

## ANTI-SALOONIST DEMONSTRATION

### AT THE CAPITOL

#### Demanding National Prohibition By Amendment to U. S. Constitution

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#### HAND PETITIONS TO HOBSON

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(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 10.—Two thousand men and women representing the Anti-Saloon League of America and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union participated today in a demonstration at the Capitol against the liquor traffic.

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By two phalanxes the men and women marched from the downtown section of the city to the East front of the Capitol. Each bore petitions demanding national prohibition by constitutional amendment. The petitions were received by Representative Richmond Pearson Hobson of Alabama, author of such a proposed amendment and by Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas. After presentation of the petitions, which were filed in the Senate and House, several prohibition speeches were delivered.

#### The Only Hope

Speaking for the Anti-Saloon League for the first time, Ernest H. Cherrington, of Westville, Ohio, declared that the army of men, aided by the W. C. T. U., were "stockholders in the great institution of American Society," pleading for national prohibition by constitutional amendment as "the only hope for the speedy solution of the growing liquor problem in our great centers of population."

#### Sale Forbidden in Nine States

Madison R. Patterson, former Governor of Tennessee, said:  
"The manufacture and sale of liquor is now forbidden in nine States of the Union, since the Federal legislation or constitutional amendment of the organic law, and in others it will be forbidden as soon as the people have opportunity to vote on the question and have their will recorded in proper form."

#### Great Things at Stake

"Civilization and character, Christianity and the moral order of the world, are at stake in the question of sovereignty of the people may be exercised in a decisive and supreme test to determine whether or not the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks exist with or without the consent of government."

#### The W. C. T. U. and Its Effective Work

Mrs. Lillian L. N. Stevens, of Maine, president-general of the W. C. T. U., declared that the women of the nation "know that the great home destroyer, that the women of the nation long ago had begun the fight to overthrow the liquor business and that its end was certain to come. After the meeting many of the delegates sought their congressional delegations and urged the passage of the necessary resolution for the submission of the proposed constitutional amendment to the States for ratification."

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#### Senator Sheppard Presented Measure in Upper Branch of Congress Last Night

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Sheppard introduced the proposed constitutional amendment in the Senate late in the day and addressed the members of the Senate by a long and eloquent speech. "Prohibition will embrace the whole United States in a comparatively short time," said Senator Sheppard. "The movement is so strong that nothing in the world can prevent its ultimate complete success."

#### Senators Thompson and Owen Joined in the Enforcement of the Proposed Amendment

"Nation-wide prohibition is bound to come, but just when, I cannot tell," declared Senator Borah, of Idaho, in an address at a mass-meeting here tonight, to further the campaign for the amendment.

#### Senator Borah Urged his Hearers to Keep up the Fight, and Said he Would Lend his Support

Representative M. Clyde Kelly, of Pennsylvania, said he was in entire sympathy with the amendment. John G. Buckley, of Madison, Wis., prohibition leader here, declared that he had other business to attend to, but he addressed the meeting.

#### TARHEEL COLD WATER ENVOYS

#### To the Number of a Score and More in Washington "Storm" Brigade

(By W. E. YELVERTON.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Fully two dozen North Carolinians are among the envoys from the Anti-Saloon League of America, and the prohibitionists have taken the Capitol by storm.

#### Instead of the committee of 1,000 which was supposed to have come, we have from 2,500 to 3,000," said L. Davis, Anti-Saloon League, Raleigh.

The North Carolinians are scattered all over the hotels are crowded, but we are here just the same.

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## OWN TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONES

#### President Seriously Considering the Subject

#### WORKS IN SOME COUNTRIES

#### Then Why Not in U. S., to the Benefit of Citizens—Conferees With P.-M. General Who Will Discuss Subject in His Report—Attorney General's Opinion.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines is being seriously considered by President Wilson. Conference between the President and Postmaster General Burleson have led to a gathering of information about practical working of government ownership in those nations where such a system is in operation. The subject will be discussed in the Postmaster General's annual report, though it is not assured that he will make any positive recommendations.

Though bills have been drafted looking to government ownership, none has been agreed upon as an administration measure.

"There is no doubt," said Mr. Burleson today "that the inauguration of the parcel post and the postal savings system are the most important steps in the desire of people all over the country to have the government become the means of communication everywhere. It is a subject involving two or three hundred million dollars and it is a subject which is being discussed in the minds of the people of the United States."

It is said that the plan will not meet the opposition of the approval of President Wilson's cabinet. It is believed in official circles Attorney General McKeeney, for one, would show his aversion to such a plan. Within the next few weeks, the Department of Justice will announce its own plan for relief in conditions accompanying interstate telephone business. The Attorney General and G. C. Todd, the assistant in charge of trust prosecutions have been seeking to work out with officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company plans which they hold will avoid any necessity for talked-of litigation in the courts, but which will relieve the situation. One suit against the Pacific coast telephone company is now pending in the United States courts, and pending its determination, the department has not been anxious to begin further litigation.

In his dealings in this case, Attorney General McKeeney has followed his conviction that it is better for his department to get so-called trusts to agree to his terms after a few weeks of friendly conference than to take it into the courts and wait for several years before securing anything at all, with the possibility always of losing everything.

Callers who have discussed questions of regulation of trusts with Mr. McKeeney, believe the Sherman act a sufficiently powerful weapon with which to better conditions. They understand his position to be that it is better to have a combination of trusts entirely broken up, than to have it regulated, it is better to regulate it, fix its prices, and if that is not possible then, to have it broken up.

#### DR. VON RUCK REPLIES

#### To the Charge Affecting Children of N. C. Baptist Orphanage and Others.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 10.—Replying to the charges made by Frank Stephens, of Philadelphia, at the anti-Vivisection congress now in session at Washington, Dr. Karl Von Ruck, of this city, tonight issued the following statement:

"In regard to this accusation I desire to state that Mr. Stephens is in error. He could easily have become cognizant of this fact had he read the reports of Dr. C. A. Julian and my own reports, or, having read them, he could have easily ascertained the subject for the purpose of prejudicing the public."

"Not Experimental in Any Sense."

"The facts are that the children of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., and other children were treated because they were subjects of manifest or of latent tuberculosis as was established by the ordinary clinical methods of effect, or because they had been exposed to tuberculosis infection. The remedy used for their treatment was one that had before that time been abundantly tried and tested, representing an improved preparation of similar ones used by the medical profession for more than twenty years. The method employed in the treatment of the children, to which Mr. Stephens refers, is therefore not experimental in any sense; but represents an improvement over remedies of the same kind, and the results were obtained, without a single exception, by the administration of one or two pills."

#### WHY RITCHIE-MURPHY FIGHT WAS POSTPONED.

#### Nasal Abscess Necessitated Operation That Took Ritchie to the Hospital.

(By the Associated Press.)  
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 10.—A nasal abscess necessitating an operation today on Willie Ritchie, light-weight champion, resulted in calling off the scheduled 20-round fight tonight between Ritchie and "Harlem Tunny" Murphy.

The two fighters met and went through the formalities of weighing in to conform with forfeit agreements. Each tipped the scales at 135 pounds. Ritchie then announced that he had been operated on, but in spite of this was not to be a factor in the fight. The promoter, however, declared the fight off.

## FEATURES OF THE ANTI-TRUST BILL

#### Scope of President's Program is Defined

#### DEFINITION OF MONOPOLY

#### In Its Various Forms Which Will Be Deemed Unlawful—Result of Conference Between Mr. Wilson and Six Democratic Members of the House Judiciary Committee.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 10.—The scope of President Wilson's program of anti-trust legislation became fairly well defined today at the end of a conference between the President and six Democratic members of the House Judiciary Committee that is to prepare the administration bills. The measure to be advanced at this session will aim at the following results:

Definition of the various forms of monopoly and restraint of trade which would be "conclusively deemed" unreasonable and unlawful. Placing upon the defendant the burden of proof that there is no "unreasonable" restraint of trade.

Prohibition of interlocking directorates between large corporations.

Establishment of an interstate trade commission to exercise regulatory powers, make original investigations and aid the courts in carrying out the provisions of the bill.

#### Twilight Zone of Corporation Activities

The details of legislation were not worked out at today's conference, but was a complete understanding reached as to the NUMBER of bills to be introduced for action at the present session. The President made it clear, however, that he favors legislation along the general lines of the Lenroot-Latta bill which has been before Congress since last June, and which was designed to clear up the "twilight zone" of corporation activities.

This measure was the subject of much of the discussion and members of the committee will take up its provisions for further consideration. It would define by law nearly a dozen forms of contracts, agreements, restraints, price cutting and the like, the "reasonableness" of which is now left to the courts.

#### Talks With Attorney General and Others

President Wilson's trust conferences of the last few weeks have included long talks with Attorney General McKeeney, Senator Newlands, the chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Secretary Redfield, of the Department of Commerce, Representative Clayton and Joseph E. Davis, Commissioner of Corporations. The President is to confer again in a few days with Senator Newlands and other members of the Senate committee that will handle the bill.

#### Necessity of Legal Bounds

The President emphasized in the conference today the need of legal bounds for business activity that will make the smaller business man upon an equality with the larger; and that will give a clear legal definition of the forms of combination that are unlawful.

Senator Newlands' bill for an interstate trade commission introduced in Congress early last summer, is expected to be the basis for legislation along that line. The President is understood to favor many features of this proposed law. It would establish the dissolution of trusts that have been held illegal by the courts.

#### Interlocking Working on Bills

Samuel Untermyer, of New York, who acted as counsel for the "money trust" committee of the House, has met with the President and other members of the administration in trust legislation several times recently and is working upon the preparation of bills that probably will be closely studied by the committee.

## HOW MUCH MONEY A MAN CAN EARN

#### Sect'y Bryan Expresses Belief One Can Earn Million in a Life Time.

(By the Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 10.—Secretary of State William J. Bryan, speaking today before the clerical conference of the New York Federation of Churches on the subject of "Fundamentals," declared it to be his belief that "it is possible for a man to earn \$1,000,000 a year for a lifetime of 31-1/2 working years, or a million dollars a lifetime."

Secretary Bryan made this declaration in discussing man's relations to the society, which, he said, was one of the three things fundamental in human life. Other fundamentals he mentioned were "God's relation to the government under which he lives and to his God."

The meeting was attended by ministers representing fifty religious denominations.

Comparing the wages of the "richest American," which he estimated at \$500,000,000, Secretary Bryan declared his belief that Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln rendered "services to the world that were immeasurably more than that. What the world needs, he added, is not the men who amass money to give away when they die, but men who give themselves to society."

## THE DEMOCRATIC SENATOR OVERMAN SEES C. HAMMER

#### Largely Responsible For The Growth of Denomination

#### AND LATTER WILL SEE ATTORNEY-GENERAL SOON

#### NEW BERN POSTMASTER

#### Senator Simmons Will Decide On Basnight's Successor Next Week — Dr. Faison's Activity in Smith's Behalf—Goldsboro Case Argued—N. C. News at Washington.

(By MAMIE BAYS.)  
Shelby, Dec. 10.—According to the summary of denominational statistics recorded in the annual of the Southern Baptist Convention, North Carolina stands fourth in numerical strength of the States included in the convention. "The greatest stronghold of the Baptist denomination is in the South and no other denomination is growing so rapidly in the South as the Baptist. Several causes are prominent factors in this rapid growth of the denomination. One of these causes is the democratic spirit in the government of each church, which is emphasized by Baptists more than is true of any other denomination.

There is much wealth included in the membership of Southern Baptists and on the other hand among the chief glories of the denomination is the large number of poor people in the church membership and the hundreds of thousands of men and women from working classes which are being added to the rolls of church membership every year.

The democratic spirit of the denomination, the absence of wealth in the services of the churches, appeal to the masses and influence them in large numbers in favor of the Baptist denomination. In addition to the many who become Baptists every year, the reports of the work of pastors and other evangelistic agencies of the churches, the large sums of money contributed to the various causes of the convention is emphasized because of the large number of men and women in the ranks among what is known as the middle classes and known to be those of moderate means included in the membership. The contributions to the causes increase rapidly every year.

#### Second Day's Proceedings

The State convention convened at nine o'clock this morning for the morning session of the second day of the convention.

Rev. R. D. Cross, of Brevard, conducted the devotional service, with which the session was opened.

Rev. Chas. H. Durham, president, called the convention to order. The minutes of the session of Tuesday evening were read and were approved.

The first item of business of the session this morning was the report of the board of missions and Sunday schools. This report was read by Livingston Johnson, corresponding secretary. The first item of the report of the board of missions and Sunday schools, and the following is the summary of this report:

#### Best Report of Missions and Sunday Schools

"We rejoice that the report we submit today is, in many respects the best report ever presented to the convention.

We have had 156 missionaries this year. These labored in forty-two associations. Herewith is submitted in regular tabulated form, a summary of their work:

Summary of the year's work: Number of sermons preached, 10,305; churches and outstations supplied, 326; baptisms, 2,137; added by letter, 1,597; meetings held, 350; professions of faith, 2,688; churches building, 41; churches finished, 15.

Financial:—Paid on salaries, \$35,348.49; paid on church building, \$46,951.17; State and associational missions, \$13,730.74; foreign missions, \$2,659.00; home missions, \$2,161.85; orphanage, \$2,666.18; educational, \$2,755.75; Sunday schools, \$297.85; ministerial relief, \$593.37; other objects, \$9,439.89. Total \$105,844.21.

Sunday schools—Number of schools, 277; number of pupils, 31,910; conversions in school, 326.

Contributions—School expenses, \$4,288.70; orphanage, \$1,833.25; State missions, \$13,730.74; home missions, \$2,659.00; foreign missions, \$2,161.85.

#### Increase in Church Building

"A comparison of this year's figures with those of last year shows advancement as follows: Baptisms 530, by letter 116, total increase in additions 646. We are building more than twice as many new churches, and have completed three more, than the reports of last year show. There has been an increase in total contributions of \$1,307.93. The progress of the church, depending on the amount of money paid for church building. The increase to church building was \$21,622.50 and to pastors' salaries \$3,459.07. The buildings being erected on mission fields are more numerous and more expensive than ever before."

#### The Report of the Board of Education

The report of the Board of Education was read by W. R. Cullom, of Wake Forest College.

#### This Report Urged First Recognition of the Fact that Next to the Work of winning souls the greatest need of the church is the man who can lead.

John L. Lakin, a returned missionary from China, and Frank W. Lee, a returned missionary from the Philippines, assistant secretary of state of one of the Chinese provinces.

The convention today received an offer of property at Beaufort, valued at \$19,000, for the establishing of a home for aged ministers. A committee was appointed to consider the proposition. It was decided to hold next year's convention in Charleston.

#### Meeting Aboard Spanish Ship

Cerbere, France, Dec. 10.—The engine room workers and firemen of the Spanish steamer Alfonso XII, of the Trans-Atlantic line, mutinied and attacked the officers on the voyage from Coruna to Cadiz, according to a dispatch received here today. The men were overpowered after a desperate fight. Several were wounded. The mutineers were placed under arrest at Cadiz.

## NEWS OBSERVATIONS

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