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HOBSON RESOLUTION DEFEATED BY THE HOUSE

Bare Majority of Eight in Favor of Submitting Amendment for National Prohibition to the States, When Two-Thirds Majority Required for Success; Vote Comes at Midnight, After a Day of Intense Feeling and Argument For and Against The Proposition.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—The Hobson resolution to submit a constitutional amendment for national prohibition to the States tonight 197 members voting for and 189 against it. An affirmative vote of two-thirds was required to adopt the resolution.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—After more than two hours of debate, the House of Representatives shortly before midnight today was ready for a roll call on the Hobson resolution to submit to the States an amendment for national prohibition.

It was at the conclusion of one of the most stirring of recent days in Congress, and after votes on several amendments that the final vote was reached. Representative Hobson had closed the general debate, participated in by all the House leaders.

Although advocates of the resolution predicted it would receive a majority vote, many of them, including Mr. Hobson, conceded that it would not receive the two-thirds necessary for passage.

Before the roll call began, Representative Hobson presented an amendment to his resolution authorizing "Congress and the States concurrently" to enforce the prohibition provision by "necessary legislation."

forced to "grand and lofty thinking," when confronted with the problem of giving the Federal government authority to enfranchise women of the States.

Representative Hobson declared supporters of the resolution were more consistent than its opponents in respecting rights of the individual States.

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CHARGES FILED AGAINST BRIGGS

Postoffice Inspector Recommends Raleigh Postmaster's Removal From Office FOR GROSS CARELESSNESS

Charges Concern Weighing Mail and That Postmaster Briggs Has Insufficient Knowledge of the Conduct of His Office; Mr. Briggs Refuses Comment

(By W. E. YELVERTON.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Charges of gross carelessness in weighing mail, particularly second class matter, are preferred against Postmaster Willis G. Briggs, of Raleigh, in a report to the Postoffice Department by Postoffice Inspector Gray, which reached Washington today.

In addition to this mail weighing charge, the inspector's report carries the charge also that Mr. Briggs has an insufficient knowledge of how things are conducted in his office.

Complaints against the postoffice are far more than a year ago and caused the Postoffice Department to order an inspection of the office.

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THREE WHEEL MEMBERS SPEAK ON HOBSON BILL

Representatives Pou and Small Passionately Tell Why They Must Oppose It

MR. WEBB DECLARES NO STATE RIGHT INVOLVED

Mr. Small Says Path of Least Resistance Favors The Resolution, But Duty as He Sees it Prompts Him Otherwise.

(W. E. YELVERTON.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Three members of the North Carolina delegation made impassioned speeches on the Hobson amendment in the House today, one for it and two against.

Representative Webb, author of the Webb interstate liquor shipment bill, the most effective aid to State prohibition existing, advocated the amendment.

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ATTEMPT MADE ON LIFE OF CARRANZA

Wild Locomotive Sent Down Track To Meet Train Bearing Mexican Chief

HE ESCAPES UNINJURED

Heavy Rains Prevent General Maytorca From Conference With General Scott Over Naco Affair; Monterey and Saltillo Wish To Remain Neutral

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—General Carranza's trip from Vera Cruz to the Isthmus of Tehuantepec has been interrupted by Zapata forces who captured Soledad and from there sent a wild locomotive into his approaching train.

Carranza returned to Vera Cruz after the incident at Soledad and now has gone to Cordoba to inspect his troops. His officers say he later will continue his journey to Tehuantepec.

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THE ARMIES STRIVE ON WITH UNCEASING FURY

From The Coast to The Alps in the West the Cannon, Bayonet and Sabre Labor for Victory With Slight Change; On the East the Russians Hold Von Hindenburg and Gain in Galicia; While Turkey's Army Gets Hard Blow From Russians, As Allied Fleets Pound at Gate of The Dardanelles.

(By The Associated Press.) London, Dec. 22.—(19 25 p. m.)—Heavy fighting is taking place on both eastern and western fronts but without producing any material change in the positions of the opposing armies.

In France and Belgium the allied offensive is being pressed and while some ground has been gained at several points, other attacks have been repulsed by the Germans from their strongly entrenched positions.

In the northern area the artillery and warcraft yesterday took up the battle, giving the infantry a rest, but lower down the line and from the Oise to the Meuse fierce fighting took place in many districts.

While the progress of the allies is extremely slow, military experts here believe the German system of fortifications at vital points is being successfully continued, compel a retirement by the Germans from their present lines.

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CHILE TO EXCLUDE FIGHTING SHIPS

Vessels of Warring Nations Would Be Forbidden From Procuring Coal

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Eduardo Suarez Mujica, the Chilean ambassador, today transmitted to Secretary Bryan a copy of the "supreme decree" issued by Chile, restricting the amount of coal belligerent warships and merchant vessels can obtain in Chilean ports.

The decree becomes effective January 1st. It is in amendment to the Hague convention, and represents the suggestion of Chile to Pan-American nations, generally, for excluding belligerent warships from this hemisphere.

Great Britain already has formally advised Chile that she will abide by the decree, the text of which was announced by the State department today as follows:

BURGERS CAUGHT WHO SHOT AWAY

Los Angeles Men Confess; Daughters Fought With Hair Brushes

(By The Associated Press.) Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—Glenn Witt and Albert Witt, who were arrested late today in connection with the killing of Wm. M. Alexander, a wealthy retired lawyer, by burglars in his home here this morning, Witt is said to have confessed.

Witt showed a number of bruises, which police thought were from blows administered by Miss Penelope Alexander, who grappled with the robber after she had been shot.

Oxman also confessed, the police declared, saying it was he who had shot and killed Alexander. The two men taken to the Alexander residence were identified by Mrs. Alexander. Afterwards they were taken to a hospital for their wounds to be bandaged.

MAN CAN MAKE HIS OWN

Proposed Amendment to Legalize the Manufacture of Intoxicating Liquor

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DURHAM CHRISTMAS TREE

Big Celebration Arranged For Night of Christmas Eve

(Special to The News and Observer.) Durham, Dec. 22.—The ladies committee in charge of the community Christmas tree are having a tree forty feet high erected on the municipal lot next to the Academy of Music. They have about completed all of the preparations for the musical part of the program.

The school children of the city, some of the members of the church choir, the two bands and the Salvation Army are making preparations to furnish the music. Christmas carols and special Christmas music will be used for this entertainment.

The work is being promoted by the Durham branch of the Y. W. C. A. and the Women's Association and committees from the Commercial Club and the Elks are aiding in this work.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22. SENATE: A proposal to rescind the recent ratification of the London safety at sea convention was beaten.

Senator Lodge introduced a bill to annul contract labor law provisions which might prevent Belgians taking up American farm work or immigration, the intention of becoming citizens.

Hearing continued on water power site land leasing bill. The national forest conservation committee reported on the official French survey of 1920 at the rate of \$2,000,000 a year.

Adjourned at 1:35 p. m. to noon Wednesday. HOUSE: After passing a rule for consideration of the Hobson resolution for a constitutional amendment for national prohibition, proceeded to eight hours debate with prospects of an early vote.

OPIM SHIPMENT SEIZED

Over Eight Thousand Dollars Worth Taken From Ship.

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 22.—Customs officers today seized 160 tons of opium found aboard the White Star Line steamship Adriatic and arrested James Murphy, a shipkeeper on the Adriatic, as a charge of attempting to smuggle it into this country.

The opium is said to have come from Toblo. The opium are valued at \$50,000 and the entire amount, \$50,000, constituted one of the largest seizures of opium ever made here.

When the customs officers boarded the Adriatic they caught one of Murphy's assistants, who said in the act of throwing the opium overboard. The opium was held in \$15,000 bail each.

BETTER HOMES ABROAD

President Says We Should Be on Same Footing As Others

OPPOSE VATICAN MINISTER

Protestants of England Denounce Pappal Recognition.

NO PHILIPPINE TROUBLE

Governor Harrison Says Reports of Uprising Are Untrue.

CARGO COTTON SHIPPED

Alonso Sailed to Leave Wilmington During The Season.

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