

NATION-WIDE BONE DRY LAW FOR COLUMBIA

Thirty-Eight States Ratify the Federal Amendment.

FIRST COUNTRY IN LINE

Distillers' Committee Prepares To Spend Million To Upset Measure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Ratification today of the federal constitutional prohibition amendment made the United States the first great power to take legislative action to permanently stop the liquor traffic.

Nebraska's vote gave the necessary affirmative three-fourths majority of the states to make effective the amendment submitted by Congress in December, 1917.

It was followed by similar action in the legislatures of Missouri and Wyoming, making thirty-eight states in all which have approved a "dry" America. Affirmative action by some of the state legislatures yet is expected by prohibition advocates.

Dry Anyway July 1.
Under the terms of the amendment of intoxicating liquors must occur one year after ratification, but prohibition will be a fact in every state much earlier because of the numerous forbidding the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages after June 30, until the demobilization of the military force is completed.

Under the war-time measure exportation of liquor is permitted, but the great stocks now held in bonded warehouses will have to be disposed of before the federal amendment becomes effective.

History of Issue.
Congress passed the resolution submitting the amendment to the various state legislatures in the midst of the seething preparations for war in 1917. The Senate adopted the resolution August 1 by a vote of 65 to 20, and the House on December 17 by 282 to 128. The amendment was then sent to the states for ratification. Mississippi was the first to ratify, taking this action on January 8, 1918. Fourteen other states took similar action during that year, the last of them being Louisiana, which ratified on August 8.

On the full section, wet or dry question was paramount in most of the remaining states, but the vote left no doubt that the United States was destined to be the first great nation to legislate the ban on vodka in Russia was never completely effective, nor did it interfere materially with the consumption of more expensive liquors by those who could afford it. Russian advisers now state that the Bolsheviks have restored the vodka traffic in Michigan, having by the state law made itself dry in 1918, was the first state to ratify in 1919, the Legislature having acted rapidly.

Ready To Give Effect.
Senator Shepard today he soon would introduce a bill to make the amendment effective after consultation with Senate and House leaders and prohibition organization. A state department, the senator said, was not necessary to make the amendment effective on January 1, 1920, but one probably would be issued as a formality. The bill to make the amendment operative, Senator Shepard said, probably would be drawn for the administration by the treasury department. Internal revenue bureau, and would provide heavy fines and imprisonment for importation, manufacture by illicit "still" or otherwise of alcoholic beverages. States, Senator Shepard pointed out, also are expected to enact their own laws, to supplement the federal statute to enforce the amendment.

DISTILLERS SEE A FLAW.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—A distillers' committee, through Levy Meyer, chief of the counsel, announces that in 23 states the constitutions require a referendum vote of citizens in order to ratify a constitution amendment. Mr. Meyer today named these states, as follows: South Dakota, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, Oklahoma, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Arkansas, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, California, Ohio, Washington, North Dakota, Mississippi, Missouri, Kansas, Louisiana and Utah. In California court action has already been taken to restrain the governor from certifying the action of the Legislature to Washington. Every resource of the distillers, with \$1,000,000 available, will be employed in the supreme effort to save their businesses, it is said. An important meeting of the distillers' committee will be held at New York on January 28, when it is planned to adopt a detailed program.

CLEMENCEAU WANTS NO INTERPELLATIONS ON PEACE SESSIONS

Government Will Not Discuss Objects Anew.

WANTS PEACE IN CHAMBER

World Peace Difficult To Realize Without Parliamentary Support.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—When asked in the Chamber of Deputies today what day the Government could discuss interpellation on the peace conference, Premier Clemenceau replied that the objects of the conference had already occupied five or six sittings, and the Government could not discuss them anew.

"I refused to attend an afternoon meeting of the conference, in order to be here," he added. "The conference confines its work in the spirit of the sincerest conciliation. The right to interpellate cannot be suspended during the conference, but it ought not to embarrass the conference."

"It is the first time that delegates of all the nations of the world meet to gether. It is the first time that the idea has come to the minds of men to raise above more or less narrow considerations in order to strive to make conditions of a general peace which will assure tranquility to civilization."

"It is a great prospect, difficult to realize, and it cannot be realized unless Parliament supports us. The policy of inciting certain men of the Government against others ought to be renounced."

DISABLED STEAMER

HEADING FOR HALIFAX
HALIFAX, Jan. 16.—The American steamer *Susquehanna*, reported by wireless late today that she was heading for this port with her steering gear deranged.

FREEDOM OF THE SEAS AS STURDEE SEES IT

[By Arthur S. Loper; Copyright 1918, by the New York Tribune.]

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Admiral Sir Doveton Sturdee, victor in the naval battle off the Falkland Islands, speaking last night on the league of nations and the freedom of the seas, said:

"The British Empire consists of a series of islands connected by sea which form our lines of communication that we allow everyone to use in peace time and ought to be allowed to defend and protect in the same way that railway communications are defended and protected in war. This is what I call freedom of the seas."

PRINCE OF WALES VISITS CANADIANS IN GERMANY AND DANCES WITH NURSES

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—The following cable from Fred James, official correspondent with the Canadian corps in Germany, has been received by the director of public information here. The dispatch is dated some days ago from Bonn, Germany:

"The Prince of Wales came to Germany yesterday for the first time since the British troops reached the Rhine, and is spending a few days at the Canadian corps headquarters. The prince left Charleroi, Belgium, in the morning by motor, but when he reached Spa decided that he would not enter Germany by the ordinary and rather prosaic medium of a motor car, so he got aboard an aeroplane and flew to Cologne. When the machine was over the Rhine the prince persuaded the pilot to do a few stunts, which he enjoyed. From Cologne the royal flier came to Bonn, and in the evening attended a dance at a Canadian infantry brigade headquarters at Colberg, and danced with Canadian nursing sisters until after midnight. Earlier in the evening he attended a show at the Stadt Theatre, given by the 'Hoe Toos' by motor, but when he reached Spa On Tuesday he presented colors to the British Guards Regiment at Cologne."

AMERICAN FLAG GETS HISSES AT LABOR CONGRESS

Extreme Radicals in Control of Yesterday's Sessions in Chicago.

A. F. OF L. IS ASSAILED

Speakers Call For an American Soviet—Denounce the Press.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—The extreme radicals seemed to have control of the sessions today at the National Labor Congress, called to consider a program for liberating Thomas J. Mooney and Warren Billings.

Practically every principle of the Socialists and the I. W. W. was urged for adoption in the flood of oratory which occupied both the morning and afternoon sessions. Speakers demanded the organization of an American Soviet, the press and capitalist class were denounced and the American Federation of Labor was bitterly assailed. The climax was reached when a moving picture was shown of the Russian case. One picture showing soldiers carrying an American flag in the San Francisco "preparedness day" parade brought hisses from some of the radicals in the crowd.

The committee on resolutions is expected to make its final report tomorrow, after which the convention will adjourn.

BERLIN BEING MADE ORDERLY BY IRON RULE

Noske Is Rapidly Disarming Unauthorized Persons.

BANS STREET GATHERINGS

Is Maintaining Troops For Purpose of Restoring Previous Order.

LUXEMBURG MURDERED.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Rosa Luxemburg, one of the most active leaders of the Spartans in Berlin, has been murdered, according to a dispatch from that city received by the Exchange Telegraph Company by way of Copenhagen.

BERLIN, Wednesday, Jan. 15.—Associated Press.—The systematic search of the Moabit district of Berlin by the Government forces continues. More than 2,000 rifles, 4 machine guns, and an uncounted number of revolvers already have been recovered. The authorities intend to extend the search to other sections of the city.

More than 300 persons have been arrested on the streets for carrying weapons without a permit, which is a serious offense.

Herr Noske, the military commander of Berlin, has issued a decree pointing out that the troops assembled in Berlin under his orders are not counter-revolutionary tools, but merely intended to restore the previous order.

Prohibit Street Gatherings.

All street gatherings have been prohibited, and the inhabitants have been admonished to keep off the streets, especially after dark. The public has also been informed that telephone service will soon be employed almost entirely for military and police purposes and the public is requested to limit its use of the telephone to the smallest minimum.

Although there was considerable ferment in the city during the night it is plainly growing less serious, and the authorities believe that they are gradually overpowering the hoodlums and robbers who are now principally responsible for the disorders at night.

Snipers Still Active.

Spartan snipers continued their activities last night in some sections of the city, and especially in the newspaper section, where the Wolff Bureau Office and the Tageblatt were the object of their fire. Other snipers rendered the district around the Salles Gate in the southern part of the city, unsafe, and there was also some scattered firing in the northern part of the city.

ANOTHER RADICAL GONE.

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—Associated Press.—President Kuhlke of the "Republic of East Friesland," has been deposited by the majority Socialists, who have installed a new government at Oldenburg. Kuhlke was an independent Socialist.

Reports from Essen say that the Spartans are compelling the miners in that section to go on strike against their will. Clerical election speakers in that region have been attacked by Bolsheviks.

The Spartans, who attempted to seize the plant of the Volks Zeitung in Dresden, Saxony have been arrested, together with many other disturbers of the peace in that city.

Relief Ship Off to Asia Minor with an Important Cargo

Food, Clothing and Medical Supplies For Armenians and Syrians.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The steamship *Mercurius* sailed today for Asia Minor, with food, clothing and medical supplies for the Armenians and Syrians. The cargo, valued at \$1,250,000, is being sent by the American committee for relief in the Near East, having

been purchased with a part of the \$4,000,000 fund raised recently for this purpose.

FOUL BROOD THREATENING JAMAICA'S BEE INDUSTRY

KINGSTON, Jan. 16.—The bee-keeping industry of Jamaica, in which approximately \$600,000 is invested, is threatened with extinction by an epidemic of foul brood. The Government in executive session today decided to destroy the infected apiaries, in an effort to stamp out the disease, and to compensate the owners.

THIRD PEACE OF GREAT FLOATING DRY DOCK PLACED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The third section of what is said to be the largest

floating drydock in the world was put in commission here today. When completed the dock will comprise six sections, with a lifting capacity of 30,000 tons, capable of handling vessels up to 720 feet in length.

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