

LACK MEANS TO ENFORCE "DRY" LAW IN NATION

Intimation Given by Revenue Commissioner That Operation of Act May Be Postponed.

(Continued From Page One.) July 1 appears erroneous in the light of the revenue commissioner's decision that he has not authority nor appropriations necessary to carry out the task. Commissioner Roper and Secretary Glass have always been opposed to lodging in the bureau the function of enforcing prohibition measures and have suggested that the Department of Justice is the proper agency for this work. The enforcement of revenue measures which remain on statute books regardless of the advent of prohibition on July 1 will not constitute an adequate policing of the country so far as making prohibition of the manufacture of liquor absolutely effective or even coming near it, revenue officials now explain. Campaigns against moonshiners, which heretofore have engaged a large force of revenue agents, have been very limited in scope as compared with the nationwide violations looked for after prohibition goes into effect for the entire country.

License Authority Expires. Technically interpreted, the revenue laws would constitute sufficient basis for detecting and prosecuting illicit manufacturers or dispensers of liquor, officials say, since it violates these laws to make liquor without authority of the revenue bureau and without paying the tax and the bureau will have no authority after July 1 to issue licenses. Under this, persons detected in the manufacture of whisky, beer, wine or other liquors, would be subject, not only to the penalties provided by the prohibition act, but those established by existing revenue laws and to the payment of liquor taxes in addition.

Among the officials and influential citizens who are said to have proposed to President Wilson that he consider the proclamation of the end of demobilization before July 1, and thus render prohibition on that date ineffective are some ranked as advocates of prohibition. Their attitude it was explained today, is that without proper provision for enforcing prohibition there would be many violations, that consequently the cause of prohibition would be discredited and that a revolt of feeling on the question might occur. There has been no indication of any intention on the part of the president to follow these suggestions for the sake of preventing the effectiveness of wartime prohibition. It also was stated today that the treasury would make no formal or official suggestion regarding action to postpone the effective date of prohibition and that any position Mr. Roper might take on this phase of the question would be entirely personal, and not in his official capacity.

Repeal of Act Discussed. A number of members of congress recently have discussed proposals for repeal of the wartime prohibition measure but sought if a special session is called soon. Even some advocates of prohibition have discussed the possibilities of this action, although they have not indicated their adherence to any such plan. Most prohibition supporters are believed to be strongly opposed to these suggestions.

President Wilson also has been asked to remove the ban on the brewing of beer now in effect, imposed originally as a food conservation act. Under a modification of this executive order, permitting the manufacture of "near beer," brewers in New York and elsewhere are now seeking to make a product containing 2 1/2 per cent alcohol, claiming this to be non-intoxicating. The revenue bureau's attitude toward 2 1/2 per cent beer has not yet been determined finally, pending receipt of an opinion from Attorney General Palmer. Temporarily, however, Commissioner Roper has instructed revenue collectors not to sell revenue stamps ordinarily affixed to beer to brewers desiring to make 2 1/2 per cent beer.

Thus the manufacture of this beer at this time is considered illegal, and the bureau has not been apprised that any brewers were actually making it. Tentatively, it is said, the contention of the revenue bureau is that 2 1/2 per cent beer may not be made legally under the president's food conservation order and this contention has been upheld in a brief presented to Attorney General Palmer in connection with the request for an opinion.

New York, April 12.—Representatives of the United States Brewers association asserted here tonight that Revenue Commissioner Roper's ruling on enforcement of the wartime prohibition act was "a recognition" of the position taken by Elihu Root and William D. Guthrie, the association's counsel in the suit brought in federal court here to nullify the act.

The contention in the test suit brought here, it was pointed out, was that neither the revenue department nor the United States district attorney had authority to enforce the act. With Mr. Roper's decision disposing of the likelihood of interference from the revenue department, confidence was expressed that the last "menace," that of action by the district attorney, would be removed by the result of the suit.

The case is scheduled to come up for hearing before Federal Judge A. N. Hand next Friday. It was predicted that at that time counsel for the brewers would waive, temporarily, the second question raised in the suit—whether beer containing 2 1/2 per cent of alcohol is intoxicating and would proceed, immediately to attack the validity of the war-time prohibition act itself.

Leaves Exchange Game to Become Manager of Muse



E. J. Tilton.

R. S. Ballantyne.

R. S. Ballantyne, who has been manager of the Exhibitors' Mutual film exchange in this city, resigned last week to become the manager of the Muse theater. Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets. "Bally," as he is known to the film men of this territory, is returning to the life of an exhibitor rather than just beginning it, for it was as manager of the Crystal theater at Norfolk, Neb., that he entered into the film business. He later managed the Crystal at Wayne and the Gem theater at Tilden, Neb., and came to Omaha with the old Progressive Film company, which was located at 1417 Farnam street in 1911, a long time ago in the film business.

Ballantyne has been with the Mutual since 1912 as manager at Des Moines, and later when the Des Moines and Omaha offices were consolidated at Omaha as manager here. E. J. Tilton, who has been assistant manager of the Mutual offices here, becomes manager in place of Mr. Ballantyne. Tilden is another veteran of the film business in this territory, having been with the Mutual offices for years. O. R. Hanson, central supervisor of the Mutual arrived in Omaha Friday to start the new management. "We regret exceedingly the loss of Mr. Ballantyne, who has been with us so long and know that he will make one of Omaha's liveliest exhibitors," said Mr. Hanson.

PACKERS TO PAY PRESENT WAGES MORE THAN YEAR

Pledge Given by Five Leading Concerns to Make No Cut for 12 Months After Peace Is Signed.

Chicago, April 12.—Heads of Chicago's five leading packing companies today gave assurance to labor, the government and the nation that there would be no reduction of wages in their plants for at least one year after the signing of peace. They gave their pledge in a letter mailed tonight to Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson. Their action means that 200,000 workers, at present receiving war-time wages—the highest paid in the history of the packing business—will continue to receive not less than the present scale during the critical first year of readjustment after the peace treaty has actually been signed, they said.

Representatives of the packing companies made the announcement after J. Ogden Armour of Armour and company, Louis F. Swift of Swift and company, Edward Morris of Morris and company, Thomas E. Wilson of Wilson and company and E. A. Cudahy of Cudahy and company had signed the letter to the secretary of labor. The letter pledged the signatories to make no wage reductions for the year following the signing of the peace treaty in accordance with the sentiments of the department of labor and after conferences with the representatives of labor. It further assured the secretary that the packers agreed to the continuance of a national body administered as expected by the war labor board to adjudicate differences and expressed the hope that the action would be beneficial in stabilizing business.

Stockholder Files Suit Against Motor Firm for Company

A suit charging conspiracy against Daniel Baum, jr., Frank W. Bacon and Richard O. Bunn, officers of the Douglas Motors corporation for \$5,100 was filed in district court yesterday by W. H. Rosenbaum, owner of 10 shares of the preferred stock of the Drummond Motor company. He brings the suit also on behalf of C. G. Dinkel, A. H. Souder, M. H. Cook, R. L. Beveridge, Harry Klein, E. B. Paisley, Henry Grabbe, W. H. Haverdick and Fred Crabbe, also small stockholders in the Drummond Motor company. He asks the total par value of the shares.

Debs Goes to Cleveland to Begin Prison Sentence

Terre Haute, Ind.—Eugene V. Debs left Terre Haute at 10 o'clock tonight for Cleveland, O., in response to telephone instructions to report voluntarily to the federal officers at Cleveland. There was a small gathering at the depot to bid him goodbye. Mrs. Debs accompanied her husband to the train and her brother, Arthur Baur, accompanied him to Cleveland.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.—Clifton and Pannie Redstrom, 2727 North 44th St., boy; Francesco and Carmelina Ghibleria, 526 Pierce St., boy; Giuseppe and Teresa Baidanza, 1313 1/2 North 17th St., boy; Charles and Isabelle Settle, 717 North 25th St., boy; Frank and Doris McElhannon, 2413 South 24th St., girl; Wilson and Sophia Buchanan, 2618 Mason St., girl; Darwin and Joseph Rummel, 2310 Spaulding St., girl; Allen and Lena Blanchard, 4512 North 28th Ave., boy.

DEATHS.—Edward W. Anderson, 14, 2516 North 1st St.; William M. Ward, 24, hospital; John Connolly, 62, hospital; Clara S. Olson, 52, 2571 Fowler Ave.

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HAVNER GIVEN CLEAN RECORD IN PARDON CASE

Committee Finds That Evidence in Rathbun Investigation Not Sufficient to Warrant the Charges.

By a Staff Correspondent.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 12.—The committee which Friday night voted to recommend impeachment of Governor Harding, in connection with the Rathbun pardon case, decided late Saturday that the evidence was not sufficient to sustain charges of misconduct against Attorney General Hagner. Considerable discussion resulted on the question and the final vote stood 21 to 9.

Representatives voting in favor of censure were King, Mantz, Moore, Rogers, Nebeker, Powers, Santee, Temple and Vanderploeg. The committee then appointed a committee to formulate a report on the Hagner case, which will declare the evidence insufficient to warrant charges of impeachment or, in the opinion of the committee, even the censure of the attorney general. Representatives Scott, Powers, Beaman and Brown were named to draw up this report, which will be consolidated with that pertaining to the governor. The report will probably be presented to the house Monday.

Hagner was charged with consenting to quashing certain indictments when young Rathbun agreed to go to the Anamosa reformatory to serve his life sentence for criminal assault. The impeachment of Governor Harding will be recommended on the grounds that he did not thoroughly investigate the case when the application for a pardon was made and when he found fraud had been practiced upon him, he did not do his utmost to revoke the pardon, it is understood.

In commenting upon the report of the committee, Governor Harding declared he had not interfered with the proceedings in any way, that his hands were clean and that he could look the world in the face. "It is purely a political fight," he said. "It is reported to me that Gardner Cowles and James B. Weaver had 15 members of the committee pledged to vote for impeachment. It is beyond my comprehension to conceive of a man sitting as a juror in a case where he had already entered into a secret verdict before he had heard the evidence. I am not at all discouraged. I have not tampered with the jurors and my hands are clean. While the investigation has been going on I have not interfered in any way, shape or form. I have confidence that the people of Iowa will resent the outrage being perpetrated on the state by a few designing politicians."

YOUTH CONFESSES MURDER AND ROBBERY AT ALLIANCE

Alliance, Neb., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Walter Reisenwever, 17, of Sheridan, this afternoon confessed the murder of Charles F. Johnson, manager of the Grier commissary, with an axe Tuesday, the motive being robbery. Reisenwever got \$100. The youth also admits having robbed three way cars on the way to Alliance some weeks ago.

Caperton to Write Record of Pacific War Operations

Washington, April 12.—Admiral William B. Caperton, in command of the Pacific fleet since May, 1917, will be relieved from that duty on April 30, and pending his retirement on June 30, will be assigned to prepare a detailed memorandum of his services for the historical section of the navy.

SUMMARY OF REVISED DRAFT OF COVENANT

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council; (b) to exchange full information of their existing armies and their naval and military programs; (c) to respect each other's territory and personal independence and to guarantee them against foreign aggression; (d) to submit all international disputes either to arbitration or inquiry by the council, which latter, however, may not pronounce an opinion on any dispute whose subject matter falls solely within a state's domestic jurisdiction, and in no case to go to war until three months after an award, cepts the award or recommendation; (e) to go to war with a state which accepts the award or recommendation; (f) to regard a state which has broken the covenant as having committed an act of war against the league, to break off all economic and other relations with it and to allow free passage through their territories to the troops of those states which are conducting armed force on behalf of the league. The council is to recommend what amount of force, if any, should be supplied by the several governments concerned, but the approval of the latter is necessary. (States not members of the league will be invited to accept the obligations of the league for the purpose of particular disputes, and if they fail to comply may be forced.) (4) Not to consider any treaty binding till it has been communicated to the league which will then proceed to publish it to admit the right of the assembly to advise the reconsideration of treaties and international conditions, which do not accord with present needs, and to be bound by no obligations inconsistent with the covenant.

MUTINY AMONG AMERICANS DUE TO PROPAGANDA

Questions Propounded by Men in Russia to Officers Identical With Suggestions of Bolsheviki.

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RACE EQUALITY FOR JAPANESE BEATEN IN PARIS

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The idea of using the word "dugouts," a team made famous by the war, is to obtain a designation distinct from the "posts" of the Grand Army of the Republic or the "bivouacs" of the Confederate Veterans. Another suggestion which the special committee will be asked to consider is a scheme for monthly "chows" or dinners by the various "dugouts."

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The commission decided to submit the agreement to a plenary session of the peace conference shortly. A rather sharp contest has arisen over the question whether the official covenant of the league shall be written in French or English. The French put forth the claim that French generally has been considered the language of international usage before the war and that in treaties and conventions. They also advanced the argument that it has peculiarly valuable qualities in expressing precise meanings and also that it is generally more understood by other nations than is the English language.

Six Diving Belles Leading Attraction of Week at Gayety

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