

STATE TREASURIES GAIN BY BEER RETURN; DECREASE IN NATION'S CRIME REPORTED

General Benefit Shown by Survey; Increase in Employment Noted; Rum Runners Are Hard Hit.

This is the first of four stories, based on a nation-wide survey, describing the effect of the return of legal beer in various sections of the country.

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NORTHEASTERN states, containing many of the nation's largest cities, have taken to their legal beer with gusto and satisfaction.

Most of them always have been predominantly wet in sentiment, and many of them in fact. The New Yorker, or the Jerseyite, or the Pittsburgher who wanted his beer could get it.

But its purchase was more or less a troublesome and furtive transaction, the price was high, and the quality uncertain.

Now, scores of breweries are pouring out a flood of beer which may be had at reasonable prices, and cash registers in thousands of cafes, restaurants, saloons and other places are jingling merrily as the public stakes its thirst.

Briefly, northeastern states report:

Increased employment in brewing and allied trades, and many jobs for waiters and bartenders.

Revenues Are Welcome

Sizable and badly needed tax revenues for state and municipal treasuries.

A decrease in racketeering and crime, elimination of wildcat breweries, a reduction in speakeasies and less rum-running and smuggling.

New York state alone has licensed 40,000 places to sell beer, and labor officials estimate jobs have been provided for 150,000 persons.

A state tax of 3½ cents a gallon brought in \$35,000 in April, which serves as a basis for estimating an annual revenue of \$900,000. License fees are expected to add \$1,800,000 to this amount.

Business Is Helped

"Nearly all lines of business have been benefited," says John M. O'Hanlon, secretary-treasurer of the New York State Federation of Labor.

Legal beer just about has driven the wildcat breweries out of business. Rivalry for control of this trade was responsible for many gang feuds.

The new state law forbids sale of hard liquor, but apparently little has been done to enforce this section, which is a local police matter. Hard liquor may be had, as always, but less of it is being drunk and many a barred-door speakeasy has folded up.

Bootleggers have cut their prices on hard liquor. Running ale and beer from Canada no longer brings huge profits and smuggling by sea has diminished.

Mulrooney on Job

Edward L. Mulrooney, chairman of the state liquor board, has been given the job of keeping racketeering out of the beer business. He was formerly New York City police commissioner, and has warred on gangs before.

Beer drinkers in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, always overcrowded with speakeasies, are paying 10 cents for their beer now instead of 25. About half of the old liquor-selling places have been driven out of business.

The Pennsylvania tax of one cent a half pint or \$1.24 a barrel brought \$55,407 between May 5, when it became effective, on June 1. The legislature's delay in imposing the tax cost the state probably \$1,000,000.

Food Is Served

About 40 per cent of the better drinking places in these two big cities now serve food. Unlike New York, Pennsylvanians heretofore had made their eating and drinking separate pastimes for the most part. Some places rely entirely on beer and good food for trade.

Others operate legitimate restaurants and sell legal beer on the ground floor, and have speakeasies on the floor above for recognized patrons who want the stronger stuff.

Another dodge of the former speakeasy is to obtain a charter as a private club, which costs only \$25, where state retail licenses in the two big cities are \$300. These "clubs" sell legal beer and hard liquor behind closed doors to their so-called members.

Profitable in Bay State

Brewers are required to buy bottle caps from the state, to make sure the tax is paid.

Massachusetts received in state revenue between April 7 and June 17 for licenses and permits the sum of \$181,622. The state tax of \$1 a barrel during the same period brought in \$73,741, a total of \$255,363.

This figure is exclusive of local license fees, which range up to \$500.

The state director of statistics estimates legalization provided jobs for 5,500 persons.

Bootleggers have cut prices for hard liquor about half. Restaurants and stores report increased business.

Du Pont Issues Licenses

Licenses in Delaware are issued by Pierre S. Du Pont, liquor commissioner, and multimillionaire anti-prohibition leader, under a law based mainly on the Quebec system.

Delaware collected in tax revenue, up to the middle of June, \$52,000, all of which came from Wilmington. Rural Delaware, heretofore dry, just has voted for licensing under local option.

Rhode Island collected \$125,000 in tax revenue in sixty days, nearly all of which went to municipalities.

Labor officials say return of beer

Revenue Huge

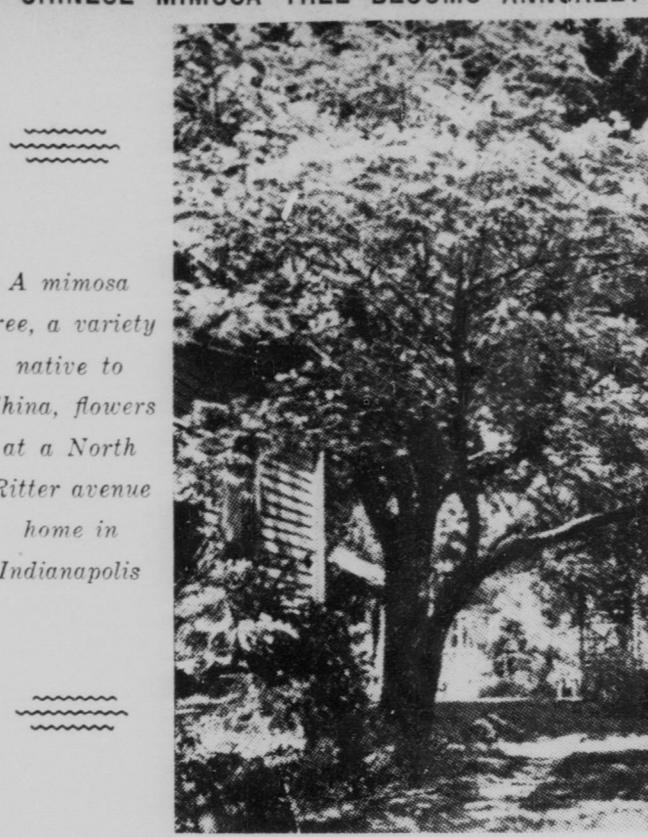
By NEA Service

WASHINGTON, July 1. — Beer and wine taxes yielded \$1,536,000 in federal revenue in May.

Decreased liquor law violations make it possible for the federal government drastically to cut its appropriation for enforcement, according to Attorney-general Homer Cummings.

It is planned to spend \$4,300,000 during the fiscal year, which is \$4,100,000 less than appropriated, and about a third of the amount spent in some former years.

CHINESE MIMOSA TREE BLOOMS ANNUALLY



A mimosa tree, a variety native to China, flowers at a North Ritter avenue home in Indianapolis

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—Dietz on Science— SCIENCE EXHIBIT AT EXPOSITION DRAWS THROGS

Savants Are Elated at Growing Interest of Public.

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CHICAGO, July 1.—Two huge spheres occupy the place of honor in the "great room" of the Hall of Science at the "Century of Progress."

One, hanging in the air, is the light aluminum gondola in which Professor Auguste Piccard ascended to the stratosphere. The other is the heavy steel diving globe or bathysphere in which Dr. William Beebe descended a half mile below the surface of the ocean.

These two spheres, representing man's conquests of the aerial heights and the ocean depths, symbolize man's many victories over the forces of nature to which the Hall of Science is dedicated.

Scientists here for the summer session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science steer away to the Hall of Science whenever a lull in their programs of symposiums and round-table discussions will permit.

But they have no monopoly on the Hall of Science. From morning to night there is a steady throng of visitors in the building. At times, the crowd is so thick in front of some exhibits that it is impossible to make your way through them.

The scientists, incidentally, are jubilant over this public reaction. For it demonstrates beyond contradiction the high interest of the public in science. It proves, to use the advertising phrase that the public has become "science-minded."

The great room of the Hall of Science is an imposing high-ceilinged rectangular room, larger than many theaters. The walls are white, decorated with a modernistic pattern in gray. Tubular electric lights, blue and green, run the whole length of the ceiling.

The hall of science really is a university, a college of popular science. Here are more scientific demonstrations than any one college has ever been able to afford, the sort of equipment that professors dream about but never get the finance committee to approve.

Off the great hall run corridor

Contract Bridge

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PROGRESSIVE bidding between partners in contract should be done with a definite aim—that is, to try to find the fit of the hand.

Generally, it does not pay to play a hand at no trump when either of the two hands has a void suit, but if the bidding indicates that partner has the missing suit well stopped, and you feel that the tricks necessary for game can be won in the side suits, then you may allow the hand to be played at no trump.

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