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PROHIBITION FOR FRANCE; ADVANCE IN UNITED STATES

Paris, Dec. 14.—The government today introduced in the chamber of deputies a bill conferring upon the government the large powers, outlined by Premier Briand yesterday, to take measures for the national defence by decree, instead of taking the authorization of parliament in each instance.

Total prohibition throughout France of the consumption of such alcoholic beverages as whisky, brandy and liquors, has been decided on by the government. This

is shown by the text of the Journal Official today of Premier Briand's declaration yesterday before the chamber of deputies on the subject.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Nation-wide prohibition took a long stride toward congressional administration today when the house judiciary committee unexpectedly voted to recommend adoption of the amendment to submit the constitutional amendment forbidding the manufacture and sale of liquor for beverage purposes in the United States.

How the resolution will progress through the various legislative states of congress at this session is problematical but administration leaders doubt that it will reach the senate in time for action this session.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—A dominion prohibition committee was formed at a meeting of temperance men here today. The committee's objects will be the aggressive prosecution of a campaign for a dry Canada.



FELLOW PHYSICIANS HONOR DR. W. W. WHITE

The medical profession, numbering between forty-five to fifty, met at the Bungalow last evening to do honor to Dr. W. W. White on the occasion of his fifty-fourth birthday. The birthday dinner was entirely in the nature of a surprise to the host who, nevertheless, entered heartily into the spirit of the entertainment.

Dr. Thomas Walker made a most excellent chairman, and after the bounteous dinner had been fully enjoyed, proposed the health of the host in most eloquent terms, and Dr. White, who replied very feelingly, said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to meet with practically all the medical profession of the city, and to enjoy the evening as he did. In the course of his speech, he remarked that gatherings of this kind went a long way towards bringing closer relations between members of the profession themselves. Dr. White also said that, throughout his professional career, it had been his ambition to give the very best attention to his patients, whether rich or poor, high or low, and he hoped to have many years yet to give the best that was in him to the population of his native city.

Senator J. W. Daniel also spoke eloquently and impressed upon the host the high opinion they had of his professional ability.

Songs by Senator Daniel and Dr. Hogan added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

After singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King," the gathering broke up, and all the guests wished Dr. White many happy returns of the day. The table decorations which were admirably conceived were done by Mrs. White, and in fact it was to her thoughtful and artistic efforts that the marked success of the happy occasion was due. The dining room was decorated in Christmas colors, and a huge snowball hung in the centre. Perfect snow effects made the tables exceptionally beautiful. The dainty place cards were the work of Miss Mary White, and they were of striking beauty.

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