

PEACE TO SEE TEST ON FEDERAL DRY LAW

Brewers Plan Suit After War Is Declared to Be Over.

REFERENDUM IS AWAITED

Judicial Action Is to Be Withheld Pending Outcome of Elections in Thirteen States.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The committee of distillers of the United States representing the entire distilling industry announced tonight that steps were being taken to attack the constitutionality of the federal prohibition amendment and the war-time prohibition act.

Levy Mayer of Chicago, counsel for the organization, was instructed to arrange for a suit to test the emergency prohibition law after the treaty of peace had been signed. Action to bring about a judicial review of the 18th amendment, it was stated, would await the outcome of referendum elections in 13 states where petitions calling for a popular vote on the "bone dry" enactment have been filed or are in circulation.

People's Vote Deemed Necessary.
Mr. Mayer advised the committee that in states having referendum laws and whose legislatures have ratified the amendment the ratification would have no effect unless a majority of the votes cast in the elections favored the amendment.

The attorney also gave an opinion that if the war-time prohibition act is unconstitutional, manufacture of distilled spirits, forbidden by the president under the food conservation laws, could be lawfully resumed as soon as the war is ended.

In their discussion of measures to nullify the federal amendment, the distillers named California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, Maine and Nebraska as states where referendum petitions have been circulated. As 45 state legislatures ratified the amendment, nine more than the necessary three-fourths, the distillers' announced plan of action could not be carried out if the people of more than four states approved the decisions of their legislative bodies.

Dawn of Peace Awaited.
The distillers' attack on the war-time prohibition follows the lines laid down by counsel for the brewers in their test suit filed here yesterday alleging that the law, having been enacted after the signing of the armistice, went beyond the power of congress to adopt measures for the national security and defense.

Members of the distillers' committee declared that decision to withhold their litigation until the completion of peace negotiations was based on a desire to proceed only after the war emergency was formally declared a matter of history. It was said the suit would be brought against the collector of internal revenue and the federal district attorney "in some appropriate districts."

"While no distilled beverages have been manufactured since July 1, 1917, under the food conservation regulations, no ban has been placed on marketing of stocks except that in the war-time prohibition act, which forbids sales and all withdrawals from bond except for export purposes after June 30 next until the demobilization of the war-time military forces."

The distillers' committee with George F. Distler of Cincinnati, as secretary, has been in conference for the past two days with members present from all sections of the country.

PHONE RATE SCHEDULE CUT

Burleson's Prices Reduced 25 to 50 Cents a Month for Spokane.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 20.—(Special.)—By formal order today the public service commission reduced from 25 to 20 cents a month the postmaster general's schedule of increased telephone rates for the city of Spokane. An the new scale is in adoption of a compromise offered the city by the company and is presumably agreeable to city officials. It is believed there will be no successful objection to the increase becoming effective April 1, as ordered today.

The new commission findings increase individual business-line service from 18 to 22.50, individual residence service to 22.50 and two-party lines to 22.50, with 25 cents additional for desk phones. This is 41 less than Seattle business-line charges and 50 cents higher than the Tacoma rate, with little difference in respective residence rates.

WHISKY STILL IS SEIZED

Centralia Chief of Police Confiscates Complete Outfit.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 20.—(Special.)—Chief of Police A. C. Hughes recently raided a house in the southwestern part of Centralia and confiscated one of the most complete whisky stills ever found in Lewis county. The still, which is on exhibition at the police station, is said to have been operated by Jack Platt, who was sentenced in Seattle to 18 months' imprisonment following his arrest on a charge of shipping 800 pints of whisky from San Francisco to Seattle as "dry cell batteries."


Chief Hughes, since he took office in December, has worked ceaselessly in tracing violators of the liquor laws. Three stills, two in the city and one on Fords Prairie, have been located through his efforts and several arrests on bootlegging charges have been made by county officials on information he has furnished.

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'DRY' PETITION IS REFUSED

SPONSOR OF REFERENDUM TO FORCE TEST CASE.

Washington's Ratification of Amendment May Be Held Up Pending Election of 1920.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 20.—Attempt today by John F. Murphy of Seattle to file a petition for a referendum at the next general election on the action of the recent legislature in ratifying the national prohibition amendment, met today with refusal by the assistant secretary of state to accept the petition. Court action to force acceptance of the petition will follow.

Grant Hinkle, the assistant secretary, made his decision after a conference with Ira Honefinger, chief of the election division. Murphy was then referred to Attorney-General Thompson where arrangements for a test suit in the courts were made. This will take the form of mandamus proceedings to force Secretary of State I. M. Howell to accept the petition.

If the court orders the referendum petition filed, Washington's ratification of the national prohibition amendment will be held up pending submission of the question to popular vote in November, 1920.

HOME SERVICE IS TAUGHT

Director of School at Centralia Departs Today for Portland.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 20.—(Special.)—Today marked the close of a home service school that has been held in Centralia during the past two weeks under the auspices of the home service section of the local Red Cross chapter. Mrs. Carrie Buell, chapter course di-

rector of the northwest division of the Red Cross, who has had charge of the local school, leaves tomorrow for Portland, where she will supervise field work in the home service institute to be held in Portland for ten weeks. Last night Mrs. Buell was an honor guest at a dinner.

One of the latest duties of the local home service section is to assist the secretary of state to accept the petition representative at Camp Lewis of the

veterans' welfare commission in securing information of benefit to men about to be discharged from service.

Training of Disabled Assured.
WASHINGTON, March 19.—Through several large donations to a "gift fund" authorized by Congress the federal board for vocational education announced today it was now able to


offer vocational retraining to American citizens who were disabled while serving in the armies of the allied nations.

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