

## RACKET FEARED IF STATE BEER BILL IS PASSED

Drys and Wets Appear to Present Arguments to Committee.

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ed to application of a 40-cent tax on malt, manufactured in Indiana, but shipped out of the state.

Retail and wholesale druggists then presented their views. They favored \$25 a year license fee for druggists dealing in whisky for medicine, instead of the \$50 fee set in the proposed legislation. A federal fee of \$25 a year also is required.

### Druggists Give Views

Among the drug men heard were Frank McCullough of New Albany, secretary of the Indiana Pharmaceutical Association; Albert Fritz, representing Indianapolis retail druggists, and Edward Mayer of the Kiefer-Stewart Company, Indianapolis, wholesale drug firm.

Mayer expressed a belief that legalizing trade in medicinal whisky would not cause any rush among Indiana druggists and estimated that not more than 600 of the state's 1,400 retail druggists would seek permits for selling whisky.

Average sale daily among 19,000 drug stores in the country in states permitting medicinal whisky is only 14 pints, he said.

L. E. York, superintendent of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League, was in charge of the dry cohorts. York declared that prohibition is backed by church federations, the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Parent-Teacher Association, Federation of Women's Clubs, National Education Association and the Indiana State Teachers' Association.

### York Threatens Reprisals

Without mincing words, he told the committee that if the Wright law is repealed and beer returns, the people of Indiana will take reprisals in the next election.

"You will hear the greatest storm in history two years from now," York declared.

The speaker, as did others on his side, denied that result of the election last November was a mandate from the people for return of liquor, but ascribed the outcome to a desire for a change in Presidents.

Re-election to congress of Representative Louis Ludlow of Indianapolis, despite his dry stand, was cited by York as one proof of dry sentiment.

E. A. Miles, Anti-Saloon league attorney, declared that no wet law passed by the Indiana legislature could be effective until congress acts on the Eighteenth amendment or the Volstead act. He complained that he had been unable to get a copy of the beer bill.

Passage of the beer bill would set paralelled in this state or any other paralleled in this state or any other state," he asserted, and added that "the most corrupt and corrupting influence was the organization of brewers in Indiana before prohibition.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley of Liberty, state president of the W. C. T. U., rapped the wet bills from every angle in a spirited address, in which she assailed the theory that beer is a temperance drink. Recalling her experiences as a Keeley cure manager, she said she had seen delirium tremens patients who had consumed only beer.

### Scouts at Prosperity Talk

Return of beer would not bring prosperity, she continued. "For every man it would give a job, three would lose jobs," Mrs. Stanley said.

"The baby's milk will suffer so its father can buy beer and pretzels," she asserted.

The press, literature, and the drama have been sources of wet propaganda, Paul Duncan, Butler university graduate, charged. He said he had been on the campus of every Indiana university and college as well as several others in the midwest, and had seen only four men drunk.

Attempt of the Indiana legislature to change the dry law would amount to nullification of the United States Constitution, according to Herman Seeger, prohibition party legislative representative. No court will recognize any liquor law so long as the eighteenth amendment is in force, he told the committee.

Other dry speakers were Harry Roy, representing the young people's department of the Indiana Council of Religious Education, and Mrs. Ralph T. Hudelson, president of the Indiana Woman's Law Enforcement League and also representing the State Federation of Church Women.

William Wildhack, an unshaded speaker, who said he was familiar with conditions on campuses of Indiana universities and colleges, declared youth of the state favors Wright law repeal.

Bold also spoke for the wet side, declaring conditions under prohibition are worse than in the worst of saloon days. He said Evansville high school students, both boys and girls, had appeared in classes under the influence of liquor purchased in speakeasies a block from schools.

William D. Hardy, Democratic state senator, who is an Evansville attorney, defended legality of the wet bills. Speaking from his experience as a deputy prosecutor in Vanderburgh county, Hardy declared moral conditions are worse under prohibition than during the saloon regime.

### CUPID CRUISES



## NOTED EXPERT ON RECREATION WILL AID CLUB

Reorganization Plans to Be  
Made by Leisure Hour  
Group.

LEISURE HOUR CALENDAR  
TONIGHT  
Garfield Park community house.  
WEDNESDAY  
Brookside Park community house.  
J. T. Y. Hill community house.  
Prospect-Sherman drive club.  
Rhodus Park community house.  
THURSDAY  
Crispus Attucks high school, 1110  
Oak Hill men and women's clubs (joint  
meeting), 2:30.

Christian Park Club  
T. Wayne and Walnut club.  
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School 9 at 740 Vermont street.

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