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SENATE VOTES FOR NEAR BEER: GRANTS TIME TO SELL OUT

Upper Chamber of Nebraska Legislature Disposed to Modify Restrictions of Proposed Bone Dry Law.

FIRST TEST 18 TO 15

Represents Lineup on Changes in House Bill to Enforce Dry Amendment.

FURTHER ACTION TODAY

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, March 27.—(Special.)—Nebraska senators by votes ranging from 18 to 15 to 19 to 14 today manifested their intention of modifying fundamentally the house bone dry bill drafted to place regulations on handling liquor in the state after May 1, when the prohibitory amendment goes into effect.

An amendment to the bill permitting the manufacture of "near beer" was adopted.

Time to Sell Stock.

Dealers in liquor were given thirty days in which to dispose of their stocks after the amendment goes into effect.

A change was made in the bill permitting the manufacture of wine and cider on one's own premises.

By a vote of 19 to 14 the senate decided to allow liquor dealers to have an unlimited amount of liquor on hand if bought before May 1.

The manufacture of ethyl-alcohol was permitted if made unfit for a beverage.

Large Crowd to Witness.

The galleries and every spot which was big enough to hold anybody were crowded.

Senator Robertson offered a motion to eliminate the index appearing in front of the bill.

So carefully was this watched that the dry people got themselves in a trap right on the start by opposing an amendment by Robertson which had not been prepared and printed. When this had been settled by an agreement not to take up new amendments, McMullen sprang a new amendment on the wets and then it was discovered that in depriving Robertson of the right to offer new matter the drys had locked themselves out.

Senatorial courtesy was several times fractured and in the heat of argument things were said which might have provoked mortal combat under other conditions.

First Roll Call Tells.

That the wets had the situation well in hand was indicated by the first roll call, which came on the amendment to section one. This amendment defines intoxicating liquors and virtually allows the use of "near beer." The voted stood:

For—	For—
Adams	Robertson
Bennett	Samuelson
Burnham	Smith
Dietz	Spirk
Gates	Strehlow
Henry	Tanner
Kuhl	Wilson of Dodge
Lambert	Wilson of Frontier—19
Matters	
Moriarty	
Against—	Against—
Albert	Howell
Beal	McAllister
Bushee	McMullen
Chappell	Neal
Douthett	Oberlies
Hager	Sandell
Baker	Sawyer—16
Hammond	

Albert Stands on Argument.

Albert of Platte, while voting with the drys on the roll call, made a speech in which he said that the people of the state did not vote for a bone dry law, but voted simply to abolish the saloons and not restrict the individual in his home.

He produced the argument put out by the dry federation through the secretary of state to substantiate his claim and said that the only thing for the senate to do was to pass a law in conformity with the argument placed up to the people.

When section 2 was reached another amendment covering about the

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The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; warmer.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	29
6 a. m.	28
7 a. m.	28
8 a. m.	31
9 a. m.	36
10 a. m.	38
11 a. m.	41
12 m.	43
1 p. m.	46
2 p. m.	48
3 p. m.	51
4 p. m.	54
5 p. m.	54
6 p. m.	55
7 p. m.	53
8 p. m.	52

Comparative Local Record.

	1917.	1916.	1915.	1914.
Highest yesterday	55	59	57	45
Lowest yesterday	28	31	28	34
Mean temperature	42	45	32	40
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00	.15

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	42
Deficiency for the day	0
Total excess since March 1	35
Normal precipitation	.06 inch
Deficiency for the day	.06 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	1.25 inches
Excess since March 1	.21 inch
Deficiency cor. period, 1916	.79 inch
Excess cor. period, 1915	.83 inch

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State of Weather	Temp. 7 p. m.	High-est.	Rain-fall.
Cheyenne, clear	42	46	.00
Davenport, clear	60	64	.00
Denver, clear	54	56	.00
Des Moines, clear	46	48	.00
Dodge City, clear	54	58	.00
Lander, clear	50	52	.00
North Platte, clear	54	54	.00
Omaha, clear	52	55	.00
Pueblo, clear	62	64	.00
Rapid City, pt. cloudy	48	52	.00
Salt Lake City, cloudy	44	48	.00
Santa Fe, clear	48	52	.00
Sheridan, cloudy	42	50	.00
Sioux City, clear	46	50	.00
Valentine, clear	46	52	.00

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

U. S. MAY LEND BILLIONS TO ALLIES ... event of war being declared between the United States and Germany, it is said to be the present plan of the administration to chiefly aid the allies in a financial sense. If such a plan is put into effect these are the men who would arrange the details in behalf of the United States.

OFFICERS OF BANK DECIDE ON DUTIES

Work of Different Departments Is Mapped Out at Meeting of Board.

TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS

President Hogan, Treasurer Morcom and Secretary Odell of the Federal Land bank of Omaha have been made a permanent loan committee of the bank by an action of the board of directors, who met yesterday at the Commercial club rooms and in the offices of the bank on the twelfth floor of the Woodmen of the World building.

The work of the officers was mapped out so that in the operations of the bank each will know what his duties and functions are and what department he is to be responsible for.

President Hogan is to be in charge of completion of loans, appraisements and legal matters.

Secretary Odell is to be in charge of office routine and the formation of federal farm loan associations.

Treasurer Morcom is to be in charge of accounting, collections and the custody of the securities.

Attorney Registrar Corey is to handle legal matters under the direction of the president and is to represent the federal government as registrar.

The directors' meeting will continue today and a number of clerical appointments are expected to be made.

Twenty Are Killed By Alabama Storm; Town Demolished

Birmingham, Ala., March 27.—Twenty persons are reported dead as the result of a storm which swept through Crenshaw, Hale and Pike counties, Alabama, early today. At Petrey, five white persons and nine negroes are reported to have lost their lives and every building in the town of 250 inhabitants, is said to have been destroyed. At Middlebrook and in the section north of Troy, Ala., two white persons and two negroes were killed and several churches and dwellings destroyed.

Charles Wright, a rural mail carrier, and an unidentified negro are reported dead in the southern part of Hale county.

Many Men Enlist at All Chicago Stations

Chicago, Ill., March 27.—Aside from statements that the war spirit has greatly swelled enlistments both in the regular army and the National Guard, figures were withheld for military reasons. Long lines of applicants at the National Guard armory today, however, were pointed to by officers as telling the story. Navy recruiting stations were the scenes of activity unprecedented since the Spanish-American war.

Mother of Mrs. Bucholz Suffers Severe Injury

Norfolk, Neb., March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt, formerly of Omaha, is suffering from concussion of the brain after falling down a flight of stairs in her home here. Her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Bucholz and her son, William Rainbolt of Omaha were at her bedside. Her recovery is expected.

Champion Holstein Is Killed by a Needle

Appleton, Wis., March 27.—Pauline Paul Parthenae, champion Holstein cow owned by R. J. Schaefer, is dead. A post-morem showed that a darning needle had pierced the heart. Two years ago the animal gave 2,888 pounds of butter. She was 13 years old and won every prize for which she had been entered for some years.

LAWMAKERS FEAST AT ANNUAL SPREAD

Four Hundred Men Seated at Banquet of the Legislative League.

GOVERNOR GIVES WELCOME

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—To the music of the University of Nebraska band, over 400 banqueters sat down tonight to the sixth annual banquet of the Nebraska Legislative league, Secretary Richmond outdoing all former attempts.

Guests found a bottle of "near beer" at each plate. Grape juice was used a year ago.

Chief Justice Morrissey presided as toastmaster and the following responded to call: Governor Neville, "welcome address;" E. P. Brown, C. B. Letton, W. F. Rieschick, D. H. Cronin, John M. Tanner, Charles Wooster, George Tracewell, John A. Robinson, T. J. Majors and I. L. Albert.

Former Speaker Marsh Elder, now of Oklahoma, as the honored guest of the evening responded to the toast, "The Days of '91."

The legislative quartet composed of Senators McAllister and Oberlies and Representatives Jackson and Shannon, with the Omaha Commercial colored orchestra furnished music. Officers elected by the league this afternoon were: W. H. Dech, president; A. M. Walling, vice president; Henry C. Richmond, re-elected secretary.

Villa and Carranza Troops Battle at Chihuahua's Gates

Chihuahua City, Mexico, March 27.—Skirmishes between Villa and Carranza troops by which Villa tried to feel out the defenses prepared by General Francisco Murgua, have already taken place today in the neighborhood of Chihuahua City, where the greatest vigilance is now exercised against an attack in force by the rebels.

Juarez, Mexico, March 27.—Fighting was in progress all day yesterday at Bachiamba canyon, thirty-five miles south of Chihuahua City, Mexicans who arrived here today on a refugee train reported. Villa troops attacked a troop train going south, they said, and a general engagement followed.

Hamilton County Wheat Is Dead, Say Experts

Aurora, Neb., March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—That 90 per cent of the wheat in this part of the state is dead was the statement made today by several men who made a thorough canvass of the fields of the county. One of the observers was Mr. Anderson from Lincoln, a representative of the weather bureau. Mr. Anderson, C. S. Brown and Swan Peterson drove about fifty miles and examined scores of fields.

Congressman Charles H. Sloan of Geneva stated here yesterday that the wheat in Fillmore county is dead. He has examined carefully eight fields and found them dead. Farmers are beginning to ask about seeding spring wheat. Many acres of spring wheat will be planted. The remainder of the dead wheat will be plowed up and the land put into dollar corn.

Two Men Are Killed in Fight at Cleveland, O.

Cleveland, O., March 27.—Two men were killed and a third was wounded in a pistol battle in the street at Woodland avenue and East Twentieth street this morning. Eight or nine men participated in the battle, which is believed to have resulted from a gambling quarrel.

RECRUITING IS BRISK HERE FOR STATE MILITIA

Temporary Headquarters of Guard Bristle With Activity as Young Omahans Show Eagerness to Enlist.

NO DEFECTIVES ARE TAKEN

Officers' Motor Cars Are Used to Convey Applicants to Downtown Station.

PATRIOTISM RUNS HIGH

National Guard recruiting opened with a vim Tuesday morning in temporary headquarters in the First National bank building, Sixteenth and Farnam streets.

Up till noon a total of thirty-one new guardsmen had been formally examined and accepted for enlistment, out of a larger number who applied. Lieutenant Colonel Elsasser and Major Todd declared the recruits had only begun to come in. They said they expected to secure the desired total for the Omaha battalion very rapidly, as soon as all young Omahans were informed of the opportunity now afforded to enlist in the guard.

Rich and Poor Are Equals.

Young and old, rich and poor, workers and idle alike, were among the applicants for guard enlistment. Bugle calls, sounded frequently in the busiest street intersection of the city, as well as flag and gun decorations of the new recruiting headquarters and the appearance of many soldierly and uniformed officers and guardsmen gave the headquarters a warlike appearance and attracted many prospective recruits, as well as curious attention from passersby.

Before the office had been open long the recruiting sergeants were busy talking with applicants and signing up volunteers. Autos owned by Captain C. W. Hamilton, jr., Captain T. L. Kershener and other officers were kept busy bringing in applicants, whom the guardsmen had secured in all parts of the city.

Thrills Act as Stimulus.

Increased rumors that the local guard might soon be called upon for duty outside of Omaha, and even beyond the state borders, gave a great stimulus to the recruiting.

"Orders prevent us from disclosing any such plans or probabilities," explained Major Todd, "but we would not be surprised to get orders to entrain or march soon for active duty elsewhere. The fellows who now get into the guard will be on the ground floor for service, in case of need."

Rev. T. J. Mackay, rector of All Saints' church and a veteran of the civil war, applied at the guard headquarters and offered his services in any possible way he could be used. He said he had just heard from one of his sons, who talked of joining a military organization.

James L. Love, 70, of Woodbine, Ia., was another of the older men who applied to help in any possible way. He is visiting relatives here at 117 North Twenty-ninth street.

A. J. P. Bertschy of the Bertschy Garage company volunteered to help the guard officers and donated a $20 check to their incidental expense fund by way of showing his patriotic spirit.

Ralph E. Madsen of Creighton, Nebraska's tallest citizen, ducked through the door with his seven feet two inches of height and applied to enlist, but was turned down on account of physical and eyesight requirements.

McGowan First "Rook."

Louis McGowan, 22, a flag and bunting decorator, who lives at the Flomar hotel and has done Ak-Sar-Ben decorating work, was the first recruit enlisted Tuesday morning. The second was Anthony Burns, 35, a restaurant cook, who lives at Eighteenth street and St. Mary's avenue. Both said they wanted excitement and patriotic activity and simply could not resist the nation's appeal to loyal Americans. They entered Company A.

Dan Pugh, formerly mess sergeant of Company B, who recently finished a guard enlistment period, volunteered for re-enlistment when he heard that his old guard regiment had been called back into federal service. He secured a uniform at once and began hustling for other recruits.

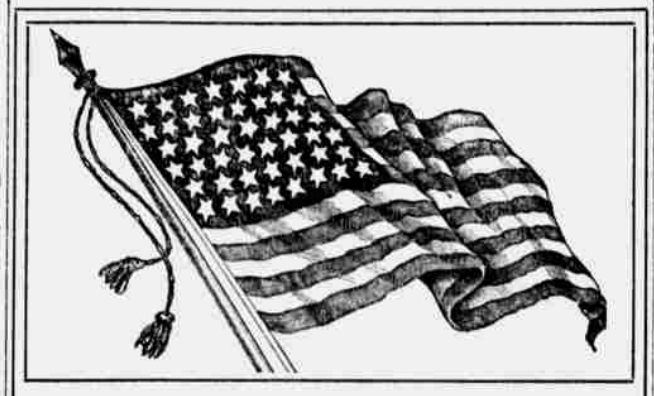
Lieutenant E. L. Wilbur of Company A went to Lincoln with twenty picked guardsmen from various companies of the Omaha battalion in response to orders from Colonel W. E. Bachr, now in Lincoln, to organize and equip his regiment for active duty. The detachment will help him there for a few days.

Company B of the Fourth Nebraska National Guard Monday evening elected Tupper Wyman first lieutenant to fill a vacancy. Attorney James Connelly was elected second lieutenant. Both elections were unanimous.

Berlin Filled With Rumors Kaiser Has Offered Russ Peace

London, March 27.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says:

"According to a Berlin telegram received by the Amsterdam Bourse, Berlin is filled with rumors that Germany has offered separate peace to Russia. The terms offered are said to be complete autonomy to Poland, the internationalization of Constantinople, the evacuation by Russia of Austrian territory and a Russian protectorate over Armenia."



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DEMOBILIZATION OF THE GUARD STOPPED

This Move Adds Nearly Twenty Thousand Men Available for Federal Service.

ARMY VOUCHERS MONEY

Washington, March 27.—Nearly 20,000 men were added today to the National Guard force available for federal police duty by a War department order suspending the muster out of all Guard organizations still in the federal service. With the men called out during the last few days, this gives the government upward of 50,000 guardsmen for employment in their home states to protect industries and other property.

Most of the men affected by today's order are at their home mobilization camps preparing to return to civilian life after long stays on the Mexican border. They now will be held at their camps or armories for assignment as conditions require.

The Full List.

In all, 22,000 men are retained by the order, but several of the units already had been designated for federal service. The full list follows:

Arizona—First infantry.

New Mexico—First infantry, Battery A.

Alabama—First, Second and Fourth infantry, First regiment cavalry, one company signal corps, one field hospital, one ambulance company.

Colorado—One field hospital, one signal corps, three troops cavalry.

Georgia—First, Second and Fifth infantry, Second squadron and Troop A cavalry, one field hospital.

Kentucky—First and Third infantry, Company B signal corps, ambulance company No. 1.

Mississippi—First infantry.

Ohio—First battalion signal corps, First, Second and Third field hospital, First and Second ambulance companies, First battalion field artillery, First battalion and Company B engineers.

North Carolina—Second and Third infantry, Troops A and B cavalry, Companies A and B engineers.

Virginia—First battalion field artillery, Battery C, Company A engineers, Company A signal corps, First squadron cavalry.

West Virginia—First infantry.

Texas—Second and Third infantry and part of Fourth infantry, First squadron cavalry, Battery A, one field hospital.

Army Vouchers Acceptable.

Another announcement made today was that the Federal Reserve board had ordered army vouchers accepted by federal reserve banks as negotiable paper. The action was taken to meet the emergency presented by the failure of the last congress to pass the army appropriation bill and the deficiency bills to cover border mobilization expenses.

Probably the total amount of business the War department must do on credit will pass $50,000,000 before appropriations become available. This burden was found too heavy for contractors to carry unaided.

Hospital Ship Sunk Without Warning; Thirty-One Drowned

London, March 27.—The British hospital ship Asturias was torpedoed without warning, it was officially announced today. Thirty-one persons were killed and twelve are missing.

The admiralty statement reads:

"A British destroyer recently struck a mine in the channel and sunk. Four officers and seventeen men were saved.

"Another of these vessels sank today after a collision with a steamer. One man was lost. There were no other casualties.

The German admiralty yesterday announced the sinking of the Asturias. It was a vessel of 12,000 tons. An attempt was made to sink it in February, 1915.

Land Bank Officers Will Be Guests of Omaha Rotary Club

Officers and directors of the Federal Land bank of Omaha will be guests of the Rotary club at the weekly meeting and luncheon at the Hotel Fontenelle this noon. Those who will tell the Rotarians about Omaha's newest big financial institutions are D. P. Hogan, president; M. L. Corey, registrar, and Joseph M. Carey, vice president.

Will M. Cressy, appearing at the Orpheum this week, will also be a guest. He is an honorary member of the Memphis (Tenn.) Rotary club.

W. R. Adair will act as chairman of the meeting.

Two British Torpedo Boat Destroyers Reported Sunk

London, March 27.—Two British torpedo boat destroyers have been sunk, one by striking a mine and one after a collision with a steamer, it is officially announced tonight.

FRENCH CAPTURE COUCY-LE-CHATEAU

Paris War Office Reports Gains at Three Points in Northwestern France.

SURPRISE ATTACK IS MADE

London, March 27.—The British in their advance toward Cambrai have occupied the villages of Longevesnes, Lieramont and Equancourt, according to the official report tonight.

Paris, March 27.—All of the lower forest of Coucy has fallen into the hands of the French together with the villages of Petit Barisis, Verneuil and Coucy-La-Ville, according to the official statement issued tonight. This important territory lies south of La Fere and west of Laon. The French advance now has reached the western outskirts of the forest of St. Gobain and the upper forest of Coucy.

Berlin, March 27.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—The occupation by entente troops of the French town of Roisel, after repeated efforts, is announced by the war office. In the forest between the Oise and Couchy-Le-Chateau German troops gave way to avoid being outflanked.

Paris, March 27.—The village of Coucy-Le-Chateau was captured by the French in an attack last night, the war office announces. Further progress was made in the lower section of Coucy forest, all of the northern part of which is now held by the French.

The statement follows:

"South of the Oise we occupied all of the northern part of the lower forest of Coucy, the enemy was driven beyond the Barisis-Servais line. South of Forest our troops in a night attack captured the village of Coucy-Le-Chateau, which was defended energetically.

"North of Soissons we captured a farm northwest of Margival and a point of support held in strength by the enemy.

"In the Argonne we made a successful surprise attack in the sector of Four De Paris, taking prisoners. In Lorraine enemy attacks on small posts in the region of Letricourt were repulsed."

Russians Flee Before Gas.

Petrograd, March 27.—(Via London.)—Attacks by German troops on the Russian line along the Shara, in the Baranovichi region, southeast of Vilna, were at first unsuccessful, the war office announced today. A discharge of gas accompanying the second attack, however, compelled the Russians to fall back. The statement reads:

"In the region of Postava, south of Baranovichi, German artillery displayed greater activity. In the region of Darevotabuzy the enemy attacked our troops on the western bank of the Shara river. The first attack was repulsed, but a second, accompanied by a discharge of asphyxiating gases, obliged our troops to fall back in an easterly direction.

"Enemy airplanes set fire to two of our captive balloons. Two enemy airplanes were hit by our fire and fell into our lines. The aviators were made prisoners.

"Caucasus front: There were reciprocal firing and scouting reconnaissances."

National Colors To Wave on Each School in Omaha

Flags are to be floated from all public schools of Greater Omaha during daylight hours until further notice. Circulars to that effect have been sent to the principals by the superintendent.

Former instructions were to fly flags only on days as specified in the school handbook. Many boys and girls of the schools are wearing tiny flags on their coats and dresses.

Garfield Circle No. 11, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, will raise a flag on a fifty-foot pole which will be placed in Jefferson square by the city park department.

The park department also will place a fifty-foot pole at Twentieth and Grand avenue. An eighty-foot pole being placed in Elmwood park will have a large flag furnished by West Leavenworth Improvement club.

Omaha has taken on a real patriotic air and flags are in evidence everywhere. Many private residences have flags floating to the breeze and nearly every office building is decorated more or less.

WILSON TALKS OF THREE PLANS TO MEET ISSUE

Senator Hitchcock Has Long Conference With President Prior to Meeting of the Cabinet.

WILL SEE OTHER LEADERS

Republicans Consider Provisional Organization for Handling War Measures.

MEN FOR MARINE CORPS

Washington, March 27.—President Wilson was represented today as still having an open mind on exactly what steps he will recommend to congress when it meets in special session next week, although the preponderance of official opinion is that he should ask for a declaration that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany.

Prior to a cabinet meeting at which details of preparedness measures were discussed, Senator Hitchcock, member of the senate foreign relations committee, discussed the situation with the president. Afterward he outlined the following three courses which he believed open to congress:

Passage of a resolution endorsing steps already taken by the president to place the United States in a state of armed neutrality and authorizing further preparedness moves;

Adoption of a resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany; and

Adoption of a declaration of war against Germany.

Sentiment of the West.

Senator Hitchcock said there was undoubtedly sentiment in the west for taking the first of the three instead of declaring war or declaring that a state of war exists.

Other advisers of the president, taking the view that the best step to take is a declaration that a state of war exists, are examining precedents in order to map out the best course to pursue. The general expectation is that in the end the resolution adopted when the United States went to war with Mexico will be followed closely in the present situation. That resolution recited repeated acts of aggression on the part of Mexico against the United States.

Will See Other Leaders.

The president is not expected to put his message to congress into final shape until just before delivering it. In the meantime he will confer with congressional leaders.

Senator Hitchcock made it clear that he went to the White House on his own initiative and said that he knew nothing yet of the plans of Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee for action in advance of the meeting of congress.

Organization of House.

Representative Madden, chairman of a republican committee created in the last congress to consider and recommend party policies in the new house, telegraphed today that he will not reach Washington before Saturday. Progressive republicans want an earlier conference and a movement was started for a meeting before Saturday, notwithstanding Chairman Madden's absence.

It will consider a proposal for a provisional house organization for consideration of war measures and appropriation bills and the question of pushing the fight for republican control afterwards.

Men for Marine Corps.

The United States marine corps needs more than 4,000 men to fill its ranks to a war strength of 17,400.

Explaining that the present authorized maximum strength of the marine corps was 14,981 men, Secretary Daniels said that more than 25,000 additional men would have to be recruited to give the navy the 87,000 bluejackets and the marine corps the increases sought.

Every step that is possible to increase the navy personnel has now been taken except the calling out of the naval militia. This arm of the service will be needed, it is said, to assist in manning new vessels.

Secretary Baker "Enlists."

Newton D. Baker, "present occupation, secretary of war," formally enrolled himself today as an alumnus of Johns Hopkins university, who is ready to place his personal services at the disposal of the government in any capacity in which they might be needed.

The enrollment blank, sent out by all colleges in an effort to list trained men available for duty as a measure of national preparedness, reached Mr. Baker's desk in a routine way and was promptly filled out, signed and returned.

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