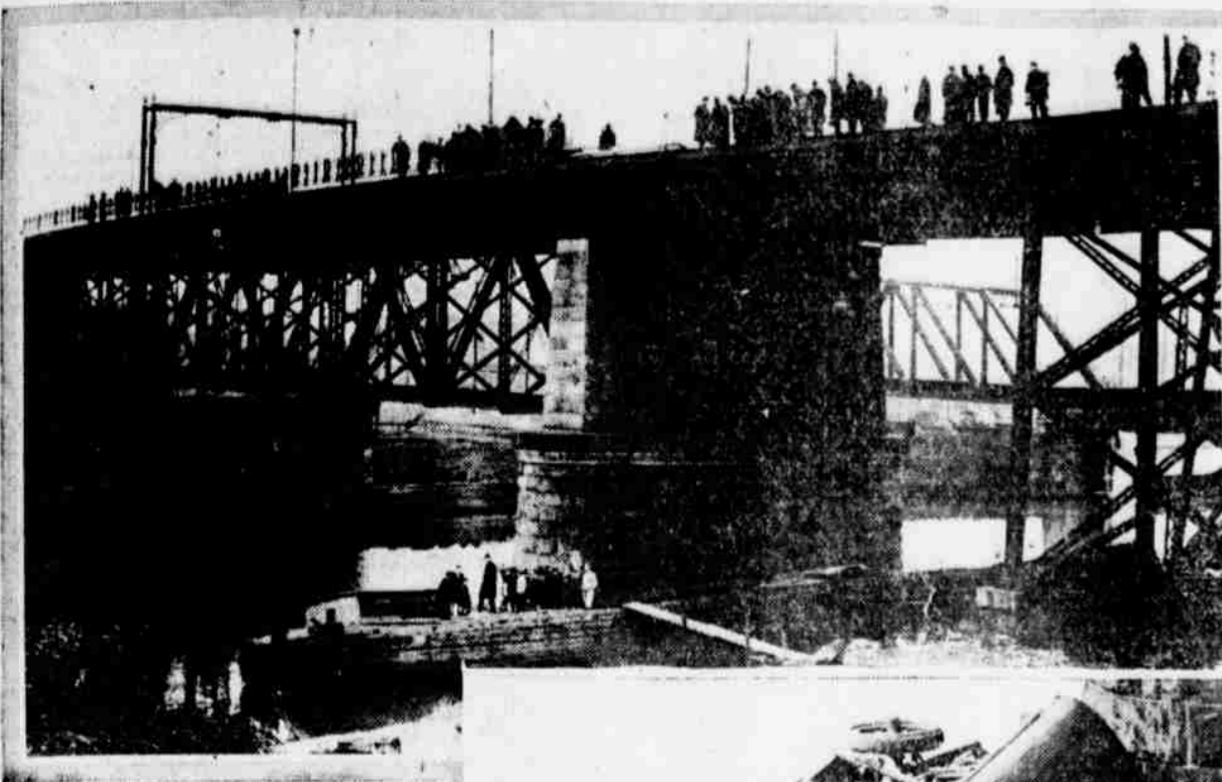


WHERE TWO MEN AND MOTORTRUCK FELL FROM BRIDGE



One negro driver is dead and another is dying in the University Hospital from injuries received when a heavy truck laden with granite smashed through the railing on Gray's Ferry road bridge, plunged seven feet and landed on a coal barge in the river below.

PERSHING'S ARMY CALLED "FINEST"

Foreign Military Attache Describes It as Best Fighting Machine in World

TRAINED TO THE LIMIT

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 7.—After eleven months' rigorous training under war conditions in the field, General Pershing's expeditionary force marched along the border to their posts today the "finest fighting machine in the world."

A foreign military attache who saw Kitchener train his million Britons; saw Germany's hordes in action and who saw Japan's armies fighting Russians in the Russo-Japanese war, stood at the International line south of Columbus as the American army marched across.

"Without doubt it is the finest fighting machine in the world," he declared. "On this globe there is no army of its size to compare with this little army of Americans. They are equipped to perfection. Not a buckle on the mule's harness is lacking. And with it is the spirit of the American soldier. What it is I cannot say, but it is there. In the swing of their bodies and the set of their shoulders I could see it."

As the attache spoke General Pershing's army of 12,000 men, seasoned by nearly one year of service on the Chihuahua desert, swung over the sun-baked plains of New Mexico and Arizona to their stations. Every detail of a perfectly equipped army was complete.

Although the chase after Villa was halted by international complications, the War Department did not stop in its efforts to make the army efficient. While the column remained inactive stretched across the Mexican desert, it was busy experimenting and perfecting. The lessons of the war in Europe were taken to heart. The equipment of every branch of the service was changed to conform to the advance in military science.

In the infantry branch service the new style of trench warfare as developed in Europe was taught the troops. During months of seeming inactivity the men were drilled in trench fighting tactics from every angle. Throwing hand grenades from trenches was taught and practiced and the use of rifle grenades was shown.

In the artillery branch, barrage and curtain fire and fire protection for infantry attacks were taught. Strategems gathered from the war in regard to concealing guns were put into use.

During months of constant scouting and patrol service the cavalry was increased in efficiency as never before.

Some modern additions made to the army

Skating Today

- Concourse Lake. Chamounix Lake. Hunting Park Lake. Fishtank Creek, above Log Cabin Bridge.

Schuylkill River—Ice on river south of trolley bridge, but not thick enough to permit skating.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Unsettled tonight and Thursday, with probably some light rain or snow; warmer tonight, with lowest about 32 degrees; colder Thursday afternoon or night; fresh southerly winds becoming westerly.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises... 7:23 a.m. | Moon rises... 8:12 p.m. Sun sets... 5:26 p.m. | Moon sets... 12:14 a.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET High water... 1:40 a.m. | High water... 2:00 p.m. Low water... 8:50 a.m. | Low water... 9:18 p.m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR 7 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

OFFERS DRAFT BILL TO RECRUIT N. G. P.

Representative McNichol Would Give Governor Power to Fill Ranks by Conscription

PATRIOTIC WAVE IN CITY

A bill authorizing Governor Brumbaugh to draft citizens of the State for military service and calling for volunteers in the national crisis to bring the complement of the National Guard of Pennsylvania and the State's naval militia up to their full strength was introduced in the House of Representatives, at Harrisburg, today by Representative Thomas F. McNichol, of Philadelphia.

The bill says that "for the purpose of maintaining the National Guard and naval militia at the standard of efficiency required for public safety, or by law, or of conforming to any standard now or hereafter adopted for the army of the United States," the Governor may at any time call for volunteers or order that a draft be made.

The Mayors of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and other cities, and the burgesses of the boroughs of the State will act as recruiting officers under the provisions of the bill. The Governor shall direct the Mayors and burgesses to call for the number of volunteers required, and if they do not respond, to draft the number necessary to bring the units of the State's National Guard and naval militia up to a full complement.

With war measures being pushed on

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"SENTINELS" USE U. S. FLAGS

Suffragists at White House Use Crisis to Advertise Plea

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Suffrage pickets at the White House today changed their banners for American flags and a new motto. It reads:

American women can be depended upon to uphold American ideals. Let them vote.

The suffrage sentinels have made no plans to withdraw from their posts.

BABY, ALONE IN HOUSE, SETS CLOTHING AFIRE

Two-Year-Old, Managing to Reach Street, Is Saved by Barber Patron

A two-year-old baby with her clothes ablaze tottered wildly around the corner of Columbia avenue and Van Pelt street shortly before noon today. The screams of the child, Pearl Rice, of 1808 Van Pelt street, attracted the attention of John Michael, who was being shaved in a barbershop. Michael jumped from the chair, seized an overcoat from a rack and ran to the assistance of the little girl.

After wrapping her in the overcoat, he rolled her in the snow, and when the flames were extinguished stopped an automobile in which the child was taken to the Northwestern General Hospital. Pearl's condition is critical.

Pearl, it was learned, collided with a gas heater in the dining room shortly after her mother started for a nearby grocery. The child unfastened the front door and ran down the street.

Hoboes Protest Against War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—James Eades How, millionaire hobo, today headed a delegation of "migratory workers of the world" to the capital in a protest against a war with Germany. The hoboes are pledged "not to take up firearms against my fellow workers of the world."

\$350,000 Fire Sweeps Lumber Plant

DELRON, Ky., Feb. 7.—Fire today destroyed the Rock Castle Lumber Company plant here. Loss is estimated at \$350,000 and 500 men are thrown out of employ-

LENNON ASSAILS MAYOR'S REGIME

Select Council Head, Vares Leader, Calls for Common Sense

ASKS \$1,500,000 FOR WAR

Foreshadowing criticism of Mayor Smith's methods in municipal financing formed a part of the gemant made today by James E. Lennon, president of Select Council, and a Vares leader, that a million and a half dollars be set aside for possible war emergencies, and that more than \$1,500,000 be provided for living salaries for city employes.

Mr. Lennon said: "According to Controller Wallon, we are about receiving the bottom of the municipal financial pit. While there is anything left I want to earmark \$1,500,000 for war emergencies and upward of \$1,000,000 for living salaries."

"I had intended to submit to Council's Finance Committee on Monday a resolution embodying these suggestions, but the warning cry from the Controller and the echo of the Mayor as they dismissed the pit's bottom, made me hasten to open the proposition for discussion while the minds of our financial wisecracks are 'long-grooved.'"

"I can recall the time when a city loan was a novelty. It was always spot cash and there was always a dollar to be had. For some years we have thought, acted and had our municipal being in loans, loans for this, that, soap, art, palaces, convention halls and widely conceived transit schemes, and the scrub women, the janitors, the laborers, the mechanics and the clerks have been soaced with the promise of equalization and standardization of salaries, and the expectation that some day, if some wizard filled the pot again, real money would be ladled them. This and nothing more."

STANDARDIZATION ACADEMIC

"As a matter of fact, what has standardization and equalization to do with it all? They are academic. It has been solemnly promised that there will be no cataclysmic performances in this direction, even if the paper plans do work out."

"That study can go on uninterrupted—always, of course, Mr. Mayor, by your leave—and that of the Municipal Research

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WOULD INTERN BRYAN IN DRY ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Glen Echo, Maryland, Mayor Offers Amendment to Project Broached to Congressmen

By a Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—"Intern William Jennings Bryan in Alexandria," is the suggestion that O. J. James, Mayor of Glen Echo, Md., has made to Representative Clarence B. Miller, of Minnesota. He offers it as an amendment to a suggestion Mr. Miller received recently from a Minnesota constituent that Mr. Bryan be interned somewhere for the best interests of the country.

"Since the State of Virginia has gone dry," Mayor James says, "and the said Bryan is a lover of grape juice, be it resolved that said Bryan be interned in the City of Alexandria, Va., until the present brain storm of the Kaiser has passed."

Mayor James prefaced his suggestion with the statement that he had several times voted for Mr. Bryan for president.

Elkton Marriage Licenses

ELKTON, Md., Feb. 7.—The following couples were granted marriage licenses in Elkton today: George Massey and May Hesser; William Cunby and Nora Sullivan; Arthur C. Neimiel and Lena Pape; Firth Bowden and Ethel Creely; Albert W. Wiedeman and Mildred L. Carell; William Bacon and May Broderick; Joseph Geiser and Josephine Wilms; George W. Jones and Emma S. Keefe; George R. Weigand and Helen C. Gucker; all of Philadelphia; J. Warren Davis and Cora B. Kilne, Chester; Alfred Coulson and Alice Perkins, Trenton, N. J.

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UP TO BERLIN, U. S. ATTITUDE ON WAR ISSUE

Nation Calm, but Gets Millions Ready for Conflict

QUARTER OF BILLION DEFENSE PROGRAM

Belligerent Spirit Gives Way to More Hopeful Feeling in Crisis

LITTLE TRAVELING NOW

Each Day With No "Overt Act" Strengthens Chance to Avoid Conflict

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.

The State Department today cabled the American Minister at Berne, Switzerland, asking if Ambassador Gerard has arrived there from Berlin. Conflicting cables, it was said at the department, have made a mystery of Gerard's whereabouts.

Although Ambassador Willard, at Madrid, today cabled the department he had received a message from Gerard dated Berne, the department is at a loss to understand why Gerard himself has not cabled the department from the Switzerland point.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 7.

The first gust of ruthless warfare by Germany will end March 6, says the Nieuw Courant. On that date, the paper states, all the U-boats now ravaging commerce in the barred zone are expected to return to their bases.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The United States is now well within the "barred zone" of relations with Germany.

No indication is forthcoming that the Imperial Government intends modifying the submarine program which brought on the diplomatic break. In view of Foreign Secretary Zimmermann's utterances, officials here believe Germany will go through to the end with her U-boat campaign.

The general situation was described as being the same as last Saturday when the President went to Congress and notified the world of the break.

Hopeful, still, that no "overt act" will come, necessitating more vigorous action by this Government, those immediately associated with the President feel it is merely a matter of time before some U-boat commander will accomplish, by overcautiousness, the fatal move. They are fearful lest the country be unduly lulled into a sense of security.

Each day that passes without a dangerous incident, however, brings relief. The attitude of official Washington is that of one holding his ears in anticipation of a tremendous explosion.

NO OVERT ACT YET

It has now been forty-eight hours since the day established by Germany for sinking everything in sight within her barred zone, but the ship belligerent or neutral, armed or not.

So far nothing has happened. And it is admitted that the more days that pass without a U-boat atrocity the better are the chances for escaping an armed clash between the United States and Germany.

At present no American ships are sailing and the diplomatic break has served the same purpose as an official warning to Americans against prominent sea trips. Only the footlocker, it is pointed out, would take passage on a ship at this time.

Hence, after American ships, which were on the high seas when the break came.

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DRIVERS ON BIG TRUCK IN PLUNGE OFF BRIDGE

Men Near Death in Hospital After Vehicle Crashes on Coal Barge

Two men, with a huge motortruck loaded with four tons of worked granite, crashed through the guard rail of the Grays Ferry road bridge today, and fell seventy feet into an empty coal barge that was tied to an abutment of the bridge. The men are near death in the University Hospital.

The accident is believed to have been caused by faulty steering gear and the heavy load of the machine. Witnesses say the men tried to turn off the trolley tracks to allow several cars to pass, and then the machine jumped the curb, carried away about twenty feet of the high iron guard rail and plunged.

Both men were employed at the stone yard of John A. Dodd at Thirtieth and Ellisworth streets. This morning they were directed to deliver the load of finished granite to Chester, Pa. At first they had difficulty in climbing the long and steep approach to the Grays Ferry bridge, which begins at Thirtieth street. The truck was balky and when they had reached the west end of the bridge proper a long line of trolley cars was being "dragged" by the slow progress of the truck.

At this point they turned off the track and from that time were unable to control their machine until it went over the north side of the bridge.

Johnson was hung clear of the truck and crashed head down into the barge. Cooper was pinned under the wreckage.

The truck, which weighed one and one-half tons, and the granite smashed through the bridge.

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QUICK NEWS

THOUSANDS AT FUNERAL OF BURNED FAMILY

Eight thousand persons jammed Lombard street this afternoon at the funeral of the six members of the Max Pomerantz family who were burned to death on Monday morning. It required the efforts of several score of policemen to keep the way open to the entrance of Keshet Israel synagogue, 412 Lombard street, where services were held. Six hearses carried the bodies to the synagogue, but it was so crowded that it was impossible to take them inside.

U. S. GUARD ASKED FOR COLUMBIA RIVER BRIDGE

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 7.—Major Waldron, commanding at Vancouver barracks, was asked today to establish a guard of United States regulars on the four-mile interstate bridge spanning the Columbia River here. Officials of Portland and Vancouver united in the request.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SENATE DEFEATS SUFFRAGE

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 7.—The State Senate today turned down a bill for woman's suffrage by a vote of 16 to 7.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 7.—The proposed amendment to the constitution giving equal suffrage to women was unanimously recommended for passage by the Assembly Judiciary committee today.

CARRANZISTAS AND DIAZ TROOPS CLASH

LAREDO, Tex., Feb. 7.—A special train carrying Carranza reinforcements was rushed from Nuevo Laredo to Rodriguez today following an engagement on the Salador River between eighty Felicista troops and fifty Carranzistas. Eight Felicistas were killed and twenty-five taken prisoners. Three Carranzistas were killed.

STREET CLEANING CONTRACTORS FINED \$9037

Director of Public Works late today imposed the highest fines for failure on the part of city contractors to clean streets, remove ashes, rubbish and garbage in the history of the department. The fines totaled \$9037. All the contractors complained of labor trouble and lack of equipment. Frank Curran was the heaviest offender for dereliction, his fine amounting to \$3741.

INDIANA "BONE-DRY" BILL NOW UP TO GOVERNOR

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 7.—The lower house of the Legislature today concurred in the amendments to the prohibition bill as it was passed by the Senate. The measure now goes to the Governor for his signature. Governor Goodrich has indicated he will sign the measure, which will make Indiana "bone dry" in 1918.

PAGE SURRENDERS GERMAN INTERESTS TO SWISS

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Swiss Minister conferred with American Ambassador Walter Hines Page today and formally took over representation in London of German affairs, heretofore handled by the United States.

U. S. DECIDES POLICY ON SAILINGS OF SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The State Department is about to make a secret ruling on the sailings of American ships. This fact became officially known today, along with announcement that the American Line steamship St. Louis would not be given a convoy. The notification will be forwarded to all American ship lines. The State Department will not announce the statement because, it is said, the President does not wish to make it public. Apparently no restrictions will be placed on publication from the steamship offices.

NEARLY 1000 ALIENS SEEK CITIZENSHIP

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The rush of Turk, Bulgarian, Hungarian, German, Austrian and a smattering of other nationalities to become citizens of the United States continued unabated today. Almost 1000 men and women renounced their allegiance to Kaiser, King and Sultan during the last twenty-four hours. Two barons were included in the jam.

STANDARD OIL CANCELS SAILINGS TO U-BOAT ZONE

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Standard Oil officials, recognizing the danger to ships sailing through the submarine zone, are canceling sailings of their ships bound for European waters.

REAL ESTATE MEN OFFER AID TO BAKER

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 7.—The National Association of Real Estate Boards today telegraphed Secretary of War Baker that the 7000 members of that organization in 120 cities will be at the service of the Government if it becomes necessary to quickly secure mobilization and camp sites.

U. S. TO RELEASE GERMAN SHIPS REPORTED SEIZED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—President Wilson today devoted himself to an investigation of the reported seizure of German ships in American ports by Federal officials. It is found that such action has been taken at Manila, Honolulu and other places, it is learned, there will be a prompt disavowal by this Government, together with orders that the vessels be released forthwith.

SIX AMERICANS BOUND FOR DANGER ZONE ON CRETIC

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The steamship Cretic, of the White Star Line, today was added to the list of transatlantic vessels headed for the danger zone outlined by Germany. She sailed yesterday. Included in her passenger list were six Americans. She is bound for Naples and Genoa via Gibraltar.

STRIKES INCREASED DURING 1916

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The number of strikes and lockouts during 1916, according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, was 3223. In 1915 the number was 1229. In comparing these figures, the report says, it should be borne in mind that, although the figures of 1916 are much in excess of those for 1915, the sources of the data in regard to strikes have also been increased so that the difference between the two years is therefore not so great as the figures tend to show.

PETROGRAD STOCK EXCHANGE REOPENED

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Petrograd Stock Exchange has been reopened, according to a Reuter's dispatch from the Russian capital. The exchange has been closed since the outbreak of the war.

200 DIE IN NOBEL MUNITIONS FACTORY BLAST

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 7.—Two hundred persons, mostly women, were killed in an explosion Saturday at the Nobel munitions factory at Selchau, according to a report reaching here today.

COLLEGES OFFER WAR AID TO GOVERNMENT

Resources of American colleges will be placed at the disposal of the Government in the event of war. Telegrams have been sent by Dean William McClellan, of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, representing the advisory board of directors of the Naval Consulting Board, for a conference to be held in Washington on February 19 to aid in placing men and teachers with specialized training with the Government.

PENROSE FACES HARD FIGHT ON PROBE IN HOUSE

Senator Struggles to Drive Representatives Into Line, They May Rebel

MUST GET DEMOCRAT AID

No Chance for Resolution Without Assistance of Minority Party's Old Guard

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 7.

The Sproul investigation resolution will be reported out of the House Appropriations Committee when the House reconvenes at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Only two Vares-Brumbaugh members of the committee voted against reporting the measure when the committee met after the House had adjourned this morning. They were Edwin R. Cox, defeated candidate for Speaker, and Herman L. Hecht, who represents the Mayor's home district. The resolution was supported by thirty-three members of the committee.

By a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, Feb. 7.—The Sproul resolution, which provides for an investigation of the charges against Governor Brumbaugh and various departments of the State government, is facing as hard and as bitter a fight in the House as it encountered in the Senate.

The measure came to the House last night, after it had been passed finally by the Senate. It will be on first reading tomorrow and will be voted on finally by the Legislature early next week, unless there is some unforeseen delay.

The Penrose forces must rely even more upon Democratic support for their probe in the House than they did in the Senate. There are thirty-seven Democratic members of the House and the entire twenty-two old-guard Democrats must be lined up before the resolution is assured of passage.

PENROSE FACES HARD FIGHT

The Penrose leaders are facing a hard problem in lining up Democratic support in the House because of the persistent rumors being circulated on Capitol Hill today that Senator Penrose is so willing to drop the entire investigation iron as are the friends of Governor Brumbaugh.

The Vares-Brumbaugh leaders are making no secret of the fact that the Governor will veto the measure when it reaches him, and some of the Penrose forces, facing that contingency, want to "get out from under."

The same powers that the Sproul resolution confers upon the proposed probe commission could be conferred by means of a concurrent resolution that carried no appropriation and which could be passed by a viva voce vote, but an investigation under such conditions would have to depend upon private funds for financing it.

A concurrent resolution, which Senator Penrose proposed as an alternative for the defeat or veto of the Sproul resolution, would favor too much of purely factional politics, in the opinion of many Penrose members of the Legislature, for them to support it.

MAY TAKERS BIT IN TEETH

The members of the House also feel, in view of the close fight over the resolution in the Senate, that they discharged their full obligations to Senator Penrose when they voted for Representative Richard J. Baldwin for Speaker and they are displaying evidence of following their own inclinations in the matter of the Sproul resolution.

Penrose had a clear majority in the House among the Republican members alone before the bitter fight over the resolution in the Senate. The narrow margin by which Penrose won in the upper house, however, has caused almost wholesale desertions from the anti-administration ranks and the senior Senator already has started to bring strong pressure to bear upon the Representatives just as he did upon the Senators before the Senate passed the measure.

The Senate finally passed the resolution late yesterday afternoon by a vote of 29 to 19, three more than the necessary majority. Nine of the ten Democratic Senators voted for the bill.

Mayor Smith said today he is not worrying over the passage by the Senate of the Sproul resolution calling for a commission to probe the State Administration and all other public officials who may be charged with maladministration, but is devoting all of his time to financial problems arising from the proposal to borrow more money for improvements throughout the city.

FOUR LIQUOR MEASURES PRESENTED IN SENATE

HARRISBURG, Feb. 7.—Four liquor bills have made their appearance in the Senate. One of these, a joint resolution introduced by Senator R. E. Smith, of Crawford, proposes a constitutional amendment to be known as Article XIX, which prohibits the manufacture or sale of liquor. The article reads:

"The manufacture, sale or keeping for sale of intoxicating liquor to be used as a beverage is hereby prohibited, and any violation of this prohibition shall be a misdemeanor, punishable as shall be provided by law."

"The manufacture, sale or keeping for sale of intoxicating liquor for other purposes than as a beverage may be allowed in such manner only as may be prescribed by law. The General Assembly shall, at its first session succeeding the adoption of this article, provide for the enforcement of this article."

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