

PROGRESS IN GEORGIA

It has been said of the prohibition law of Georgia passed in 1907 that it "would not hold water, but would hold beer." The present legislature has changed all that and Georgia is now provided with drastic enforcement measures. These prohibit the manufacture and sale of any kind of malt, whether or not it contains alcohol, and no liquors containing as much as one-half of one per cent. alcohol are permitted. They include an anti-shiping bill, an anti-liquor advertising bill, and a law covering locker clubs, beer saloons and breweries, and further provide for the removal of sheriffs who fail to enforce the law. These prohibition measures were passed by overwhelming majorities and become effective May 1, 1916.

ADVISABLE AS A DEFENSE MEASURE

The warring nations of Europe have forced prohibition upon the attention of the American people as a question having direct bearing upon national efficiency and preparedness, with respect both to the quality of the ship and the quantity and of revenue. World history now showing impels and compels militarists, economists and statisticians, to the same conclusion regarding the drink evil. As a defense program the abolishment of the liquor traffic should be considered as especially wise and timely.

THE SOUTH FAST DRYING UP

The entire South east of the Mississippi, with the exception of portions of Louisiana and Florida, is now dry. Florida has only a few wet spots, these being cities and towns. There are no saloons in rural districts. In Louisiana thirty of the fifty-nine parishes (counties) are dry and fifty-one per cent. of the population is under no-license.

CANADA'S WHITENING MAP

The vote for prohibition in Newfoundland was more than four times as large as the vote against it—24,965 for, 5,348 against. The law required that forty per cent of the voters registered at the last election vote on the question. Of the fifteen electoral constituencies, eleven gave more than the required number of votes, and all others except two recorded large majorities in its favor. The election was held November 4, but on account of stormy weather ballot boxes in the St. Barbe district could not be collected for some weeks—and it was this district which turned the tide for prohibition. The law becomes effective January 1, 1917.

Canada has set out to "make the map all white." Province-wide prohibition obtains in Prince Edward Island and in Alberta. In Nova Scotia it applies to all the province except the capital city, Halifax, which may outlaw the drink traffic by popular vote. Saskatchewan has a law abolishing liquor in all bars and clubs until after the war—then a vote of the people is to decide the question. The sale in shops is at present under control of the provincial government. In the other provinces a large proportion of territory is under prohibition through local option.

POLITICAL PARTIES GETTING READY FOR THE WATER WAGON

The liquor question is in politics until it is settled—which means it is there with increasing conspicuousness for the few years that remain of the drink traffic's existence. Anti-liquor sentiment in this country has developed to such a degree that political parties, old and new, conservative and radical, are giving to the winds their fears regarding prohibition as a State and National issue, and the far-seeing of their leaders are urging that it be included in the 1916 platforms. Republican Governors of certain States

are announcing that they will present prohibition planks, and men high in State and National Democratic councils are advocating a prohibition declaration by the party in power. As for the Progressives, the liquor press characterizes them as the "Prohibitive" party.

According to reports of the United States Bureau of Census, the average wages of wage-earners per annum in the no-license cities of Massachusetts is \$542.75; in the saloon cities only \$468.66. The average wages paid wage-earners in the no-license city of Brooklyn, Mass., was \$636; in saloon-ridden Milwaukee, Wis., only \$490.

FOR NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL PROHIBITION

A meeting of the Committee of Nineteen, appointed by the "Get Together" conference last July, was held in Washington, December 5th. Eight representatives of national temperance organizations, two United States Senators and two members of the House were present. In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman, Miss Anna A. Gordon, president National W. C. T. U., presided.

"However radically we may differ," said Miss Gordon, "in our opinions concerning the mooted question of preparedness—the investment of vast sums of money for national defense and the training of our youth for a possible invasion of America—this committee is testotally agreed that greater preparedness for the conflict against the legalized liquor traffic is of paramount importance."

The Committee was continued under the name of the National Prohibition Amendment Commission.

The wording of the prohibition amendment as voted upon in the Sixty-third Congress was approved. It reads as follows:

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Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following amendment of the Constitution be, and hereby is, proposed to the States, to become valid as a part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of the several

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