

BRIEF BRIGHT BREEZY BITS OF NEWS

LAWFUL TO BUY 'ROUND OF DRINKS' IN LONDON. London, July 11.—It is no longer against the law in England to buy a round of drinks, the liquor board having revoked the "no treating" order, a war measure. It points out that the order wiped the practice of treating and it expresses the hope that the order wiped out the practice of treating and it expresses the hope that "the good sense of the community should suffice to prevent its revival with the wasteful and excessive drinking to which it leads."

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THE WEATHER: Generally fair and continued warm Saturday and Sunday. Hourly temperatures: Hour, Deg. Hour, Deg. 5 a.m. 71 1 p.m. 87 6 a.m. 72 2 p.m. 87 7 a.m. 73 3 p.m. 87 8 a.m. 74 4 p.m. 86 9 a.m. 75 5 p.m. 85 10 a.m. 76 6 p.m. 84 11 a.m. 77 7 p.m. 83 12 noon 78 8 p.m. 82

RAISE HUNBLOCK RATE TODAY

OPPOSITION DEVELOPS TO DRY ACT. Southern Prohibition Leader Says Congress Going Beyond Power in Attempting to Define Intoxicating Liquor. INSISTS ON CHANGES IN ENFORCEMENT MEASURE. Traffic Likened to Convicted Criminal Appealing for Reprieve; Drastic Measure Denounced in House Debate.

BUSINESS LICENSES PLANNED IN CHICAGO. Chicago, July 11.—Hotels, restaurants and ice cream parlors—even private detective agencies—may be required to secure licenses if the plans being worked out by the license committee are carried through. It is proposed that hotels be required to pay \$2 for every room; restaurants \$2 per chair, ice cream parlors \$25, and \$200 a year, according to the number of chairs. It would require a license fee of \$250 a year from private detective agencies and \$25 besides for every operative.

ATTEMPT SUICIDE AS PROTEST AGAINST TREATY. San Francisco, July 11.—Chinese patriots, according to a message received from Peking by H. C. King, president of the Chinese National Welfare society, endeavored to commit suicide Sunday in the presence of Hsu Shih Chong, president of China, in protest against the transfer of control of Shantung province to Japan by the peace treaty.

ASK U. S. COURT TO PASS ON 'PROHIBITION TEST CASE'. Philadelphia, July 11.—Notwithstanding appeals to the supreme court of the United States from the wartime prohibition decisions, rendered in New York, the department of justice Friday asked the U. S. court for the eastern district of Pennsylvania to pass upon a test case here so in event of a ruling in favor of the government every brewer or dealer in that beverage containing more than one half of one per cent alcohol now doing business can be at once prosecuted.

PARIS RESTAURANTS ARE CLOSED BY STRIKE. Paris, July 11.—Lunch was a difficult meal today for most of Paris because of the many places closed by a strike of waiters, cooks and other employees in the restaurants, hotels and cafes. Stores and shops selling cold meats and other foods did a big business. A few clashes have occurred between the police and strike breakers, mostly of foreign origin and the striking waiters. The police have the situation well in hand.

MANY OPPOSE TRIAL OF FORMER GERMAN EMPEROR. London, July 11.—Predictions that the project to bring the former German emperor to trial in England, will be abandoned, are growing in view of the almost unanimous opposition of the newspapers of all parties. Virtually all the leading papers, with the exception of the Northcliffe press, are denouncing the plan. The Northcliffe papers have taken no stand in the matter, but print many letters from prominent persons opposing the trial. The influential weekly reviews all oppose or deride the passage.

RUMANIA PLACES TRUST IN PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY. Washington, July 11.—Rumania places her trust in the "spirit of fairness of the president and the people of the United States," King Ferdinand of that country cabled in a message of congratulation to President Wilson upon the signing of the peace treaty by Germany. "I hope with all my heart," the king said, "that this act will be recognized and maintained the rights of all nations, great and small, who have suffered so cruelly by war, to be equally free and independent."

SPEDDING AUTOMOBILE SMASHES WATER TROUGH. A speeding automobile early this morning ran into a water trough at Park and Woolworth avenues and broke it off at its base. Water gushed forth, flooding the street. The police were notified and they in turn advised the water company.

THIEVES STEAL VALUABLE WINES DURING FUNERAL. Enter Home of Charles Storz Under Guise of Deputy Sheriffs. Two men entered the Charles Storz home, 1801 Burt street, yesterday afternoon while the funeral of Mrs. Storz was being conducted in Forest Lawn cemetery and stole more than \$1,000 worth of fine wines.

EVIDENCE TO SHOW FRAMEUP BARRED IN TOWNLEY CASE. Attorneys Clash Over Ruling in Trial of Nonpartisan League Heads. Jackson, Minn., July 11.—Successful objections by the state attorneys to the introduction of evidence which the defense charged would prove a "political frameup" against A. C. Townley and Joseph Gilbert, charged with conspiracy to teach disloyalty, and the appearance of a long line of witnesses who asserted that Townley's speech at Cambridge, Minn., February 18, 1918, was not unpatriotic, marked the afternoon session of court Friday.

R-34 Covers About 1,600 Miles of Journey; Still Going Strong. London, July 11.—The air ministry has received the following report from Ponta d'Eligada, Azores: "The R-34 at 8:10 p. m. Greenwich mean time (4:10 p. m. New York time) is 4,000 feet above the clouds and, despite a disabled engine, is going strong. We are just about to descend to look at the sea. All is well."

Hearings in Bisbee Cases Will Begin Next Monday. Douglas, Ariz., July 11.—The attention of Justice W. C. Jackson's court here was entirely taken up Friday afternoon in setting for hearing a number of the preliminary hearings of the recent wholesale arrests of prominent business men, bankers, mine managers and peace officers of Bisbee and Douglas on the charge of kidnaping as a result of the Bisbee deportations July 12, 1917. The preliminary hearings will begin in Douglas Monday morning. All defendants so far arrested have furnished appearance bonds.

Will Prosecute Brokers. New York, July 11.—The United States Treasury department is preparing to prosecute stock brokers who have evaded payment of income taxes, it was learned here Friday. An examiner for the department said the entire country had been scoured to trace large sums of money believed to have been sent out of this city to banks in other places by certain New York brokers in an effort to conceal the size of their incomes.

Take Up Frontier Question. Paris, July 11.—The supreme council of the allies examined the question of the Austro-Czech-Slovakia frontiers, in conformity with the desire of the commission having the matter in hand, which proposes to leave to the Czech-Slovak the essential portions of their ratifications which were made in their favor.

Secretary Lansing Bids Goodbye to Poincare. Paris, July 11.—Robert Lansing, American secretary of state, said goodbye to President Poincare Friday night. He will leave Saturday evening for Brest, where he will board the United States steamer America. Secretary Lansing expects to see Acting Secretary of State Polk, before the latter sails for France to take his place at the peace conference.

Will Endeavor to Bring New Before Lunacy Board. Los Angeles, July 11.—Efforts will be made to bring Harry S. New, who admits he shot and killed his fiancée, Miss Freida Lesser, in Topanga canyon last Friday night, before the state lunacy commission on an insanity complaint, according to his attorney.

PACKERS WIRE BILL SIGNED BY PRESIDENT. Report of Trade Commission Shows "Big Five" Hold Stocks in 752 Companies and Exposes Ramifications. URGES FULL PUBLICITY OF CORPORATION OWNERSHIP. In Absence of Adequate Laws It Is Declared Unfair Competition May Accomplish Ruin of Competitive Companies.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—An approaching packer domination of all important foods in the United States and an international control of meat products with foreign companies seems a certainty unless fundamental action is taken to prevent it, the federal trade commission declared in part one of its report to President Wilson on the "Extent and Growth of Power of the Five Packers in Meat and Other Industries."

Interests Are Numerous. "They are interested in cattle-loan companies making the necessary loans to growers and feeders of livestock; are interested in railways and private car lines transporting livestock and manufactured animal products; in most of the most important stock yard companies; the Chicago market for the bulk of animal foods and their by-products, and are reaching out for control, not only of substitutes of animal food, but of substitutes for other lines into which the integration of their business has led them."

Call Conference of Live Stock Men at St. Paul July 15. Washington, July 11.—As a preliminary step to rendering assistance to stockmen in Montana and neighboring states whose cattle are suffering because of a drought, the Department of Agriculture called a conference to be held at St. Paul, July 15. Officials of the bureau of animal industry, bureau of markets and states relations service will attend. If the situation demands it, the department will assist in organizing a plan by which the cattle can be shipped out of stricken territory to grazing ground in other states.

Hun Cabinet to Restrict Admission of Luxuries. Berlin, July 11.—In connection with the imminent raising of the blockade, it is stated importation of necessities, such as footwear and clothing, will be made quite freely, but the cabinet intends to limit luxuries and raw materials only to the extent thought advantageous from the economic viewpoint. As individual firms lack credit facilities, the cabinet takes the standpoint that import syndicates must be formed and that these can only succeed if the government participates in their direction.

"Irish Republic President" to Make Cross-Country Trip. New York, July 11.—Eamonn De Valera, "president of the Irish republic," left New York Friday for Chicago to make a cross-country tour. Mr. De Valera will go from Chicago to the Pacific coast, where he will unveil a statue to Robert Emmet at San Francisco. He also will deliver an address before the national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in that city.

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Stunt Flyer Killed. Lawton, Okla., July 11.—Lieut. Charles W. Stell, Brownsville, Tex., was killed instantly at a flying circus Friday when his airplane fell from a low altitude. Stell met death while doing "stunts."

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By E. C. SNYDER. (Staff Correspondent of The Omaha Bee). Washington Bureau, Omaha Bee, Washington, D. C., July 11.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald in his story of President Wilson's address before the senate Thursday, in presenting that body with the treaty of peace made with Germany, and coupled with it the covenant of the league of nations, prints a circumstantial account of the president's snub of Senator Hitchcock, notwithstanding he has been everywhere recognized as the spokesman of the administration during the days when the league of nations has been subject of most severe criticism. The Herald correspondent says: "Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, who has been known as the president's spokesman in the senate and who had borne the brunt of the republican attack during the absence of Mr. Wilson in France, has not yet been consulted by the president nor has he received any word from the White House since the president returned. He was not among those who went to see Mr. Wilson after the speech was ended."

SENATE LEADERS PREPARING FOR FIGHT ON LEAGUE. Exact Lines of Discussion May Not Be Drawn for Some Days; Wilson Taking No Part. Washington, July 11.—Senate leaders in the league of nations controversy continued their conferences in preparation for the ratification fight, which will begin when the senate reconvenes next Monday. While it was said the exact lines of discussions might not be drawn for some days, further progress in solidifying their forces was claimed by both sides.

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BAN UPON COMMERCE REMOVED. Action Taken Promptly by Allied Council of Five After Receiving Official Notice of Ratification of Treaty. U. S. WILL ISSUE BLANKET LICENSES. Three Ships Loaded and Ready to Sail for Germany; Direct Steamship Lines to Hamburg and Bremen Are Projected.

Paris, July 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The council of five has decided to raise the blockade against Germany Saturday, it was announced Friday night. The council's decision was taken after receipt of the report of the legal experts declaring the official document notifying the council of ratification of the treaty by Germany to be in due form. So far as the action of the council concerns France, the measure will be effective only after publication in the Journal Officiel of a decree annulling the preceding decrees regarding the blockade. To Issue Licenses. Washington, July 11.—With the lifting of the blockade against Germany, trading between that country and the United States as well as the other associated powers will begin.

Acting Secretary of State Polk announced Friday that blanket licenses would be issued for transactions of American firms and that details would be given within 48 hours after decision by legal experts as to whether a formal proclamation by the president would be necessary. Trading in all commodities, except dyestuffs, chemicals and potash, control over which will be exercised by the reparations commission set up by the peace treaty, will be unrestricted, it was said. American firms doing business with Germany must send their agents into that country without passports, however, as these cannot be issued until the proclamation of peace. It also was said at the State department that there was no certainty when American consuls would be sent to Germany.

Payment by Credits. Payment for the goods which this country sends to Germany must be made under a system of credits to be arranged later through private capital, officials said. Details as to this system have not been worked out. While Germany has large quantities of goods ready to be exported, officials doubted that there would be any great demand for them in this country and consequently the trade balance in favor of the United States is expected to be large. Germany was said to be in immediate and pressing need of raw materials of almost all kinds, particularly cotton and copper, in order to rehabilitate her industries. Large amounts of food have been sent into that country under direction of the inter-allied relief commission, but it is believed that the demand for grain and other cereals will be great. Clothing of all kinds also is needed.

Lines Ships Loaded. Three ships for Germany already have been loaded in American ports, one with cotton and two with general merchandise, it was said Friday at the shipping board, and they will start overseas as soon as licenses for their cargoes have been issued. It also was announced that direct steamship lines to Hamburg and Bremen would be established by the board. These lines will operate out of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and south Atlantic and Gulf ports, as well as the necessary cargoes are at the docks. Halstead and Sons, steamship owners of Philadelphia, will manage and operate for the board a line from Philadelphia to Hamburg. One ship will be allocated to this firm at once and additional ships as cargoes available require.

Start Action to Eliminate Delays in Delivery of Mail. Washington, July 11.—Joint action by the Postoffice department and the Chamber of Commerce of the United States to extend and improve mail facilities and eliminate delays, was announced Friday. Following a conference by the department here of postmasters of the fifty largest mail centers, handling approximately half of the mail business in the country, it was agreed that the national chamber of commerce would undertake to have each chamber in those centers organize a committee on postal facilities to study existing conditions and then confer with the local postmaster, who will be instructed by the department to co-operate to the fullest extent.

Nogales, Ariz., Is Isolated by Cloudburst; Track Out. Nogales, Ariz., July 11.—This town was isolated Friday by a cloudburst which washed out railroad and automobile roads. Some of the breaks in the lines of the Southern Pacific railroad from here to Tucson are 10 feet deep and early Friday were still filled with running water. No trains are expected to reach here within the next 24 hours.

Harden for Ambassador. Copenhagen, July 11.—Maximilian Harden, editor of Die Zukunft of Berlin, will probably be appointed German ambassador at Washington, as soon as diplomatic relations are reported, says the Fremdenblatt of Hamburg.