

### CONGRESS MOVES TO STOP SALE OF PERCENTAGE BEER

### Prohibition Leaders Obtain Call for Meeting of Judiciary Committee.

### VIGOROUS PROSECUTION OF OFFENDERS PLANNED

### Government Seeks to Gather Evidence and Make Arrests Later.

### MINORITY TO ATTACK BILL

### Indications Are There Will Be Bitter Fight on Floor of House at Early Date.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 1.—Congress and the Department of Justice moved today to stop the sale of 2 1/2 per cent beer under the war-time prohibition act.

Prohibition leaders of the House, after a series of conferences obtained a call for a meeting Monday of the Judiciary Committee, which is expected to agree promptly on an independent bill for enforcement of the war-time law defining intoxicating liquor as containing more than one-half of 1 per cent alcohol, and to recommend prosecution of such a bill by the House at the earliest possible moment.

At the same time the Department of Justice made it plain its agents would enforce the act, according to its interpretation that anything containing more than one-half of 1 per cent alcohol cannot be legally manufactured or sold.

Decisions of Federal Judge Rose at Baltimore in favor of the brewers and the 2 1/2 per cent beer, and of Federal Judge Sawtell at New York against the brewers and such beer, were three equal legal status of low alcoholic beer.

Attorney-General White made it clear today that his department would proceed in an orderly manner without wholesale arrests or spectacular raids, officials here suggest that prohibition law could expect nothing less than a "vigorous" prosecution.

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At the request of Representative Isaac, Democrat of Missouri, who refused to sign the general enforcement bill when it passed the House July 17 to 2 last week, the House today gave permission for the filing of a minority report on the bill.

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Liquor Men Rejoice Over Court Decision. BALTIMORE, Md., July 1.—Liquor men are rejoicing tonight over a decision of the United States District Court by Judge Rose, in accordance with the ruling of the United States District Court of New York, handing down an opinion which liberally gives brewers in the local district a free right to manufacture and sell beer of not only one-half per cent, but two per cent until the Supreme Court makes the final ruling on the question.

The opinion was in the case of the Standard Brewing Company, the officials of which were indicted for manufacturing beer of less than one-half per cent. Judge Rose sustained the demurrer, but in doing so informed the defendants that they would be still conducting their business at their own risk by manufacturing beer. It is still contended that 2 1/2 per cent beer is non-intoxicating, even though this particular case goes no farther than one-half of 1 per cent. However, the decision in the New York case as a parallel, then the brewers will continue to manufacture their beer until the United States District Court, which the New York case is now pending, has decided.

San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, July 1.—Federal Judge William Sawtell today denied the application of the Rainer Brewing Company, of San Francisco, for an injunction restraining the United States District Attorney from beginning criminal proceedings against the company for manufacturing after May 1 or selling after June 30 beer of 2 1/2 per cent or less alcoholic content.

Denies Injunction. Federal Judge Sawtell, of San Francisco, Refuses Application of Brewers. Judge Rose, in closing, said: "My decision will not differ from that made in the other courts, which is to be finally decided by the Supreme Court. It simply means that a man shall manufacture or sell vinous or fermented liquors that are not intoxicating, may not know, however, anything that is intoxicating. If the Supreme Court decides that the judge in New York was wrong, and that I erred in following him, then another indictment can be obtained against these gentlemen, and you know that that means that is the chance that you will take."

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### EDGAR MORRIS RECEIVES SENTENCE FOR MURDER

### Greene County Youth Gets Eighteen Years for Killing Magistrate Sullivan.

### REACHES VERDICT IN SIX HOURS

### Prisoner Appears Satisfied With Outcome, but Sisters Are Grief-Stricken—Soon Will Be Sent to Richmond to Begin Term.

### Special to The Times-Dispatch.

### CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., July 1.—Edgar Morris was found guilty of second-degree murder today in connection with the killing of Justice Bluff Sullivan, at Stanardsville, several months ago. Judge Fishburne sentenced him to serve eighteen years in the penitentiary.

### At the opening of court today the jury requested the court to explain various penalties. Half an hour later the verdict was returned.

### Morris and his counsel, apparently were satisfied with the verdict, and Morris smiled and bowed to the jury. No motion was made by his counsel to have the verdict set aside, and Judge Fishburne pronounced sentence.

### The final verdict of the jury was reached about six hours after the case had been submitted to their consideration. The jury's apparent satisfaction at the outcome of the sensational shooting affray differed radically from the attitude of his five sisters, who burst into the courtroom as the verdict was made known.

### After sentence was pronounced by Judge Fishburne, the prisoner held a brief reception in the court lawn where he shook hands with many relatives and friends who had come down from Greene County.

### A transcript of the record will be forwarded at once to Major J. B. Wood, superintendent of the penitentiary at Richmond, who will accompany Morris to the penitentiary.

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