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Scrap Over Dry Law And Sales Tax Seen House Passes 3.2 Per Cent Beer Bill

Wets Beat Down Drys 230 To 165

Bill Now Goes To The Senate

Makes First Successful Fight To Modify Volstead Prohibition Law

House Shouts Down All Attempts To Tack On Various Amendments

Senate Leaders Promise Prompt Action On Beer Bill After Christmas Holidays

Trampling down all dry opposition, house wets jammed the Democratic 3.2 per cent beer bill through unchanged Wednesday and laid it on the doorsteps of the senate where early action is promised.

The big vote, 230 to 165, approving the measure was the first successful move by wets in either branch of congress to modify the Volstead act since it became law 12 years ago. Shouts and applause greeted Speaker Garner's announcement of the bill's passage. The size of the affirmative vote surprised even the most active advocates of the measure, including Speaker Garner, who said: "It was bigger than I expected, and shows that a majority of the house wants to follow the will of a majority of the people."

There had been some doubt in the minds of Garner and other Democratic leaders that enough votes could be mustered to approve it. They were happy, backslapping each other. Majority Leader Rainey congratulated Chairman Collier of the ways and means committee for being the first to pilot through the house in the short session a major Democratic proposal.

"It will give the people a malt beverage to drink and the federal treasury much needed revenue," Collier said. "We got more than the number of votes we expected, but the opponents did not get as many as we thought they would." Senate leaders promised to act on the measure immediately after the holidays.

City To Sue Bonding Co. For \$23,000

Decision to sue the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company for \$23,000 for alleged shortages of former city treasurer and tax collector, Geo. M. Lyerly, was reached at a special meeting of the city council Tuesday night.

City Attorney J. W. Ellis was instructed to proceed with suit against the bonding company. This decision followed refusal of this company to pay after demand had been made for the \$23,000. Stahle Linn, attorney, was named by the council to be associated with Mr. Ellis in the handling of the suit.

The council at this time also considered the claim of James M. Archer and Company, C. P. A. for \$3,700, for the balance due on a total bill of \$9,500 for services in connection with the Lyerly check-up.

The council felt that this company had done the work required but thought the bill too high. Mayor Hedrick directed the finance committee, composed of Councilmen Holmes and Shaver, to confer with Mr. Garland Martin, of the James M. Archer & Company, looking toward an adjustment of this matter.

GOOD MORNING

THE ONLY NATION that can put depression to rout is determination.

"Do you ever allow a man to kiss you when you are out motoring with him?" inquired a careful mother.

"Of course not, mother," answered the daughter scornfully. "A man who can drive carefully while kissing me isn't giving the kiss the attention it deserves."

Goforth—How do you divide two cars between your seven children, yourself and your wife?

Comeback—Oh, three ride in one and four in the other and I walk and my wife uses a taxi.

Simpkins—You say you like my books?

Twombly—Well, I'm stuck on two of them.

Simpkins—Which two?

Twombly—The two I bought.

Wife—Or, darling, something small and precious has come into the lives of the Joneses next door. I wish we had one.

Huff—Now, dear, you know a child would interfere with your career.

Wife—Don't be foolish—the Joneses have bought an Austin!

Diner—Here, waiter, tell the orchestra to play Carmen while I eat this beef steak.

Waiter—Yes sir. But may I inquire why?

Diner—I want to hear the Tortador song. I feel like a bullfighter.

UNLOVELY TRAITS

What causes a man to be disliked? Donald Laird lists the following traits:

1. Failing to keep his promises.
2. Being unwilling to go out of his way to help others.
3. Indulging in exaggerations.
4. Being sarcastic.
5. Showing off how much he knows.
6. Exhibiting superiority.
7. Bossiping people whom he does not employ.
8. Reprimanding people for acts he disapproves.
9. Being caught at making fun of people behind their backs; and
10. Dominating people openly.

DON'T LET YOURSELF—

Worry when you have done your best.

Hurry when success depends upon accuracy.

Think evil of a friend until you have the facts.

Believe a thing is impossible without trying it.

Waste time on futile regrets.

Imagine that good intentions are a satisfactory excuse.

Harbor bitterness within your own soul.

Merry Christmas

I
Let's throw away our woe,
And say a word or so
About a Merry Christmas:
It's not a day to cry,
You've got no time to die,
Because—It's Merry Christmas.

II
Hang 'em by the fire,
Get the old desire
Of a Merry Christmas;
Old Santa's pretty near
And he will soon be here
To make—A Merry Christmas.

III
So the Watchman force and me
We wish you all the glee
Of a Merry Christmas;
We hope your heart is right
To eat and love a sight,
On this—A merry Christmas.
—Contributed

The Nine National Championship of 1932

Health Champions



Dorothy Eiler, 16, Aitkin, Minn., for girls, and Ross Allen, 20, Harrison County, W. Va., for boys, won the National Health Championships of the 4-H Clubs. Dorothy scored 98.6 and Ross scored 99.4, both failing for perfection only through slight defects in teeth alignment.



Canned 3,004 Jars



Wanete Guthrie, 15, of Fulton, Kans., won the National Canning Championship of the 4-H Club for 1932, winning the title in the meat animal contest. Floyed also gets a \$300 agricultural scholarship.

Raised Finest Meat



Floyd Weaver, West Point, Ind., is the National 4-H Club Champion for 1932, winning the title in the meat animal contest. Floyed also gets a \$300 agricultural scholarship.

1932 Style Champion



Mildred Startup, Shawnee County, Kans., is the National 4-H Club Style-Revue Champion for 1932, winning over 41 state championships at Chicago. Together with the three runners-up, Mildred will be given a tour to the Shrines of American History during the summer of 1933.

Win In Leadership



Maurice Knouse, 19, Emporia, Kans., with 10 years of 4-H Club work to her credit, and Vernon LeRoy Baldwin, 20, of Alden, Minn., with 9 years, are the 1932 Champions in Leadership for girl and boy activities. They were awarded the H.A. Moses trophies.

Achievement Champions



Frances Mae Good, Browntown, Wis., and Donald N. McDowell, Marquette, Wis., scored highest and were crowned 1932 champions in Achievement of the National 4-H Clubs at Chicago. This award carried with it beautiful silver trophies from President Hoover for each.

NEWS BRIEFS

CURB REVOLT IN ARGENTINE

Buenos Ayres police claimed last week to have found 1,300 bombs and to have uncovered a revolutionary plot supported by Hipolito Yrigoyen, former president and dictator of Argentina. A state of siege was declared in the capital and in other cities. Yrigoyen was arrested and exiled.

12 BURN IN TOKYO STORE

Twelve persons were killed and 48 seriously hurt in the destruction of the eight-story Shirokiya department store in Tokyo last week.

CHILD KILLED BY AUTO

Velma Ranson, six, was struck and killed by the car of T. L. Freeman at High Point. She ran across the street.

ASKS STATE PAROLE SYSTEM

George R. Pou, superintendent of the State's prison, has recommended to the governor and the general assembly that a parole and probationary system be established in the state. He estimates it will save \$30,000 yearly in trial and prison costs.

NEW FRENCH CABINET

Joseph Paul-Boncour was successful Sunday in completing his cabinet and assumed the government of France following the Herriot ministry on the American debt payment issue. The new premier promised negotiations in reference to the payment of the debt installment due December 15.

TWO VICTIMS OF COLD

C. E. Adcox, Rocky Mount, died from exposure after he had fallen in a ditch. Police said they found a partly filled whiskey bottle on his person. Fred Smith, 30, was killed the same day in Bladen county. His truck skidded from the frozen highway.

HOLD-UP PLANT, SET IT AFIRE

A determined hunt is being made for two white yeggs who bound and gagged two employees of the Southern Cotton Oil company plant at Fayetteville last Thursday, looted the office of \$125 and then set it afire. After they left W. E. Hocutt, one of the men bound up, made his way into the burning office, knocked the telephone receiver off and called for help.

DAN HARRIS TO PRISON

Dan Harris, 66, self-styled "cancer specialist," Raleigh, was sentenced to 10 to 15 years in state's prison. He was found guilty of immoral relations with a girl, 13, whom he had lured into his home as a companion for his wife.

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649 HIGHWAY ARRESTS IN NOVEMBER

The state highway patrol reports arrest of 649 persons in November. 582 being found guilty. Patrolmen investigated 127 accidents in which 18 were killed and 96 injured. They recovered 24 stolen cars.

Solons Are Divided On Big Issues

Press Poll Shows Trend

Western Representatives In General Assembly Against Sales Tax

While Eastern Lawmakers Probably Favor It; Expect Dry Law Change

Higher Taxes Opposed And Rigid Economy In Government Is Urged

The fights in the next General Assembly over the proposal to raise needed state revenue through the imposition of a sales tax and over the further proposal to repeal or modify the Turlington act give every indication of being close drawn battles.

Returns from members of the incoming legislative bodies who were polled by members of the state press on those two questions show that out of 38 who have replied, the sales tax issue and the repeal or modification issue are deadlocked with 11 members voting for each and 11 against each, while the others are non-committal or "open to argument."

Each of the 170 members were polled on the questions: "Do you favor modification of state prohibitions laws? If so, to what extent?" and "Do you favor some form of sales tax? If not, what sort of tax measures?"

Answers from the west were against a sales tax while in the east the sentiment was favorable.

The replies indicate that the new General Assembly members are going to Raleigh without having made up their minds in any hard and fast manner on any subject, but instead plan to convene at the capital principally for the purpose of hearing arguments and examining facts that will bear upon the general subject of taxation. The modification of repeal of the state's liquor laws appear to be of minor consideration in the minds of the legislators and many declare that to be the case.

This is a typical answer on the question of modification:

"I am not in favor of either modification or repeal of the state prohibition laws until this whole matter of national repeal is worked out satisfactory and in such a way that it will absolutely prohibit the return of the open saloon."

This is a reply that might be said to be a composite answer to the tax question:

"In principle I am opposed to any form of sales tax. However, if the legislature should be forced to some form of sales tax, I would prefer a tax on non-essentials. . . . To tell the truth, I am not strong on any additional tax levies whatever. I see no reason why a state, county, or other municipality should not live within its income as an individual has to do. This talk about 'new sources of taxation' does not appeal to me. I know of no source that is not taxed to the limit at the present time. It seems to me that good business would suggest economy in governmental expenditures to meet, so far as it is possible, the curtailment of revenue, rather than add further taxes to the present burden."

CRAVEN OFFICIAL SUICIDE

Dependent over ill-health, J. F. Robinson, Craven county bridge superintendent, killed himself with a pistol shot in the mouth.

Streets Of City Emerge From Covering Of Sleet

Christmas shoppers who leapt ditches of packed ice and pools of slush on sidewalks shortly after the heavy snow and sleet which fell over the week-end, drew a sigh of relief the first part of the week when the streets, sidewalks and walkways were cleared by shoveling gangs under the direction and supervision of City Engineer M. E. Miller, and City Manager, Had-en Holmes.

City Engineer Miller estimated that 200 were employed in the clean-up task, this being financed through the federal aid funds of the welfare office, augmented by city employees. Many jobless workers were given an opportunity to make Christmas money by assisting in clearing the streets.

The business section of the city and the leading residential streets, were rapidly cleared and traffic continued as usual.

While the demands on the Welfare office for food and fuel these cold days with snow on the grounds are exceedingly heavy, Mrs. Linton says that the welfare office is meeting the situation very well.

However the demand is taxing the resources of the organization, which is in need of all the assistance that can be rendered by the people, for unless the resources of the office are conserved there will not be sufficient funds to last until warm weather returns and field work is resumed.

A menace that is presenting itself is the presence of considerable flu among those who are subsisting on the department. And these people require not only food but medicine as well. So remember that while the federal government is helping, its assistance is contingent upon the community doing as much as it can to supplement federal aid.

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N. C. PRESS HONORS GARDNER

A Live-at-Home dinner, in which every item of a sumptuous feast was a North Carolina product, was given at Raleigh by the North Carolina Press association in honor of Governor Max Gardner, who initiated the live-at-home program which has increased the state's production of food and feed by \$50,000,000 in three years. More than 400 attended.

ELKS HAVE STATE UNIT

North Carolina Elks perfected a state association at Greensboro last week, with Henry T. Paterson, New Bern, chosen president. The first annual meeting will be in Asheville.

Booze Prices Soar For Holiday Trade

Those who desire it may have egg-nog for Christmas, but they will have to pay a higher price for the liquid O Be Joyful, according to current reports in and about this good city of ours.

Then, too, they cannot be sure that the nog is the real thing—for 18th amendment is still the 18th amendment.

Bootleggers are reported to be getting fancy prices for raw corn flavored with fruit juices and tasting like the real thing—but these reports are unconfirmed.

3 DIE IN AUTO MISHAP

Mrs. T. A. Brooks, 50, and two daughters were killed near Marion when the car driven by her son struck a hog in the road and was overturned.

VOTE PHILIPPINE FREEDOM

The senate on Saturday voted to free the Philippine Islands in 12 years time. The bill goes into conference with the house which last session voted to grant independence in eight years.

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