

PROPOSE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF LIQUORS

Proposal for Commission to Determine What is an Intoxicant Arouses Drys

WETS BACKING PRESIDENT

Washington, Dec. 1.—The Anti-Saloon League is opposed to the proposal of the National Commission on Intoxicants, which is to be appointed by the President to determine what is an intoxicant liquor.

Mr. Wheeler, general counsel of the organization, announcing today that representatives of the league and prohibition workers from forty-eight States and the District of Columbia had voted unanimously at a meeting to fight such a resolution, declared the "findings of such a commission would serve no helpful purpose in determining what liquor is necessary to enforce the Eighteenth Amendment."

"We believe this movement for a so-called scientific commission, initiated by 'wet' interests many months ago, is not designed to work out a solution of the law-enforcement problem," said Mr. Wheeler. "On the contrary, it tends to confuse the issue, break down law enforcement and ultimately to secure the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment."

"No scientific commission can determine accurately what is an intoxicant liquor for a group of 100,000,000 people. Alcoholic liquors affect people differently, according to age, temperament, tolerance to use and many other conditions. Consequently, no accurate conclusion can be reached with reference to this question."

Mr. Wheeler held that the test in determining what is an appropriate and effective legislation was not what liquor would actually intoxicate, but what standard in the definition of intoxicating liquor was best to enforce the law effectively.

Mr. Harding's stand for strict enforcement of the prohibition laws and the Government's prolonged effort to clamp down the "dry" lid is not discouraging hopeful "wet" advocates in or out of Congress. On the contrary, the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment came out last night with an unqualified endorsement of the Administration's enforcement program.

"Wet" leaders take the position that all laws should be enforced with equal zeal so long as they remain on the statute books, but Captain W. H. Stanton, executive secretary of the "wet" organization, predicted control of the present Congress by the "dry" party would make modification of the Volstead act to permit the manufacture and sale of wine and beer a virtual certainty.

Captain Stanton's prediction of certain modification of the Volstead act was based on a poll of the new House of Representatives. It is by far the most sanguine poll yet made on the "wet" and "dry" issue, showing a gain of seventy-nine votes for the modification forces and giving "liberal" membership a total of 234.

While it is contended the poll does not indicate sufficient "liberal" strength to modify the Volstead act, Captain Stanton is counting on it as a nucleus to swing control.

DISMISSES LIQUOR CASES TO LEAVE CLEAN DOCKET

Oklahoma County Attorney Says Convictions Almost Impossible
Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 1.—(By A. P.)—Bill maintaining that "the people do not want prohibition," but taking a slightly different attack in his defiance of the Government and the Attorney General's department, W. F. Seaver, county attorney, met Clifford W. King, Assistant State Attorney General, here today to explain his dismissal of cases against alleged liquor law violators.

Mr. Seaver said he welcomed the visit. Two days ago he challenged the whole Attorney General's staff to come to Tulsa and see "what they could do about it."

Mr. Seaver explained today that he dismissed a number of liquor charges owing to the State prohibitory statutes, under which he claimed it was almost impossible to obtain convictions. He said he was trying to clean up the docket for his successor, who takes office January 1.

ELUDES POLICE BY LEAP

Man Sought for Killing Store Proprietor Escapes into Woods

GIRL IN SHORE CABARET STRANGLED IN VACANT LOT

Gertrude Harrison, Negro, Blain by Unknown Assassin
Atlantic City, Dec. 1.—Gertrude Harrison a Negro, twenty-two years old, employed at the New World Cafe cabaret, was strangled to death early this morning. Her body, fully dressed, was found in a vacant lot. There were no marks other than the finger prints about the neck.

Three colored persons, who are said to have followed the girl from the cafe when she left at 5:20 this morning, are in custody as material witnesses. They are Clarence Cole, described as having no occupation; Bertie Woods, waitress at the cabaret, residing at 1100 Drexel avenue, the same address as the slain girl, and Charles Shaw, musician at another cafe. The murdered girl is the daughter of Hattie Westcott, who is said to live on Mansion street in Philadelphia.

Cuban Consul General Weds
New York, Dec. 1.—(By A. P.)—Leopold Dolz, Consul General for Cuba at Charleston, S. C., was married in New York yesterday to Miss Julia Dolz, daughter of Mrs. Adelaide Dolz, of Havana and New York. It was learned today. Bride and groom are distant cousins.

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