

Campaign Against Dry Act Gaining

Activities of the Association Against Prohibition Amendment Attracting National Attention.

Wheeler Raps Movement

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Washington, May 14.—The national drive for beer and light wine under the direction of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment is beginning to attract attention and to arouse the anxiety of the Anti-Saloon League.

The association is fighting for the nomination and election of representatives and senators committed to an amendment of the Volstead act...

The primaries held so far do not indicate any widespread reaction against the Volstead act, which defines intoxicating beverages as those containing one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol or more.

Wheeler Scores Platform

Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon league, paid his respects to the platform adopted at a convention of the opponents of prohibition in Maryland which endorsed the object of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment and declared for light wines and beer.

"This adopted platform clarifies the issue and reveals the intention of the wet to subvert the 18th amendment," said Mr. Wheeler.

The Association Against the Prohibition Amendment specifically advocates the repeal of the national prohibition act enacted to enforce the 18th amendment. If they should succeed there would be no federal law and no federal officers to enforce the 18th amendment.

"States having prohibition codes could enforce them just as they did before the national prohibition act was passed. We should be exactly where we were before the 18th amendment was adopted. The wet states would be liquor centers for the illegal distribution of intoxicating liquors throughout the nation."

The lowest alcoholic limit asked for in beer is 2.75 per cent. Congress defeated this scheme when the national prohibition act was adopted. Every state and territory has done so. Thirty-six states have adopted the one-half of 1 per cent standard and three the 1 per cent standard.

"We accept the challenge laid down at the Baltimore wet convention. The overwhelming majority of the people in this country will stand for law and order when they understand the merits of the question. It is as indefensible to champion an unenforceable law as it is for a boot-licker to violate the prohibition law."

Man Who Killed Oklahoma Student Held for Trial. Stillwater, Ok., May 14.—"Oh, Buddy, don't shoot," was the cry of Beckham Cobb, government student at Oklahoma A. and M. college before he was slain by Earl Gordon.

Autoist Runs Down Lad, 8. Then Speeds From Scene. Joseph Denova, 8, received painful body bruises when he was struck Saturday by an automobile while playing in the street in front of the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Denova, 2014 Pierce street.

Jefferson County Collects \$80,000 in Taxes in 10 Days. Fairbury, Neb., May 14.—(Special.)—The records in the office of the county treasurer of Jefferson county show that \$80,000 in taxes was collected in the first 10 days of May. This is an increase over the same period of 1921.

York Girl Wins Prize in Beauty Contest



Mildred Booth, York, Neb., May 13.—(Special.)—A Denver publication offered a prize of \$100 for the most beautiful girl in the country. Miss Mildred Booth, 18, of York, won first prize out of 1,862 contestants.

Alliance Shows Wisdom of City Manager System

Figures for First Year Under Modern Plan Point Out Economies—Critics Silenced.

Alliance, Neb., May 14.—(Special.)—Figures submitted to the city council by City Manager N. A. Kemmish, in a preliminary report covering the first year of operation under the city manager form of government, have silenced those who favored a return to the mayor and council government on the ground that the latter was more efficient and less expensive.

On May 1, 1921, when the city manager plan went into effect, there was a balance in the city treasury of \$577, exclusive of registered warrants, while on May 1, 1922, the end of the first year under the present city government, there was a net balance of \$8,840 after the city manager's salary of \$5,000 was paid.

Larger Taxpayers Content. Opposers of the city manager government recently circulated a petition asking that the city manager's salary be cut. Only one prominent business man signed the petition, the majority of the signers being the smaller taxpayers.

Widely-Known Actress Dies in Chicago Theater. Chicago, May 14.—Eugenia Blair, a widely known actress playing in "Anna Christie," at the Cort theater, died in her dressing room at the theater shortly after her appearance in the early part of Saturday night's performance.

Silver Sent to Orient. San Francisco, May 14.—The largest shipment of silver bullion sent to the orient since the armistice—nearly \$2,000,000 worth—was aboard the liner President Lincoln when it cleared for far eastern ports.

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U. S. Asked to Aid in Ruse Tangle

France Appeals to America to Participate in Prohibition Commission.

To Have Dominant Voice

By the Associated Press. Genoa, May 14.—Subject to approval, the subcommittee on Russian affairs decided today that the Genoa economic conference should be held at the Hague June 15, meet the Russian delegates and choose a mixed commission to endeavor to settle the Russian situation.

But the whole plan is vague. It seems to be a method for temporary dissolving the conference, pending the decisions of the United States whether it will participate, and without admitting there are irreconcilable differences between France and Great Britain.

Genoa, May 14.—France has appealed to the United States to participate in the proposed international commission to investigate the Russian situation. The American ambassador, Richard Washburn Child, informed the Associated Press today that such a proposal had been submitted to him by the French delegation.

The ambassador understood that the French proposal suggests that the United States, if the invitation is accepted, would have a dominant voice in the action of the commission, but would not be bound by its acceptance to any decisions of the commission which it did not approve.

If the United States accepts, France would agree to the Russians being represented in the commission. No Agreement Reached. Premier Lloyd George and M. Barthou were in private conference for two hours this afternoon, apparently without reaching an agreement for solving the Anglo-French deadlock on the plan to continue the discussion of the Russian problem.

Mr. Lloyd George will have a conference at his villa tomorrow morning with Baron Hayashi, M. Barthou, M. Jaspard and Signor Schanzer, in an effort to reach a compromise. After the meeting of the subcommittee, Sir Edward Grigg, secretary to the British premier, said there had been progress, but gave no definite explanation of its nature.

The Russians have announced that they will not accept any plan excluding them from the discussions. On one thing all the delegations agreed, that somehow the United States must be induced to participate in the mixed commission. M. Colrat, French under-secretary of state, informed the Associated Press that he still felt confident of an accord.

France is still unwilling to have Russia sit with the mixed commission discussing Russian finances, but suggestions have been made that a special commission of Russian experts be formed which may be called in by the mixed commission when it desires information.

Again the Russians declare that they will not accept any such plan, as that would not be dealing with them on an equality basis and it is difficult for the delegations to find any plan appealing to both the French and British and yet not offensive to the Russians.

U. P. Emoyes Hold Benefit at Fremont

Fremont, Neb., May 14.—(Special.)—A dinner dance was held at the Hotel Pathfinder by Union Pacific employees honoring Miss Nellie B. Donn, the U. P. candidate in the Omaha Bee good will contest for the benefit of devastated France.

Ambassador From Germany Arrives in United States. New York, May 14.—Dr. Otto L. Wiedfeldt, newly appointed German ambassador to the United States, arrived on the United States liner America.

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Judge Sentences Man Who Beat Wife to Kiss Her Shoes

Omaha Bee Local Wire. Chicago, May 14.—Constantine Yodas was before Judge Hise on charges of extreme cruelty to his wife. His wife charged he gets drunk three days each week and his favorite diversion is to go home, beat his wife and then force her to kiss his feet.

"He beat me; oh, how he beat me," sobbed his wife. "He is not fit to kiss his wife's feet," shouted the city prosecutor. "Thank me," interposed the judge. "Get down there, Yodas, and kiss your wife's feet," he commanded.

Shipping Board Urged to Continue Despite Losses. New York Man Says Government Should Operate Vessels to Carry 50 Per Cent of Foreign Trade.

Washington, May 14.—Operation by the government during the next five years of enough vessels to carry 50 per cent of the foreign trade of the United States was advocated at the hearings on the ship subsidy bill by Fields S. Pendleton, New York ship owner, who has been referred to by Chairman Lasker of the shipping board as the "Babe Ruth of the wooden ship game."

In preference to enactment of the administration measure which would provide direct and indirect aids for American ship owners, Mr. Pendleton declared that regardless of losses, the shipping board should continue to operate vessels not only with a view to getting a grip on at least half of this country's import and export trade, but of building up routes in all parts of the world.

Should Pass Bill. If congress is unwilling to continue government operation of ships at a loss, Mr. Pendleton said, then it should pass the subsidy bill, although he contended that the aid provided in an effort to reach a compromise, all classes of American ships in foreign trade to compete profitably with foreign vessels.

Charges of Falsehood Hurlled About Senate During Debate on Bill—Newberry Case Revived. Omaha Bee Local Wire. Washington, May 14.—Demands for legislation to curb congressional campaign expenditures broke out in both houses of congress and led to an extremely acrid debate in the senate, where the Newberry case was dragged out for another airing.

Charges of falsehood were hurled about in the senate debate, where Senator McKellar, Tennessee democrat; Senator Townsend, Michigan, republican; and Senator Spencer, Missouri, republican, were the chief contenders. Their repartee finally reached such a stage of personal bitterness that Senator Robinson, Arkansas, democrat, in the chair, called Senator McKellar to order for violating the rules of senatorial courtesy and directed him to take his seat.

Introduces New Bill. Senator Pomerene, Ohio, democrat, introduced a new, corrupt practice act to take the place of the one declared unconstitutional by the supreme court in the Newberry case. The same restrictions that were contained in the scrapped law, but Senator Pomerene is hopeful that the court will change its mind upon a reconsideration of the subject.

Worst of the law which was declared unconstitutional. After considerable debate their amendments to the rules, along with Senator Pomerene's new bill were referred to the privileges and election committee.

Several Persons Injured in Hail and Rain Storm. Laredo, Tex., May 14.—A number of persons were injured, several houses were wrecked, others unroofed and wire communication demoralized by a wind, electric, hail and rain storm which struck Laredo and vicinity, Minera, a small town 21 miles west of Laredo, reported the worst storm in years, but subsequent failure of wire communication has isolated that place. Property loss cannot yet be ascertained. No loss of life has been reported.

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Spotlight Will Be Put on Candidates

Nebraska Progressive Club Will Scrutinize Records of Political Aspirants.

The Nebraska Progressive club, whose members are of all political faiths, at a meeting held May 12 went on record to investigate the record of all candidates who aspire to political offices.

The following resolutions were adopted: "Whereas, This club was organized for the sole purpose of the betterment of Omaha and Nebraska, it is our duty to support men whose previous record and efficiency justify the support of those who have the best interest of the people of Douglas county and the state of Nebraska at heart and we sincerely believe that it is to the interests of the citizens of Douglas county and the state of Nebraska to put into office men on whom investigation proves thoroughly qualified for these offices which they seek to fill."

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That we will carefully and conscientiously investigate the previous record of each candidate that has filed for office and that we will only support candidates whose qualifications shall meet the above requirements.

Officers of the club stated that their selection of candidates for both state and county offices will be made public shortly.

Sam Klaver of Omaha is president of the organization. The local committee is composed of S. E. Klaver, J. J. Friedman and J. Embelen. The state committee is L. Kennebeck, A. Kaiman and Dr. L. Smeroff. The better citizenship committee is A. S. Nelson, J. F. Alperin, D. Deneburg and G. Humphrey.

Burlington Head Carpenter Hurt as Car Leaves Track. Alliance, Neb., May 14.—(Special.)—E. W. Bell, master carpenter of the Burlington here, suffered a broken wrist for the second time within a few weeks, when a railroad motor car jumped the track with him near Hot Springs, S. D. Recently Mr. Bell fell down a stairway at a hotel in Hot Springs, and fractured his right wrist. This time his left wrist was broken. He spent several weeks in a Hot Springs hospital following his first accident and is now back at the same institution for treatment.

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Crop of Winter Wheat Will Be Almost Normal

Less Than 2 Per Cent of Acreage Sown, Will Be Abandoned, Is Present Estimate.

Des Moines, Ia., May 14.—Winter wheat acreage sown in Iowa last fall was estimated at 588,000 acres. In spite of the dry soil conditions during the fall and general lack of snow cover throughout the winter, over the greater portion of the wheat belt, it is estimated that only 2 per cent of the crop, or 11,760 acres, will be abandoned. With 576,000 acres remaining to be harvested and having a growing condition on May 1 of 95 per cent, a production of 121,865,000 bushels is forecast, compared with 8,928,000 bushels harvested last year.

Rye to be harvested for grain in Iowa this year is estimated at 32,000 acres, compared with 39,500 acres last year. The condition May 1 was 97 per cent, indicating a production of 599,000 bushels, compared with 637,000 bushels harvested last year.

Hay to Be 100 Per Cent. The acreage of all tame hay or cultivated varieties to be harvested in Iowa this year is estimated at 100 per cent of last year's acreage, or 3,148,000 acres. This includes alfalfa. The condition May 1 was 93 per cent, which indicates a production of 4,714,000 tons, compared with 4,659,000 tons harvested last year. It is estimated that 15 per cent of last year's hay crop was on farms in Iowa May 1.

The amount of plowing for spring planting and sowing done May 1 was 61 per cent, compared with 85 per cent a year ago.

The condition of pastures in Iowa May 1 was 87 per cent, compared with 92 per cent a year ago.

Animal Mortality Low. Estimates of mortality of livestock in Iowa indicated that during the year ending April 30, 1922, in every thousand head 17 horses and mules died from disease. The number of cattle of all ages in every thousand that have died from disease the past year is estimated at 20 head, and 5 head have died from exposure. Sheep have died from disease at the rate of 22 head in every thousand and nine head from exposure. The number of lambs in every thousand that have died from disease and exposure the past year is estimated at 30 head. Swine that have died from disease in every thousand are estimated at 79 head. The condition of horses and mules May 1 was 98 per cent; cattle of all ages, 97 per cent; sheep, not including lambs, 96 per cent; and swine, of all ages, 92 per cent.

Seattle Man Decorated. Brussels, May 14.—King Albert has decorated Samuel Hill of Seattle, with the Order of Commander of the Crown of Belgium.

Banks May Take Over Mexico Debt

Secretary of Treasury De La Huerta Coming to United States With Definite Proposals.

Is Confident of Success

Omaha Bee Local Wire. Washington, May 14.—Secretary of the Treasury Adolfo de La Huerta's forthcoming visit to New York city and Washington, according to confidential information received here today in high official quarters, is likely to have a more far-reaching effect than has been anticipated.

Included in the primary phase of De La Huerta's mission, which touches the fundamentals of Mexico's relations with the United States and other foreign countries, will be proposals for the settlement of foreign debts of his country, including all defaulted payments, and these proposals will be made to the bankers of Spain, Belgium, France and England as well as to those of New York city.

Has Definite Proposals. Secretary De La Huerta is coming here with definite proposals for the liquidation of all these outstanding obligations, the substance of which has been communicated by him to Mr. Lamont, chairman of the International Bankers' committee, and by the latter in turn to the European sections of the International Bankers' committee. These proposals have been agreed upon by Mr. Lamont and his associates on a suitable basis for the June negotiations.

The Mexican finance minister could not afford to come to the United States upon a mission of the character to be undertaken by him, it was explained here today, without definite assurances of a successful outcome to his errand, and for that reason delayed acceptance of the invitation tendered him by Mr. Lamont to meet the international bankers in New York, until assured that the bankers would ask nothing from Mexico except the payment or the funding of its debts.

May Assume Debts. It appears that Secretary De La Huerta and Mr. Lamont will propose to the European sections of the International Bankers' committee that all Mexican external debts be assumed by the bankers of New York city, headed by Mr. Lamont and the Morgan group, who will make payments at once.

The government of Mexico will then make arrangements with Lamont and his associates for a definite schedule of payments, and for that purpose revenues set aside for that purpose.

Head of Commission Firm Killed by Auto

Omaha Bee Local Wire. Chicago, May 14.—Frank E. Wagner, 60, president of G. M. H. Wagner & Sons, Chicago's oldest commission firm, died early today of injuries suffered a few hours earlier, when he was struck by an automobile.

The accident occurred in front of his home late Saturday night. It was witnessed by Mrs. Wagner, who is in a critical condition of collapse. The Wagner commission firm practically controls the fruit output of the famous Wenatchee (Washington) district of California, from San Francisco to the Imperial valley and of southern Texas and of a majority of Florida.

Protectorate for Albania Agreed Upon by League

Geneva, May 14.—(By A. P.)—A league of nations protectorate for Albania was virtually decided upon by the council of the league after Italy's objection had been overcome.

Italy through its representative at the council, Marquis Imperiali, had pointed out several days ago that it could not accept such drastic participation by the league in the government of Albania without assurances that important Italian interests in that country would be safeguarded. The council intimated that some of the financial, economic and legal experts who are to be appointed by the league to assist the Albanian government, would be chosen by Italy and thereupon Marquis Imperiali withdrew his protest.

Reduced Fare Certificates for Woman's Meet Received

Hastings, Neb., May 14.—A supply of identification certificates that will entitle delegates and visitors to purchase a round trip ticket at the reduced rate to the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's clubs at Chautauqua, N. Y., June 21-30, has been received and are ready for distribution, reports Mrs. John Slaker, transportation chairman of the Nebraska federation.

The tickets will be good from June 15 to July 6, and the certificates may be obtained by making application to the chairman," writes Mrs. Slaker. "Those planning to attend should apply at once. The Nebraska delegation will leave Omaha the evening of June 19."

Beatrice Fire Chief Falls Through Floor; Breaks Rib. Beatrice, Neb., May 14.—(Special.)—During a fire that partly destroyed the home of Mrs. Anna Klemman in West Beatrice, Fire Chief Whiteside fell through the floor, fractured a rib and received severe bruises. The fire loss is placed at \$1,200, partly covered by insurance. The blaze was started by a child playing in the kitchen with matches, it is said.

The Weather. Forecast. Nebraska—Generally fair Monday. Not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperatures. 5 a.m. 60 10 p.m. 60 6 a.m. 59 11 p.m. 61 7 a.m. 58 12 p.m. 61 8 a.m. 57 1 p.m. 62 9 a.m. 56 2 p.m. 63 10 a.m. 55 3 p.m. 64 11 a.m. 54 4 p.m. 65 12 m. 53 5 p.m. 66