RUM'S FOES TO FIGHT FOR DRY WASHINGTON

Prohibition Gains Will Force Congress to Act, Says Anti-Saloon Chief

ENCOURAGED BY BRYAN

Commoner's Determination to Convert Democrats Pleases—Twenty-five States Have Excluded Alcohol

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON Nov. 20.—"With twenty-five States having declared for prohibition, with more than sixty per cent. of the population of the United States living in dry territory, Congress cannot longer deny the American people their right to pass upon the question of amending their constitution."

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That declaration was made today by Edwin C. Dinwiddle, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, who is planning the drive on Congress for nationwide prohibition.

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The fact that William Jennings Bryan has announced his intention to work for a nation-wide prohibition plank in the next Democratic platform has given the dry forces great hopes.

"Congress should pass at the approaching short session the resolution to submit the amendment for national prohibition." Dinwiddle continued. "Longer delay would be disloyal to the principles of the Government which Congress serves."

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It is apparent that the "curtain raiser" battle which the prohibitionists intend to fight in Congress will be for a "dry" District of Columbia. It has been realized for several years that Congress would vote the District dry if it was brought face to face with the issue. A "rider" on the last District of Columbia appropriation bill which would have made the capital dry was removed in the last session on a technicality.

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"The nation's capital," said Superintendent Dinwiddle, "should be the model city of the world and should express the highest and best governmental policy in promoting human welfare. To allow it to remain in its moral standards below the average of the nation would be inexcusable and disgraceful. More than half the States and a majority of the people have adopted prohibition as their governmental policy. Congress should pass at once the District of Columbia prohibition bill."

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Impetus has been given the move to make the District dry by State-wide prohibition in Virginia, just across the Potomac River from Washington, and by the constantly increasing number of dry counties in Maryland in the north, east and west of the sanital.

"Michigan," said the Anti-Saloon League official, "has voted for State-wide prohibition by 65,000 majority; Nebraska, by 25,000; Montana, by 20,000; South Dakota, by 20,000, and Alaska by a large majority. Idaho has adopted a constitutional amendment for prohibition by a majority of three to one, after ten montha experience with statutory prohibition. Utah and Florida have elected Legislatures and Governors pledged to State-wide prohibition.

"Washington, Colorado, Arizona and Arkansas have defeated attempts of the liquor people to secure the adoption of proposals which would have crippled their prohibitory law, and Oregon not only did this, but strengthened her laws. Thus twenty-five States out of forty-eight, more than half the States in the Union, have now adopted or declared for State-wide prohibition, and more than sixty per cont of the population and more than eighty-five per cent of the area of the country are now under prohibition laws.

"In less than two years prohibition laws have gone into effect in States having a population of 12,000,000. Four States which have just voted dry have a population of more than 5,000,000. The liquor traffic is doomed to speedy destruction."

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