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RUSSIA PUTS BAN ON VODKA ALWAYS

Will Never Allow Resumption of Its Sale or the Manufacture.

THE FUTURE IS AT STAKE

Russian Government Declares that Its Sale Is a Great Menace to the Future of Russia as a Nation—A High Official Makes an Explanation of the Rule.

New York, Feb. 18.—The Russian Government will never resume the sale of vodka or permit others to engage in its manufacture or sale. After the war the present extraordinary measures affecting all liquor, will be revised probably along the lines of temperance reforms in the Scandinavian countries, which make a tax differential in favor of light wines and beers, because of their low percentage of alcoholic content.

This outline of the future attitude of the Russian Government on the prohibition question is given in Russian newspapers that have just arrived in this city.

The Ryetch, a Petrograd newspaper, reports a debate in the Duma in which the good faith of the government, in forcing prohibition, was brought sharply into question, so much so that P. L. Bark, Minister of Finance, felt it necessary to reply to the attacks that had been made.

The debate occurred during the session of the budget commission when the question arose as to what should be done with 85 million vodros (276,260,000 gallons) of vodka now in government warehouses.

S. E. Griasevich, president of the commission, declared that the presence of so much vodka was a source of constant danger as the storehouses might be raided and their contents carried away by the thirsty population. He was particularly apprehensive about the supply near the front and recommended that it should be destroyed.

This declaration brought a left (opposition) deputy to his feet, who asked sarcastically why, if the ministry was acting in good faith and did not intend to resume the sale of vodka, the government should keep all this liquor on hand, and why only recently it had reduced a large quantity to 30 per cent proof. A second deputy questioned the ability of the government to enforce prohibition and told of a wedding that he had attended at which the condition of the guests was not noticeably different from what it would have been if there had been no prohibition. He demanded that the Minister of Finance, M. Bark, make a categorical statement to Russia. M. Bark, in behalf of the government, replied to the criticism of the deputies.

"I find it necessary," said M. Bark, "to categorically announce that all suspicions that the government intends to renew the sale of vodka, are unfounded. I categorically announce that the government will support prohibition and that there is no chance of a return to the former states of affairs. Therefore, I heartily endorse the recommendation to destroy the vodka stock. The question of permitting the sale of light drinks has not received any final action, as this matter is left in the hands of the city department." (In a previous communication, M. Bark announced that after the war, the present extraordinary means to enforce abstinence would be revised on consecutive lines.)

After outlining the future policy of the government, M. Bark told of the extraordinary efforts to enforce prohibition. Prison sentences were meted out to vendors of illicit liquor; drunkards were heavily fined, and poisonous substances in denatured alcohol. This action was taken, he said, against the advice of the medical board, whose members did not believe that it would deter the habitual drunkard.

The Ryetch quotes a member of the Petrograd City Commissioners to the effect that 119 Petrograd drug stores dispensed 504 vodros of alcohol during the three months preceding the prohibition law, while during the

D. MADISON SWADENER.



D. Madison Swadener will be in Fayetteville Friday night, February 25, comes with ex-Governor Patterson and will make an address in the Hay Street Methodist church.

MISSING LINK IN THE LAMBERT CASE FOUND

Bottle that Contained Poison Was Found in the Mud.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—A glass bottle found in the mud at the sacred heart crossing the C. and N. W. R. R. a few hundred feet from where Marion Lambert's body was found was turned over to the state attorney today. The bottle which is supposed to have been the one that contained the poison which killed the girl was half buried in the mud. It was regarded by the authorities as the missing link needed to convict Will Orpet, charged with the girl's murder.

BULLETINS.

Richmond, Feb. 18.—Woman suffrage was defeated in the House of Delegates today by a vote of 52 to 40.

London, Feb. 18.—A big battle is raging between Russian and Turkish forces west of Erzerum according to dispatches received tonight.

Detroit, Feb. 18.—Fire originating in the cloak room of the Detroit university, the largest Catholic institution in Michigan, did serious damage to the building tonight.

All of the students escaped but a number of them were overcome by smoke.

Paris, Feb. 18.—Premier Briand was successful in the chamber of deputies today in opposing a resolution introduced calling upon the government to make the army chief respect parliament right to exercise in session over all mobilized national forces.

New York, Feb. 18.—One hundred and fifty girls, striking embroidery workers late today engaged in a battle with the non union workers in front of the Knoll Works. Sticks and stones were freely used. The police charged the strikers, using their night sticks. Eleven of the strikers were arrested.

Clothesdale, Miss., Feb. 18.—Marsh law was practically declared here today when state troops took charge of the office of the sheriff of county. This move was made to uphold the authorities of J. H. Fisher, appointed by the governor to succeed the sheriff removed from office.

ATTEMPTS OF BRITISH TO REGAIN POSITION FAIL

Belin, Feb. 18.—Attempts of the British to recapture a position taken by the Germans south of Ypres were repulsed yesterday, the German war office announced tonight.

Three months after the decree, they said 1,111 vodros of alcohol.

The representatives of the Revenue Department," says the Ryetch, "stated that from January 1 to September 1, Petrograd drug stores and hospitals obtained 154,128 gallons of pure alcohol, while cognac and cosmetic factories obtained 217,260 gallons.

U. S. WILL ACT AS POLITICAL CAPITAL AN INDEPENDENT OF THE NEW VIEWS

United States Position Is Different From That of Others.

POSITION IS OUTLINED

State Department Official Gives An Outline of the Position of the United States—Wants No Quarrels With the Enemies of Germany, It Is Stated.

Washington, Feb. 18.—It was definitely stated today that the United States does not intend to accept the proposals of Sweden for joint action to end British interference with neutral mail and commerce.

The United States will continue to act independently in its dealing with the European belligerent.

The State Department adheres to the opinion that the problem of the United States is different from that of the neutral countries of Europe. One of the high officials pointed out that their position as neighbors to the belligerents raises more points of conflict. For the United States to join hands with those neutrals, in the opinion of the officials, would be to make the United States a party to quarrels which she has thus far avoided.

That is the State Department's view. The view of the neutral diplomats in Washington is different. They hold that all of the neutrals are in the same position. They contend that England has violated the fundamentals of international law and has robbed neutrals of every right of freedom of the seas for lawful commerce.

The Swedish government is said to have gained a very definite impression from its repeated appeals for joint action that the United States has more serious reasons for it is desired to explain to act independent in refusing to join other neutrals in a diplomatic controversy with England. If there should be any break in Swedish sources the United States would not dare at the same time to be in a quarrel with Germany's enemies.

TALK IS CHEAP; BUT MONEY IS NEEDED

And Then Watch the Old Tub of War Win the Fight.

With decks cleared for action and guns run out through the port holes the Fayetteville base ball is heading full steam for the seat of war. A fight will occur at short range though it will not last long, and must, the boys say, result in raising funds sufficient to finance the team.

Daily the sale of tickets is increasing. One local man has already purchased himself tickets to the tune of a five dollar William. He declares that he has implicit faith in the local team and he knows that he is going to win out.

Rayford—Raeford—has actually risen up and said that Fayetteville will probably have a team as good as the one it had last year, meaning of course, that it was a bum aggregation here last year and insinuating that even Raeford could lick Fayetteville.

Well the local boys declare that they will show 'em.

The ship of finance has sailed—again it has sailed—with the help of the local fans it should roll triumphantly into port with banners of success flying high to the skies and with the financial question settled forever.

DEAD MAN FOUND.

Atlanta, Feb. 18.—An inquest was held today into the death of Watson Arrington a salesman of Washington found dead in the street beside a hotel. The theory now accepted is that Arrington was killed by a car.

The Republicans Started At It In Both the House and Senate.

IS DEBATABLE QUESTION

Senator Lodge, In a Set Speech Says Abandonment of Principal Will Be An Unneutral Act—Senator Thomas Repeats that Statement, It Is Stated.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Democrat leader tonight faced the fact that their opponents in the Senate and the House have agreed to use the German admiralty's recently announced policy and the treatment of it by the State Department, as the basis for the first of a series of organized attacks on Wilson.

Speeches made today in the Senate by Senator Lodge, ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Senator Sterling, made the intention of the Republicans plain.

Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, declared tonight while the question of armed merchantmen was a debatable one, the attempt to make political capital at the present difficult international relations is a thing to be deplored.

Senator Stone said that he would not only reply fully to these attacks soon, but at the same time "would make some criticism of former Senator Root's recent address affecting the foreign policy of the present administration."

Senator Lodge, in a set speech that had been written a few days ago which the attitude of the State Department has changed, declared that "abandonment by the United States at this time of the principal that it fought for that its citizens were free to travel upon merchantmen of belligerent nations, armed solely for defensive purposes, would be an unneutral act and a step toward war."

Senator Thomas subsequently refuted this statement by reading into the record extracts from recent official approval of the new German policy had been given.

GOVONOR PATTERSON IS HIGHLY PRAISED

Dr. Madison Swadener Will Also Speak Here February 25th.

The coming of ex-Governor Patterson, of Tennessee, and Dr. Madison Swadener, famous preacher and prince of orators to Fayetteville Friday night, February 25th to speak in the Hay Street Methodist church on the subject of prohibition, is an event of great importance to Fayetteville and Cabarrus county inasmuch as Fayetteville has been selected as the North Carolina town in which the two noted men are to speak.

It was declared yesterday afternoon by the committee in charge of arrangements that the event is expected to draw one of the largest crowds ever seen in Fayetteville at a public meeting.

It will be well advertised over the whole county. Those who have heard ex-Governor Patterson speak give high praise to him as a great orator and a brilliant thinker. They declare that it is an event of which Fayetteville might feel highly pleased.

RUMANIA IS ABOUT TO ENTER THE WAR

Rome, Feb. 18.—Rumania is about to enter the war on the side of the entente allies. Simultaneously with the intervention of Rumania great offensive will be undertaken by the allies from Saloniki. Reports say that the capture of Erzerum by the Rumanians will hasten Rumania's decision to intervene at an early date.

EX-GOVERNOR PATTERSON



Ex-Governor Malcolm R. Patterson who will come to Fayetteville Friday, February 25, to speak in the Hay Street Methodist church on the subject of National Prohibition.

MEETING TO ARRANGE TRUCKER'S ASSOCIATION

Interest Starts Here In Regard to the Truck Industry.

With the purpose of arranging a time and place for a meeting to form a trucker's association in this section, there will be a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms this afternoon at four o'clock. Trucking experts will be present to assist.

The proposition got underway last Wednesday when a meeting was held at Clifton. The main idea is to form a cooperative market association in order that the trucking industry in this section may be pushed forward.

It is declared that this is one of the finest sections for trucking in the whole country. A large amount of interest is being manifested in the matter, and it is highly probable that a representative association will be formed with its headquarters in Fayetteville.

ROSLYN ROBBER IS CAUGHT BY DOGS

Harry Hall In Jail on a Charge of Robbing Roslyn Warehouse.

(Special NEWS Dispatch.) Roslyn, Feb. 18.—A robbery was committed here Thursday night when the warehouse of the railroad was broken into. A quantity of tobacco, dry goods and shoes were stolen.

Deputy Sheriff McLean was notified and last night arrived here with Chief Cockman's bull dogs to start on the trail. The dogs trailed to the depot to the house of Harry Hall, colored, near here. Hall was arrested and a quantity of the stolen goods recovered.

Hall has been placed in the county jail.

CONFERENCE POSSIBLE AT WILMINGTON; NOTHING TOLD

(Special NEWS Dispatch.) Wilmington, Feb. 18.—The committee of the Outer Railway Conductors arrived here this afternoon for a conference with the Coast Line officials regarding the new White Auditing System and the protest which the A. C. L. conductors entered.

At twelve o'clock tonight nothing definite regarding the conference had been given out.

It is stated here that the conductors will retain to what they have already stated, and the possibility of a strike, unless the ruling is removed, is the same as it was a week ago.

FLORIDA TOWN IS REPORTED IN FLAMES

Jacksonville, Feb. 18.—Fernandina was on fire tonight and in response to request for aid several tracks and other equipment were rushed from here on a special train in an effort to save the town. The fire raged for hours near the town were threatened with destruction.

FAYETTEVILLE MAY HAVE UNION DEPOT

Official of N. S. R. R. Was Here Yesterday About Prop. osition.

N. S. DEPOT A DISGRACE

Chamber of Commerce Gets In Behind the Move to Have Norfolk Southern Trains Run In to Coast Line—Present N. S. Station Declared to Be In Deplorable Shape.

Fayetteville may soon have a union station. This became known yesterday when Mr. H. S. Leard, a high official of the Norfolk Southern, was here and had a conference with the Chamber of Commerce in regard to the present station being used by the Norfolk Southern. Mr. Leard, however, could not guarantee that the union station proposition will be put through in the near future.

The coming of Mr. Leard to Fayetteville yesterday followed a protest formally entered by the local Chamber of Commerce that the present passenger station is in poor condition and that there is need here for either a first class station, or that the Norfolk Southern run its trains into the Coast Line passenger station, provided an agreement can be reached with that road, thus giving Fayetteville a union station.

Nothing Definite. Mr. Leard stated yesterday evening to a reporter for THE NEWS that he could give out nothing definite right now regarding the union station proposition. He declared that the business which the Norfolk Southern is now getting from Fayetteville does not justify an expenditure of money sufficient to build the kind of station the Norfolk Southern would like to give Fayetteville.

He could not state definitely if the Norfolk Southern would run its trains into the Coast Line even if the Coast Line should be willing. Mr. Leard stated that the Norfolk Southern would at all times be found doing what it possibly can, but that financial conditions now and the business the road gets from here, he believes, will not allow the road to build a new station.

Can't Repair Old Station.

The present old passenger station of the Norfolk Southern can not be repaired. It is within the fire district and the fire commissioners would not allow a permit to be issued to repair the old wooden building. A non-inflammable roof might be put on it, but this is not likely.

The station is in bad shape. Captain Leard stated as it ought to be, declares the Chamber of Commerce. It is referred to as both a disgrace to the town and to the Norfolk Southern, and his declaration will probably be backed up by every Fayetteville citizen.

Write For Information.

The Coast Line is being written a four-page circular explaining its position to help that road line the negotiation of making a union station.

Writing the Circular. The Norfolk Southern is now writing a circular to explain its position to the Coast Line.

QUIT ON FRONTS.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The German war office tonight announced that the situation on the east is unchanged. Concerning the Balkan front the report said that aviators attacked the railway station at Rostov.

MORE EVIDENCE ABOUT THE CHICAGO POISONER

Chicago, Feb. 18.—A letter received today by Chief of Detectives Hunt from Chief of Police Day of Scranton Penn., stated that letters and examination papers sent by Cronos, the suspected Chicago poisoner, to the correspondence school from which he was taking a course in chemistry had been seized by a representative of the department of justice.