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CHAFIN AND WRIGHT EXCHANGE COMPLIMENTS IN FIGHT OVER PROHIBITION AMENDMENT

TUCSON, Sept. 16.—Eugene Chafin, independent candidate of U. S. senator and prohibition advocate, went after Alfred S. Donau and John B. Wright, president and secretary of the Arizona Local Self Government League in a speech which he delivered to about 500 people at the Military Plaza Saturday night.

Chafin spoke of having issued a challenge to Donau and Wright to meet him in debate and read from letters which Mr. Donau and Mr. Wright wrote to him declining to meet him on any platform. He said that Mr. Donau had a good excuse because he was not educated in debate but he could hire his attorney. Mr. Wright, who would talk every time he got a chance.

The challenge which Mr. Chafin addressed to Mr. Wright was as follows:

September 9, 1914.

Hon. John B. Wright,
Tucson, Arizona.

Dear Sir: A copy of the circular letter which is being mailed to the voters of Arizona on the official letter head of the so-called Arizona Local Self-Government League is before me. Your name appears as the secretary, and you have placed yourself against the prohibition of the legalized liquor traffic in Arizona, and declare yourself to be in favor of the perpetuation of this financial, social and moral curse of our state.

Your attitude, of course, is perfectly satisfactory to every brewer, saloon-keeper, bootlegger, thug and bum in our state and to every other man and woman who prefers drunkenness to decency.

But, since you have taken this position on the side of the saloon and its long list of infamies, of course, you are ready to defend your position.

Now, as a citizen and taxpayer of Arizona, I deny the statement you make pertaining to the benefits arising from the legalized liquor traffic, and furthermore, I deny the statement that everywhere prohibition has proved an economic, financial or moral failure.

Inasmuch as arrangements are being made for a monster mass meeting to be held on the Military Plaza, Tucson, next Saturday night, September 12th, at 8:00 o'clock, at which I am to discuss the economic, social and moral destruction caused by the liquor traffic, and because I do not desire anything but the fullest and freest discussion on this question, I hereby challenge you to be present at the meeting next Saturday at the above mentioned place to defend your position as set forth in this circular letter, and in the resolutions adopted at your meeting in Tucson, and in your statement as made in the pamphlet enclosed with this circular letter. You may take all the time you desire in stating your defense. If the legalized liquor traffic is a good thing and you can prove this, it surely is your duty as a citizen of this state to do so. And in the name of the friends of the Prohibition Amendment, I assure you of a most respectful hearing. I trust also that all your friends and all the friends of the saloon will come and give respectful attention to my defense of prohibition.

I am writing to you, not as an outsider, but as a resident and taxpayer and voter of the state of Arizona. A letter of acceptance of this challenge will reach me if addressed to 110 Olive Road, Tucson, Arizona.

Yours faithfully,
E. W. CHAFIN.

To Mr. Chafin's letter, Mr. Wright replied as follows:

Hon. Eugene W. Chafin,

111 Olive Road, Tucson Ariz
Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., containing a challenge to meet you in debate on the question of state-wide prohibition. Even were not for the fact that I have a previous engagement to make an address on that date at the Old Settlers

picnic at Cottonwood Springs; I would be compelled to decline your invitation because of the language in which it is couched and which in itself would preclude any possibility of the "respectful hearing" you promise at the hands of yourself and friends.

Even thus early in the campaign it has been clearly demonstrated that the question of state-wide prohibition in Arizona is not a debatable one. The attitude of yourself and your co-workers is not one that would permit of fairness to an opponent. Like others engaged in your field, you acquire results by appeals to passion and hysterical denunciation, which wholly disregards logic and facts. Like other fanatics you believe that the man who honestly disagrees with you is nothing less than a fiend and a menace to the community. With you and your colleagues, only YOU are right and the man who opposes you, no matter what his high standing in his community, is immediately branded as a criminal.

Your statement that my attitude is perfectly satisfactory to every brewer and saloon-keeper in the state is correct. They are engaged in a legalized occupation. Wherever their business is declared illegal, I will be against them. As to the "bootlegger," you are mistaken. He is on YOUR side. He is praying, if he can he cannot thrive where regulated sale of liquor prevails. You can be assured that the bootlegger will be your best vote getter on election day.

You are equally mistaken in designating the circular of the Arizona Local Self-Government League as "from the legalized liquor traffic." It does not defend the liquor traffic. The league stands for local option as against state-wide prohibition because its members believe in self-government. President Woodrow Wilson, whose standing as a statesman, student of government, and christian gentleman, not even you, I think will attempt to impeach, has declared that local option is right and state-wide prohibition is a failure. So has former President Taft and former President Roosevelt and Cardinal Gibbons and Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, the noted reformer, and hundreds of other prominent men of our day.

Are these men the friends of bootleggers, bums and thugs and allies of the liquor traffic?"

I have been informed on good authority that in the city of Globe, Ariz., in 1910, you stated in the course of an address on constitutional matters, that the only solution of the liquor "ay in national prohibition and that statewide prohibition had proven a failure.

Are you prepared to deny that you did make this statement, which was heard and widely commented upon by about some 400 residents of that city?"

If you believed that statewide prohibition was a failure four years ago what has happened to cause you to change your mind?"

You have denounced the circular issued by the Arizona Self-Government League as a tissue of lies. Just tell us wherein it lies. Are the government census figures relating to crime, insanity and pauperism in Kansas, lies? If they are, what are the correct figures?"

Does the United States comptroller of currency lie when he says that the per capita savings deposits of Kansas for 1913 were \$4.15 and those of "wet" Nebraska were \$146.65?"

If so, what are the correct figures? Is it a lie that Cochise county, with 139 saloons, in 1913 sent 71 convicts to the state penitentiary, and Maricopa county with 36 saloons (all dry except the city of Phoenix) sent 76 convicts there?"

If it is a lie, then ask your Mr. Rhinehart to revise his figures, as we took only his statistics.

Is it a lie that nearly-dry Maricopa county has 165 inmates in the state insane asylum and Cochise county with four times as many saloons, has

only 106?"

These are also Mr. Rhinehart's figures, which you will find in his "Wet and Dry Statistical Tables," in the state's publicity pamphlet, in his attempt to show that liquor is responsible for the crime and insanity in Arizona.

In conclusion, I wish to state that neither I nor the other members of the Arizona Local Self-Government League are defending the "liquor infamy." We merely are working for the best interests of Arizona, where we, or the most of us, have lived and labored, far longer than you. We are convinced that your amendment could not be enforced, that it would only result in demoralization, disregard for the law and promiscuous consumption of that decoction of the bootlegger known as "rotgut" or its worse substitute, "dope." We believe that each community, in the words of President Wilson, "should have the right to control the matter of the regulating or the withholding of licenses," and with the late Francis Murphy, the great temperance advocate, we are convinced that "in states where state-wide prohibition laws have been passed, the entire state nearly has been legislated into crime, for if it is a crime to sell liquor, it is a crime to buy it, and the majority has done one or the other."

Yours truly,
JOHN B. WRIGHT.

Alfred L. Donau sent the following reply to a similar letter from Mr. Chafin:

Tucson, Ariz., Sept. 9, 1914.
Mr. Eugene W. Chafin,
Tucson, Ariz.

Dear Sir: Regarding your letter of the 9th inst., I desire to state that inasmuch as I have devoted most of my life to business pursuits, I have neglected to cultivate the art of public speaking and therefore must decline your challenge to meet you in public debate.

Your attitude in going about the state attacking the character of men who stand in high public esteem because they have seen fit to disagree with you on the question of state-wide prohibition is a source of regret to me. I had hoped that this cowardly resort to personalities, which have characterized life campaigns would be missing in this campaign, because of the supposedly high character of the men in charge of the prohibition campaign.

After a few more years' residence in Arizona, you may become acquainted with the fact that this state differs somewhat from the Eastern commonwealths you have lived in.

Trusting that that day may arrive soon, I remain,
ALFRED L. DONAU.

LOOKING INSIDE OF PORK BARREL

"What a curious notion, that a Congressman would gain favor at home by securing appropriations of money on worthless creeks! Surely this could gain votes only in the immediate vicinity of the miserable creek, and there better than anywhere else would it be known that the money was in fact being wasted. Are the people dunces? Do these creeks all flow through the grounds of some insane asylum? Otherwise how could a Congressman gain popular favor by needless expenditures of the tax-raised money on impossible and worthless creeks?"—Extract from Article by the Hon. Benjamin G. Humphreys, of Mississippi.

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INDIAN IS DIVORCED WEDDED SAME DAY

Thomas W. Black, an Indian from the reservation, went the rounds of the divorce court this morning, and was united in marriage at one o'clock this afternoon to Miss Marcella Escalanti, also of the reservation.

The Indians are fast learning to "be like Amer'kee man." Judge Jon performed the ceremony and the brides mother rendered what must have been the wedding march on the Jews' harp. This is the first wedding after the white folks' plan among the Indians for a long time, and is the beginning of a new era as the government officials are determined to compel the Indians to marry in the right way instead of the tribal rites heretofore celebrated and broken at their leisure.

GARRANZA SEIZES MEXICAN RAILROADS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 16.—Consul John R. Silliman reported from Mexico City that Constitutionalists had taken possession of the National Railways of Mexico and renamed them the "Constitutionalist Railways of Mexico."

REPORT ALL DANGER TO PARIS NOW PAST

PARIS, Sept. 16.—The battle of the Marne marked the high tide of the German offense. This was the positive prediction of Gen. Gallient, military governor of Paris. He declared that the Germans can never recover the ground from which they are now being driven, and that all danger to Paris is over.

TROOPS WITHDRAWN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 16.—The American troops were ordered withdrawn from Vera Cruz today.

SHELLS FROM GERMAN GUN PIERCED 10 FEET OF CONCRETE

LIEGE, Sept. 16.—Via Aix-la-Chapelle and The Hague, delayed by the British Censor—The battered forts of Liege, for days the admiration of the entire civilized world because of their heroic defense by General Leman, are the tomb of thousands of brave men.

Once representing man's greatest ingenuity as a defensive position, they are today great heaps of broken concrete and twisted steel. Deep in the ruins are the bodies of many of the defenders, as few survived the fire of the deadly German siege guns. It is almost impossible to approach them, so horrible is the stench from the decomposed bodies of some of the bravest soldiers that ever fought in battle.

Not on survived the terrible rain of explosives from the new 42 centimeter siege guns, which are the latest product of the Krupp foundry. That Liege was able to hold out at all was due entirely to the failure of the German commander to have these guns brought up from the rear.

The guns were mounted five miles in the rear of the forts. Yet so accurately had the German aviators located the forts that hardly a shot missed. They dropped repeatedly on the 12-foot steel turrets, which project only three feet from the ground, finally making them immovable and useless.

Residents Since 1906 Now Ordered to Move From Land by Land Office.

REVOLT ON AGAINST GOVERNMENT SHIPS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 16.—Declaring that the establishment of government-owned steamship lines is a direct attack on invested capital and would mean the ultimate destruction of steamship lines, seven members of the house merchant marine committee submitted a minority report in which they proposed a merchant marine bill. Among them was Curry, of California.

GERMAN CRUISER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

LONDON, Sept. 16.—The German protected cruiser Hela was sunk by a submarine of the allied fleet as announced officially at Berlin. Most of the crew were saved. The German submarine which sank the British cruiser Pathfinder is reported to have been destroyed by the fire of several British cruisers.

IN DRY TERRITORY

The Minnesota Supreme Court has declared that the law prohibiting the solicitation of orders for intoxicating liquors in dry territory is constitutional.

SALOON REGULATION

In nearly all attempts of saloon regulation some liquor sellers are found whom the law does not reach. Usually they are the ones who most need regulation.—Chicago Tribune.

James W. Young, of Prescott, is here visiting his brother, Marshall Young, of the Yuma valley. Mr. Young is contemplating making Yuma his home in the near future.

Dr. L. T. Jackson, the Sella brothers, W. G. Weatherstone and twelve other residents of Laguna, known as "squatters" on government land since 1906, have been ordered by the Department of the Interior to move from their homes, and two land office men are here from Washington to hear arguments forthcoming as to why the government's orders should not be obeyed.

The settlers claim that originally they were encouraged to take up the land, by the local reclamation officials and with the acquiescence of the Phoenix land office. Six years later, in 1912, they were ordered to move and were informed that no water would be furnished them for irrigation purposes.

The order to vacate, if enforced, would work much hardship and seeming injustice to the sixteen settlers and their families, and it is to be hoped that an amiable adjustment can be reached.

The hearing of the settlers' side of the case is being heard today at the reclamation headquarters.

If that international sporting bout over in urope doesn't stop soon some one will get hurt.

If the kings and emperors would just consent to do the fighting themselves and leave their armies out of it, the world would join hands and yell: "Go to it!"

A scientist says women can talk more than men with less fatigue because their throats are smaller and they tax their lungs and vocal cords less. Is this a solution of the world's greatest mystery?

German scientists think the pinnacle of military science has been reached. That's consoling. Now we can slide down again.

"Made in America" sounds good, and is good. Push it along!

Wise men are big listeners. Fools are big talkers.

No matter who started it, it's going.

One way to stop the high cost of living is to stop living.

They say everything Rockefeller touches turns to gold. Shake, old boy, both hands!

General Villa is quietly biding his time. But just wait until he lets out a "whoop!"

TRAIN PLUNGES INTO STREAM; 45 KILLED

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Sept. 16.—Between 35 and 45 were killed and a score were injured when a locomotive baggage car and forward chair car of a St. Louis and San Francisco train plunged through a trestle at Bush Creek near Lebanon and were derailed in the chair car. Many of these were women and children. Others broke windows and swam ashore.

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