RUM WHOLESALERS MUST QUIT MAY 15

Kramer Tells Death Knell of Liquor Establishments in America

ORDERED TO SELL OUT SOON

Washington, March 18.—The wholesale liquor establishment, including the bar, will be put to death May 15, under sentence pronounced yesterday by John F. Kramer, prohibition commissioner.

Although an opinion rendered by Attorney General Palmer last December said the wholesaler had no legal authority to continue a business, internal revenue agents continued to collect the required special tax. Some time in April the wholesalers could unload stocks with little more than a nominal loss.

But Mr. Kramer announced yesterday that no extension would be granted beyond the further period of grace.

The announcement came from Mr. Kramer in the form of a stinging rebuke to the wholesale liquor dealers, who had hoped for a further extension of time.

Officials concerned with the enforcement of the prohibition law say that the wholesale liquor establishments will be closed by May 15.

Mr. Kramer said that the sale of liquor by retail druggists on prescriptions would be further restricted and that the amount of liquor withdrawn from bonded warehouses would be greatly reduced.

For instance, druggists will be required to keep the doors of their establishments open every day in the week instead of only six days, as at present. Druggists will also be required to keep a record of the name of the person for whom each prescription is filled.

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Palmer's Decision Attacked

Charging that Attorney General Palmer's connections as a lawyer with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company influenced the Bureau of Internal Revenue in the interpretation of Prohibition regulations affecting the wholesale liquor business, Representative Dyer, of Missouri, yesterday asked Congress to impeach Mr. Palmer.

Representative Dyer, who is a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, said he had written a resolution for the impeachment of Mr. Palmer and had asked Representative Dominick, of South Carolina, a member of the committee, to introduce it in the House.

Representative Dyer said he had written the resolution because he had been "shocked" by the action of Mr. Palmer in ruling that the wholesale liquor business could be continued for a period of months after the Volstead law had been in effect