

PROHIBITION FIGHT BEGINS IN HOUSE

Chairman Webb Introduces Amendment Permitting Seizure of Alcoholic Beverages

LEVER OPPOSES IT

Bill Would Give President Power to Regulate Use of Food-stuff in Distilleries

WASHINGTON, June 23.—After the House had rejected an amendment to eliminate the minimum price-fixing section of the Lever food control bill late this afternoon it entered upon the biggest fight on the measure—prohibition.

The President is given power in the bill to regulate or forbid the use of foodstuffs in the production of alcohol or of alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages.

Chairman Webb, of the House Judiciary Committee, introduced an amendment that would permit seizure and redistribution by the Government of all intoxicating liquor held in bond.

Chairman Lever, of the Agricultural Committee, made a point of order against the amendment.

He was unsuccessful in an attempt to limit debate on the section.

One of the striking speeches of the day was delivered by Representative Purnell, Republican, Indiana.

"I will vote for this bill in the hope that the working man with a family to feed will get the relief," he said.

"I will vote for this bill in the hope that he may take home a real sack of flour instead of the candy bagful his present wages are buying at existing prices. I shall vote for it in the hope that the worker can provide fuel for his family without committing larceny or burning his furniture."

"My only regret is that I do not have a hundred votes to hurl at the speculator who takes from the poor their very life's blood. I want to make it impossible for him to pile up the visible supply of food product until it fits while children at the same time are dying for bread."

PACKERS BACK HOOVER

Will Back Any Food Plan He May Undertake

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Arthur Meeker, of the Armour Packing Company, today assured Herbert Hoover, food administrator of the united support of the meat packers of the nation in his food conservation program.

Meeker told Hoover that the packers were willing to back any plan Hoover might undertake.

The grain industry has already fallen into line behind Hoover.

GOVERNMENT FOOD MONOPOLY HIS AIM

Lord Rhondda, England's Dictator, Wants Power in One Man's Hands

TO PREVENT EXTORTION

LONDON, June 23.—Lord Rhondda, England's new food controller, believes the only one way to reduce prices and control food—and that is by a state monopoly lodged in one man's hands.

"I expect reduced prices," he said today, "had with the assistance of the United States to take strong action against extortionate profits. The only way to control prices is by a state monopoly in one man's hands, and I hope to be put in that position at least as to some articles."

"I am glad to see that American housewives are standing firm in the interest of economy. Women have a tremendous influence in this matter. This is really their question."

Russia Scorns Teuton Peace, Envoy Asserts

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to rebuild war-stricken nations and general disarmament after the war.

The American war aim, as expressed by Davidovitch, Goldfarb and Reinstein, the three American delegates, lay great stress on the "no annexations, no indemnities" principle. Further the peace principles favor:

Return of all occupied territory, including return of German colonies.

Restoration of Poland from this return scheme and restoration of Poland on the basis to be determined by a referendum of her people.

PACIFISTS BEGIN MOVE TO ESCAPE WAR DUTY

Seek to Obtain Exemption From Military Service for "Conscientious Objectors"

AIM TO GET RULING

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Two pacifist organizations have launched a huge campaign that, it is carried out, officials said today, would greatly undermine the selective draft law.

These organizations, it was stated, are attempting to open a channel for escape from military service. More than 10,000 have enrolled in the propaganda. Agents of the Department of Justice are fixing their attention upon the activities of representatives of the organizations.

So far efforts of the pacifists are confined to attempts to have inserted in the exemption regulations, which will be published probably Monday, a clause that would specifically permit persons professing "conscientious objections" to war to escape selective draft and enrollment of members with the implied promise that membership constitutes them "objectors."

The most active organization is the American Union Against Militarism. One of the other organizations is the National States and Great Britain pushed to the limit will provide only for sufficient material to replace 4,000,000 tons of that total.

Wood production of the United States for shipbuilding will provide for not to exceed 2,000,000 tons of shipping additional.

Combined steel and wool construction can meet only one-half of the total demand for shipbuilding.

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Transit Bill at Mercy of Enemies in House

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BUILD SHIPS QUICK, WILSON'S DEMAND

Top Speed Needed to Prevent Success of German U-Boat War

BOTH WOOD AND STEEL

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Every available ocean-going carrying vessel, wood, steel or any other construction, must be built at top speed at once unless the German submarine menace is to imperil the success of the present war.

Convincing evidence showing this fact now is in possession of President Wilson. It was learned this afternoon that the settlement of the controversy between Chairman William Denman, of the United States Shipping Commission, and General George W. Goethals, general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, within the next few days.

And in settling it, officials who are close to the President openly declare, he will take the position that the entire resources of the nation must be devoted to turning out vessels of every kind and that unless the parties to the controversy are willing to quit fighting and work in harmony they will have to give place to men who will.

The information placed before the President upon which he will base his decision, is of the most sensational kind. It shows the following facts:

If German submarines can maintain their present rate of destruction, accepting the average for the last three months as an average that will hold good for twelve months, they will destroy a total of 12,000,000 tons of shipping in a year.

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PUZZLE PICTURE REAL PUZZLE TO MANY

Only One Woman Managed to Guess Policeman's Identity

Do clothes make the man? One would believe so in looking over the hundreds of answers that were received to the EVENING LEADER picture puzzle that appeared in the pictorial section of June 18.

The picture was unique: it was a likeness of Henry Haering, a former popular Kensington policeman, but instead of the familiar uniform, the clothes were typical of a Mexican outlaw, with broad sombrero and a knife stuck in the belt.

The replies received were in no manner flattering to a number of prominent men, as many believed that Theodore Roosevelt or William H. Taft was the apparent bandit. And of course there were numerous guesses that Francisco Villa had at last appeared in our midst.

It remained for one woman—Ellen Huston, 1512 East Lehigh avenue—to see through the disguise, and to her the EVENING LEADER prize of \$2 is awarded. Out of the hundreds of answers received that was the only one that was correct.

Kennington business men, and other central sections of the city were said in the answers received to be the man in the picture. The picture was taken about a year and a half ago on an outing near Hancock Creek, where for a joke Haering had the photo snapped by friends.

Haering was a familiar figure in Kensington as a policeman until two years ago when he retired and accepted a pension. He was a great favorite with the children, and was commended several times by his superiors for gallant actions and bravery.

JUST IN TIME FOR HIS FUNERAL

Lancaster Man Reaches Home in Season to Sten Obsequies

LANCASTER, Pa., June 23.—When Harry C. Palmer arrived in Lancaster today he found that all arrangements had been made for his funeral and that friends and relatives from distant points had gathered for the obsequies. The mistake was then learned.

He had roomed with a man named O'Donnell in Paterson, N. J., some time ago, and when his roommate was found dead they thought it was Palmer. The body was sent to relatives here. The body of O'Donnell will be returned to Paterson.

Tied Up Railway Discharges Men

MAHANAY CITY, Pa., June 23.—The controversy between day and night shift forces of the Schuylkill Railway Company for the last week came to an abrupt end today when the company, which has been tied up on some divisions, discharged all the night shifters and placed new men in their places. The various unions are supporting the discharged men.

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FOUR MORE AMERICANS JOIN FLIERS IN FRANCE

One of New Men to Join Lafayette Escadrille a Pennsylvanian

PARIS, June 24.—Four additional American aviators have joined the Lafayette escadrille, according to word received from the front today. They are:

Adjutant Didier Mason, formerly aviation instructor at Camp Avord, and well known through his flying exploits with Carranza's army in Mexico.

Corporal Douglas McDonough, twenty-five years old, of San Francisco, whose mother resides at 2009 Broadway, New York.

Corporal David M. Petersen, twenty-three years old, of Honesdale, Pa.

Corporal James Norman Hall, thirty years old, of Coifax, Ia., author of "Kitchen's Mob."

Adjutant Mason was one of the first American aviators to come to France after the outbreak of the war. Because of his long experience in flying he was made an aviation instructor.

Corporal Hall is the "Phil Hall" who is best known in his home country for his book on war experiences. He was discharged from the British army for wounds but immediately came to France and began instruction in the aviation corps.

Lincoln Chaceoff, one of the Lafayette Escadrille members, who was injured last week in an accident in which Ben Woodward, an American ambulance commander, was killed, was reported still in a critical condition at a base hospital. At the time of the accident it was not believed he could possibly survive.

Corporal Harold Willis, of Boston, one of the Lafayette fliers, returned to the aerodrome one day recently with his hands and feet slightly frozen as the result of a reconnaissance over the German aviation fields in which he ascended to a height of 22,000 feet.

MGR. GERLACH SENTENCED IN ITALY AS FOE'S AGENT

ROME, June 23.—Monsignor Gerlach, former attaché to the Vatican, was today found guilty of being head of pro-German propaganda in Italy and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Pomorie, an accomplice, was sentenced to be shot. Both convicted men are fugitives from Italy.

The conviction of Monsignor Gerlach is the climax of the Italian Secret Service's successful and sensational attempt to run down pro-German propaganda in the Vatican several months ago.

Documents whose contents involved about 300 residents of Italy were discovered locked in a safe in a building adjoining the German embassy at the Avila.

Four More Suffrage Pickets Arrested

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however, on their own recognition, with the understanding that they will appear later for trial.

Miss Greiner is the daughter of John E. Greiner, an official of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and a member of the Russian Railway Commission. She has been prominent in settlement work in Baltimore.

NABBED ON CAPITOL STEPS

The arrest of the other two militant suffragists took place on the steps at the House end of the national Capitol, just as Ambassador Bakhmeteff and the members of his mission were entering the building. The militant pair were arrested by Capitol policemen.

The police had a "tip" that the women were on their way to the Capitol and had set a sharp watch to nip their demonstration in the bud. It was assumed that the women would take their customary places at the entrance. The women slipped by plain clothes men, however. They had their banner in a package. On the steps of the House wing they unfurled the standard just as the Russian commissioners came through the porte cochere.

Several minutes passed before the policemen spotted the banner—they were watching so sharply in the other direction. When they attempted to take possession of it Miss Vernon and Miss Arnold resisted. Their resistance was brief, however, and the women were taken to the police headquarters in the Capitol basement.

Miss Vernon is a veteran member of the woman's party. She has achieved notoriety on previous occasions by battling President Wilson in public. Usually she is the party's spokesman when conferences with the President are arranged at the White House.

The two women were turned over to the police authorities by the Capitol force, to be prosecuted for violating Capitol regulations.

Six suffragists now have been arrested—two for flaunting the Russian mission banner and four for displaying quotations from war speeches by President Wilson.

The National Woman's party also addressed to the women members of the Russian mission at the Plaza Hotel, New York, a letter inviting a personal interview on suffrage subjects.

Guardsmen Volunteer as Stevedores

NORFOLK, Va., June 23.—Rather than let thousands of dollars' worth of produce go to waste here on the wharves during a shortage of labor, every member of Company D, Fourth Virginia Infantry, volunteered today to load Old Dominion Line steamships with perishable freight.

Divorced Lawyer to Marry

William Clayton Jones, an attorney, of 425 Market street, Camden, has taken a license to marry Sara Mason Taggart, 4511 Atlantic avenue, Chelsea, N. J., at Norris-town today. Mr. Jones and his first wife were divorced July 17, 1916.

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DISCS THRILL WITH BUGLES AND DRUMS

Patriotic Records Still the Order of the Day in Phonograph Land

By the Phonograph Editor

Reference to the great influx of patriotic phonograph records made in this column some weeks ago did not take into account one of the genuine and inspiring novelties of the season for the valid reason that this novelty had not been announced.

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