

BITTER WARFARE IS WAGED BETWEEN WETS AND DRYS IN STATES' LEGISLATURES

More Than 15 Assemblies Already Have Acted to Repeal Enforcement Statutes or Prohibition Amendments.

Not alone in the halls of congress is the prohibition issue being fought. The wet-dry battle which has held the nation's interest for so many months has been extended to state legislatures and electorates in attempts to repeal dry laws or to maintain them. Here is a comprehensive survey of the status of the fight over state dry laws.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 16.—Bitter warfare between wet and dry forces is being waged with state legislatures as the battle grounds.

The wets seek to clear the way for speedy acceptance by the states of any action that may be taken by congress for modification or repeal.

Already more than fifteen states have acted to repeal enforcement statutes or amendments to their state constitutions which would have blocked the return of liquor within their borders.

Many more measures dealing with prohibition are pending. But in every state in which wets already have not won a victory, dry forces are mustering for a final fight, reports from state capitals indicated.

Drys Wage Battle

They are throwing every resource at their command into the struggle to prevent possible opening of their states to the flow of liquor in the event of national legislation.

In some states this dry influence is felt so strongly that, as yet, no attempts have been launched to alter state laws.

In New York state, citadel of the wet forces, Governor Herbert H. Lehman has asked the legislature to prepare for beer or repeal by passage of measures for licensing of the sale and distribution of liquor.

Governor Lehman soon will appoint a commission to study the problem. Former Governor Alfred E. Smith has refused the chairmanship of this group.

Kansas Still Is Dry

California, which rescinded its state prohibition statutes by a referendum at the November election, has pending a bill which would ask congress for action on repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

Dry for many years, Kansas shows no disposition to waver from the trail blazed by Carrie Nation. Not a single liquor measure was introduced during the first week of the present legislative session.

In Illinois, bills for repeal of the state dry laws are on second reading in the house, and on third reading in the senate. Both major parties are committed by platform pledges to repeal.

Other states, for the most part, fall into the same general grouping as these three. They may be divided into three classes—those which already have repealed state laws; those which have measures to that end pending; and those whose legislatures have not received measures dealing with prohibition.

Repeal Passes Sixteen States

Among those which have repealed state dry laws are: New York, New Jersey, California, Arizona, Nevada, Wisconsin, Colorado, Michigan, Wyoming, Montana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Oregon and Washington.

Action taken in these states, however, differs widely. In Wyoming, voters passed a measure, by referendum, providing for automatic repeal of the state laws when, and if, national prohibitory acts are repealed.

Michigan voters amended the Constitution to eliminate its prohibition section, but legislation to repeal the statute against manufacture and sale of liquor is pending.

Before the Connecticut general assembly is an unusual bill for a state dispensary system, of regulated liquor stores in case of repeal.

Maine to Vote on Beer

States in which liquor legislation is pending include: Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Idaho, South Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Indiana, New Mexico, Illinois, Texas and New Hampshire.

In most of these states a multiplicity of plans for changing the state laws exists. Pennsylvania has six bills pending in the state legislature. Ohio has five measures awaiting action.

Maine legislators will vote on a bill to legalize manufacture and sale of beer with alcoholic content no greater than that fixed by the national government as non-intoxicating.

States whose legislatures have not yet received bills for repeal of state enforcement acts include:

North Dakota, Arkansas, Mississippi, Florida, Iowa, Utah, Oklahoma, Kansas and Vermont.

Other Measures Prepared

In North Dakota, Arkansas and Florida, bills aimed at the state dry laws were being prepared for introduction.

Arkansas legislators voted down a resolution which would have urged congress to submit repeal to the states without delay. However, a beer-wine bill was scheduled to be introduced today.

Mississippi, Iowa, Kansas and Utah are not expected to take any action. Utah's dry status is regarded as due to the Mormon influence.

In Oklahoma there is talk of a move to repeal the state laws, but it is regarded as unlikely to succeed.

MRS. MARY L. STEELY IS TAKEN BY DEATH

45-Year-Old Woman Lived in City for Half Century.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary L. Steely, 75, of 124 West Forty-fourth street, were to be held at 2 today in her home. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Steely, a resident of this city for fifty years, died Friday at her home, following a long illness. She was the widow of John N. Steely and was a member of the Roberts M. E. church.

COUSINS IN ASSEMBLY



Herman W. Modisett



Chester C. Modisett

Two cousins, living only a short distance from each other, represent Parke and Vigo counties in the 1933 house of representatives.

They are Chester C. Modisett, Parke county farmer, and Herman W. Modisett, Vigo county farmer. Chester is serving his first term and Herman his second. Both are Democrats. Each lives near the county line, separating Parke and Vigo counties.

Although the Modisett or Modisett family has been living in Parke and Vigo counties since the first member of the family came to Indiana in 1839, neither of the representatives is certain which was the original spelling of the name or how the difference first came about.

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ROOSEVELT AID URGED IN MIXUP ON LEGISLATION

Leaders Likely to Ask Him to Help Break Jam on Important Measures.

BY THOMAS L. STOKES United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Democratic congressional leaders will be besieging President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt when he comes here this week for counsel in one of the most confused legislative situations in recent years.

Democrat is pitted against Democrat in the senate to produce a jam behind which important measures on the Roosevelt program are piled helplessly.

Beer, repeal, farm relief and economy wall while Senator Huey Long, the Louisiana "kingfish," holds the senate at bay because of his opposition to the banking bill sponsored by Senator Carter Glass, spirited Virginian.

Situation Is Embarrassing

The Democratic dilemma may be called more strikingly to the attention of the country on the eve of the Roosevelt visit here Thursday and Friday on his way south.

President Hoover, it was reported, has been contemplating for several days a statement or message insisting that the budget be balanced at this session. He is said to have devoted considerable time in the last few days to gathering figures from treasury and budget officials.

Republican leaders expect the message this week.

Considerable doubt is expressed here that Roosevelt will become involved before March 4 in family quarrels among his Democratic followers. The present one is most embarrassing.

Long was active at Chicago for Roosevelt's nomination, while Glass is such a good friend that he is repeatedly mentioned as secretary of treasury in the Roosevelt cabinet. Both claim Roosevelt's support in the bank bill fight.

How About Other Measures?

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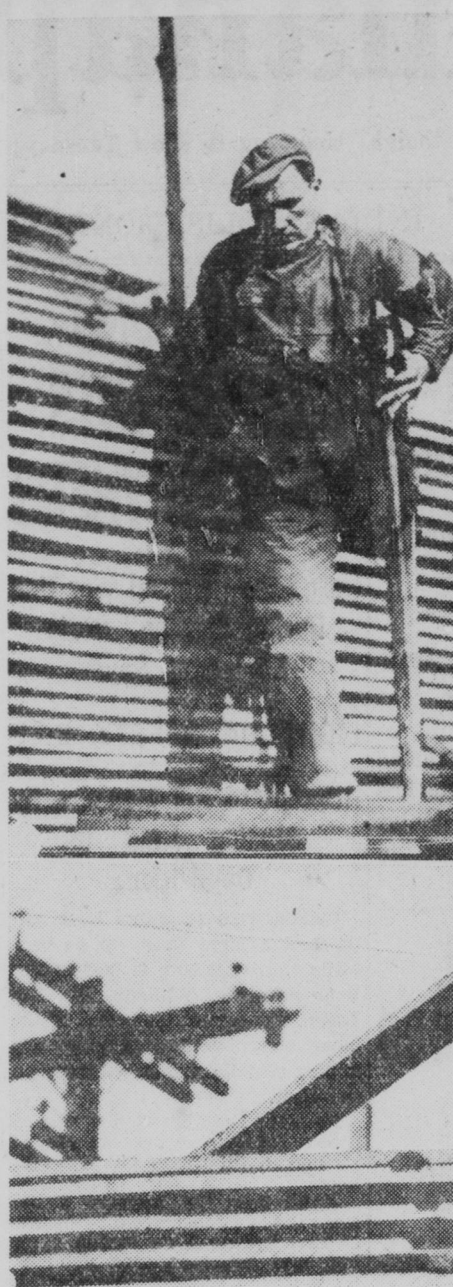
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ONE-LEGGED MAN HOLDS DOWN JOB AS LUMBER GRADER



Where some men find it hard to hold down a job with two legs, John Jamieson, 44, of 3141 North Euclid avenue, is doing a two-legged man's job with one leg and doing it right well.

Jamieson, as agile as a monkey despite the loss of his left leg from hopping trains as a boy, is lumber grader for the Indiana Veneer and Lumber Company, 1121 East Twenty-fourth street.

His day is just hopping from one stack of lumber to another with naught but a crutch to aid him in his six to ten-foot crawls or drops up and down stacks.

In the upper left photo he can be seen hopping down from a stack. The lower photo shows him handling the oak boards as if they were toothpicks. The utility pole in the background gives an idea of the lumber piles' height.

Fellow workmen say John can grade as much lumber, drive a horse, run just as fast as the call of a foreman, as a worker with two appendages.

GERMANS' ARMS EQUALITY AIM VOICED ANEW

Thousands of War Veterans Cheer Chancellor's Empire Day Speech.

BY H. A. PETERS United Press Staff Correspondent

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—Thousands of war veterans and members of the federal warriors' legion cheered Sunday, when Chancellor General Kurt von Schleicher, in an Empire day speech, declared Germany intended to proceed with her program of arms equality with the other powers of Europe.

The chancellor, standing on a platform with President Paul von Hindenburg and two sons of former Kaiser Wilhelm II, declared the founding of a federal militia was "necessary for the defense of the fatherland."

He apparently meant the reintroduction of conscription and compulsory military service, as in the days of the empire.

"Changed conditions of the times necessitate changed forms," the chancellor said. "I am thinking first of all of a militia."

He clipped his words brusquely, and the soldiers rose and cheered thunderously. The chancellor was interrupted with repeated cheers as he proceeded with his vigorous address.

The speech was part of significant ceremonies in connection with the celebration of Empire day for the first time since the establishment of the German republic.

President Paul von Hindenburg attended, wearing his old uniform of a field marshal. He entered the sports palace, where the ceremonies were held, accompanied by his son and followed by the chancellor.

Hoover Will Leave Office in Fit Physical Condition

Health Better Than When He Entered White House Four Years Ago.

BY FREDERICK C. OTHMAN United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—President Hoover will return to private life March 4 in better physical condition than when he entered the White House four years ago, because he has made work his hobby.

Close friends say the pleasure the President finds in work apparently has saved him from the fatigue and crushing strain of his high office, which has broken the health of chief executives.

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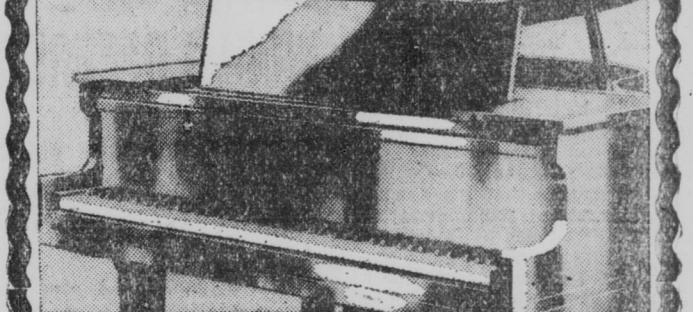
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