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BIG BATTLE BEGUN BY THE WETS IN UNITED STATES OVER PROHIBITION LAW

What Promises to Be the Greatest Fight Ever Made Against Any Statute Has Begun in the Supreme Court—Will Be Between Various States and the Government—Likened to Cure War Days.

Washington, March 10.—The validity of constitutional prohibition will be fought out in a legal battle of attorneys for the Federal government, the dry states, the wet states and the liquor interests in the United States Supreme Court today. A decision was not expected before April or later.

One of the greatest attacks ever made against any statute or part of the Constitution has been directed against the dry laws by the wet forces. I have drawn a vigorous defence of prohibition from the Federal government and dry organizations.

The issue centres on whether prohibition is a valid subject for an amendment to the Constitution and whether the Volstead law enforcing the amendment is constitutional. Probably 25 angles of attack have been launched against the two.

A Legal Battle.

The contests over prohibition have developed into a legal battle between various states and the Federal government. One of the briefs for the liquor interests declares the issue is more important than the famous Dred Scott decision, which upheld states' rights before the war.

The line-up today finds Rhode Island vigorously contesting constitutional prohibition, while opposed to it are the Federal government, 21 prohibition states represented by Chas. E. Hughes and the Anti-Saloon League.

New Jersey will ask the court for permission to bring a suit similar to that of Rhode Island.

A case to be heard today is that of the Kentucky Warehouse Co., of Louisville, which has 165,000 barrels of whiskey which it claims the government must pay for.

AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE

(Special to the Mail.)

Toronto, March 10.—Dr. George Edgar Vincent, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, is in conference with representatives of Canadian universities here today to discuss the disposition of Mr. Rockefeller's gift of \$5,000,000.

DON'T SPEND DAD'S CASH

Holland, March, 10.—E. D. Dinnent, president of Hope college, has advised students to spend their money wisely.

"No boy has a right," he said, "to buy flowers for young women with money earned by his dad; and no girl has a right to accept flowers purchased in such manner. If you are flush with money don't set a pace the average student cannot follow."

HIGH COST OF LIVING BARS THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

London, March 10.—After careful consideration, the King and Queen have decided against holding court at Buckingham Palace this year on the ground of saving unnecessary expense to their subjects. They reached this conclusion reluctantly, knowing that a majority of the persons who are entitled to be presented prefer a ceremony which is surrounded by formality and one which makes the occasion greater than a mere casual meeting at a garden party.

For costumes such as are used at any afternoon function, the royal ladies themselves set an example last year, when they wore frocks which they had already worn at Ascot.

ANGLICAN W. A. MET IN ANNUAL SESSION

Mrs. Wainwright Elected President—Large Attendance—Addresses by Bishop and Dean.

The annual meeting of the W. A. of the Church of England took place yesterday. The officers for the coming year are:

Hon. Pres.—Mrs. Richardson.
Pres.—Mrs. Wainwright.
Vice Pres.—Mrs. Smithers.
Sec. Vice Pres.—Mrs. H. Richards.
Treasurer—Mrs. R. FitzRandolph.
Rec. Sec.—Mrs. Brooks.
Cor. Sec.—Miss A. Robinson.
E. C. D. Sec.—Mrs. Branscombe.
Leaflet Sec.—Mrs. Bulteel.
B. B. Sec.—Mrs. B. Lemont.
Dorcas Sec.—Mrs. F. Burns.

There was the largest attendance of the year at the meeting yesterday afternoon and great interest is being shown in the work of the Auxiliary.

Addresses were delivered by Bishop Richardson and Very Rev. Dean Neales.

PROFITEERING MAY CAUSE A BIG STRIKE

New York, March 10.—Possibility of a general strike of 350,000 union men in New York city, if relief is not provided immediately against profiteering landlords and other high costs of living, was up for consideration at a conference here today between the mayor and officials of the Central Federated Unions.

MURDER AT WINDSOR, ONT.

Windsor, Ont., March 10.—Morris Rappaport, 31 years old, proprietor of a butcher and grocery shop at 152 Marion avenue, was shot to death by an unknown man at 10:30 o'clock Saturday night, the murderer escaping immediately afterwards without leaving the slightest clue to his identity. The tragedy occurred in Rappaport's shop, and the police theory is that robbery was the motive although some \$300 in the cash register was not touched, the slayer running from the place after Rappaport fell mortally wounded.

Mrs. E. E. Annand and children of Binscarth, Manitoba, who have been visiting in Nova Scotia passed through on the C. P. R. last evening on their way West.

GOVERNMENT HAS MAJORITY OF THIRTY-FOUR ON AMENDMENT OF OPPOSITION LEADER

Decision Taken at an Early Hour This Morning—Union Government Supporters Do Not Want an Election—Lively Clash Between Hon. Charles Murphy and Hon. N. W. Rowell.

Ottawa, March 10.—The amendment calling for the immediate bringing down of the franchise act and an immediate appeal to the people, which was introduced in the House of Commons by Hon. Mackenzie King, leader of the opposition, was defeated early this morning by a majority of thirty-four.

The Unionist government's majority in the house after the election of 1917 was seventy-one.

Resurrecting speeches delivered in the election campaign of 1917 and all the attacks and replies since that time. Hon. Charles Murphy, Liberal member for Russell, returned to the attack on Hon. Mr. Rowell in the commons this afternoon. He charged the minister with having commercialized Christianity and with having insulted Roman Catholics, French-Canadians and the French priests who were in Canada at the outbreak of the war. The dead and living among these men rested under the sting of Mr. Rowell's charges of "slacking," Mr. Murphy declared.

As to Union government the member for Russell charged that its chief prop was the Orange Order, and he read a lengthy confidential circular issued by the joint legislative council of that order, which referred to various activities in securing legislation they wanted.

Several times the member for Russell was called to order and asked to withdraw statements or imputations he was making against the president of the privy council. He read a lengthy editorial from the Catholic Record on the subject of an address delivered by Mr. Rowell at North Bay in 1917, and at one point was called to order and informed that he could not read statements from any source which he could not make himself.

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THREE FEDERAL BY ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON APRIL SEVENTH

Vacancies Will Be Filled in St. James, Kamouraska and Temiskaming—The Last Two Were Formerly Represented By Liberals—East Elgin Vacancy to Be Filled Later.

Ottawa, March 10.—The bye-elections that will occur on April 7 are attracting attention in political circles. The Government expects, at least to hold its own. The three elections are in St. James, (Montreal), Kamouraska (both strongly Liberal at the last election), and Temiskaming, the seat of the late Hon. Frank Cochrane. The last-mentioned constituency is a good fighting ground. A Unionist, a Labor and a Liberal candidate will be in the field. There is a large railway vote, and Messrs. Nicholson and Harrison, M. P.'s, will direct the organization of the constituency for the Government.

Liberals claim that their candidate in Kamouraska, Adolphe Stein, M. L. A., will be returned by acclamation.

The bye-election in East Elgin will be brought on later. This vacancy was caused by the death of Mr. David Marshall, Unionist.

ANNUAL THANK OFFERING OF ST. PAUL'S W. M. S.

The Annual Thank Offering meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of St. Paul's Church was held last evening in the Memorial Hall, and proved to be a most interesting one.

The program was varied and the Senior and Junior Mission Bands each contributed a pleasing number.

Miss Esther Clark gave an excellent word picture of the great Des Moines convention that convinced the audience that Mrs. Clark had got the very best out of that wonderful meeting.

Mrs. Sutherland read an excellent paper and Dr. Kenneth Baird in an all too short address made a stirring appeal for workers in the field. These numbers with solos by Mrs. Peacock and Miss Kathleen Baird, a recitation by little Miss Sypher a duet by Mrs. Lockwood and Miss Baird and a dialogue by eight girls made up the programme so much appreciated by the audience present.

Mrs. Sutherland presided and the collection amounted to \$100.00.

Miss Violet Olive of Truro, N. S., who has been visiting relatives here left last night for Western Canada where she will take charge of a school.

A SEIZURE OF WHISKEY

Detroit, March 10.—A flat-bottomed boat carrying as cargo 108 quarts of Canadian whiskey was seized by police at the foot of Lakewood street today following the flight of three rum-runners who had crossed the river with the craft.

The boat was spotted by Detective Shea of Fifth Precinct Station, who emptied his revolver at the three occupants, but all made their escape.

The craft was equipped with runners for use on the icy stretches of the river.

BRITISH SHOT BY BOLSHEVIKI

London, March 10.—Mr. Winston Churchill, in the House of Commons last night, replying to questions on Russia, said that twelve officers and six other ranks of the British mission had fallen into Bolshevik hands and that four officers had been shot.

It was stated that the Soviet government had made peace offers to Japan, Roumania and the United States but the British government had not been consulted in the matter.

HON. MR. ASQUITH SPEAKS ON THE IRISH QUESTION BEFORE THE EIGHTY CLUB

Former Premier Scathingly Denounces the Irish Policy of the Coalition Government—Says Methods of Administration in Ireland are Reactionary—Large Proportion of Crime Due to Senseless Policy of the Government.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Mayor Reid Will Administer Oath to New Aldermen—Committees to be Struck.

His Worship Mayor Reid took the oath of office before Hon. O.S. Crockett, judge of the Court of King's Bench Tuesday afternoon and will administer the oath of office to the newly elected aldermen Friday night.

The first meeting of the new City Council also will be for the purpose of striking standing committees for the year, passing bills for the election on Monday last and fixing the date for the byelection in King's Ward made necessary by the election of ex-Ald. Reid as mayor.

The inaugural address of His Worship also will be heard at that meeting.

NEW RULE FOR BANK EMPLOYEES

Chicago, March 10.—A book of rules for employees of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, circulated today, says: "No male employee receiving less than \$125 a month salary will be permitted to marry while in the service of this bank, without first taking the matter up with the chief clerk."

"The sum set in the book is the minimum on which an employee can risk a matrimonial venture," said C. R. McKay, vice-governor of the bank, who added that the rule was "imperative."

"The bank officials believe that is the least sum on which two may live in these days," he said.

TAX ON PIANOS IS PROPOSED

Paris, March 10.—The suggestion that a tax be placed on pianos has given rise to a somewhat amusing discussion regarding how it is to be applied. One councillor proposes a tax of 30 francs on uprights and 60 francs on grand pianos. He would exempt music teachers on the ground that their pianos are instruments of work.

A writer in the Sun and New York Herald asks how will they distinguish between an instrument of work and an instrument of pleasure, for a tax on the piano of a composer or a pupil would be an iniquitous thing. The sewing machine of a dressmaker or the tool of a mason are untaxed, and if pianos are taxed it will be necessary

(Special to the Mail.)
London, March 10.—Former Premier Asquith, who was recently re-elected to the House of Commons for Paisley, spoke scathingly last night of Irish conditions before the "Eighty Club," of which he was re-elected president.

Never in the memory of the oldest club member, he said, had the methods of government in Ireland been so reactionary, or denial of the elementary principles of civil and political liberties been so complete, so defiant, so insolent as today.

He charged that a very large proportion of the crime in Ireland was due to the senseless policy of the present government.

Ludendorff in Berlin.

Berlin, March 10.—Denial was given today that General Ludendorff, former quartermaster general, was in Finnish territory. It is said that he is at present in Berlin.

AWFUL STATE OF AFFAIRS IN SOUTH RUSSIA

London, March 10.—Chaotic conditions in the wake of Gen. Denikine's army as it retreated in South Russia before the Bolsheviks, are vividly described by a non-commissioned officer with the British expeditionary force. The British soldier had been as far north as Taganrog, on the Gulf of Taganrog, an arm of the Sea of Azov.

"Never have I seen or participated in such a scramble in my life," the soldier writes. "We were lucky to get away at all and the worst feature of the whole business was that the townspeople of Taganrog turned Bolshevik to a man at the finish. They looted everything."

"As Rostov things were worse. The streets were swept by hailstorms of machine gun fire while the bodies of men, women and children who had been hanged on telegraph posts and trees by the retreating Denikine army were woeful to see. The pleading voices and appealing faces of those who could not be taken on the train were pitiful. The whole scene was enacted in a blizzard of snow and sleet."

Capital Increased

The capital of The Wiley Drug Company, Limited, of Grand Falls has been increased from four thousand to fifteen thousand dollars.

to tax all other musical instruments. Will the chimes in churches be considered as pianos?

UNIONISTS MEET TOMORROW IN THE FIRST CAUCUS OF THE SESSION

Ottawa, March 9.—The call has gone forth for the first Unionist caucus of the session at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning. There Hon. Messrs. Reid and Calder will give their Esoteric report as to the condition of Sir Robert Borden, his desire to return, the policy to be pursued and other matters. Race track gambling legislation may be talked over. The demand from some members, that a new leader may be chosen forthwith, is being met by a quiet but effective lobby to the effect that it is better to decide on a programme first. The wise ones know that if all can be united on a programme it will come easier to swallow a leader whom, at present, some of them might care for. Then they can say what is the difference, he is bound any way by the decisions made in caucus.