enter the city within a century. When it was besieged in the Mexican war, Captain Robert E. Lee, afterward the commander-in-chief of the Confederate army, was ordered to throw up breast works to defend a battery manned by the jackies of a man-of-war. Lee put the tars into the trenches and soon had the dirt flying, but the sailors did not labor cheerfully. They resented having to shovel dirt, and their captain remonstrated openly with Lee.

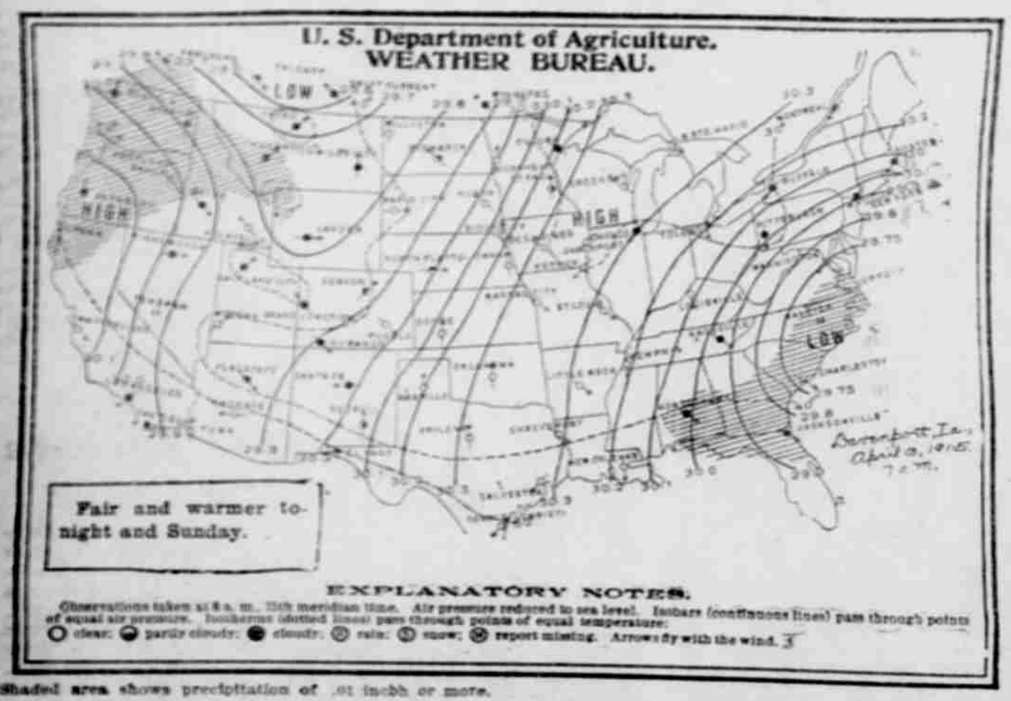
"My men," he said, "do not want mud banks to hide behind; just let them get out and at the enemy."

But Lee would not listen, and the tars sweated away at the shoveling. Presently the Mexicans opened fire at the very point thus protected and the sailors were glad to seek the shelter of the despised dirt. The ship's captain felt that he owed Lee an apology and made a handsome one.

"Well, Captain Lee," he stammered, "I reckon you were right. I suppose the dirt did save some of my boys from being killed or wounded, but you know we sailors have no use for dirt banks on shipboard. All we want is a clear deck and an open sea. The fact is, captain, I don't like this land fighting, anyway. It isn't clean. —The Youth's Companion.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

Daily United States Weather Map



Shaded area shows precipitation of .01 inchh or more.

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS.

The south Atlantic storm has increased in intensity and moved to the coast of North Carolina, attended by precipitation as far northward along the coast as Maryland. The northwestern disturbance overlies the territory from western Canada southward to Arizona, with its center over Alberta. It has caused rain on the Rocky mountain plateau and higher temperatures in the upper Missouri valley. High pressures prevail from the lake region southeastward to Texas and generally fair weather is noted from the eastern Rocky mountain slope to the central valley. Frosts have extended southward to northern Louisiana and central Texas. Fair weather is indicated for this vicinity tonight and Sunday, with rising temperature, due to the effects of the northwestern low.

OBSERVATIONS.

	High.	Low.	Prep.
Boston	50	36	.00
Buffalo	34	28	.00
Davenport	43	26	.00
Denver	64	38	.00
Jacksonville	56	42	.00
Kansas City	46	34	.00
New Orleans	52	42	.00
New York	48	36	.00
Norfolk	49		
Phoenix	84	54	.00
St. Louis	48	30	.00
St. Paul		30	.00
San Diego	68	56	.00
Yellowstone	58	36	.01

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.