

# 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.

By United Press

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 legalization.

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

Kansas, which rescinded its state prohibition statutes by a referendum at the November election, has pending a bill which would ask congress for action on repeal of the sixteenth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

Dry for many years, Kansas shows no disposition to wander 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 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 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-inoxicating.

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 Park M. E. church.

## COUSINS IN ASSEMBLY



Herman W. Modisett

## ROOSEVELT AID URGED IN MIXUP ON LEGISLATION

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

BY THOMAS L. STOKES  
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Democratic congressional leaders will besiege 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 wait while Senator Huey P. 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?

Inflationary proposals of all sorts are pressing forward, one for a \$3,000,000,000 currency issue with large backing. If Democratic leaders expect to check them they must begin soon. They desire Roosevelt's views.

Senate Democratic leaders also would like to know what Roosevelt thinks of the form in which the house passed the farm relief bill taken up by the senate agriculture committee today.

A senate judiciary subcommittee has drafted a beer bill also taken up today by the committee which differs from that passed by the house. Which does Roosevelt favor?

The same judiciary committee reported out an eighteenth amendment repeal resolution which differs from the outright repeal pledged by the party platform. Which does Roosevelt favor?

Funeral services were to be held at the home at 2:30 this afternoon, with burial in Concordia cemetery.

## PUSH TOBIN FOR CABINET POST

Claims for Labor Post Are  
Given James A. Farley  
on Visit Here.

Claims of Daniel J. Tobin, 5102 Park avenue, president of the International Teamsters Union, for the post of secretary of labor in the Roosevelt cabinet, were presented to James A. Farley, Democratic national chairman, when he visited the city Sunday.

Tobin was approved by United States Senator-Elect Frederick Van Nuys and R. Earl Peters, Democratic state chairman, who were assured Indiana would get a "fair break" on federal patronage.

Tobin served as head of the labor bureau at national committee headquarters during the last campaign. Both are Democrats. Each lives near the county line, separating Parke and Vigo counties.

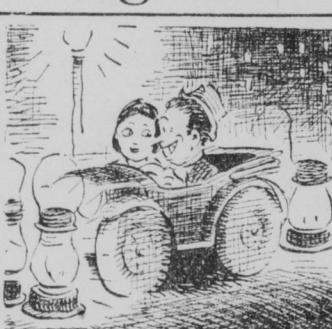
Deficit of the Democratic national committee also was discussed at the Claypool conference and Peters was informed by Farley that Indiana's quota had been placed at \$30,000.

Recommendation for consolidation of governmental units which have become obsolete because of improved transportation was made by Farley. There is no reason why smaller counties should not be combined, since many of them now are the size of townships once were, he pointed out.

Abolition of offices and needless expense may meet with a great deal of opposition, he admitted.

"However," Farley said, "any government official whose economic policy is sound will win the approval of the majority because what the people want is reduction in taxes. They definitely have become tax-minded."

## Lovers' Lane Will Be 'Great White Way'—If Legislator Has His Say



So, to make these seldom-used paths safe for the motorists whose mission is more hurried

## Inn Again—Out Again

Towels, Draperies, Ash Trays and What Not  
Vanish From Hotels.

"Two towels, an ash-tray, missing from 413, Miss Fox."

"The draperies are gone out of room —, Miss Fox."

"The lady who was in nine sixteen burned the mattress with a cigarette, Miss Fox."

Day in and day out these remarks are addressed to Miss Margaret Fox, housekeeper at the Lincoln, and from the reports of maids she has been able, through years of serving the traveling public, to place the blame of destruction of guests equally on both sexes.

"Men are no worse than women in leaving a litter in a room. Where men leave empty bottles and ashes, women litter the floor with wrappings of articles purchased in shops. It's all in a day's work with us," Miss Fox explains.

She says that on an average of seventy towels a week are lost through the light-fingeredness of the bath tub.

"It's just a game with them. Nothing dishonest, but merely towel collectors like we formerly had years ago with silver. But with hotels placing their names on silver the practice has stopped.

"They take a fancy to those towels, coffee pots now instead of silverware," Miss Fox says.

"Men do the most damage with razor blades. They wipe the blades, after shaving, on towels without realizing that the towels when they come back from the laundries will have holes in them from the slight cuts of the blades."

"Women," she continued, "leave greasy pillow cases, greasy backboards of beds from the cold cream they use on their faces, necks and arms."

Men, she declares, forget their belongings with more regularity than women.

In one hotel where Miss Fox was employed a set of drapes was stolen weekly for one month.

"And then the thefts stopped. I guess they got all the sets of drapes they needed," she said.

It is necessary for hotels at times to bolt down clocks in club lounges and strap telephone pay booths to prevent their disappearance.

One city hotel management reported that some one took a ten-inch electric fan bolted to a wall and that prior to this, lifted a oil portrait from its frame by slicing the canvas in a neat square, rolling it up, and walking out with it.

Hotel keys are lost at the rate of twenty to thirty a month and

## NO MESS



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venient to use. Join the

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great shaving comfort.

## THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

## ONE-LEGGED MAN HOLDS DOWN JOB AS LUMBER GRADER

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

Jamison, 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 at the call of a foreman, as a worker with two appendages.



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