LINERS RELINQUISH RUM STOCKS TODAY

Four Turn Over 10,000 Bottles of Liquor to Prohibition Officials

AWAIT TREASURY RULING

New York, Oct. 11.—Dozens of American steamships today will turn over to the customs officials their vast cargoes of liquors in compliance with the ruling of Attorney General Daugherty which bars the vessels from carrying intoxicating beverages. The liquor will be transferred by the customs officers to the prohibition enforcement crews and stored in the army warehouse, Brooklyn.

More than 10,000 bottles of whisky, wine and other liquors yesterday were removed from four vessels of the United States Shipping Board and voluntarily placed in the hands of the customs officers.

Whether or not the Government will remunerate the shipping companies for the liquor given up has not yet been determined. A ruling from the Treasury Department probably will be necessary before that phase of the international tangle is settled. It is likely, however, according to John D. Appleby, zone dry chief, that the liquors from American vessels will be sold to holders of liquor permits, such as wholesale druggists.

Inasmuch as the carriage of the liquor by the vessels previously had been sanctioned by a Treasury Department ruling, it is not regarded in official circles that the vessels have violated any law and therefore should be permitted to dispose of their holdings.

Whether liquor-laden European vessels which cleared for American ports prior to the ruling of Attorney General Daugherty will be seized upon arrival, Mr. Appleby declined to say. A Treasury Department ruling will be necessary to settle this phase of the Attorney General's decision, he said. It is generally conceded in Government circles, however, that foreign vessels that cleared foreign ports prior to the ruling will not be molested and will be allowed to return to their home ports with the unsold portions of their cargoes.

Will Ignore Order

Dry officials were amazed at the announcement of Cunard Line officials in London that their vessels clearing from foreign ports would disregard the ban on liquors and would carry the customary supply of alcoholic beverages. The Cunard Line officials, after a meeting of the North Atlantic Shipping Conference in London, announced they would force a test of Attorney General Daugherty's ruling and that in the event of their liquor-laden vessels being seized upon arrival in American ports, would seek injunctions restraining American "dry" agents from confiscating their stocks.

That bold declaration was seen by many as a sign of "hope," inasmuch as legal opinions vary upon the legality of Mr. Daugherty's action. A test of his opinion in high courts will decide once and for all, it was pointed out, whether the ruling will stand as constitutional. A majority of ship owners admitted that they believed such a test is necessary to remove the "shadow of doubt" and prove to the American public the tyranny of "certain constructions of the Volstead law and the Eighteenth Amendment."

John D. Appleby, zone "dry" chief, said yesterday the co-operation given by the Shipping Board officials under the Daugherty bone-dry ruling on ocean liners made unnecessary any such conduct as a raid or a search.

The steamships President Polk and President Roosevelt were the first to go "dry." Between 4000 and 5000 bottles of intoxicants have been taken off the President Polk and almost as large a quantity from the President Roosevelt, Mr. Appleby said. The stocks aboard the President Arthur and Susquehanna also have been removed.

Today the President Polk will sail from Hoboken for London with nothing behind its bar more potent than ginger ale. The President Arthur leaves tomorrow for Bremen in the same arid state.

Last night was the last night for Bacchus on board the President Garfield of the United States lines, which will cross the three-mile mark tomorrow, inbound from London.

San Francisco, Oct. 11.—The liquor supply of the Shipping Board steamship President Cleveland, operated between San Francisco and Far East ports, was sealed at sea as a result of the Daugherty order, it was learned when she entered port yesterday. A wireless message to the vessel last night gave information of the ruling and when she reached San Francisco the Cleveland was dry.

Washington, Oct. 11.—Representatives of the headquarters offices of the customs service and the prohibition unit are to confer in New York within the next few days with port and dry law officers regarding the procedure for carrying out Attorney General Daugherty's ruling banning liquor on ships in American waters pending the promulgation of formal regulations by Secretary Mellon.

It is believed the procedure to be worked out will follow the general program that customs officers shall take charge of liquor found about foreign ships and then turn it over to the prohibition officers for disposal. In the case of American ships less difficulty is expected, as they cannot carry liquor on their manifests, and the importation of liquor is forbidden under the Tariff Act of 1922.

WIDOW, 80, SUES SONS

Says She Was Induced to Sign Away $125,000 Estate

Mrs. Annie Randall Marston, of Merion, a widow eighty years old, brought suit yesterday against her sons, alleging they had induced her by misrepresentation to sign away property valued at $125,000.

The sons are John Marston, Jr., and Henry W. Marston. They are sued as trustees—Mrs. Marston having alleged that they persuaded her to sign a trust deed—and also individually. The woman seeks to have them restrained from diverting the principal or interest of the $125,000 and also to have the trust deed declared null and void.

MRS. J. BUTLER, JR., HURT

Daughter-in-Law of Chain Store Proprietor in Motor Accident

New Rochelle N. Y., Oct. 11.—Mrs. James Butler, Jr., of New York, daughter-in-law of the wealthy chain store proprietor, was seriously injured last night in an automobile accident here.

She is in the New Rochelle Hospital in a serious condition. Her husband, who was with her at the time, escaped serious injury.

BRITISH COALITION ON THE DEFENSE

General Election Talk Is Rife as Result of Situation in Near East

PREMIER TO ANSWER FOES

By Associated Press

London, Oct. 11. — Prime Minister Lloyd George has announced his intention of replying publicly at Manchester Saturday to torrent of condemnatory criticism recently aimed at Near Easten policy of the Government. This brings domestic political situation to a keener focus than ever. It also coincides with increased definiteness in the rumors of an early break-up of the present coalition.

Today's morning papers have the appearance of those usually accompanying the last days of a moribund Government and the early dissolution of Parliament. Necessarily a general election is commonly discussed as a matter of more or less certainty. The opinion of the majority of the political experts, however, is that Mr. Lloyd George has no intention of resigning and that he will put up a big fight on behalf of the coalition.

Speculation is very busy over the probable result of an appeal to the country. The Conservatives are credited in some quarters with ability to secure a larger number of seats in the House of Commons than any other party, though not enough to outvote a possible combination of the Liberals and Laborites there—and such a combination is one of the many matters of conjecture.

Elsewhere the growing strength of labor is emphasized, and the Labor leaders themselves speak as though they were confident of sweeping the polls and taking office. It does not seem to be supposed that the Liberals would be able to rally enough undivided support to bring them into power.

Sir Robert Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated today he was going to the United States at the head of the British debt funding mission, despite intimations in the press here to the contrary. There might be a delay of a couple of weeks in his departure, he said, owing to the Near Eastern situation and internal affairs, but there would be no change in the membership of the mission.

BUSINESS MEN MEET

The North Kensington Business Men's Association will hold its monthly meeting at 9 o'clock tonight in the lecture room of the McPherson Library Building, Kensington avenue and F street.