

EXPECT WILSON TO OPPOSE BAN ON GRAINS FOR BEER

Would Aid Whisky Men, the President Is Said to Believe

Washington.—Both President Wilson and Herbert C. Hoover are reported to be opposed to the Randall amendment to the agricultural production bill, which directs that the President must prohibit the use of both grains and fruits in the manufacture of beer and wines before the \$6,000,000 appropriation in the measure for increasing production is available. It is anticipated that a statement regarding the matter will be forthcoming from the White House during the next few days.

Under legislation passed last year the President is authorized to prohibit the use of food materials in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages.



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sphagnum moss dressings to be sent overseas were made from this moss in the fall of 1916 by the Junior Red Cross of Guysboro, Nova Scotia.

To the late Harry James Smith of New York is due much credit for the progress of this work. At his own expense, he established a sphagnum organization at Arichat, N. S.; explored various localities on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts for moss fields; collected, prepared and donated to the Red Cross great quantities of this moss. When the American Red Cross formed a sphagnum department it was placed under his control. Mr. Smith was killed in an automobile accident in British Columbia in March, while searching for moss for the Canadian Red Cross, and thus set the seal to a life of exceptional generosity and nobility.

The work of the McGill University Women's Union in maintaining a sphagnum department since 1916,

has been of inestimable value. Not only has moss and dressings been prepared in large quantities, but experiments have been carried on to test the value of various Canadian mosses. The Union was organized during the first weeks of the war from among the families of the Government and staff of the University, and has been active ever since in providing "soldiers' comforts" for McGill graduates and students on active service. Some conception of the amount of work done by these women can be gleaned from the fact that McGill's quota numbers more than 2,200. The accompanying photographs show members of the Union working on moss in its various stages of preparation. Inquiries regarding this work may be addressed to Miss S. M. Bainbridge, Hon. Sec. Committee on Sphagnum Dressings, Canadian Red Cross, care McGill University, Montreal.

He has, however, declined to exercise this authorization on the ground that to prohibit the manufacture of beer and wine would tend to place the country on a whiskey basis, and that this would defeat the temperance aims of the legislation. Food Administrator Hoover has concurred with the President in this view.

Nearly a Temperance Drink

The food administration has reduced the alcoholic content of beers to a maximum of 2.75 per cent, which places such beverages, it is pointed out, very close to the category of temperance drinks. From the temperance standpoint, it is therefore contended, the food administration has acted to meet the intent of the legislation.

While officials of the food administration decline to comment on the situation presented by the Randall amendment, it is known that they hope that the proposal will be stricken from the measure in the Senate. To make the proposal law would not be in the interest of war

efficiency, it is contended, so long as saloons in many states are still privileged to sell whiskey.

How long the existing stocks of whiskey will last is the subject matter of much differing conjecture. When the law prohibiting the use of food materials in the manufacture of distilled liquors became effective last year, it was estimated that there was about a three-year supply of whiskey in the country. This reserve, however, was probably less than a three-year normal supply on account of the heavy distilling operations during the last few months of the enactment of the legislation.

Officials now estimate that there is less than a year's supply of whiskey in storage at this time. This has been caused by abnormally high withdrawals for private holdings in anticipation of absolute prohibition, it is stated. There is, however, still enough whiskey in reserve, it is stated, to operate to the disadvantage of the war program in the event that the manufacture of beer is stopped by the proposed amendment to the agricultural bill.

satisfactorily more than one master. This was the view assumed by the banking community, which pointed out that the responsibility of finding competent successors to the deposed officials was clearly up to the Government. Railroadings is a highly specialized service, which has been developed in this country as nowhere else in the world. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the initiative and personnel of those in command of a great industry will not result in making a railroad career less attractive to young men. This will depend on what happens to the roads after the war is over and the serious work of restoring peace is taken up. If the new order of railroad geniuses will be developed, and the nation needs men of the caliber of James J. Hill, Collis P. Huntington and E. H. Harriman type.

WAR HAZARDS AFFECT FINANCE

"Work or Fight" and Dismissal of Railroad Heads Are Taken Good Naturedly

New York.—If anything were needed to remind the investment community that these were abnormal times, the Government order to "work or fight" and the summary dismissal of all railroad presidents by the Director-General last week emphasized the war hazards in a remarkable way. Both moves were highly sensational, but both have been accepted good-naturedly by a nation which has come to realize that being at war with Germany is as serious business as any Government ever engaged in. Nothing that has happened since the enactment of the conscription law has impressed such a large proportion of the population with what American participation in the world conflict really means as have these heroic measures to put the nation on the "war first" basis.

Some Striking Changes

If it is possible for the Director-General of Railroads to put all railroad presidents out of office with a stroke of the pen it is conceivable that a situation may arise where the heads of great banking institutions who had not been 100 per cent diligent in helping the Government finance the war might find themselves in a similar predicament. Nothing of this kind will happen, for the bankers are effectively supporting the Government in all forms of short term and long term borrowing. But with 70 per cent of the country's banking resources under Federal control the federalization of our banking system has reached a stage where the Comptroller of the Currency has come to be the most powerful supervising official in the Government service.

Serving Two Masters

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'MY PAPER' HAS MANY OWNERS

Greatly Improves With the Passing Years; Cannot Be Vanquished

Should a resident of this, or any city be asked what enterprise has the greatest number of local partners or stockholders, he would probably without hesitation say the gas company. He would be wrong. The local business venture with the greatest number of stockholders is the Indianapolis News, "my newspaper," every stockholder coming in on a 2-cent basis with all rights and privileges to criticize everything in its management and utterances, from the carriers to the editorial and reporting forces.

No matter how great an investment a subscriber may have in an enterprise of pith and movement in which his bread and butter are concerned, he may not be so greatly to his detriment, nearly so much concerned as he is in the views of "my paper." He saw something in "my paper" to-day or yesterday, and was not merely displeased, but infuriated. It was not his view of the matter, and the average newspaper reader would not be ready to pronounce those words of mickle might, "Stop my paper."

There is naught on this globe that has less pos than "my paper" as a world of mirth and music, pork, pomposity and pain, at which he so readily takes offense as at "my paper." He forgets the daily benefits bestowed upon him by "my paper" and for one offense is ready to smash the institution to smithereens.

It was ingratitude, not traitors' arms, that vanquished Julius Caesar. The ingratitude exhibited at times by some of its stockholders to "my paper" is almost as rank a pattern as that which vanquished Caesar in the senate house.

But, fortunately, "my paper" can not be vanquished. At times it even seems to flourish most abundantly under adverse criticism—that is, if "my paper" is in the right, which it almost always is.

Any stockholder whose vista of events is measured by his back yard, with the chicken coop in the near distance, may insist that the broader contents of "my paper" do not improve, but rather impair its judgment. He thus continues in his own esteem "monarch of all he surveys," and of unlimited territory, and is not to be surprised, and is well satisfied with himself.

It must be admitted that "my paper" has greatly improved with the passing years. There was a time in this land of freedom when "my paper" occupied much of its column space in most robust vituperation of the other newspapers. Numerous papers of the Pickwick Club are presented Mr. Slurk, editor of the Etanawill Independent, and Mr.

Pott, editor of the Etanawill Gazette. How closely these British patterns were copied by many American editors some of us may yet remember. Those days have gone by and it is rare to-day to find even in our country towns and villages any of these editors. Indeed, they are becoming so scarce that in the near future they are likely to be as extinct as the great auk and the dodo.

Whatever influence "my paper" may carry in its editorial columns, it is admitted that in its completeness to round out "my paper" as it

should be it must have the news of the world, and more than that, the news of the happenings in our own city and neighborhood.

It is in this latter presentation of events that "my paper" is likely to receive at once its greatest commendation and approbation. As "No thief ever felt the halter draw with the good opinion of the law," so there are persons who do not care to have affairs in which they may be engaged displayed before their fellow-townsmen.

Why does a man buy "my paper" anyway? The answer to the ques-

tion was given years ago in a remark by a St. Louis journalist. An irate citizen called upon him one day and indignantly asked, as he held the paper in his shaking hand, why the editor had put therein an item that the citizen said reflected upon himself, while at the same time the public could have no interest in the matter and it might as well have been left out altogether.

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It is to answer this question that the leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST for June 1st has been prepared. The article includes the opinions of the war experts and presents all available information.

This number of "The Digest" might justly be termed a "Foch Number" because the cover shows a strikingly handsome reproduction in colors of an authentic picture of the great French Commander-in-Chief.

Other articles of unusual interest in this number are:

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These are anxious days in Flanders and Northern France and those of us who look only at the heroic struggle the British are making against heavy odds may be perhaps the least bit fearful of the outcome. But this is only a partial view, after all. What we should do is to survey the Allied lines as a whole—French, American, Italian, and English—and then we realize at once that the pressure at the North is only a part of the great struggle, and that Southward hope and help are still to be had in generous measure. So, too, the reading of but one morning or evening paper gives one a merely partial view of this great world-crisis. What is needed is a reasoned analysis of the whole situation, drawn from all possible sources, and quoting the views of many periodicals. This you have every week in THE LITERARY DIGEST, the greatest news-magazine. Buy a copy and be convinced.

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