



WARTIME PROHIBITION HELD TO BE CONSTITUTIONAL IN DECISION BY SUPREME COURT

Visions of Christmas Flowing With Booze Is Shattered by Opinion

INJUNCTION RESTRAINING REVENUE AGENTS DISSOLVED

Washington, Dec. 15.—Wartime prohibition was held constitutional today by the Supreme Court in a unanimous decision. Thus vanished the hopes of many for a "wet" holiday time. No decision was rendered on the cases involving the constitutionality of the Volstead law, the prohibition enforcement act, framed to carry out the intent of the prohibition amendment to the Constitution.

Binding on States, Too

In passing, however, Associate Justice Brandeis did hold that the prohibition amendment was binding on the states as well as the Federal government. The court entirely reversed the contention of the "wets" that wartime prohibition was outside the wartime powers of Congress and pointed out that wartime control of food and railroads still were in effect.

Will Keep Country Dry

Upon the court's decision the prohibition enforcement law will depend whether the Federal government has at hand any legal means for making the amendment effective. The constitutionality of wartime prohibition, however, the "drys" are confident, will keep the country dry until the amendment is carried into effect by law of its own.

Federal Court decrees in New York dismissing proceedings brought by the State to prevent the withdrawal from bond of whisky for beverage purposes were affirmed by the court.

War Powers Not Abrogated

The signing of the armistice did not abrogate the war powers of Congress, Associate Justice Brandeis said in reading the decision of the court.

May Export Liquor

Justice Brandeis said the Government did not appropriate the liquor by stopping its domestic sale, as the way was left open for exporting it.

Excise War Power

Justice Brandeis called attention to the continued control of the railroads and reassertion by the Government relative to coal and sugar under war acts to show that the Government continues to exercise various war powers despite the signing of the armistice.

Million Involves

The constitutional prohibition amendment is binding on the Federal Government as well as the states and supersedes state laws, the court declared.

Unanimous

The judgment of the court in the Kentucky and New York cases was unanimous.

Justice Brandeis said there was no basis for the contention that President Wilson's statement in his message vetoing the prohibition enforcement act that the war had come to an end, was a proclamation announcing the termination of the war.

In rendering its opinion, the court affirmed its decision in the wartime prohibition act and took no action on the so-called beer cases which attacked the constitutionality of the prohibition enforcement act.

Beside the millions of dollars invested in brewery and distilling plants

extended in every quarter of the city this afternoon.

Wormwood and Gall

The downfall is all the more bitter because of the strong hopes that had been held out for a literal coup d'etat on the part of the now defeated forces.

Under the personal supervision of General Saloon Proprietor and a

force of capable lieutenants, preparations had been made for the reopening of the saloons which still hold their licenses. In every one of them, windows were being cleaned this morning, and the little glasses for straight whisky, and the long-stemmed ones for wine and mixed drinks, were being polished. Too, the mahogany bars that had known nothing but mead, beer and water since July 1, were well washed in preparation for the expected arrival of a long stream of long absent friends.

But alas, all the fond hopes have been literally dashed to pieces by a cruel court.

To-day's mobilization was the second ordered by General Proprietor and his staff. Last Monday it had been doped out that as the Supreme Court was to meet, it naturally would drop its other business and come to the rescue of the rum-sellers. The only hope now is that by some miracle Congress will make peace with Germany before January 16 when the "dry" constitution amendment becomes effective.

THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and Vicinity: Fair continued cold to-night and Tuesday. Low 15 degrees.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Tuesday, continued cold. Fresh west and north-west winds.

River: The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary.

Ice: The ice will probably appear in the streams again and some may become frozen in places to-night.

Ugliest Woman in London and Her "Runner-Up"



There was held recently in London a competition for the ugliest woman in the city. The selection was made in St. George's Hall. The winner was Miss Layton, who is seen at the right. Mrs. Innes, at the left, was second choice. Arnold de Biers, who advertised for the "ugliest woman in London," was the judge.

Five Minutes With Crowds in Store and Street

A mother angrily shaking a little girl and saying: "Don't you say 'I wish' again!" A bashful lover buying silk stockings. A woman giving a traffic policeman a popcorn ball. Young married pair buying shoes for the wife: "Please don't buy high heels, dearie," the husband is saying. "They make you so much taller than I am." Five-year-old dropping package of toys in Toy Mission box at Bowman's. Man at one jewelry store counter: "That stone looks to me to be altogether too large for \$1,200." Woman at another counter: "That isn't much of a ring for \$12." Blind man ravenously and hideously singing "I am blind—I cannot see the light of day." Beggars. Young men buying toilet sets. Young women buying cigarette cases. A wife buying cigars for her husband. Cigar man trying his best to make her buy good ones. "Do you know him?" asks a bystander. "No, the poor devil," says the cigar man.

U. S. TAKES UP QUARANTINE IS USED PERSONALLY FOR FIRST TIME

Government instructs Embassy at Mexico City to Make Representations

Washington, Dec. 15.—The American embassy at Mexico City was directed to-day by the State Department to make representations to the Mexican government regarding the kidnapping of Fred G. Hugo, the American manager of the Dobie ranch, near Musquiz, by Villistas last week.

To Make Probes The embassy and the American consul at Eagle Pass, Texas, have been instructed to make an independent investigation of the incident and also to investigate reports that...

38,770,000 Acres of Winter Wheat Sown by Farmers This Fall

Washington, Dec. 15.—The winter wheat area sown this fall is 38,770,000 acres, the Department of Agriculture announced to-day. The revised estimate of last year's area was announced as 50,489,000 acres. The condition of the crop December 1 was 85.2 per cent. of a normal, compared with 98.5 on December 1 last year, 79.3 in 1917 and 99.5 the year December 1 average.

MANY WANT TO HELP US REMAIN "DRY"

Enforcement of the new prohibition laws evidently has taken the popular fancy. So great has been the number of applicants for jobs from this Internal Revenue district that Uncle Sam's agents are having a hard time filling away the applications.

TUT! TUT! LADY! WORLD WILL NOT FREEZE AT 16

Temperature Must Fall Far Before End of Time Arrives on Earth

MANY IN FEAR OF DEATH

Hard to Put End to Belief of Disaster Among the Superstitious

HARD ON THE COAL PILE

Planets Are Lined Up According to Schedule and Nothing Happens

One Missing in Fire Which Sweeps Block in Heart of Hoboken

Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 15.—Fire broke out shortly before noon today in the Admiral Benson Club for service men, the First Reformed Church and four five-story brick apartment houses. The adjacent buildings were threatened. The entire fire department was called out.

Germany's Reply to Entente Note Handed to Peace Conference

Paris, Dec. 15.—The German peace delegation this morning handed Germany's reply to the Entente note to Paul Duta, secretary of the Peace Conference.

SEVEN CARDINALS NOMINATED

Rome, Dec. 15.—Seven new cardinals were nominated during the secret consistory held to-day, at which Pope Benedict delivered an allocution. No Americans were named.

CONSTABLE KILLED

Kilbrittan, Ireland, Sunday, Dec. 14.—A constable named Bolger was shot and killed in front of the police barracks here to-day. No arrests have been made.

SIGHTLESS SEEK LIGHT AND THOSE WITH WITHERED LIMBS PRAY WITH HEALER FOR HELP

HE USES FAITH TO CURE SICK



INCREASED PAY FOR OVERTIME ON SLOW FREIGHTS

Washington, Dec. 15.—Under an agreement between the railroad administration and the four brotherhoods of train and engine men, announced to-day, time and a half for overtime in slow freight service will become effective as of December 1.

Dog Misses His Master, Makes Seven Trips Around Reservoir Trolley Loop

It is said a man's best friend is his dog, but every man does not have a dog. However, according to a story told to-day by Reservoir Park crews of the Harrisburg Railway Company, there is one man in Harrisburg who does not appreciate his dog. Every evening this man boarded a Reservoir Park car. His dog was left on the outside, but when the car started so did the dog, and the latter went over the entire route returning to Market Square.

THREE NEW GAS WELLS COME IN

Pittsburgh.—Three new gas wells were added to the active list in the McKeesport field near here to-day when a ten million cubic feet well came in with a rush in Eden Park, a recent addition to the producing territory and was quickly followed by a two million cubic feet well in the same section. Almost immediately afterward another well measuring two million cubic feet was struck in an older section.

SENATE REJECTS R. R. AMENDMENT

Washington.—After an hour's debate on the Cummins bill the Senate to-day rejected an amendment which would have given interstate commerce commission control over interstate pipe line distribution of natural gas, proposed by Senator Calder, Republican, of New York, who had declared towns in his state were to be at the complete mercy of Pennsylvania gas companies.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Melchior Melisorelli, Providence, R. I., and Assunta Fortina, Steelton.

Woman Gets Out of Bed and Walks, While Physically Helpless Get Comfort in Service at St. Stephen's Church; Hundreds Ask For Assistance

Faith in Christ and prayer for Divine aid are the two things that will cure ills, James Moore Hickson, the faith healer, told more than 600 persons at his opening meeting this morning in the St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, North Front street.

Walks Without Cane

About 125 had been prayed for until noon with hundreds more patiently waiting to be visited by Mr. Hickson, who went from one to the other, placed his hand on the head of the sufferer, prayed quietly for a minute, then on the head of the parent or other relative and prayed again.

Come From Afar

Afflicted persons came from great distances to seek Mr. Hickson's help. One invalid being brought here from Ohio. Others came from all parts of Pennsylvania, some from Altoona, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Hazleton, Scranton, Milton and hundreds of other smaller cities and towns.

Began With Prayer

Then, as the Bishop began "Our Father, who art in heaven," the entire audience joined in repeating the Lord's prayer. It was followed by other short prayers, and while these were made scores of persons who were carried sick infants and paralyzed children in their arms, sons and daughters came with aged parents who were blind or suffering from other serious maladies.

Holds Ray of Hope

With one little ray of hope these suffering, twisted victims of humanity's worst enemy, disease, came to have an appeal made for them. Some of them unable to walk were wheeled in on chairs, others were carried; some seemed to be hopelessly deformed; a few had to be led and stumbled up the steps to the chancel when their turn came to go before Mr. Hickson.

Bishop James Henry Darlington

opened the healing mission service with an explanation that no one was to look for any show or any miracle, and that what might go away healed and not realize at first that the Divine touch had helped them. He explained that Mr. Hickson will be in the city to-day and to-morrow to endeavor to help all who come to him and then will leave for Pittsburgh and other cities. Last night physicians and clergymen met Mr. Hickson, among them a Jewish rabbi.

HOSPITAL GUARD SHOT THROUGH HEAD

Carlisle.—When Corporal Albert Schaba started to awake Recruit Mervin E. Wiand for his tour on guard at the United States General Hospital last night, the corporal's revolver was discharged and Wiand was shot through the head and killed. Army officials give no credence to a report of murder that was circulated in the town.

ALBANIANS PROTEST

Lausanne, Sunday, Dec. 14.—The National Albanian Committee has issued a protest against territory being assigned to Greece, and that if this is confirmed it will be a flagrant violation of the principles for which humanity bled in this terrible war, and that justice should reconstruct Albania into a territorial entity.