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SENTIMENT CHANGING?

The refusal of the appropriations committee yesterday to pay attention to the request of Attorney General Palmer for an appropriation of an additional \$200,000, to go to the department of justice and be used in enforcement of the Volstead act, must have come as somewhat of a shock to the pro leaders, who have returned, with their lobby, to ask for additional legislation, fully believing all they had to do to receive, was to ask.

There is no doubt that this expected return has long had bearing on members of both houses of congress and they have been fully aware that they would be asked, along the line of prohibition, not alone in erecting more tombstones over the grave of John Barleycorn, but in the way of prohibiting many other things, to go to extremes with which they were satisfied neither their consciences or very many of their constituents would stand for, and the action of this committee yesterday may be but the forerunner of what the pro leaders may expect throughout the session.

There is no demand for the return of the saloon in the United States. It never will return. Only a limited number want it, but there are millions of good citizens who can but believe their rights have been abridged by a minority and have been dissatisfied with laws so far enacted, but they were beginning to become submissive and cease their objections when the pro leaders came along advocating puritanical Sunday laws and the positive prohibition of the use of articles other than alcoholic liquors, going to a point where these citizens rebelled.

If sentiment is changing relative to prohibition in this country, the pro leaders have only themselves to blame for it. Just as it was the saloon keepers who brought on prohibition and put themselves out of business, because they would not be reasonable with what was given them, so it will be the pro leaders who will destroy the work already done, by going to extremes which the general public will not submit to in a free country.

When this measure gets to the house, or to the senate, a different phase may be given the present outlook, but if this action of the appropriations committee in the house is to be taken as an indication of what is coming in the way of additional and stringent legislation at this session, it would appear the pro leaders have not much to promise themselves.

Then, too, the people have been greatly disappointed over the efforts made to enforce the prohibitory law. A law, or a condition, having its origin in the church, backed almost wholly by church people as a measure for, as they believed, the abolishment of crime, it might have been expected that there would be called to its enforcement, men of standing, men of at least average honesty. The contrary has been true. Men have sought places as enforcement officers only for personal gain and most of them have never hesitated in going to any extreme. Homes were to more sacred to them than a divaloon. Honest, law-abiding citizens have been wronged and outraged, revenue agents and men in high official places have been corrupted and a wave of crime far greater than whisky selling has followed.

The spirit of unrest is growing throughout the country instead of disappearing with the going of the liquor. Something is wrong. A remedy will be found, but there is a growing belief that it will not come from the further oppression of the people by laws to which they object before they are enacted and there is the still further noted change in sentiment resulting in the belief that until this nation is out of the woods on the readjustment proposition, it is not well to further oppress them.

TAX-EXEMPT BONDS.

A constitutional amendment has been proposed to prevent the issuing of any tax-exempt securities by the government. At first thought, this would be determined a wise measure. Prior to the world war, the number of bond buyers and owners in this country was comparatively few. Then

the rule worked wholly in favor of the rich. With the world war, the patriotism of the people led them to make any sacrifices necessary to aid the government and made this a bond buying and bond holding nation. Everybody, comparatively, bought Liberty bonds and other war securities. When the people of moderate means were buying Liberty bonds, in sums from \$50 up, none of these going beyond the purchase of more than a few hundred dollars, the thought of whether the securities were exempt from taxation or not, never entered their minds.

But the heavy buyers purchased because the bonds were not taxable. Not but that this class was just as patriotic as were the small buyers, but bond buying and bond owning was a business with them. They were trained investors and always with an eye to the main chance, considered the question of taxes.

The small buyer would never grumble at having to pay tax on the bonds they hold, it would not amount to much individually, but in the mass makes a great income for the government.

One thing commending the abolishment of the non-taxable bond, is the fact that wealthy investors have been seeking the non-taxable securities of the government to the great detriment of the railroads, oil and gas companies, street car companies and all kinds of commercial organizations, thus compelling this class, which constitutes the very heart blood of the nation's business, to seek the smaller investors and pay exorbitant rates of interest.

If all bonds were taxable it would come near putting all the business of the world on an equal footing than would anything else. The proposition is a good one.

A RESIDENCE CITY.

Cisco has much to recommend it to people coming here to enter business or selecting it as a place of residence, but this latter claim was probably never more strongly exemplified than in a recent letter from the head of the state board of health, following the receipt of the annual report of Dr. Joseph W. Gregory, city health officer.

The report showed such excellent work, such splendid results obtained in sanitation and the present condition of the city in this respect so good, that Dr. Oscar Davis, president of the state board, wrote the mayor, commending the city government for this attainment.

Compared with other cities of the state he finds Cisco standing at the head. "Most sanitary city in Texas" is a splendid reputation to have earned.

With a naturally healthful climate, a splendid water supply and a location incomparable, Cisco had everything to start with but, as is the case of all small towns, before it reached the point where real sanitation was even considered a necessity, much less practical, it fell into those errors which grow rapidly until most unsanitary conditions are brought about.

This being true in Cisco, there was a tremendous task to be performed when the city had attained the size when it began doing things, and when Dr. Joseph W. Gregory was appointed city health officer he soon found he was going to be a very busy man for some time to come. But he has worked, worked unceasingly, right along with many public improvements going on in the city taking advantage to secure what was necessary for perfect sanitation and he has succeeded.

It is few, if any, of the cities of the state the size of Cisco that can boast of every alley in the business district thoroughly paved. This has aided greatly in cleaning up the city and the system of garbage disposal inaugurated has become most efficient.

But, as Dr. Gregory stated in his report, one big task was the education of the people to the necessity of it all and he said they were now cooperating heartily and that the mayor and commissioners have never failed to do their part when called upon to further the work.

The city is now in admirable shape and the work goes on and must go on, but the people of the city may be proud of what they have accomplished and that the word will travel far that Cisco is the most sanitary city in the state.

PAY, PAY, PAY

The Interstate Commerce Commission, in a case coming from the state railroad commission of Arkansas, has ruled that that body must put into effect in that state, the same rates within the state as have been fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission for interstate traffic, as allowed to be charged by the railroads for passenger fares and further ordered that the present interstate rates be boosted 20 per cent.

The case from the Minnesota state railroad commission was also disposed of yesterday and under the same kind of decision held in the Arkansas case. There are cases before the Interstate Commerce Commission from seventeen states, including the two heard yesterday, Texas being among the lot.

What the decision will be in all the cases may be determined from the two disposed of yesterday. The people must pay. They are not only paying

extraordinary increased rates for freight and passenger traffic, but the express companies come under the same class as the railroad and their rates will be likewise increased. The people are paying, not alone these high rates of transportation, but indirectly they are feeding the railroads through the burden of taxation. The railroads are clamoring now for additional payments from the government.

This condition is but an outgrowth of the centralization of power at Washington. In none has it been more forcibly shown than in the matter of railroad rates. This centralization of power, most of it being in force simply from the divisions of government at Washington assuming rights, without so much as saying to the people "by your leave," but have ridden high handed over everything. The state railroad commission of all the states have virtually been abolished by the Interstate Commerce Commission saying to them, "Thou shalt not."

What few rights the people of the several states had left have been taken from them by just such acts as that of the Interstate Commerce Commission fixing railroad rates from Washington. If the railroads and the state railroad commission do not obey its mandate, they are hauled into federal courts and made to do so. There is no longer a case of this kind to be determined for the people in their own state courts, decided by their duly elected judges, exercising that jurisdiction given them in the federal constitution and by the constitutions of all the states. The much abused constitution has in years gone by received some severe jolts, but the hardest blow yet given it has been the domineering spirit of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

And it is not alone in the matter of railroads and express companies that this centralization of power is observable. The states have even had their police powers taken from them and the country is overrun by hordes of federal officers, employed, bossed and directed from Washington. A danger not wholly realized lurks in this centralization of power and dire results are bound to follow it.

GENERAL OREGON HAS NO BODY GUARD IN HIS OWN COUNTRY

International News Service. MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23.—Unlike some of the other outstanding figures in Mexico, notably Francisco Villa, General Alvaro Obregon does not move about with a bodyguard.

While in Mexico City he has moved everywhere. Even strangers readily recognize him because of pictures they have seen and because of the empty sleeve of his coat, showing where his right arm was shot in battle with Villa.

His untroubled face as he passes through the crowds which fill the sidewalks, indicates fearlessness or faith in the Mexican people.

This unassuming way adopted by General Obregon in going about the city has made a decidedly good impression because of the fact that generals of much less importance have the habit of haughtily flashing by in motor cars, gleaming with mirrorlike varnish and metal.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Annual stockholders meeting of the First Guaranty State Bank of Cisco, Texas, will be held at said bank on Tuesday, January 11th, 1921, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and such other business as may properly come before the meeting. All stockholders of record are requested to be present.

C. H. FEE, President. Attest: A. SPEARS, Cashier. 28

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TRAFFIC IN GIRLS IS SAID TO INCLUDE OIL FIELD CIRCUIT

Special to The News. BRECKENRIDGE, Dec. 23.—That a white slave ring involving 15-year-old girls is in operation from the oil fields to points in Oklahoma is the belief of officers who are now engaged in cleaning out vice. It is thought that girls, young in years, are sent from town to town.

When their charms begin to fade in a given city they are passed on to the next town. It is believed that this circuit extends through the oil field towns of Texas into Oklahoma.

Such information as has been gathered points to the fact that scouts are continually working to recruit this force and wherever possible inveigle girls of less than twenty into the ring. Somewhere back of it all is a directing head that an effort is being made to locate.

At least one station on the circuit has been positively located, but arrests will not follow until the real head can be found.

Hotel and rooming houses, it is said, are used for headquarters and the girls are never allowed to stay more than two weeks. After this period they are notified where to go.

Because there are constant desertions, it is necessary to constantly recruit the force, it is said. This is thought not to be difficult because before the girls are rung visions of a fast and easy life surrounded by billows of fine clothing and other forms of luxury.

It is not believed, however, that women are held against their will, but are only sought to take up the life under the system, and it is a fact well known to officers that once the step is made there is rarely ever a return.

VICE-PRESIDENT MARSHALL IS AN "EXPERT LOAFER"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Here is one man who announces himself an "expert loafer"—and it is Vice-President Marshall.

The vice president made this confession at the annual banquet of the Monday Evening club here: "I am the most expert loafer in America, and also possess over a body of experts."

GREAT INCREASE IN OIL FROM ARGENTINE IS PROMISED SOON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Development of oil lands in Argentina to the point where that country will be in a position to produce 40 per cent of the oil used there is planned by the ministry of officers who are now engaged in cleaning out vice. It is thought that girls, young in years, are sent from town to town.

Argentine plans to spend 45,000,000 pesos up to and including 1924 for exploitation of fields by government appropriation and in addition appropriation of 22,000,000 pesos for the purchase of materials to operate and tank steamers.

The aim of the government is to have 700,000 cubic metres of oil produced in 1924, as compared with an estimated production of 210,000 cubic metres this year.

MANY GERMANS SETTLE AT DOORN.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—According to a report received here from Amsterdam the residents of Doorn, where the ex-Kaiser is living, are in a state of uneasiness owing to the constantly increasing crowd of Germans who are settling down there.

It is declared that a great number of members of the German aristocracy are buying up old Dutch manors, and Doorn is called in the Dutch satirical papers "a branch office of Potsdam."

TO INCREASE GUARD.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The National guard of Massachusetts will soon be recruited to the strength of a division numbering 10,000 officers and enlisted men. This division will be ready, it is reported, in time to accompany Vice-President-elect Coolidge to the inauguration ceremonies in March.

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SPANIARDS HASTEN TO PAY HOMAGE TO GAMBLING PRINCE

Associated Press. LISBON, Dec. 23.—The new German minister to Portugal, E. A. Varetzsch, was mistaken by the people of Lisbon for the Prince of Monaco when he went into the palace recently to present his credentials to the president of Portugal.

Hearing that the poplar prince was here, the people gathered about the palace, and when Herr Varetzsch appeared after his interview with the president, gave him an enthusiastic demonstration, believing he was the prince.

The new diplomat appeared highly gratified at the cordial reception so unexpectedly given him by the demy of yesterday and probably has telegraphed the pleasing fact to his government. Residents of Lisbon who have learned the fact are sailing over the incident.

"SPIRIT VOICE" TELLS WIFE ABOUT HUSBAND

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 23.—The undoing of John A. Shepard, charged with having two wives, came through a "spirit voice" who talked to wife No. 1, Shepherd is in jail at Logan charged with bigamy. Wife No. 1 says she will prosecute him to the limit.

According to Mrs. Shep No. 1 she was married to Shepherd in this city last February. Later he left her, she said, and she was forced to go work. Lately she joined the Spiritualist church. A few mornings ago she says, a "spirit voice" directed her to go to the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad station. There she alleges, she found her husband with another woman. She had him arrested and he is said to have confessed, stating he married his sad wife in Halifax, N. C.

DENVER WILL HAVE BIG SWINE DISPLAY AMONG PURE BREDS

DENVER, Dec. 23.—The "pig" will be put in the "parlor" at the annual National Western stock show in Denver this year.

The stock show, drawing exhibitors and visitors from practically every state west of the Mississippi, will open January 15 and continue through January 22.

A new building has been constructed this year for the exclusive housing of swine, the pavilion being made necessary because of the growth of the pure bred hog industry through the Rocky Mountain region. Nearly as many hogs arrive in the Denver market now as at any of the larger eastern market centers and yet it was declared only a few years back that hogs could not be made profitable in the west, owing to a lack of "hardening" foodstuff such as cheap corn.

The new pavilion is built of brick and hollow tile, and the most scientific arrangement known for pens and water and food troughs are to be installed. A feature will be the mammoth fireplace which will provide ample heat for the stock if cold weather prevails.

GRANT FREE TRAVEL FOR SERVICE MEN

MELBOURNE, Dec. 30.—To recognize the debt which the country owes to the men disabled in the war, the South Australian house of assembly at Adelaide has decided to grant the privilege of free first class travel for life to crippled ex-service men.

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Start The New Year With An AMBEROLA Thomas A. Edison Wants To Bring MUSIC In YOUR Home! If you haven't music in your home—real music, such as Edison's phonographs can give—you are missing one of the greatest joys in life! Start the new year with a song in your heart and in your home—Edison's Amberola phonograph sing to you at least 15 minutes every day—1921 will be the happiest year of your life! EDISON'S NEW DIAMOND AMBEROLA is within the reach of everyone—within the means of every family in the land. Edison has seen to that. The world's greatest inventor wants to bring music into your home and your daily life—so, as his authorized dealer we are able to give you an Amberola on practically your own terms! This isn't an empty statement—it's a fact, and if you will come to our store we'll quickly prove it to you. Think of owning a phonograph which has time and again demonstrated its superiority over "g machines" and ordinary "machine" ographs. This is the record of Edison's Amberola. Its marvelous tone, genuine DiaPoint Reproducer (no needles to change practically indestructible Amberolas have never been equalled. Come see us today or tomorrow sure—and predict you'll start the happiest New Year, with an Amberola in your home. RED FRONT DRUG STORE

BANK MESSENGER ROBBED OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TWO MILES NORTH ON LEERAY ROAD

Messenger of the Leeray Bank Held Up By Two Men With a Winchester Opposite the Gas Place On the Leeray Road and Relieved of This Sum on Oncoming Which He Had Secured From a Local Bank a Few Minutes Earlier—Messenger Returns to Notify Officers—Purse in Pursuit.

Oil field "kidnappers" made their first appearance in the vicinity of Cisco between 10 and 11 o'clock this forenoon, when they held up J. L. Howell, a messenger of the Leeray Guaranty bank, about two miles north of this city, and robbed him of \$10,000 in currency.

Howell had been sent by the Leeray bank to the American National bank of Cisco to obtain this sum in currency as he takes it to Leary.

JOE E. MILLER DIES OF HEART FAILURE AT HIS HOME TODAY

Joe E. Miller died of heart failure at his home, 707 West Tenth street, at 3:30 this morning. He had been apparently in the best of health when he was suddenly taken ill and expired almost immediately.

INFLUENZA LIABLE TO RETURN BUT NOT SUCH SEVERE FORM

Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Influenza attacks carry with them a definite community liability to subsequent attacks lasting several years, according to the conclusion of the United States public health service, after an intensive study in homes where the disease was in 1919.

HOW BLANTON WENT ABOUT TAKING SIZE OF WAR SECRETARY

Congressman Proposed to Make Photographs of Leading I.D.E. Negroes in Mr. Baker's Department—Arrangement of the Secretary As to Appropriations—Blanton Got the Figures if He Did Not Get Pictures and Carried Them to Congress.

Representative Thomas L. Blanton, of this district, has become the avenging nemesis of all reckless and extravagant spenders of the people's money under government, be they way-up officials, heads of departments, or only negro employees in the war department.

Blanton—I want to be able to show congress when it meets that you are not entitled to the extra number of employees for which you are asking.

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THIRTY-FIVE OPEN SALOONS IN HURLEY RAIDED BY PRO AGTS.

HURLEY, Wis., Dec. 28.—More than half a hundred federal prohibition agents from Chicago surprised the thirty-five open saloons here today, making many arrests and seizing a quantity of liquors of all varieties.

RUSH TO TAKE OLD LANDS IN MONTANA IS ON THE INCREASE

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 28.—Oil is the magnet which has drawn speculators to apply for five-year leases on Montana land in the last fifteen months on a scale which nearly equals the old land drawings which attracted thousands from every state in the Union a few years ago when the federal government conducted gigantic lotteries in awarding prospective settlers their place in the list of select homesteaded entries on Indian reservations.

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ARREST HOWELL, THE MAN ROBBED; NOW IN THE EASTLAND JAIL

Young Man Who Claimed Bandits Took Ten Thousand Dollars From Him Yesterday Apprehended by Rangers Here This Forenoon—Several More Arrests Expected to Be Made in Leeray This Afternoon and Whole Affair Closed Up by Tonight.

J. L. Howell, the Leeray bank messenger, who reported he was robbed yesterday of \$10,000 in currency, he had just obtained at a local bank, shortly after leaving the city, was arrested today by state rangers and taken to Eastland, where he is now in jail.

PERSONAL MENTION

Jack Barlow returned yesterday from Waco where he spent the week-end. Miss Viola Brown spent Christmas with relatives in Dallas.

CALIFORNIANS IN CONFERENCE MAY REACH SETTLEMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Rights of Japanese in the United States and other subjects involved in the negotiations in progress between the United States and Japan were up for discussion today when the California members of the house met in a conference called by Representative Julius Kahn.

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BOYS SILVER WATCHES.

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