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STATE ADOPTS PROHIBITION BY DECISIVE MAJORITY

DISPENSARIES IN FIFTEEN COUNTIES CLOSE JANUARY 1

LATEST RETURNS INDICATE LOCAL OPTION LOSES BY 2 TO 1 VOTE

TWO COUNTIES FOR DISPENSARY

Charleston Voted Overwhelmingly Against Measure—Dorchester Also Voted Wet.

Columbia, Sept. 14.—The people of South Carolina today won their fight against John Barley-corn by a decisive majority. The big vote cast was the death knell to the dispensary system established a quarter of a century ago by Benjamin Ryan Tillman, now United States senator.

The dispensaries will be closed in the fifteen counties where they are now operated on January 1, under the terms of the act passed at the last session of the general assembly. At 11 o'clock tonight a report had been received on approximately 50,000 votes. About 10,000 votes are yet to be accounted for. The standing was for prohibition 33,104; against prohibition 14,157.

Of the fifteen counties having the dispensary system only two, Dorchester and Charleston, voted for its retention. The incomplete vote from Charleston was 2,523 against prohibition and 277 for it.

In Alcon the vote was 1,940 for prohibition and 514 against it. This report was on twenty-five out of thirty-two boxes.

In Barnwell the prohibition forces won by three votes, the vote being 517 for and 514 against.

Tonight Governor Manning issued a long statement in which he pointed out that the prohibitionists had merely won the first round of the fight. He gave his word that every effort will be used to enforce the law. He called upon the prohibitionists to help him. The prohibition committees also issued statements thanking the people for their interest in the fight.

The biggest majority registered against liquor was by Marlboro county where the vote stood 558 for prohibition and 19 against it.

A complete report for Union county shows that 1,281 votes were cast for prohibition and 427 against it.

Many of the county dispensaries have laid in an extra supply of whiskey in anticipation of the success of the contest. No whiskey can be ordered after tomorrow.

The result of the election was quietly received in Columbia.

DISMISS SCHOOL BECAUSE OF HEAT

Philadelphia Public Schools to Have Vacation Until Heat Wave Passes Over.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 14.—Seventy thousand school children were dismissed from the public schools today because of the intense heat. Superintendent Davidson announced that there will be no school until the record breaking heat wave is over.

Ninety-one at five p. m. was the hottest of the day. There were a number of prostrations.

ATLANTA TO HAVE USUAL GRAND OPERA NEXT SPRING

Atlanta, Sept. 14.—Atlanta positively will have its regular season of Metropolitan grand opera next spring. Rumors from Birmingham to the contrary are officially denied by the Atlanta Music Festival association, after telegraphic communication with the Metropolitan directorate in New York.

Belgian Protest

Harro, Sept. 14.—The Belgian government has protested to neutral nations against Germany tearing up its railroads, and moving them to Poland. This the Belgians aver to be a direct violation of the fourth Hague convention.

Canal Sides Cleared

Washington, Sept. 14.—The Panama canal has been cleared of the recent slides so that ships drawing twenty-eight feet may navigate the waterway.

TROOPS GUARD AGAINST RAID BY MEXICANS

CITIZENS AT SAN BENITO REPRISAL FOR DEATH OF SIX MEXICANS

INFANTRY SENT TO GUARD LAFERIO

Mexican Outlaws Occupy Deserted Carranza Post Opposite That Place.

Brownsville, Sept. 14.—Two companies of infantry were hurried from here to San Benito and Lyford on reports that there was danger from Mexican bandits at those places. With six Mexicans found dead today, five of them shot and one floating in the Rio Grande, Brownsville Valley tonight prepared to prevent reprisals or outbreaks during the two days celebration of the Mexican national holiday.

Early tonight about twenty men carrying red flags, the emblem stamped on the American side of the Rio Grande, occupied the vacated Carranza post opposite Lateria, Texas, about thirty miles northeast of here. A detachment of United States cavalry has been stationed at Laferio.

According to reports to army headquarters Carranza troops abandoned the post late today. As the Mexican soldiers marched away several are said to have shouted: "Death to the Gringos."

Held Conference Saturday
Washington, Sept. 14.—The next meeting of the Pan-American conference on the Mexican situation will be held in New York Saturday. Lansing announced today plans to hold the conference here Wednesday were changed on account of the illness of one of the conferees.

Some of the representatives are inclined to accept Carranza's proposal that his representatives meet the diplomats, and discuss affairs of international bearing only. This is because of the recent victories of the Carranza armies. If his proposal is accepted it would cause the postponement of a conference with the Villa and Zapata representatives.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT OPENED YESTERDAY

Important Business Scheduled for Today—Premier to Move for Vote on Credit.

London, Sept. 14.—The unusual interest in this sitting of parliament was evidenced in the large attendance at the opening today. Matters which are absorbing the public interest will be put over until tomorrow, however, Premier Asquith then will move a new vote on credit, and will utilize the occasion to give a general review of the military and financial situation.

The attempt to draw the premier out on the subject of conscription failed.

Efforts to elucidate anything from the financial secretary of the admiralty about what efforts are being made to protect London from aircraft were also without result.

It was officially announced in the house of commons that British casualties since the beginning of the war, was 281,000 officers and men killed, wounded or missing. Casualties are not so heavy this summer as during April and May probably because of comparative inactivity on the western front it is assumed. Most of the casualties were at the Dardanelles.

ALL FINANCIERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN HUGE LOAN

PRO-GERMAN BANKERS MAY BE INVITED TO JOIN IN ANGLO-FRENCH LOAN

WESTERN BANKERS OPPOSED TO LOAN

Some German Sympathizers Have Been Offended Because of Exclusion from Conferences.

New York, Sept. 14.—The Pro German element of the New York financial world will probably be invited to participate in the billion dollar loan sought by Great Britain and France in this country if they signify a wish to be invited.

The moneyed faction of this element Wall Street hears, will be glad of a chance to help. Another faction, largely middlewestern bankers with Pro-German sympathies, would oppose participation, even though the money were spent in the United States. This is the big feature of today's negotiations.

Heretofore the commission met only bankers with pro-ally sympathies and connections. No firm with the remotest German connections has been asked to the meetings of the commission and bankers. Some of the largest financial institutions in the United States have been excluded.

Basil B. Blackett, the commission's secretary, declared today he didn't know who arranged that none of these firms should attend the meetings and didn't know they were not to meet the commission.

James J. Hill talked twenty minutes with Jacob H. Schiff of Kuhn-Loeb & Co., thus opening negotiations for their participation.

Some Pro-German bankers feel keenly their exclusion. They point out that they are primarily Americans and that if they have to choose between hard times and continued prosperity they choose the latter, no matter to whom they have to loan money. Wall Street hears that bankers Pro-German in sentiment in St. Louis, Cincinnati, Milwaukee and Chicago bitterly oppose the loan.

GUSTAV STAHL BEGINS SENTENCE

German Reservist Who Swore He Saw Guns on Lusitania to Serve Eighteen Months.

Atlanta, Sept. 14.—Gustav Stahl, a German reservist, reached Atlanta last night to begin serving an eighteen month sentence for talking too much.

He is the German who made a false affidavit that he had seen four guns mounted on the Lusitania. He confessed afterward that his affidavit was a perjury and was sentenced to a term in the federal penitentiary.

DR. DUMBA ASKS LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Austrian Ambassador Says He Has Asked for Temporary Relief From Duties.

Leoux, Mass., Sept. 14.—Doctor Dumba, the Austrian ambassador, announced that he had requested his foreign office to recall him on a leave of absence, so he might personally explain the situation that has led the United States government to request his recall.

Doctor Dumba said he would not make the statement that he intended to in the American press, but would have something to say of the situation through the newspapers of Vienna.

Murdered Millionaire Widow, and Witnesses.



Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols.

Edith Langfeldt.

Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols, aged sixty, who was left about \$2,000,000 on the death of her husband, recently, was killed in her costly home in the Fifth avenue section of New York the other night by three masked burglars. They believed she kept in her room

Jewelry worth \$100,000 or more; they got about \$5,000 worth.

Onnie Talas, a hall boy, has confessed to the New York police he let in the robbers, and submitted to being gagged. Edith Langfeldt, the maid, was also gagged, but not until the robbers threatened to kill her.

BELIEVE TURKS TO QUIT SOON

Reported to Be Burning Towns On Asiatic Side in Preparation For Abandonment of Positions in Dardanelles.

London, Sept. 14.—The drive of von Hindenberg near Dvinsk, where the railroad reaching from Vilna to Petrograd has been reached, again menaces railway communications with the Russian capital. Comparative Russian successes in other sections in the last fortnight, however, causes the capital to regard the latest threat with no great alarm.

The British opinion is that the Courland campaign is proving costly to the Germans in men and supplies and is likely to fail, unless the Russian offensive on the other extreme of the line can be stopped soon. In their latest attack in eastern Galicia the Russians are reported to have penetrated the Austro-German trenches in the face of a heavy artillery fire.

To the north the Russians are withdrawing from the dangerous places in the Niemen salient, opposing the Germans only by stubborn rear guard actions. A tremendous duel of big guns still continues along the Franco-Belgian and Italian front. Except for occasional attempts to rush advance trenches, there has been little infantry activity.

For the near east comes reports that the Turks are firing villages on the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles, which leads to the suggestion that possibly they are preparing to abandon the straits. It is reported that the Turkish shore batteries on the Asiatic side has been reduced almost to silence.

Insurrection in Portugal
Paris, Sept. 14.—A new insurrectionary movement has broken out, not only in Lisbon, but in the principal provincial cities of Portugal, says a dispatch from Madrid to the Journal.

GERMANS SAY DVINSK DRIVE IS UNCHECKED

U. S. WANTS DISAVOWAL OF ATTACK ON LINER ARABIC

MAY THEN CONSENT TO ARBITRATION OF AMOUNT OF REPARATION

FUTURE DEPENDS ON GERMAN VIEW

U. S. About Ready to Sever Relations But Decided to Await Answer to Arabic Note.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Prospects for a favorable adjustment of the controversies between the United States and Germany depend entirely on the attitude of the Berlin foreign office toward the recommendations of Ambassador Bernstorff made today as a result of yesterday's conference with Lansing.

Details of the conference became known today, throwing light on the critical point that had been reached in the relations of the two countries. The Washington government was almost ready to sever diplomatic relations, but decided to wait until Germany could be furnished evidence regarding the Arabic.

Friendliness and cards marked the conference. The ambassador was given an opportunity to communicate freely with his government so that Berlin may clearly understand why Washington is convinced that torpedoing the Arabic couldn't have been a mistake, justified or unjustified.

Bernstorff was given clearly to understand that the United States wants a disavowal. Arbitration can't be considered until the attitude of Germany is on record. Later it may consider a proposal to arbitrate the indemnity for lives lost. Tension in the state department and in German quarters was less today.

Washington, Sept. 14.—The United States government is not yet willing to discuss with Germany the question of arbitration in connection with the sinking of the Arabic. It is stated by a high government official that "the question of arbitration is not an issue."

It is explained authoritatively that what the American governments first wants is a disavowal of the attack on the Arabic. Afterwards, it is indicated, the American government may be willing to arbitrate the question of indemnity.

The German ambassador, on Bernstorff has communicated the view of this government to Berlin and it is expected that he will receive a reply within a week or ten days. The United States is disposed to give him full opportunity to impress upon Berlin the views of President Wilson as disclosed to him yesterday by Secretary Lansing.

Although officials realize the situation is grave they are hopeful that when Berlin learns the facts which the state department has submitted the act will be disavowed.

PREMIER CONFERS WITH EMPEROR

Petrograd, Sept. 14.—Premier Gorev returned from a visit to Emperor Nicholas at the front whither he went to discuss the program of reform of legislation put forward by the new liberal majority in the Duma. The viewpoint of the government is that the presentation of such a broad scheme is untimely. The discussion of changes in the ministry has been revived.

FIVE THOUSAND PRISONERS TAKEN IN LAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS

RIGA IS SAFE FOR THE PRESENT

But Will Be in Serious Position if Von Hindenberg Gets Firm Hold on Railway.

London, Sept. 14.—Berlin claims the German drive toward Dvinsk is going forward unchecked and that von Hindenberg has taken five thousand prisoners in the last twenty-four hours. They claim he has rushed forward to within about thirty miles of Dvinsk fortress.

Riga for the time is unthreatened by direct attack but should Hindenberg get firmly astride the Petrograd railway further south it would expose the Baltic port to a serious enveloping movement.

Germans claim all middle Poland fighting is progressing in their favor. The Russians still are on the offensive in Galicia, pressing the Austrians with vigor, recalling their dash through Galicia last winter.

The artillery duel in the west hasn't changed. Both sides are making a prodigious expenditure of shells, leaving the public to guess when a general infantry attack is coming.

Parliament Convenes
After six weeks recess parliament has reassembled at London. The first session developed nothing notable except the premier's flat refusal to discuss conscription proposals.

The premier will move tomorrow for voting on a credit variously estimated at from seven hundred and fifty million to a billion two hundred and fifty million dollars.

Rumania Threatened
The landing of additional large bodies of British and French troops on the Gallipoli peninsula is reported from Mitylene. A partial mobilization of Rumanian troops is ordered to meet the Transylvania, reports from Athens say. It is understood in Sofia that Germany has demanded permission for the passage of troops through Rumania territory, and the delivery by Rumania of supplies amounting to forty million dollars. The tension of the Balkan situation is said in Athens to be bringing Greece, Rumania and Serbia to consider joint action in case of an Austro-German attack on Rumania.

Air Raid
London, Sept. 14.—Another air raid occurred on the east coast of England last night. Officially the announcement merely says, one "Zeppelin" appeared and no damage was done so far as is ascertained. The Star says that during the past seven days the casualties from these raids amount to 166.

MEXICANS KILLED IN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE

Three Bodies Found Near Brownsville—Shot in Back—Had Escaped San Benito Jail.

Brownsville, Sept. 14.—Three Mexicans among the six prisoners taken on suspicion after the Los Indios fight yesterday, were killed today near San Benito. It was stated they escaped from San Benito jail during the night. Their bodies were found some distance from town today with bullet holes in their backs.

BOLL WEEVIL MENACES GEORGIA

Atlanta, Sept. 14.—The Mexican boll weevil has spread to twenty-one counties in Georgia, state entomologist Wornham has announced. Bottom fields in other counties are being observed. Preparations are under way for a meeting at Thomasville Friday to discuss means for combating the weevil.