

VOTE IN HOUSE TO OPEN WETS' ELECTION DRIVE

March 14 Is Set for Test
Ballot on Repeal
Measure.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 2.—Anti-prohibitionists are looking hopefully and some prohibitionists anxiously toward the test vote in the house on Monday, March 14, a day that may prove "blue Monday" for some who are worrying about their political futures.

The house "wet bloc" is staging this test vote as a prelude to the elections this year.

They won their real victory when a congressman from the politically dry south, Representative Joseph J. Mansfield (Dem., Tex.), wheeled his invalid's chair up to Speaker Garner's desk and signed the one hundred forty-fifth name to the petition, thereby assuring a vote on a proposal to resubmit the eighteenth amendment.

Assured of Record Vote

The anti-prohibitionists, privately, are not very hopeful of forcing the house actually to consider the Beck-Linthicum proposal to let the states settle the liquor problem for themselves.

But they are assured of a record vote, which they plan to use in an intensive drive to unseat drys and elect wets next November.

This vote will be on the technical question of whether the house should discharge the judiciary committee from further consideration of the proposed modified eighteenth amendment, but no one doubts the real meaning of the vote. A vote against it will be interpreted as a stand against resubmission of the eighteenth amendment.

Wets Don't Expect Victory

Unless the "wet bloc" can marshal a majority of those present on that day, their show will be very short and likely unimportant. Only ten minutes debate is allowed on the motion to discharge, and then the house must vote automatically.

It is possible that enough prohibitionists will "duck" the vote to give the anti-prohibitionists a majority. This, however, is regarded as highly unlikely.

HOOSIERS ASSIST WETS

Two Sign Petition to Force Vote on
Modification Plan.

Only two Indiana members of the house of representatives signed a petition for a vote on the Beck-Linthicum prohibition modification plan, according to Washington dispatches. The Hoosier signers were John W. Boehne Jr., Evansville, and Samuel B. Pettengill, South Bend, both Democrats.

Confession Brings Death



JAPAN FACES NEW MENACE IN MANCHURIA

Russia, China and Korea
Present Hazard to
Nipponese Rule.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS
Scripps-Howard Foreign Editor

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Dangerous developments in the vicinity of Manchuria are spurring Japan on to wind up her affair at Shanghai as quickly as possible—if it can be done without too much loss of face.

Koreans are increasingly restless, demanding their independence. And if the threatened Chinese drive develops in Manchuria, the Japanese may find their communications, through Korea, cut by revolution. The Koreans may join the Manchurians in bid for liberty.

Russia, under such circumstances, hardly could remain indifferent. Every day reports from Moscow indicate increasing uneasiness there over the trend of events along the Siberian border.

Would Down Railway

Annexation of Manchuria, or even a Japanese controlled Manchuria, would seal the doom of the Chinese Eastern railway, Russia's main artery to the sea, and eventually to Vladivostok, Russia's vital port, nicknamed "The Ruler of the East," because of its importance.

Having lost Port Arthur, Darien and the rest of south Manchuria to Japan in 1905, Nippon's conquest of the rest of Manchuria now threatens to bottle up Russia entirely, so far as the Pacific is concerned.

Vladivostok is Soviet Russia's remaining outlet to the Pacific. It is kept open in winter only by the use of powerful ice-breakers. Nevertheless, it already is surrounded completely by Japanese controlled areas, and should Japan decide to close in on that port, Siberia would be strangled for want of an outlet.

Dr. David Jayne Hill
By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 2.—Dr. David Jayne Hill, 81, historian and diplomat, died today at his home here.

Dr. Hill was assistant secretary of state from 1898 to 1903. The next five years he held posts as minister to Switzerland and the Netherlands. From 1908 to 1911 he was ambassador to Germany. He was a delegate to the second Hague conference in 1907.

Before entering the diplomatic service he had been president of Bucknell and Rochester universities.

Yi, constitutes a menace of the first order.

Vladivostok, key to Russia's future in the far east, is strongly fortified. The harbor, which opens on the Gulf of Peter the Great, Sea of Japan, is surrounded by hills, studded with forts. It would make an excellent naval base—if Russia had a navy. Population is about 100,000.

Even with Vladivostok still in Russian hands, Japan holds Siberia in the throat so long as she holds Manchuria. Two Russia railways feed that port. One, the Chinese Eastern, crosses Manchuria diagonally from the border, and so could be cut easily at the will of the Japanese.

The other, for more than one thousand miles, parallels Manchuria's boundary at no great distance from the border, and so could be cut easily at the will of the Japanese.

The position of Siberia, comprising more than half of Russia's territory, therefore, is more than precarious. The setting up of a Japanese-controlled "independent" state in Manchuria, under the former "boy emperor" of China, Henry

Hoover, would be a serious blow to Russia.

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