

SEES LOOPHOLE IN PROHIBITION LAW

Drinking Allowed and Statutory Permit "For Beverage Purposes"

New York, Aug. 16.—Contending that a proper interpretation of the words "for beverage purposes" in the prohibition amendment to the constitution will not make the country dry at all, but will only destroy the bar and saloon. Howard Major, who lives at the Hotel Commodore, Manhattan, brought what may prove to be an important action in the Brooklyn supreme court today.

He made application before Justice Crosey for a receivership to take over the affairs of the American Maltine Company, in which he owns 100 shares of common stock, and for an injunction to restrain the officers and directors of that company from carrying out the dissolution of the company, which Major says they have started. This dissolution, he says, has been commenced in order to turn over the property to a new company, which will operate after the ban of war-time prohibition is lifted.

Major says that the defendants are giving the impression that the country will be bone dry, when they know that it will not be so.

"Beverage purposes" means drinking between meals," says Major in his application, "and at bars and in saloons, for tipping purposes, for pleasure only. This amendment does not contemplate or prohibit drinking at meals or for food or for alimentary purposes. It is at the bar or the saloon that the amendment aims by the words 'for beverage purposes,' and the supply of liquors for bona fide purposes to homes, hotels and restaurants is not prohibited by the amendment."

Most of the saloons are being turned into bakeries and lunchrooms and soon will be selling all kinds of liquor, Major adds.

TRAVELS WITHOUT WHEELS.

Looking toward the transportation facilities of the future, an American electrical experimenter, says the Boston Christian Science Monitor, believes that the chief means of travel will be trains without wheels, running on single tracks, and moving almost without friction, because they will slide on runners separated from the track by a thin film of water. In short, the fact that one plate of glass will glide practically without friction over another if there is a thin layer of water between them will be applied and worked out in running a train.

The idea of a train without wheels is sufficiently surprising, but according to the writer, a Frenchman had invented such a train just before the Franco-Prussian War, and the project was not resumed afterward, although a later



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French inventor, made some important improvements. The advantage over modern transportation, if such trains became practicable, is prophesied as noiselessness of operation, equal carrying capacity, and about twice as much speed. The idea looks visionary; but after all it is not wise to distrust possibilities for that reason.

First Loafer—I "ear all the men 'ave gone on strike. Second Loafer—Wot 'ave they struck for? First Loafer—Shorter hours. Second Loafer—I al-

ways said as 'ow sixty minutes was too long for an hour.

"Never put ice in your drinks. Cool them by standing on ice," says a health bulletin. We started to try this method but got "cold feet."—Ex.

PERSHING TO VISIT ITALY.

Will See Battlefields Next Week—Plans to Leave for United States Early in September.

Paris, Aug. 16.—General Pershing will visit the Italian battlefields next week. Present plans call for his departure from Paris today. He will arrive in Rome on Monday and will spend two days inspecting the scenes of the great Austrian offensive against the Italian lines and will present American distinguished service medals to some Italian officers. He expects to return to Paris by Aug. 22 and will leave for the United States the first week in September.

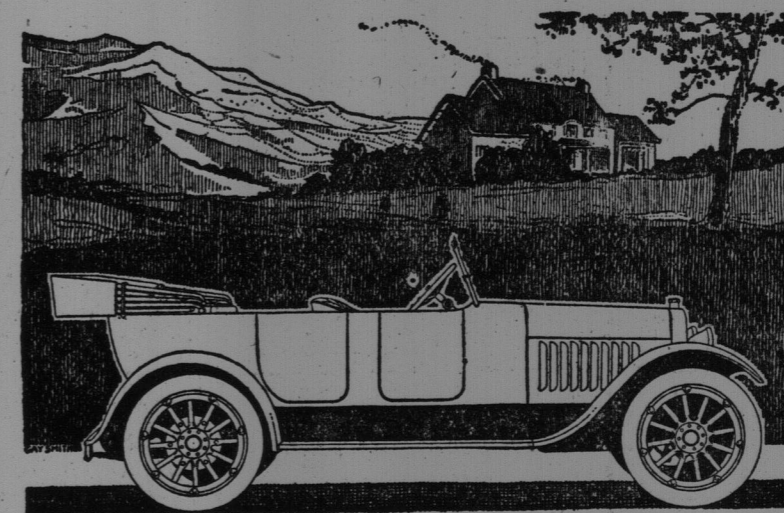
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