

## ANALYSIS OF HOUSE VOTE INDICATES CERTAIN DOOM FOR DRY AMENDMENT

Only Twelve States in Arid Column, Using  
Ballot on Motion as Strength Index;  
Lame Ducks Are Factor.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The eighteenth amendment will be repealed if Monday's 289 to 121 vote in the house can be taken as an index of sentiment in the forty-eight states.

Twelve states are dry, on the basis of the vote. Twelve is one less than the number necessary to block repeal.

Yet, more amazing and more to the point, analysis of the vote reveals that the dry strength mostly was lame duck strength.

Only six states are dry—if you scratch the lame ducks off the roll call, and count only congressmen who were re-elected.

Monday's roll call lists on the dry side Delaware, Idaho, Kansas and Maine—by unanimous vote—and Colorado, Iowa, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Dakota and West Virginia—by a majority vote.

**Six Dry Without Lame Ducks**

But to eliminate the lame ducks from the count, and you have left on the dry side only Kansas, Maine, New Mexico, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

If you go a step farther, and consider the known views of the successors of the lame ducks, Maine and Iowa must be taken out of the dry column—leaving only four dry states.

In addition to carrying twelve states, the drys Monday managed to record a tie in six—Montana, New Hampshire, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah and Vermont.

But with the lame ducks crossed off, the vote for the above-named states stands: Delaware, 0-0; Idaho, 0-0; Kansas, 5-0 against repeal; Maine, 1-0 against; Colorado, 1-0 for repeal; Iowa, 5-1 against; Mississippi, 4-1 against; Nebraska, 3-1 against; Oklahoma, 5-2 against; North Dakota, 1-0 for; South Dakota, 0-0; West Virginia, 1-0 for; Montana, 0-0; New Hampshire, 1-0 for; Oregon, 1-4 for; Tennessee, 1-0 for; Utah, 0-0, and Vermont, 1-0 for.

**Many Resubmission Votes**

The repeal vote was unanimous among the representatives of twelve states—Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Virginia and Wyoming; and the wets were safely in the majority, despite lame duck drys, in the eighteen other states—Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.

However, no hard and fast conclusions can be drawn from the above analysis. A great many of Monday's repeat votes were resubmission votes.

**Others in Doubtful Column**

Any dispassionate survey of the probable action of the states on ratification of the repealer must list in the doubtful column such traditionally dry commonwealths as Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Texas, North Carolina and Virginia.

The repeat votes Monday were many as the no-repeat votes.

Of the 289 who voted "aye" sixty are lame ducks, but nearly all will be succeeded by wets. Of the 121 who voted "no," fifty-seven are lame ducks, and most of them will be succeeded by wets.

**WILL IS CONTESTED  
BY SEEIG'S DAUGHTER**

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Suit to contest the will of her father, David Seelig, Indianapolis, who died Oct. 26, 1932, leaving a \$75,000 estate, has been filed in probate court by Miss Dorothy Seelig.

Contesting she is legal heir to the entire estate, Miss Seelig alleges other persons had an undue influence over her father when he executed his will.

The will left the daughter only \$500, the suit states. It further alleges the father was of unsound mind when he bequeathed his property to several persons.

Defendants named in the suit are: Margaret Klingston, executrix; Dewey G. Benham, Frances Stevens, Fannie Seelig, Flora Stevens, Bertha Seelig and Leon Seelig.

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## MERCHANTS OF STATE ATTACK CZARISTIC RULE

Caucus Method of Jamming  
Sales Tax Through  
Hotly Assailed.

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The meeting was called by John F. Frederick, state Chamber of Commerce president, to demand a hearing on the bill, but this was found impossible, as the bill was in caucus at the time of the meeting.

Those attending the protest session immediately, upon adjournment, left for the statehouse to file objections with their county representatives and demand that they ignore the autocratic caucus rule. A committee was named to call on the Governor with demand the sales tax bill be killed.

The group adopted a resolution bitterly opposing passage of the sales tax bill and demanding real and tangible tax relief by means of governmental economy and not by substituting new taxes.

The resolution charges that the sales tax would force additional

firms into bankruptcy, add to unemployment, reduce purchasing power and otherwise disrupt the economic situation of the state.

A resolution threatening a tax strike by merchants and industry in general was discussed, but not adopted.

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"It is business and industry that is paying taxes now—not the farmer," added J. Irving Latz, Ft. Wayne merchant.

Opposition to the proposed state school aid bill was also voiced, speakers denouncing it as unfair and responsible for sales tax proposals.

Criticism of the administration for "forgetting its campaign promise of home rule" was voiced by Joe Rand Beckett, former state senator from Marion county.

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## 4 LONG-TIME RESIDENTS DEAD

Funeral Rites Arranged for  
City Persons: One Is  
Buried Today.

Last rites were arranged today for four long-time Indianapolis residents who have died in the last two days.

Mrs. Mary Everling Anderson, 3017 North Capitol avenue, wife of William Anderson, secretary of Indianapolis Lodge No. 17, Loyal Order of Moose, will be buried in Crown Hill cemetery.

Services will be held at 2 Wednesday in the Shirley Bros. central chapel. Mrs. Anderson died Monday in Methodist hospital.

Services for Mrs. Frieda J. Michel, 35, who died Monday in her home, 1910 Sugar Grove avenue, will be held at 2 Wednesday in the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary.

Leonard H. Brown, retired dairy operator, who died Monday in the Indiana Christian hospital on his seventy-third birthday, will be buried in Crown Hill cemetery following a service at 10 Wednesday in the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary.

Services for Miss Katherine G. Carter, 71, who died Sunday at the home of her niece, Mrs. William Goebes, 918 North Gray street, were held today in St. Philip's Neri Catholic church. Burial was in Holy Cross cemetery.

## COPS GET VANDALS RED-HANDED; NAB 3

Turn Headlights on Gang of  
20 Wrecking House.

Police interrupted a gang of twenty Negroes who were wrecking a house on Douglass street near Hadley street late Monday night and succeeded in capturing three of them.

The men held are Allen Brown, 33, of 731 West Walnut street; Farley Madison, 32, of 814 West North street, and Ed Jones, 53, of 649 Douglass street.

Ringing blows from an ax, wielded by one of the gang, attracted attention of police, who drove into the yard of the house and turned auto lights on the group.

Several of the building had been demolished and had been split into pieces suitable for use as firewood, police said.

## SENATE BILL REVISING PAROLE SYSTEM READY

Complete Change in Present Method  
Provided in Measure.

Complete revision of the present method of handling pardons and paroles is provided in a bill which Senator Anderson Ketchum (Dem., Greensburg), majority floor leader, has ready for introduction today.

His measure calls for a state commission on clemency consisting of three members to be named by the Governor, each of whom would be named by the commission.

Meetings would be quarterly and all petitions for pardon and paroles would come before the commission for decision.

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## TAX BILLS GET HOUSE STAMP OF APPROVAL

Special Levies Provided on  
Building and Loan, Bank  
Stock, Intangibles.

With the McNutt administration prepared to rush its general tax bills through the legislature today, the house, before going into a caucus on the measure, adopted favorable committee reports on three special levy bills.

The three bills provide:

Tax of 25 cents annually on each share of building and loan stock.

Tax of the same amount on each \$100 of bank deposits and bank stocks.

Same tax on each \$100 valuation of intangibles.

Committee on elections reported favorably a bill to establish an absentee voter system for Indiana, and the report was adopted.

Bill fixing penalties for distribution of anonymous slates in political campaigns was killed on an election committee report and a bill requiring payment of a \$10 fee by candidates in primaries shared the same fate.

## 30 STATE YOUTHS TO MAKE TOUR OF WORLD

Y. M. C. A. to Sponsor Good Will  
Trip Starting July 12.

Thirty Indiana high school youths will be enrolled in a world-wide good will tour under auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, according to plans announced by C.

A. Tevebaugh, secretary of the state Y. M. C. A.

M. E. Carver, boys' work secretary at the Lafayette Y. M. C. A. will have charge of one group of Indiana boys who will sail July 12 for a tour of Europe. The other group of Indiana globetrotters will be headed by H. B. Brown, boys' work secretary at the Evansville Y. M. C. A.

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