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ANTI-RUM TIDAL WAVE SWEEPING COUNTRY

Advent of Nation-Wide Prohibition Merely Waits State Elections, Advocate Says

90 PER CENT OF U. S. "DRY" "Boozeless" Trips From Atlantic to Pacific and Gulf to Arctic Now Possible

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—The advent of nationwide prohibition is merely a question of waiting now until the time of elections in various States, in the opinion of E. J. Davis, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Chicago.

The real work of eliminating "booze" from the nation has already been accomplished and national prohibition, Davis said, is certain to come through the State-State process, or through an amendment to the Federal constitution.

The dry propaganda has met with sweeping success during the last fall and winter. Summarizing the results he explained how it is now possible to travel from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific coast by several different routes "without once encountering 'wet' territory."

It is also possible, he said, to travel from the Mexican border to the Arctic circle through absolutely dry territory.

It is also possible, he said, to travel from the mouth of the Mississippi where a drink may be legally purchased—in Kentucky and Louisiana.

The Legislatures of Iowa, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nevada, Minnesota and New Mexico have passed prohibition bills during their present sessions. Indiana and Utah have enacted statutory prohibition measures; the Federal Government, after submitting the question to the people of Alaska, has added that territory to the long dry list, after the people declared in favor of it by a large majority.

NINETY PER CENT OF U. S. DRY According to figures of the Illinois Anti-Saloon League ninety per cent of the area of the United States is dry; 56,000,000 people are abstemious in their habits; 85 per cent of the total population of the country cannot buy a drink and twenty-five States are already fully dry.

A survey of prohibition activities reveals a steady and unrelenting march upon the territory in "black" on the entire map. Nebraska has voted dry, effective May 1. The prohibition bill, with stringent regulations, has been passed in the State of Oklahoma. Arkansas has substituted a bone dry measure for one which permitted shipments.

E. E. LOOMIS HEADS LEHIGH VALLEY R. R. SUCCEEDS E. B. THOMAS AS ACTIVE HEAD OF CORPORATION—CHANGE NOT UNEXPECTED

COMES FROM D. L. AND W. HAS HAD WIDE EXPERIENCE IN RAILROAD AND MINING—MR. THOMAS BECOMES CHAIRMAN OF BOARD

EDWARD E. LOOMIS today was elected president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Mr. Loomis is vice president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad. He succeeds E. B. Thomas, who has resigned, and has been elected chairman of the board of directors and will also act as chairman of the finance and executive committee. Mr. Thomas was also elected a director of the company, taking the place of Edward S. Moore, resigned.

From time to time during the last year reports had been current in railroad and financial circles that there would be a change in the management of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. The resignation of Mr. Thomas, confirmed by officials of the company, therefore, when the announcement of the election of Mr. Loomis was made following a meeting of the board of directors this morning, it did not cause any surprise.

Mr. Loomis will now take up the reins of active management of the railroad as president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. He is a successful business and mining executive. He was elected president of the Erie Railroad in 1894. He was made superintendent of the Ticonderoga Division of the Erie. It was not long after he had been advanced to this post that he resigned to accept the position of general manager of the Bloomsburg Coal Company, with its large bituminous mining and lumber interests.

He was appointed general superintendent of the Erie, Susquehanna and Western Railroad in 1908. When President W. H. Truesdale of the Lackawanna, started his reorganization policy in 1909, he selected Mr. Loomis as active manager of the coal interests. In 1912 he was elected senior vice president of the road.

Mr. Loomis has had a very important part in the reconstruction and reorganization of the Lackawanna.

His work has not been confined to railroad and mining business. He is a trustee of the American Security Company, a director in each of the three well-known New York banks—the Liberty National Bank, the Chatham and Phenix Bank and the Coal and Iron National Bank. As executive officer of the Erie Railroad, he has been president and director of the Mark Twain Company and of Prigina, Incorporated.

SHORE HOTELMEN SEEK TO HALT BIG-GUN TESTS Bills in Legislature Would Curb Bethlehem Steel Proving Grounds

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 21.—Two bills introduced at Trenton by Senator Richardson of Ohio today to curtail the firing of shot and shell exceeding six inches in diameter within twenty miles of any city of a population of more than 100,000 persons have been passed by the House today.

HUNDREDS AT FUNERAL OF SLAIN ARSENAL MAN Police Watch Services for Samuel Jenkins, Hoping to Find Clue to Murderers

BISHOP GARLAND MAKES PLEA FOR PATRIOTISM

Tells First Lenten Congregation at St. Stephen's Nation Is Near Losing Soul

With the "Curse of Selfishness" as the keynote of his sermon, the Right Rev. Thomas J. Garland, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, preached at 12:30 o'clock in the first of a series of Lenten services for business people at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Third street above Chestnut.

"In the present great crisis of the nation," said the Bishop, "there is needed a mobilization of Christians, because we are in our history as a nation are coming dangerously close to losing our own soul. We as Christians must stand ready to die for Christ or for our brethren, and we must be faithful to every form of justice."

THREE SHIPS, DEVEYING U-BOATS, REACH U. S. Two American Ships Leave New York for War Zone—Tanker to Follow

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Seven ships, three of which came from the "harred zone," arrived here today. The trio that braved the U-boat peril were the Hawson, from Cardiff, Wales; the Lantana, from Liverpool, and the Earl of Suffolk, from London, all under British flag.

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BISHOP GIVES LENTEN TALK Older Men Should Set Example to Younger, Dr. Talbot Says

A heart-to-heart talk or a talk without a text is the way the Right Rev. Ethelbert Hamilton, Episcopal Bishop of Bethlehem, today described his sermon at the noonday Lenten services held at Old St. Paul's church, on Third street, below Walnut street.

SUSPECT POISON PLOT One Dead, Three Seriously Ill, After Partaking of Meal

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Prochorevna Lanzarotti, twenty-seven years old, of Chicago, died in the Allegheny General Hospital yesterday afternoon the victim of a supposed poison plot. Her husband, Joseph Lanzarotti, Josephine Spagnola, eighteen years old, and Anna Spagnola, eleven years old, are seriously ill. All were struck following a meal in the home of Joseph Spagnola, of Ambridge, father of Josephine.

INSULATORS FOR PULL SOCKET CHAINS Splicing links and insulators are now available for use on pull socket chains, which can be used either as a splicing link or an insulator or for both.

Statistics of Cancer At the request of the American Society for the Control of Cancer, the United States Census Bureau has prepared a monograph presenting in much greater detail than in the mortality reports issued by the bureau, statistics relating to deaths from cancer and other malignant tumors throughout the registration area in the year 1914.

SPANISH THEIR HELD HERE AS SWINDLER

Many Witnesses Testify Prisoner Muled Them of Money and Jewelry

Giovanni Cucinotta, twenty years old, of Chicago, Baltimore, Cleveland, New York, Boston and also Madrid, Spain, who was held in \$5000 bail on a similar charge preferred by Frank Ehrenberg, of 819 Spring Garden street, who swore that the defendant had swindled him out of \$2111 in cash, many wedding rings, earrings and other valuables.

CALLS FOR RELIGION TO PURIFY BUSINESS The Rev. Dr. H. A. Weller, president of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the central station, who held his sermon from St. Mark, 29-25, he said.

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"TIME TO RENEW OUR FAITH" Rev. Francis S. Sheehan, in Lenten Sermon, Admonishes Humility

Lent is the season to renew our faith, hope and love for God, said the Rev. Francis S. Sheehan, who spoke at the noonday Lenten services in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Thirteenth street above Chestnut.

CRIPPLED SHIP PUTS BACK Curiosity was aroused in shipping circles today when word reached the Maritime Exchange that the Danish steaming Vicksburg, which left Reed street wharf for Antilla, Cuba, for a load of sugar had become damaged near the Breakwater, had turned back and was on her way here for repairs.

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Only Patrols Active, Petrograd Reports Petrograd, Feb. 21.—Only reconnoitering activities and infantry firing have taken place in the last twenty-four hours in the Petrograd sector.

DARBY L HEARING SET FOR TUESDAY

Public Service Commission Announces It Will Sit at Harrisburg

NO REPLY BY TWINING Director Refuses to Answer Taylor's Declaration That Lease Terms Are Good

The Public Service Commission announced at Harrisburg today that next Tuesday a public hearing would be held there upon the city's application for a certificate of public convenience for the construction of the elevated line to Darby. The commission announced that only the Darby "L" would be considered and indicated that the entire board might act.

U. S. SUES TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR MARINE CORPS Begins Proceeding for Condemnation of Tracts Needed to Enlarge Quartermaster's Department

Condemnation proceedings by the Government to acquire two pieces of land in the rear of the Quartermaster's depot, of the city of Philadelphia, were begun today by Assistant United States District Attorney Edwin S. Kropff.

BIGGEST NAVAL BILL REPORTED IN SENATE House Adds \$128,000,000 to Original Estimates for Program

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Increased by \$128,000,000 as it passed the House, the Administration's naval bill, as reported to the Senate today by Senator Tillman, chairman of the naval committee.

GRADS FROM FAR AND WIDE AT U. OF P. ALUMNI DAY Veteran Sons of Old Penn and Undergraduates Take Part in Exercises

Graduates and former students at the University of Pennsylvania returned today to their alma mater, where they participated with the undergraduates in the exercises of Alumni Day.

BISHOP McDEVITT Announces Changes in the Clergy of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Edward the Confessor, Philadelphia

TOO LAZY FOR CLASSIFICATION DIAMOND—Lost one loose diamond from ring. Was 1 1/2 carats, color and cut excellent. No questions asked if returned to Bally, Banks & Hyde.

ROOMS FOR RENT WASHINGTON, D. C. 1500—Bath, comm. heat, new front room, near 15th St. 2104—Newly furnished homeopener. 2110—Newly furnished homeopener. 2111—Newly furnished homeopener. 2112—Newly furnished homeopener.

SUNDAY OUTINGS FROM MARKET STREET WHARF \$1.00 Atlantic City Wildwood Annapolis \$2.00 Baltimore \$2.50 Washington

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