

Devotees of Bacchus Will Bid Booze Farewell Tonight As Goblins Stalk

D. C. DRY LAW TO COST CITY \$500,000 IN TAX ANNUALLY

By BILL PRICE.
Expressed in cold figures, prohibition for Washington will lose to the District close to half a million dollars yearly in revenue; throw approximately 1,500 men out of work; leave close to 300 business properties without tenants, and necessitate the reinvestment of more than \$1,000,000 in other lines of business.

Despite what might ordinarily prove alarming facts to the business community, the new order of affairs was almost unanimously viewed with equanimity today—the exceptions being those who will lose heavily by the closing of the concerns in which they have for years made livings and profits.

\$676,530 Revenue Loss.
For the fiscal year ended June 30, last, the District government received in revenues from wholesale and retail liquor establishments \$470,330 net in revenues. From November 1, 1916, to this time the revenues received have practically been the same, there having been 209 retail saloons in operation, paying \$1,500 each, making a total of \$308,500, and 89 wholesale establishments, including breweries, paying \$800 each, or a total of \$71,500.

District authorities today stated that the loss of revenues would not be felt, inasmuch as the new intangible tax law is expected to produce \$1,000,000 additional revenue for the District, and the new automobile tax law at least \$100,000 above receipts in previous years.

Definite figures were not available as to the investments in the liquor business in the city, but a District tax official estimated that in real estate, stocks, fixtures, etc., the total was close to \$5,000,000. Until within the last few months about 1,500 men were engaged in the business. The attorney for one large brewery concern told The Times today his client would lose \$1,000,000 by the prohibition law. This is in accounts, vacant real estate, etc.

300 Places Vacant.
In the business center of the city, he said, there will not be many vacant buildings, but in other portions of the city the number without tenants will be close to 300. His client and other owners of property heretofore used for saloons will remodel the properties as fast as tenants apply, but up to this time there has been no demand for the absorption of the buildings. The one hope is that the demand for homes in Washington will lead to turning the properties into residences.

It was the opinion today that the majority of men thrown out of work will be quickly absorbed through the wider demand for men in all kinds of business. Those worst hit will be the older men who have spent the best years of their lives working in saloons and know little about other kinds of work.

The impression among attorneys and municipal authorities who will enforce the new law is that it is pretty strict and will make the shipping

United States Troops on Their Way to the First Line Trenches



INFANTRYMEN ON MARCH TO TRENCH.

These are real American war pictures. They show "our boys" actually on their way to the front trenches where they are now being schooled into fighting units. This last lap of the trip to the front lines found them pretty well tuned up to accomplish the work before them.

The village shown in the second picture is one of those in which "our boys" are quartered. The citizens are so familiar with the Sammies that very few appear to bid them farewell as they draw out on



ARTILLERY QUITTING VILLAGE FOR FRONT.

the eastward road. These men, it is believed, are part of those who have already engaged in battle with the Germans.

So far as has been heard, but one serious injury, that of a lieutenant of engineers, has occurred among them, but the lists of the dead and injured that it is expected will soon make their appearance in the papers, will surely bear the names of many of these men seen passing onward to the great adventure.

BARS, NOW SAD, AWAITING FINAL HOURS OF OLD KING LIQUOR

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ton, and will watch the effect of the dry law and its enforcement.

Altars Swept Down.
Already the plebeian commercialism has laid a ruthless hand upon the temples and swept down the altars. Of 200 retail establishments, barrooms and saloons, in Washington, all but thirty-eight are already closed. Those thirty-eight have been addily despoiled. Famous altar pieces are gone, some under the auctioneer's hammer, and some carried away by the worshippers to be cherished as mementoes of things that have been.

The decorations have been swept away, and naked shelves will look coldly down upon those who seek to make merry at the wake. But the chalice remains, with scant nectar to keep it filled, until it is finally turned down at midnight.

Of the sixty-nine wholesale establishments in Washington, a majority have been swept clean under the auctioneer's hammer, and fixtures are being carried away to become lunch room and store counters.

Many Bars Closed.
A score of hotel bars have been closed and are already in the hands of the wrecker. The cafes will be open tonight, probably until midnight. The qualification is made by the various managers, some of whom fear their depleted stocks will not last, and some of whom fear the effect of the last feast in the temple.

At the clubs, no formal farewell parties have been planned. There is not one, however, that will not have a wake tonight for the departed friend. Good fellows will gather—or a last reach across the mahogany, a clink of glasses, and a last toast to the "good old days."

Convivial spirits everywhere will attempt to brighten the evening shadows. But all the elf of Halloween will not lighten their grief, nor bring to life the waning spirit of Bacchus.

Will Be Re-Furnished.
There will be no funeral tomorrow (Tad to the contrary), and the body of booze will not lie in state. His ashes will be enshrined in many households, but his material remains will be banished from public view.

Until midnight worshippers of Bacchus will be plucking at the vestments upon his altars. Tomorrow the second-hand man, the junkman, and wreckers will sweep away all that is left, except—

That parched palate.

BARS GO DRY IN 11TH HOUR RUSH OF THIRSTY ONES

"Are you going to do your patriotic duty and help the excise tax tonight?"

This is the rallying cry today of the convivial spirits who are planning a last feast and farewell to Bacchus in the District tonight. It is being heard as much as the other one, "Have you stocked up yet?"

Booze prices held firm throughout the day under a pressure of enforced buying that offset the bearish influence of forced selling.

Washington saloons and liquor stores were crowded all day by last minute shoppers. Tonight a heavy outpouring of last minute drinkers is expected, all of them anxious to celebrate and take advantage of the last chance.

Preparations are being made by every drinking establishment in the city for a last minute rally. A majority of the bars have already been closed, but other proprietors are sticking to the last bell to clean up their stocks.

All the Mourners Present.
The entire family of drinkers will be at the bedside of J. Barleycorn tonight when the demise comes. There will be no opportunity for a wake.

Every drinker in town is lean in supplies as a result of a long period of preparedness work in anticipation of the end. Some, no doubt, will die a natural death before booze is officially executed at the midnight hour. Until the last, however, the mourners will be plucking at the shroud.

Hundreds of Washingtonians are stocking up with glasses, decanters, and other fixtures for the dining room and buffet. Some to be kept for use and some to be cherished as mementoes. Hundreds of importers and glassware are reeling fixtures and glasses as well as drinks to their old patrons.

The bar in the Riggs building, noted for its initial glass wear and cut glass decanters, sold all of these to their patrons at a discount from the original prices. In most instances they were bought by men whose names were permitted them to take advantage of the situation. A similar course has been followed by most of the saloons.

Many Sell At Auction.
There were a number of auction sales about the city today, to clean up stocks and fixtures of places that have been many such sales in the past, two or three days. Others are offering screens, cash registers, and fixtures at private sale.

The hotels are conserving their glassware and decanters for other uses. Many of them will utilize the bar fixtures in dining room or cafe.

Those who are going downtown tonight for a last drink may find it hard to get, if the day's rush does not let up.

The Raleigh Hotel is to close its bar as soon as the stock is gone, or at 6 o'clock in any event.

The Ebbitt bar closed Saturday night. The bar will be left as it is for the present, and the stock of glassware will be transferred to the cafe. Drinks will be served in the cafe until midnight tonight.

The Shoreham closed its bar Saturday afternoon, but will serve drinks in the cafe as long as they last.

Gerstenberg's closed yesterday. Just what is to be done with the bar has not been determined.

Shoemaker's Goes the Limit.
Shoemaker's will keep open until midnight tonight and will open tomorrow as a soft drink establishment.

Every one of the clubs will close the bar at midnight. The Cosmos Club may close a little earlier. The Press Club, the Metropolitan Club, the University Club, and others expect to stay open until the last.

The Willard bar will close at midnight.

As a rule all of the bar rooms open today will stay open as long as they have for the night.

Drinkers today found their choice limited. Many of those who have stuck to favorite brands for years, were told that it was unobtainable.

MORE BUSINESS WITH CITY DRY SAYS SHEPPARD

The National Capital will be greatly benefited, crime will be lessened, business will be increased, and the happiness of thousands of families will be augmented by the prohibition of the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors in the District of Columbia, according to a statement by Senator Sheppard, of Texas, today.

Senator Sheppard is the author of the District dry law and he is here to see the new law go into effect at midnight tonight.

"I am very much gratified," he said today, "to know that the American capital becomes dry at midnight."

"The white banner of prohibition will then float from the dome of the Capitol of the United States, never to come down."

"It will be prophetic of prohibition for the entire nation, which is destined to come in the near future."

"Prohibition for the District means a better and a happier city from every standpoint. I cannot emphasize this too strongly."

"It will be a long step in the direction of making Washington in a higher sense what we all desire it to be, a model city of the nation."

"One of the most important results of prohibition in Washington will be its effects upon crime. Crime will decrease to the vanishing point. That has been the experience of other communities where prohibition has been put into force."

"It will be found in Washington soon after the dry law becomes effective that the business of the police court will show a remarkable falling off. I have no hesitation in making that prediction. As it borne out by what has come to pass in other parts of the country."

"Prohibition in Washington will contribute wonderfully to the happiness and betterment of thousands of families. The money that has been expended heretofore for drink will be expended for actual needs of families. It will mean happier wives, healthier children, better homes in great numbers of cases."

"What will be the effect on business? It will be good. It will release vast sums for the legitimate channels of trade which before flowed into the saloons. Any apprehension that business will be injured is unfounded. The experience of many localities with prohibition have proven otherwise."

"The moral effect of prohibition in the National Capital will be profound. It will have a great effect on the States. It will tend to help along the system each representing and flushing out the whole of the internal poisonous stagnant matter."

"Every one, whether ailing, sick or well, should, each morning, before breakfast, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal; thus putting more food into the stomach. The action of hot water and limestone phosphate on an empty stomach is especially invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentation, gases, waste and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast. While you are enjoying your breakfast the water and phosphate is quietly extracting a large volume of water from the blood and getting ready for a thorough flushing of all the impurities."

"The millions of people who are bothered with constipation, biliousness, indigestion, rheumatism, and others who have sallow skins, blood disorders and sickly complexions are for the limestone phosphate from the drug store, which will cost very little, but is sufficient to make any one a pronounced crank on the subject of internal sanitation."

MORE THAN 2,000 TO LOSE JOBS BY CLOSING SALLONS

More than 2,000 employees of wholesale and retail liquor establishments and breweries are seeking or have found new jobs. Many have left the city, feeling that after a life training as "mixers" they were better off than anything else. These men were paid upward of \$200,000 a year in wages and salaries, adding to the money that was circulated through the banks and business houses directly from the liquor traffic.

War conditions have made employment for all of those who want jobs. There are some old men who have spent their lives in the saloon business, whose earning capacity will be lost to the community, but they are not many.

The millions of dollars spent for "boozes" annually in the District of Columbia will find its way into the banks and the channels of business in some other manner. The banks, however, that have been carrying big accounts for the liquor industry will feel the withdrawal of these funds, but they will come back in other accounts of one kind and another, business men say.

The "dry" law put some 400 business organizations out, but already saloon sitters have become soft-drink establishments, drug stores, cigar stores and lunch rooms. The brewers have turned their plants to other endeavors.

It is certain today that the dry law will leave no long trail of unemployed. Those who have lost their jobs found it easy to get employment of one kind or another. A canvass today showed that a minority of the bartenders and others had not found a new niche on the treadmill of life.

900 SALOON PORTERS OF CAPITAL WANT JOBS

"When the saloons of the city close tomorrow it will throw 900 negroes out of a job," said the Rev. Simon P. W. Drew, pastor of the negro Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, today.

The Rev. Drew said many of the men who will lose their saloon jobs tomorrow have not yet procured employment. Many of these men have registered with the White Cross Employment Bureau, located in the Cosmopolitan Church, an organization working to bring the job and the person seeking the job together.

Today, says Dr. Drew, is the opportunity for the employers of the city who have been hampered by the shortage of labor, to secure men from among these 900 who lose their jobs tomorrow.

The bureau has the names and addresses of scores of negroes seeking employment.

Vital Records

Births.
Henry A. and Roberta M. Swanson, girl, Charles Lynn, 64 yrs., Wash. Army Hosp. Noble J. and Elizabeth O. Swearingen, boy, Lucille W. Gray, 48 yrs., 234 E. Cap. st. Frank and Elizabeth C. Markell, girl, William L. and Marian Larson, girl, John and Rose, boy, David S. and Mary E. Lagomarsino, girl, Harry T. and Mary H. Lewis, boy, Frank C. and Francis R. Joyce, boy, Luther and Ethel Lager, girl, Robert J. and Julia M. Paul, girl, Clarence A. and Annie M. Burley, boy, Edward L. and Mary E. Hagan, boy, Jesse O. and Jeffrey E. Bryant, boy, John and Evelyn Angelo, girl, Donald E. and Rose E. Perry, girl, John W. and Dora Gaidwood, boy.

Deaths.
Nannie Bell, 64 yrs., Georgetown Univ. Hosp. Charles Lynn, 64 yrs., Wash. Army Hosp. Sarah E. Weeks, 68 yrs., 231 1st st. w. James H. Galdard, 10 yrs., 175 Galen st. n. w. Charlotte B. White, 88 yrs., Geo. Wash. Hosp. George L. Kline, 21 yrs., St. Elizabeth's Hosp. Vincent Mariani, 58 yrs., 22 1st st. w. Hazel Piller, 58 yrs., Garfield Hosp. James Lamsburg, 74 yrs., 211 1/2 st. n. w. Francis O. McSwain, 80 yrs., 34 N. C. ave. n. w. John W. Meyer, 50 yrs., 23 Mass. ave. n. w. Ann M. McDonnell, 67 yrs., Georgetown Vint. station.

DEATHS
BAUER—On Tuesday, October 30, 1917, at 415 a. m. SERAPHTAN BAUER, beloved husband of Amelia Bauer, in his seventy-fifth year. Funeral Friday, November 2, 1917, at 10 a. m. at his late residence, 48 H Street northwest, thence to St. Aloysius Church, where solemn requiem mass will be said. Relatives and friends invited. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery.

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