

BOOZE UNABLE TO GET CONTROL IN THE HOUSE

Prohibition Forces Vote Down Every Measure in Its Behalf

Washington, July 18.—Prohibition forces voted down in the House yesterday every attempt to eliminate drastic provisions of the general enforcement bill, and while in full and absolute control shut off debate at the word of their leader despite the violent protest of the minority.

When they had raced through the war-time enforcement portion of the three part bill and got into the constitutional prohibition measure proper, there were only 68 members on the floor and so much confusion that a speaker could not make himself heard. It was 7 o'clock last night when the long roll call to obtain a quorum was started, and members then had gone home, after declaring there was no good reason for trying to force through a bill to take care of a situation that would not arise until January.

Before the House got into a snarl, however, the prohibition faction had fought off every attack on their bill. An amendment to strike out the minimum fine for those convicted of violating the war time act, was fought over and defeated, 68 to 57.

Chairman Volstead, of the Judiciary committee, and patron of the bill presented an amendment which was adopted without debate and which made the measure a bit more drastic in that it added the word "manufacture" to the many things a man may not do with liquor in his office or home.

For a brief moment late in the day the minority swung into power, only to be thrown out by a demand for

Big Changes in Revenue Bureau

Ninth District Merged With Territory at Philadelphia

Washington, July 18.—Vast increase in the work of the Bureau of Internal Revenue has brought about reorganization of the entire tax collection service, details of which were announced yesterday by Commissioner Roper. Each state, with the exception of Nevada, will be made a separate collection district and permanent personnel service headquarters will be established in every important city to furnish blanks and advice to taxpayers.

Ten collection districts are abolished effective August 1, being consolidated with other districts to permit the creation of ten new districts in states which heretofore have not had separate districts.

By one of the changes the Ninth (Lancaster) Pennsylvania district is consolidated with the First (Philadelphia) district to permit the creation of a separate collection district for the State of Delaware.

ROTARIANS PLANT TREES

Among the Rotary Clubs throughout the United States planting trees in honor of their members who were in service in the Detroit Rotary Club which has set out eighteen such trees along the Seven-mile road opposite the Detroit Riding Club, is the report from the American Forestry Association of Washington, which is the official bulletin of the International Association of Rotary Clubs. The official bulletin of the International Association of Rotary Clubs heartily endorses the movement and urges that reports be made of all trees planted for the permanent record being kept in Washington.

Jeff Davis, King of Hoboes, Discharged By Jersey Police

Atlantic City, N. J., July 18.—Jeff Davis, known as the King of Hoboes, was discharged by a United States Commissioner yesterday when he appeared before that official on a charge of posing as a Federal officer. The only testimony against Davis was furnished by a ticket seller who said Davis had flashed a badge on seeking admission to the pier.

COURT WANTS BOOZE TRIAL

Judge Dickinson Refuses to Either Sustain or Smash Suit

Philadelphia, July 18.—Judge Oliver B. Dickinson, of the United States Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, today handed down an opinion in the suit of the Government against the Berger and Engle Brewing Company declining to either sustain or quash the demurrer of the defendant who contends that the Government's charge that it is manufacturing beer in violation of the war-time prohibition act is defective because it did not aver the beer was intoxicating. The court said the issue should be decided at a trial.

While United States District Attorney Kane said he considered the opinion of the court a victory for the Government and would take whatever action with regard to further prosecutions he is instructed to take by the Department of Justice, the executive committee of the Retail Liquor Dealers Association decided that all saloons can reopen to-day and sell 2.75 per cent. beer. About 1,000 saloons in the city had closed on the advice of the committee.

The court in his opinion stated that he had read two opinions handed down by courts in which the issues were the same, one sustaining the demurrer and one overruling it, and added that he found himself in accord with the ruling of the court of the West district of Pennsylvania. The only difference is, said Judge Dickinson, that Judge Thompson saw fit to overrule the demurrer, while he did not see any occasion for forming such a ruling at this time. "All that is really involved," said Judge Dickinson, "is a regulation of the burden of proof and this is properly a trial ruling."

The court said that "no answer to the question before us can be given without giving a construction of the act of Congress. The law of the case would thus be declared in advance of trial. It is, indeed, frankly avowed that the securing of this construction is the real purpose of the present proceeding."

Judge Dickinson said nothing could be gained by having two or more test cases to present the same question in view of the fact that the issue is going to the Supreme Court. "Let the man who chooses to take the risk of violating the law by doing what may be found to be a violation take the whole responsibility for so doing," said the court. "There is no call upon the court to share the responsibility with him."

The court gave leave to the defendant to withdraw the demurrer and to plead to the information, or if counsel preferred not to do so, the demurrer will be disposed of when the case is ready to be tried.

"Speaking for both its members," said Judge Dickinson, "this court would willingly render all the aid within its power to uphold the law and compel its observance and to save the people from the scandal of being obliged to witness attempts being made to extort money from the criminal law in the effort to find out how far its violators could go before inviting punishment."

"The people should also be saved, if possible, from the scandal of witnessing violations of the law by a large number of persons sought to be justified by the plea that there is a doubt of the criminality of what is being done, whether the doubt is real or a mere pretense."

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Forest Fires Doing Big Damages in Northwest States

Spokane, Washington, July 18.—Forest fires fanned by heavy winds are threatening timber and livestock in Western Montana and Northern Idaho, according to reports received yesterday by Federal forest officials here. Several small towns are also in danger of destruction. The flames have caused the fire fighting crews to retreat.

Missoula, Mont., July 18.—St. Regis, Montana, which was partially destroyed in the forest fires of 1910, has been surrounded by the Nigger Hill fire which has leaped the divide. The town is completely cut off from help and is declared to be in danger of destruction.

Two Women Give 4626 Hours War Service

Omaha, Neb., July 18.—Mrs. Thomas L. Kimball, eighty-seven years old, a member of the Omaha Branch of the League, has a service record of knitting during the war for 948 hours. In addition to what she has done for the League, Mrs. Kimball has supplied a number of soldiers with individual outfits.

Another exceptional war record was made by Mrs. W. R. Adams who, although blind, is credited with 3,678 hours of work. Mrs. Adams knitted for the League 185 pairs of socks, twenty-one pairs of wristlets and four skirts. The period in which this knitting was done was one year and twelve days.

HE WEARS A NECKLACE

Did you ever hear of a man wearing a necklace? Well, that is what the male Canadian warbler does, while on the female of this attractive bird there is only the slightest indication of a necklace, says the American Forestry Association, Washington, which is conducting the nation-wide bird house building contest among school children. The warbler's necklace of black spots shows up very strikingly on his olive green and yellowish throat and breast. On the back the bird is of a slate gray color with the tail more of an olive brown tone. This is a very lively bird. It is very seldom still for more than a few seconds before it dashes out at some tempting bit to eat. It is partial to the wooded banks of streams, it usually keeps in underbrush near the ground.

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Out and out opponents of the League of Nations Covenant are not converted by President Wilson's plea that it is "a practical necessity," "the only hope for mankind," and that to reject it would be to "break the heart of the world." The leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST for this week—July 19th—gives a country-wide survey of the press and interviews with United States Senators, enabling readers to gain a very definite idea of what the nation thinks of the President's Senate speech for a League of Nations.

While the Minneapolis Journal (Rep.) urges us "to be very sure that the Covenant does not permit the European camel to get its head inside our tent," the New York Times sounds the dominant note in public opinion when it declares that "the President's address compels ratification; it is an irresistible force which the Senate cannot withstand."

Other important news articles in this week's DIGEST are:

- Why China, With Its Teeming Millions, Refused To Sign**
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- How Equality Is Safeguarded In Poland**
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