

USE GRAIN FOR BREAD, NOT BOOZE, PLEA DURING WAR

Washington, April 14.—America's "big push" for food may wipe out her breweries and distilleries.

Taking advantage of threatened food shortage throughout world and demands on American farmers to feed not only United States but her allies, "drys" in congress are preparing to launch a spectacular drive for "war prohibition." Plans for the effort have been completed and will be announced early next week.

Purpose is to stop manufacture of all liquors and beers in United States at least for period of the war, thereby diverting millions of bushels of grain into food channels.

Those behind the movement declare that more than 600,000,000 bushels of grain would be saved by closing beer and whisky plants.

"That's enough to feed 12,000,000 people," Dr. Wiley pure food expert said today.

"It's sufficient to feed whole nation for a month," said Sen. Sheppard, father of national prohibition amendment.

And besides, they say, thousands of men, now working in breweries and distilleries would be released for work at farming and other productive occupations.

Chairman Lever of house agriculture committee favors plan. It is given impetus by agricultural experts in central part of country who have been working on food problem.

Movement has gained such momentum that distillers themselves are making overtures to congress, offering to restrict their output so as to release at least 15,000,000 bushels of grain annually for food.

This offer, however, is scorned by E. C. Dinwiddie, chairman of legislative bureau of anti-liquor forces here. He says distillers and brewers today are overstocked with grain and "for business reasons" are willing to reduce their grain demands for coming year.

Rep. Randall, "dry," says: "War prohibition" is inevitable.

"Forty-four per cent of barley, two per cent of corn and ten per cent of the rye raised in this country," Randall said today, "is being used in the manufacture of alcoholic liquor.

Rep. Howard believes Pres. Wilson should not and will not wait for congress to act on the matter, but "as a war measure" issue a proclamation temporarily closing all breweries, distilleries and saloons.

"Dry" conferences have been in progress for the last week. There is bound to be tremendous opposition to any attempt to force through "dry" measures now under guise of "war emergency" measures. Army men say that so far as military establishment is concerned there is no need of any prohibition legislation now.

GERMAN SPY SUSPECT HELD AFTER LOOP CHASE

A German spy suspect was arrested today after a long chase through the loop after he had abused the American flag and the president when approached and asked to enlist as he stood in line waiting for a marriage certificate in the county building.

Recruiting sergeant Fred Berger of Co. C, 2d reg't, I. N. G., walked up to him and suggested that he join the national guard.

The stranger broke forth in bitter and profuse denunciation of the United States, the American flag and the president, and after a struggle with the soldier, jumped out of line and ran downstairs and out of the building.

Several soldiers took up the chase and he was captured after a struggle. He gave his name as Ed Karoff, 1245 N. Ashland av. He was held for the federal authorities.

Federal agents raided office of Oscar M. Heath, school principal, suspended by Jake Loch,