

WILSON DEFENDS BEER AND WINES

President Opposes Sweeping Prohibition Clause in House Bill

URGES MODIFICATIONS Sees Blow to Personal Liberty in Measure Barring All Liquors

WASHINGTON, June 29.—President Wilson's stand against bone-dry prohibition, conveyed to Congress this afternoon, forced the "wet" and "dry" issue in a contest close to a showdown and, according to leaders, has clinched the exemption of beer and light wine manufacturers from the drastic "dry" provision adopted by the House. Prohibition was made that the question might be brought to a vote before adjournment to-morrow night.

The President's views on the liquor question were conveyed to Congress in an interview at the White House with Senator Martin, the Democratic leader of the Senate, and Senator Gerry, of Rhode Island, and later in a mysterious letter, the text of which is not yet made public. They named the upper House in a so-called whispered conference while the food-control bill was perfunctorily debated on the Senate floor and forced an entirely new alignment on the prohibition question.

Two courses were under consideration by Administration leaders this afternoon as a result of the White House pressure.

First, to strike the whole prohibition issue from the food-control bill which the President insists must be passed at once and take the question up as a part of the war revenue bill.

Second, to offer an amendment to the food bill on the floor forbidding the use of foodstuffs in the manufacture of whiskey and authorizing the President to restrict beer and wine-making if the emergency demands.

The first plan has the backing of the Finance Committee, which believes that the prohibition question should be treated wholly as a revenue matter. It is considered doubtful whether a sufficient number of the bone-dry prohibitionists would consent to dropping the "dry" provisions from the food bill.

If, however, Congress does what now appears impossible and votes absolute prohibition, it is believed President Wilson would veto the bill.

A great sympathy for beer and wine has developed in the nation. Literally thousands of letters and telegrams to Senators show a preponderance of pro-beer sentiment. Church organizations, however, continue their active work for complete prohibition.

There are few kind words for distilled spirits. As a result, even some Senate dries are prepared to take their stand on prohibiting spirits manufacture, but allowing beer and wine production to continue.

United with these will be Democrats and Republicans who have sweltered over the war tax bill in committee for weeks in devising means to raise revenue. Most active of these are Senator Lodge, who has opposed including beer and wine in the prohibition section of the food bill, and Senator Simmons, chairman of the Finance Committee, one of the Administration leaders. Behind this "first line," the wets will throw the full strength of their forces.

Unless the dry amendment is now attached is modified, all parties in the Senate admit that debate on the food bill will drag along just as long as the wets are of a mind to push it.

Friends of the bill threatened to invoke the closure bill—or to try to—if any evidence of filibuster developed. A delegation of New York restaurant owners, anxious as to the fate of their business in case of prohibition, came here today to confer with Senator Wadsworth, of New York, and to sound out congressional sentiment on the measure. Oscar Churchill, of the Waldorf, and Pratt Kyne, John Cavanaugh and Adolph Lorber told Senator Wadsworth it was up to him to save their business. It was Senator Wadsworth's opinion that beer and wine will be allowed to be manufactured, but that distilled spirits will be taxed. There is nothing in the food conservation bill, he said, which prevents the sale of stocks of whiskey or other intoxicants or their importation from abroad.

AIRMEN, IN TEST FLIGHT FOR U. S., REST IN CITY

Off for Hampton Roads After Journey From Mineola, Long Island

Captain Bartholf and Lieutenant Stevens, U. S. A., climbed out of the Philadelphia Navy Yard into the sky today on the last leg of their air journey from Hampton Roads, Va., to Mineola, Long Island, N. Y., and return. They left at 8 a. m., saying they expected to be back "home" at the Hampton Roads aeronautical experimental station within two hours.

The army birdmen, who are believed to be testing a new device for their eagles of Uncle Sam's air fleet, arrived here yesterday from Mineola in a Curtiss army biplane and camped overnight in League Island Park, where their craft is based. They used four hours and fifteen minutes to get from Hampton Roads to Mineola—335 miles as the birdman flies—and two hours and fifteen minutes for the 110-mile airplane trip from Mineola to League Island.

Licensed to Wed at Elkton
ELKTON, Md., June 29.—The following marriage licenses were issued here today: Frederick Warner and Katharine C. Jones, John R. McMullen, Jr., and Anna La Salle, Philadelphia; Frank Hamann and Rachel Downie, Chester; Edward E. Russell, North-east, Md.; and Margaret R. Stoppel, Camden, N. J.; John McGrath, Haddon Heights, and Margaret Stanton, Camden; Earl Gottshall and Viola Weller, Boyertown, Pa.; Robert Strain and Marie Gooda, Allentown, Pa.; Charles Betton and Mary Hilbert, Chester; Raymond Hiegle and Alice Sevan, Pottsville; Howard F. Dantrick and Lillian V. Morgan, Reading, and Willis Cowes and Mary E. Longor, Cecilton, Md.

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RETAIL POTATO BUYERS LOSE PRICE BENEFITS

Rate to Consumers Doesn't Keep Pace With Wholesale Decline

Despite the tremendous drop in the wholesale price of potatoes in the last week of \$5.50, retail prices are still comparatively high.

Last Friday most stores sold the best grade of potatoes for twenty-five cents a quarter peck. Today, when wholesale quotations are less than half the prices of last week, the same stores are selling at eighteen and twenty cents a quarter peck. In other words the wholesale figure dropped more than 50 per cent, while the retail price declined from 20 to 23 per cent.

Sixty carloads of Eastern Shore Virginia potatoes arrived today and forty-seven carloads were waiting to be unloaded. The cars that have been delayed in shipment are being unloaded first. The congestion in the rail yards, according to many producers of this city is due to the failure of the railroads to obtain proper help.

With the present wholesale price at \$4.50 to \$5.25 it looked to experts as though the price would drop to \$3 a barrel would be fulfilled. The bumper crop of the Eastern Shore of Virginia continues and the Jersey will become more abundant every day. Moreover, farmers and gardeners around Philadelphia have planted a greater acreage of potatoes this year than in any recent previous year, and the crop thus far looks promising.

Investigation last Friday among commission men into the unusually high prices at that time drew many varied opinions as to the real cause of excessive figures. When asked what the prices would be this week, most of the men said that they did not know, and evidently many of them did not know, because this week they have complained bitterly of heavy losses. Now that the price is down, all are agreed that an oversupply is the cause.

Gets Year for Threatening President

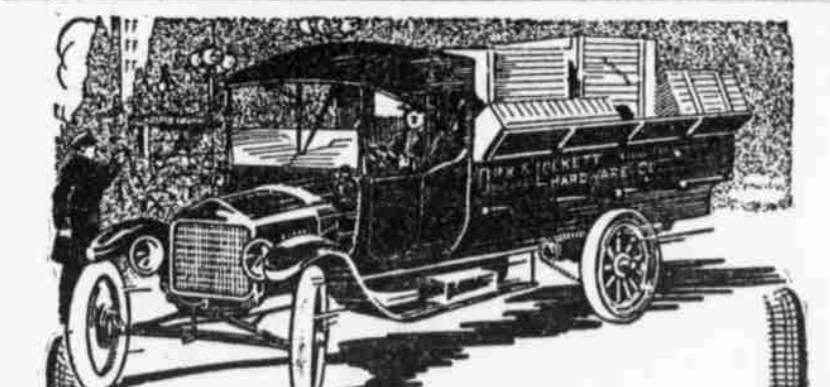
NEWARK, N. J., June 29.—Adolph Swimer, convicted in May of having threatened to kill President Wilson, was sentenced to one year and one day in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta. He was a farm hand.

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COP AND 'GATOR MIX; NOW COP'S IN BAD FIX

Hector Escapes and Creates Up-roar in Street—Suarian Finally Lassoed

South Philadelphia in the vicinity of Hutchinson and Waverly streets was thrown into an uproar as bluecoat lost a piece of his leg and part of his trousers, and scores of others had the life nearly frightened out of them when a large pet alligator went on a rampage through the streets last night, waddling along with all the scattering effectiveness of a British war tank.

The sight was unusual. The fight was unusual. Even Policeman Lynch's pants became unusual, so he was hustled to the Pennsylvania Hospital, where stitches were taken in wounds in his leg and trousers.

Hector is the gator's name. He is only four feet six inches over all and hailed originally from somewhere in the region of the Rio Grande. He was brought to Philly by Joe Litcher, of 901 Waverly street, who served with the guard recently at the Mexican border.

He that as it may, Hector became restless last night and evidently started homeward in all, he traveled about two blocks. His appearance, crawling along the street, sent residents scattering in every direction. Men ran, women screamed and pandemonium reigned. Calls for assistance were sent by the score to the Twelfth and Pine streets police station.

Policeman Lynch tried to corner the reptile, but Hector fastened his teeth in the bluecoat's trousers and then in his leg. Hector was finally lassoed and pinched. He will be sent to the Zoo in Fairmount Park.

GIRLS RUN ELEVATORS

Melodious Cries of "Watch Your Step" Heard in New York

NEW YORK, June 29.—The most pleasing and melodious cries of "Watch your step" that ever issued from the lever corner of a New York elevator was that emanating from the lips of Miss Edith Wertz and Miss Esther Kellelans, New York's first war women elevator operators.

They ran the lifts like veterans in the Equitable Building. They are on an equal pay basis with the men operators. Other girl operators will be added as the war removes the men from service.

Britain Scorns Peace Without Allied Victory

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rightly Turkish—the Turks have converted the Garden of Eden into a terrible wilderness.

"A great international congress will decide the disposition of the German colonies. Mesopotamia can never be restored to the Turks' blasting tyranny and Armenia also."

Lloyd George dealt at length with Russia's shaking loose of the bondage of absolutism. He predicted the revolution would

eventually insure victory of a higher and more exalted nature than any one could have contemplated before, because they are now a free people fighting for democracy's future."

THE FREEDOM OF RUSSIA

"While Russia was in the throes of the revolution," he continued, "it was Britain's strength flung into the breach that once more saved Europe to human liberty."

"America has always been freedom's mainstay. She has never made war except for freedom. Now she is sending her valiant soldiers to the battlefields to fight around the world. That's another reason why victory along higher lines is assured."

Tremendous cheers greeted the Premier's reference to the United States. The chorus of applause swelled into another great roar and a patriotic demonstration a moment later when the speaker declared:

"Every one is doing his utmost best. The King is working as hard as any one."

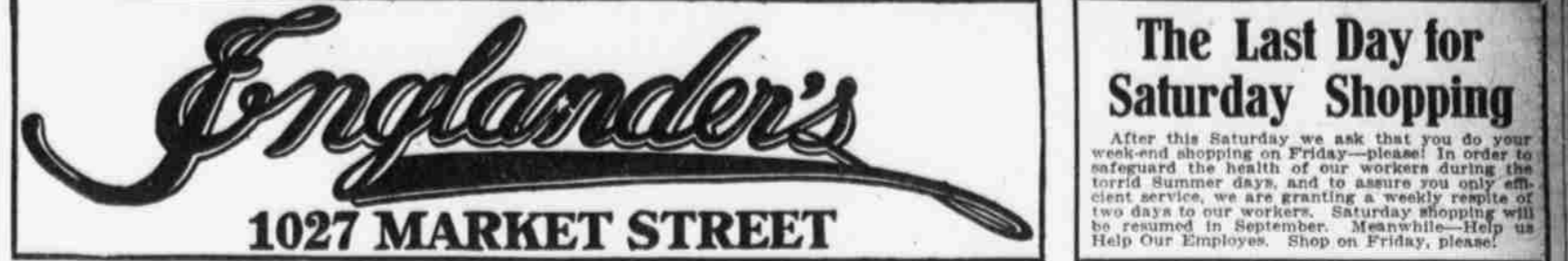
The audience rose and sang, "God save the King."

"The Government," Lloyd George resumed, "has carefully reckoned the chances and has decided that the submarines will be unable to starve those who stay at home, or drive our armies from the field. Britannia will rule the waves after the

The Last Day for Saturday Shopping

After this Saturday we ask that you do your week-end shopping on Friday—please! In order to safeguard the health of our workers during the torrid summer days, and to assure you only efficient service, we are granting a weekly respite of two days to our workers. Saturday shopping will be resumed in September. Meanwhile—Help Us Help Our Employees. Shop on Friday, please!

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