MIDNIGHT SEES END OF LIQUOR RULE IN THE U. S.

Constitutional Amendment Forever Banishing Intoxicants of More Than Half of One Per Cent Effective.

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ments ever issued by the Treasury department. Its pages are replete with definite methods for application of the amendment and the Volstead enforcement act, the department's interpretation of all provisions is set out plainly and unequivocally, and no room is considered left for doubt as to what can and cannot be done in the future.

Expensive "Wake" for Alcohol in New York

New York, Jan. 16.—Demon rum was declared an outlaw in New York at midnight and the declaration was received in two widely different modes by New Yorkers. While many thousands gathered in the churches of the metropolis to greet with prayer and praise the official passing of the demon, many more thousands expressed their feelings in a desperate attempt to consume as much of the forbidded liquor as their systems and pocketbooks would permit.

The scenes of revelry in the white light district surpassed, by common consent, anything previously known in the city. In every cafe, restaurant and hotel in the brilliantly lighted heart of Manhattan, "mourners" gathered for the "wake" in a spirit of hilarity that suggested a christening instead of a funeral.

The evidences of mourning seemed to be entirely confined to the numerous coffins which decorated the centers of most of the cafes and resorts. These ranged from an elaborate silver and ebony casket which held the middle of the stage in one of the most widely known white light restaurants to modest, impromptu black boxes, hastily constructed from soap boxes and a pot of paint, in the more humble mourning places.

As the hour of midnight approached numerous funeral processions were formed and the various coffins were carried from place to place on the shoulders of mourners whose grief had not incapacitated them from acting as pallbearers.

In most places the smallest libation to the departed cost from 75 cents to $1; while more ostenstatious mourners found a $100 bill went but a short way for wine at $30 a bottle.

Chicago Police Chase Bandits Who Stole Liquor

Chicago, Jan. 16.—The death of John Barleycorn in Chicago ended at midnight tonight. Uncle Sam was the official undertaker and the decedent was buried deep beneath a grim tombstone inscribed "eighteenth amendment." Government agents acted as pallbearers, and will remain to guard the cemetery.

There were few mourners at the "wake." Most of the downtown hotels and cafes ignored the advent of January 16. If a person carried his own in remodeled hip pockets he was allowed to wish John B. goodbye, but in reality there was little drinking.

While churches of the city, and temperance societies were holding prayer meetings of thanksgiving for the coming of total prohibition, the police were attempting to find trace of six armed bandits, who held up a train crew in the Pennsylvania railroad yards today and escaped with $100,000 worth of liquor from freight cars.

The coming of prohibition had resulted in many changes in landmarks, wherein the past, liquor was always on tap. Alderman Michael Kenna, known as "Hinky Dink," may convert his saloon into a confectionery store. Righeimer's will become a drug store, while other centers of liquid conviviality will devolve into lunch rooms. Stillson's already is serving coffee over the bar.

Will Test Law.

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—Theodore Bell, counsel for California wine interests, announced that some of his clients would submit to prosecution in order to test the validity of constitutional prohibition. Manufacture or sale of wine for purposes of testing the law would take place soon, he said.

Alabama and Georgia Posses Seeking Bank Bandits From Girard

Girard, Ala., Jan. 16. — Four masked robbers held up officials and customers of the Phoenix-Girard bank here and escaped with approximately $30,000 in cash and securities. A shot fired as a warning and the command of "hands up everybody" was given.

One of the robbers stationed himself by the door, another covered the clerical force and the customers, while a third proceeded to loot the vault of paper money and securities. The fourth robber making his way into the private office of the president of the bank, C. L. Mullins, commanded him to throw up his hands or be shot. Mullins refused and the assailant clubbed his gun and struck at him. Miss Maude Bruce, a bank employe, warded off the blow.

The thieves then fled to an automobile and escaped. Pursuit was begun and a general alarm was spread throughout Alabama and Georgia.

Pershing Flays Reds.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 16.—Anarchy and bolshevism were flayed by Gen. John J. Pehshing in an address at the Mormon tabernacle here. "The government should try to stamp out this menace by peaceful means," he said, "but if then we do not succeed force should be reverted to and the converts deported."

Engineless airplanes to be towed behind plapes equipped with motors are promised by a noted European builder of aircraft.

Gets Judgment for Ring Given Woman

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where she had gone to telephone.

Sent Another Stone.

"He asked me about some diamonds I was wearing and took one off of my finger and asked to borrow it for a couple of hours," she testified.

"He said he would return it to me at 5 that afternoon. I called him up at 5 and he wasn't in. I called him again at 8 and he was out. When I finally reached him he said he had lost the diamond.

"Later he sent me one, but it wasn't my diamond, and I sent it back."

Case Goes to Jury.

Mr. Smith alleged that the diamond was lost. He bought another to take the place of it. He said the diamond wasn't worth more than $75 but that he bought one for $100 which Mrs. Baker refused to accept. She threatened to have him arrested on the charge of stealing the diamond. Then the suit was filed.

Mrs. Baker formerly worked in the millinery department of the Orkin Bros. store. She says she is about to return to her former home in St. Louis. She was dressed in stylish hat, tailored suit and furs.

A Frenchman has invented piano music printed on long sheets, so mounted on motor-driven rolls that they are advanced as rapidly as a user wishes, saving the work of turning pages.

Witness and Taxicab Sheet Are in Conflict

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however, insisted that he made the entries of his various trips with fair accuracy.

Maida Miller, one of the alibi witnesses for the defense in the first trial, could not be found this time and her testimony at the first trial was read into the record by mutual agreement.

Harold Hatch, 317 North Nineteenth street, was a witness for the defense yesterday morning. He testified that he saw Davis enter a taxicab at 1509 Davenport street at about 8:15 the night of the riot, thus corroborating Davis' contention that he went home at that hour and therefore could not have assaulted the mayor.

Certain of Identity.

Hatch said Davis was intoxicated when he entered the taxicab, but that he recognized him positively.

Three other new witnesses were intrduced yesterday on Davis' behalf. They were Mrs. Mary Donahue and Davis' two small nephews, Eugene and William Broderick.

These three testified that they ate supper with Davis in the kitchen of his sister's home, 1512 North Twenty-eighth street, about 8:15 o'clock the night of the riot. This was the testimony of Davis at his first trial, but these three witnesses were not introduced at that time.

Davis' sister, Mary, also took the stand and testified that her brother came home about 8:15 that night and did not leave the house again till next morning.

Edward Morrell, who was a guest at the house that evening, he said, testified to the same thing.

CITY COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD AT FOUR SCHOOLS

Scope and Popularity of "Center" Gathering Shown by Crowds and Varied Programs.

The scope and popularity of community centers being held in the public schools, under the direction of the public recreation department, were strikingly demonstrated last night at Edward Rosewater, Benson, Lincoln and Monmouth Park schools, where programs were presented.

Community singing, thrift talks, instrumental and vocal music, a talk on birds, another on newspapers, and Irish jigs were included in the varied entertainments.

"I Will Brigade."

One of the features at Edward Rosewater School center was a series of songs and readings and a sketch by the "I Will Brigade," composed by boys of E. C. Sikes' Sunday school class at Hirst Memorial church. Music was furnished by the Misses Hon and Miss Lucille Goldenberg. City Commissioner Falconer spoke.

"Getting Out a Newspaper" was the subject of Maurice E. Jacobs at the Benson center, where James Howard spoke on the needs of a public park in Benson. Others on this program were: Mrs. George Turner, piano; Maude and Katherine Van Horn, vocal duet; Scott sisters, piano and violin duet.

Talk on Birds.

Dr. Solon R. Towne, an authority on birds, gave an illustrated talk on his favorite subject at the Lincoln center. R. M. Switzler spoke on "Thrift." Others who contributed toward the pleasure of the evening were: Miss Mary Drazda, piano; George Saltzgiver, vocal solo; Miss Kathleen Morgan, reading; Miss Clara Dinkel and Joseph Boucek, piano solos; Miss Georgia Tuma, reading, and selections by Vlack's orchestra.

R. A. Kirkpatrick spoke to a gathering at the Monmouth Park center on "Thrift." On this program were: Miss Mildred Sennett, piano; Miss Marie Hopkins, vocal solo; Miss Martha Randall, popular songs and Irish jigs; Master Donald Libby, popular songs; Miss Luella Barry, reading.

Community singing was held at all of the centers last night.

Berger Denied Another Chance to Run for Congress

Milwaukee, Jan. 16.—Victor L. Berger, socialist, who has twice been refused a seat in congress, made an ineffectual personal appeal to Gov. E. L. Philipp to call another special election.

PROFITEERING IS CHARGED AGAINST BLUFFS CONCERN

U. S. Attorney Alleges Sale of Beet for Cane Sugar to Grocers.

Profiteering in sugar yesterday was charged against Lewis and Moses Bernstein, proprietors, and Bern Morain, employe, of the People's Department store of Council Bluffs, by Frank A. Peterson, assistant United States district attorney.

The three men, it was declared, will be prosecuted under the recent instructions issued by United States Attorney General Palmer, upon whose order an investigation of the sugar situation here was instituted by federal authorities.

The merchants are alleged to have sold to Charles H. Mallinson & Co., Council Bluffs, 25 sacks of beet sugar, representing it to be cane sugar. The price charged is alleged to have been $18.75 a hundred pounds, which is the rate at which cane sugar is sold. The price of beet sugar, according to federal authorities, is $11.65 a hundred pounds.

Licenses to Be Revoked.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 16.—United States District Attorney T. S. Allen announced Friday that his office had been investigating sugar prices and had recommended to the Department of Justice that the licenses of about a dozen Nebraska dealers be revoked.

Fifth Robbery Suspect Held by Chicago Police

Pinkerton detectives caused the arrest in Chicago Thursday of Joe Mathews, believed to have been connected with the bandit gang that robbed the Farmers and Merchants bank at Benson of approximately $105,000 the morning of December 31, according to word received yesterday from Chicago police.

Mathews is the fifth man arrested so far in connection with the Benson robbery. Four bandits committed the holdup. Three Finn brothers of St. Paul, Minn., are being held in that city, charged with the robbery. They are fighting extradition to Omaha.

OVERSHADOWING CRIME REVEALED IN COURT CLASH

Probe New York Officials' Connection With Stock Market.

New York, Jan. 16.—What was said to be the first intimation of the nature of the "overshadowing crime" which extraordinary grand jury has been trailing here for months, came out when Assistant District Attorney Talley clashed with Supreme Court Justice Weeks in open court.

Mr. Talley declared that at the time the jury was investigating charges by Mayor Hylan the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. had conspired with its employes to bring about a strike to force increased fares Justice Weeks was directing an investigation in Wall street brokerage offices, with a view to ascertaining whether any public officers, including the mayor and District Attorney Swann, had been selling Interborough securities short.

In demanding that all the minutes of the jury be made public, Mr. Talley said:

"You found that there was not a single transaction in such stock by any public official."

Justice Weeks, in answer to a direct question, said he had sent "Assistant District Attorney McQuaid to find out whether any public officials had engaged in questionable dealings in stocks." He added that "the assignment to the investigation was made after Mr. Swann was shown an anonymous letter and after Mr. Swann had specifically requested this particular grand jury to conduct an investigation "which now has been halted."