

Whisky Fight In Congress Is Drawing Near

"Drys" to Make Strong Effort to Pass Amendments Making Volstead Law More Rigid.

Washington, June 18.—A fight between the "wets" and "drys," begun through moves to amend and make more rigid the provisions of the Volstead law, threatens now to involve both sides of the capitol in a whisky row.

The rum battle has many angles. The biggest fight develops out of Congressman Volstead's drive to tighten the "screws" on whisky as a medical agent and to outlaw beer.

Other phases of the whisky embargo, grew out of vigorous moves by certain "wet" leaders to obtain "liberal amendments to the dry law. One of these, fathered by Congressman Edmunds of Pennsylvania, would allow American ships to carry liquors abroad. Mr. Edmunds' proposal invites strong support from senators and congressmen. Shipping interests urge its passage on the ground that American ships are suffering competition with foreign liners. Passengers are taking passage on foreign owned boats because liquors are sold and served on them.

Verbal pyrotechnics will come soon in debates over beer. The treasury is holding up regulations which would authorize manufacture and sale of medicinal beer.

Protests Pile Up. Congressman Volstead claims congress, by an overwhelming majority, will declare beer is not a medicine, and will specifically bar it. Volstead's fight is the result of an opinion by former Attorney General Palmer, holding beer sales by drug-gists to be legal.

Breweries, drug manufacturers and leading anti-prohibition organizations have entered strong protests against the Volstead measure. The protests against the Edmunds' ship measure are less numerous, although it is strongly opposed by the Anti-Saloon league.

Few will deny that in congress there now exists greater support for light wines and beer. The real mystery is whether or not new accessions to the beer and wine standard will vote as they drink or think. In all wet and dry contests at the capitol the votes on liquor questions have shown, invariably, a large percentage of "wets" lining up with "dry" advocates, upon measures to clamp down the lid tighter upon the rum traffic.

Three Gallons of Wine for Sick. The "wets" in the new skirmishes may be somewhat appeased by the fact that the new Volstead bill leaves wine as a medicinal drink, which may be prescribed, along with whisky and other "spirited" liquors. It is probable, however, that when the finishing touches are put on the bill, before it comes to the president for his signature, it will contain many restrictions, limiting the freedom of doctors in prescribing wine for patients.

Prohibition Commissioner Kramer has suggested that it should be permissible for physicians to prescribe wine would be three gallons a holic content to whisky allowed. Kramer figured that as patients are permitted to have three pints of whisky a month, a just proportion of wine would be three gallons a month, gauged by its smaller content of alcohol.

The "drys" are aligned for a terrific attempt to jam their amendments through, and they freely predict they have enough votes to win. But the winning will come probably only after some spicy talkfests in both chambers, with a mixture of wrangling always to be expected in liquor debates.

Family of Eleven Goes Insane Over Spiritualism

Berlin, June 18.—Crazed by the study of spiritualism, the entire family of 11 members of a bricklayer named Blank, of Talkirchendorf, had to be placed in an insane asylum.

In order to obtain "entrance to pure light," Blank and his family began to demolish furniture and clothing in his home. The upholstered furniture they heaped in a pile and set fire to it, because they were an "overthrown king's throne." Blank was just about to sacrifice the 3-year-old illegitimate child of his daughter to the "pure light" as a "burned offering," when the entire volunteer fire department of the town summoned by the neighbors, surrounded the house, and subdued Blank and his family after a terrific struggle.

Scientists Find New Way To Study Smallest Germs

London, June 18.—Britain's scientific world has been thrilled by the discovery by J. E. Barnard of how to apply the ultra-violet and other rays to microscopic examination of living germs in such a way as to enable them to be examined in detail on a hitherto unknown scale.

In the course of his researches Mr. Barnard, who is hailed as the world's greatest optical physicist, has been able to photograph the living bacillus and reveal its finer structure. This is the greatest step in microscopy in 20 years. Where formerly microscopy gave a useful magnification of 1,000 diameters (or magnified an object 1,000 times) beyond that point it started to break up light itself. It gave a bigger image, but no more detail.

Intoxicating Gas May Be New Terrible War Weapon

London, June 18.—Chemical warfare has come to stay, according to Sir William J. Pope, professor of chemistry at Cambridge university, who defends the use of poison gas as less fatal and far less cruel than any other weapon.

"It would be simple," he says "to produce a high explosive shell that would liberate large quantities of carbon monoxide, against which all known protective masks would be useless."

"No reason exists why chemical shells should not be made which do not kill but produce some form of physiological intoxication."

Dan Wanted to Throw Trunk Outside

Two Newlyweds Coo in Nearby Apartment as Hour Nears Midnight and He Resolves to Form Society for Prevention of Unnecessary Noises.

Dan B. Butler, city commissioner, is cogitating over the feasibility of founding a society for the prevention of unnecessary noises after 11 p. m.

He believes he may succeed in enlisting the aid and comfort of members of the city council, Humane society, Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, Athletic club, Tuesday Morning Musical club, Junior league, Boiler Makers' union and the new organization of veteran newspaper men.

The commissioner abides in a large building, which is divided into many parts known as apartments. The walls of this building are not noise-proof. They have ears. So has Mr. Butler.

Shortly after 11 o'clock Thursday night the commissioner entered into a state of peaceful slumber and about 12:15 a. m. he was awakened by the conversation of a man and his wife, who jointly occupy a nearby apartment.

She said: "Tomorrow is my birthday, honey love, and I don't know what to get for a present."

He said: "Get me a nightie or some pajamas."

She said: "Is that all oo wants, honey love?"

"I felt like throwing my trunk out the window," said the commissioner.

Itself when the summer clothes shall come out.

Brandegee's Two Neckties.

This summer finds a senate greatly changed from that of the last season, and new summer styles are predicted. Henry Cabot Lodge will, as usual, observe the arrival of summer by donning a starched white vest, and on real hot days he will even go so far as to wear light trousers. Senator Frank Brandegee of Connecticut will celebrate the warmest days by trotting out his two famous scarfs—one of the most violent green and the other of burnt orange that speaks for itself. Thomas Heflin of Alabama will pay his tribute to "Old Sol" with a stiffly starched white duck suit and a boiled shirt that is equally stiffly starched. Senator Jim Watson of Indiana will wear his famous prison-striped flannel trousers and his colleague, Harry New, will discard his black felt sombrero for one of Panamanian straw weave that is equally broad.

Fashion Leader Missing.

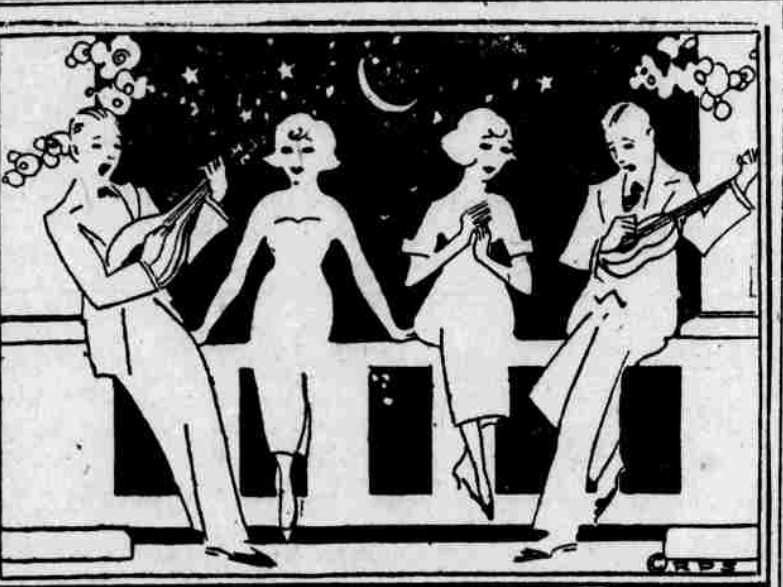
These sartorial effects are assured. But what about the new senators? How are they going to greet summer? They have no fashion leader in the senate now and they haven't had since Jim Ham Lewis took his gray silk sash, his salmon pink shirt and his silk suits back to Illinois. Even the champion of the "gallus" and no vest—Asie Gronna of North Dakota—has gone.

Surely the troubles of the senate are many.

As for the house, "Uncle Joe" answers the question there. In May he begins dispensing with a buttoned "wescott," button by button. When the veteran legislator from Illinois finally casts his vest into the discard and appears in a boiled shirt, "galluses," and an alpaca coat over his arm, then the house knows it is time to put on summer clothes.

"Hello, Warren" Wins Hearty Handshake for Youngster

Brooklyn, June 18.—At the 23d regiment review recently, Donald Tomkins, 13, was sitting in the center of the armory. President Harding in reviewing the front rank passed about 10 feet from the center. Donald yelled, "Hello, Warren!" and the president immediately stopped and going over shook hands with the flustered boy.



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Pons-Winnecke Comet to Be Seen At End of Month

Itinerant of Skies Flitting Around Milky Way—May Be Visible to Naked Eye Soon.

Denver, June 18.—The Pons-Winnecke comet, an itinerant of the sky that is supposed to be present in the heavens about once in every six years, is flitting around the milky way and may be seen by the naked eye during the latter part of June, according to Dean Herbert A. Howe, professor of astronomy at Denver university.

With the aid of a 28-inch telescope Dean Howe already has observed a "white light against the sky" that he believes is Pons-Winnecke.

"The comet appears as a very faint hazy spot on the sky, and stars may be easily seen through it," Dean Howe said. "In the large telescope a condensed nucleus of the 11th magnitude, almost stellar in appearance, is readily seen, and the nebulosity about it extends chiefly in one direction from the nucleus, as if it were trying to develop a tail. At present it is doubling its brightness every fortnight."

Dean Howe described the position of Pons-Winnecke as near the star Antares. He said the comet is moving a degree a day eastward and drifting a little northward. It will, however, change its northerly course in a few days and will then go south as well as east, he said.

Astronomers at Denver university are nightly watching the progress of Pons-Winnecke across the heavens. There is considerable mystery about the comet. The dimensions of its orbit are extremely vague, and astronomers at various laboratories throughout the United States have been asked to keep a close watch this year in an effort to secure more definite measurements on the "fly by night."

When Pons-Winnecke reaches its perihelion, late in June, it is expected a great shower of meteors will fall. While it is not possible that the comet may not be visible to the naked eye, Dean Howe says that small telescopes will bring it into view.

More than 100,000 employees in Pennsylvania have been ignoring the workmen's compensation law, and to end this condition the legislature passed a bill which provides a fine of \$1 a day for every day an employee is not insured by his employer. Farm workers and household workers are not included.

An official report just issued shows that 300 British women nurses died while serving in the world war.

France Now Over-Supplied With Coal From Germany

Paris, June 18.—France has now more coal than she can use for her own needs, although the price still remains extremely high.

A great surplus stock has been created by the coal being shipped from the German mines. In Rouen there is so much coal that several companies have begun to waste it by using it to fill in empty spaces along the quais of the river, creating a great storm of protest.

According to the Journee Industrielle, exportation of coal to Italy, Holland and even England, which has been hit hard by the coal strike, is being planned by government agencies.

Britain's Armored Plane Soon Ready to Be Tested

London, June 18.—Designed to revolutionize aerial warfare Britain's first armored car of the skies is being constructed at an aerodrome near London. The new aeroplane is the product of one of the most famous aircraft engineers in England who originally designed it for use on the commercial airways between England and the continent.

It is a monoplane. In the construction of the fuselage no canvas or bracing wires are being used. The framework is of spruce, and instead of doped linen three-ply wood is being used. This will be covered with armor plating, extended to give maximum protection to the engine, the vulnerable spot of every aeroplane used in the war.

Invalid Imports His Milk By Airplane From Holland

London, June 18.—Milk from special cows is now sent regularly by air from Holland to London.

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