

THREE BIG BILLS BEFORE HOUSE

Early Vote Looked For on Prohibition, Living Probe and Suffrage

Washington, Dec. 15.—The House Judiciary Committee acted yesterday on three of the paramount issues before Congress—nation-wide prohibition, woman suffrage and the highest of living.

The committee reported favorably on a resolution providing for an amendment to the Constitution for national prohibition and the Borland resolution for an inquiry into the highest of living. It reported without commendation the constitutional amendment for woman suffrage.

Action on these three measures came as a surprise. Advocates of prohibition and woman suffrage have been trying for more than two years to get these resolutions out of the committee that a vote on them might be taken in the House. The decision to trust the responsibility for them on the whole body of the House instead of carrying it on their own shoulders for another session is thought to have been the motive which inspired the members of the committee to report them.

Chairman Webb, one of the leading prohibitionists in the House, had he could bring the prohibition amendment to a vote at an early date, but would not ask for action on the suffrage amendment. Representative Ward, of Ohio, an opponent of suffrage, was selected to write the report on the suffrage amendment, while Representative Carlin, of Virginia, a supporter of the prohibition measure, is to report that resolution.

Text of Prohibition Amendment

The proposed prohibition amendment follows:
Section 7. That the sale, manufacture for sale, transportation for sale and importation for sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in the United States and all territories subject to the jurisdiction thereof and exportation thereof are forever prohibited.

Section 2. That the Congress and the States shall have power independently or concurrently to enforce this article by all needful legislation.

How far the resolution will progress through the various legislative stages of this session is problematical, but administration leaders doubt that it will reach the Senate in time for action at this session. Prohibition advocates are jubilant and predict reference of the amendment to the legislatures of the various States at a much earlier date than their heretofore had hoped for. A two-thirds majority in both houses is required.

Coincident with the committee's action on the amendment the prohibition issue was brought directly to the attention of the Senate when the Sheppard bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in the District of Columbia became the unfinished business, to be kept before the Senate until disposed of.

Seven members of the Judiciary Committee voted against reporting the prohibition amendment. They were Ward of Ohio, Dyer of Missouri, Igo of Pennsylvania, Walsh of Massachusetts and Danforth of New York.

Suffragists Also Pleased

Both suffragists and anti-suffragists expressed satisfaction over yesterday's development. Though anxious that the suffrage resolution be reported favorably, the suffragists were pleased because the committee which generally was regarded as hopelessly against their cause, went as far as it could. On the other hand, their opponents declare an opportunity to have the House vote on the issue inevitably means a defeat for suffrage which will settle the question nationally for many years. The vote in favor of reporting the resolution, eleven to eight, does not represent the sentiment of the committee on the issue. Some of its bitterest enemies voted favorably, most of them confident of seeing it beaten on the floor and desirous of quieting charges of "smothering" in committee.

The suffrage resolution follows:
Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Section 2. Congress shall have power by appropriate legislation to enforce the provisions of this article.

"Inartistic" Charge Made Against Bryn Mawr Girls

Bryn Mawr, Pa., Dec. 15. — Bryn Mawr College girls are not artistic, at least only one-fifth of them can lay claim to the artistic sense, according to a report made to the college by her class in modern painting at the Main Line institution. The class made a survey of the girls' rooms at the college and based their report on the decorative schemes thereof.

Only twenty per cent. of the rooms the report says, were "in good taste," with forty-two per cent. regarded as "bad" and thirty-seven per cent. marked "indifferent." Nothing is said in the report about the other one per cent. of the rooms.

GARDNER OPPOSES PEACE

Resolution Seeks to Commit United States to Nonintervention

Washington, Dec. 15. — A protest against mediation by the United States in the European war and participation in the promoting "an unjust peace" was embodied in a resolution introduced in the House yesterday by Representative Augustus P. Gardner, of Massachusetts, who asserted that a premature and inconclusive peace would fail to punish the Central Powers for the unbounded misery which they have brought on mankind.

The Gardner resolution seeks to commit Congress to a statement that the "United States would neither directly nor indirectly suggest to the Entente Allies that they accept mediation, and, furthermore, it is the opinion of the Congress that the United States ought to refuse to participate in promoting an unjust peace."

Mr. Gardner says there should be no peace until Germany restores "every acre of land" to the despoiled nations, until ample indemnities have been paid and until, by disarmament and disbandment, Germany shall declare that a peace treaty is something more than "a scrap of paper."

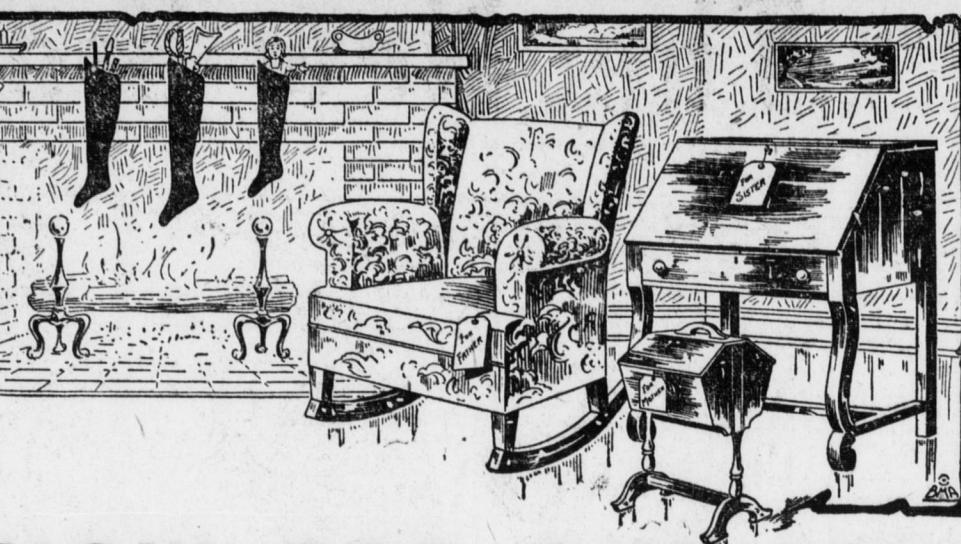
AMERICAN KILLED IN JUAREZ

Executed by Carranza Officers—Had Been With Villa

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 15. — Alfonso Leiva, an American citizen, formerly of Brownsville, Tex., was put to death in Juarez by the military authorities on October 21, according to a report brought here by an American. Leiva was a former Villa lieutenant colonel and according to this American, who was in jail with him, asked that a letter be sent to his aged mother in Brownsville, Tex., telling of his fate.

According to this American, an effort was made by Leiva to obtain a pardon because of his American citizenship, but he was told he had forfeited his citizenship when he joined Villa.

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