Big Campaign Launched To Dry Up Washington

Prohibition Enforcement Is to Have Its Greatest Test in National Capital and Officials Entrusted With Job Have Made Up Minds to Do It Thoroughly

By ROBERT T. SMALL

Washington, Jan. 12.—Prohibition enforcement is to have its greatest test here in Washington. The officials entrusted with that work have made up their minds that the nation's capital is

With Anti-Saloon Leaguers and temperance advocates gathered here for the celebration YEAR SUCCESSFUL next we k of the fourth andversary of constitutional problbition in this country word has is to be made in actuality a dry municipality no matter what the cost. This is to be a real test. If it fails then it will be admit-

So long as Washington remains "wet" it is said there is little hope of effective enforcement in other communates that lean to alcoholic dampness. The chefts have decided there is not much to be gained in raking their subordinates over the coals in other jurisdictions when the Volsted Act is being violated right under their noses here in Washington. Washington.

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Fair warning has been given, therefore, to Government officials and all other flaunters of the law that they must make up their minds to accept prohibition and abide by it. The prohibition agents have gone so far as to say that if they cannot make Wishington dry they might as well give up the task everywhere.

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Washington consequently is to become a dry symbol to the rest of the country. There has been entirely too much drinking here in connection with national banquets and dinners. Too many prominent visitors have gone back to their home towns with the statement that they found Washington as wet as the Atlantic Ocean. All of this is going to be changed. It is admitted wines and liquors have not been served opto be changed. It is admitted wines and liquors have not been served openly at the banquet tables, but on the occasion of each big dinner it is claimed several hotel rooms have been taken over and converted into virtual bars. For some of the funcations the committees in charge have imported old-time bar tenders and the jubilation has gone forward in gala tempo.

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Distinguished foreign visitors, entertained here at the capital, invariably have gone back to Europe with the statement that prohibition seems to be a "joke" in this country even in the very home of the Government.

All of this semi-public drinking is to be stainped out. To this end the prohibition chiefs are importing some of their most successful operatives from other districts. None of the regular agents are being relieved in

from other districts. None of 'the regular agents are being relieved in the District of Columbia, but there is to be a concentration here of the 'best minds' in the enforcement personnel, and it is to be a case of dry up Washington or 'bust.''

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special agents who recently "cleaned up" Savann n. Ga. and rounded up some ninety or one hundred of the chief bootleggers and conspirators, have arrived in Washington and begun work "under cover." They are known in the service s the "Irish wrecking crew" and what they intend to do to the law breakers here in the capital is said to be a plenty. Nether senators, nor congressmen nor officials in any branch of the Government will be spared in the "round up of those who sell and those who possess the forbidden beythose who posess the forbidden bev-

crages.

An example is to be made of Washington and naturally the temperance delegates who are here are delighted with the prospect. They feel that a great step forward will be made if the lid can be clamped on Washington good nd tight. They have been taunted everywhere with the free drinking in Washington, and they believe if an effective start can be made here the rest of the country will yield.

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The prohibition agents do not expect to blot cut the last vestige of we ness. They say that a certain amount of moonstate will continue to filter into the capital from the surrounding rural countles in Maryland and Virginia. They are striking at the "choice liquors" which have been pouring into the capital lately and bringing here higher prices than in almost any other sections of the country.

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Some of the raids thus far made have been anonymous affairs. The names of the homes invaded have not been made public. This is to be no brass band affair this time. The workers are going to labor quietly and earnestly and believe their silence will be more effective than

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gone forth that this city at least Commissioner Makes Annual Statement of Accomplishment and Looks Forward to Another Good Year.

Raleigh, January 14 - Declaring ted that prohibition laws cannot that the year 1923 was the most successful and eventful in its history, the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare today made public afreview of the year's work and the plans as outlined by Mrs. Kate Burr Johnston, Commissioner for the 1921 period. Among subjects dis-cussed in the report were too priced conditions, work for crippled children, the operation of the Mother's Aid Law passed by the 1923 Assem-bly and the use of the fifty per cent increase for the work of the Board which was granted by the 1923 Leg-islature. Increasing popular sup-port and understanding of the work of the Board on the part of the pub-lic has been very heartening to the officers of the pubofficers of the department, the state-ment declared. For 1923, according to Mrs. John-

For 1923, according to Mrs. Johnson's statemnt, the Board will enlarge the scope of its five bureaus dealing with public welfare and it is expected that the new State Institutions, will come under lis supervision. Clinics for the crippled children, conducted successfully for 1923 will be continued in 1924. The adoption of definite standards for the work of the county superinten-

flamboyant accounts of obscure ar-rests. Neither is the round up here to be a forty eight hour "dead line" affair. If Washington is dry by late spring, the prohibtion unit will be satisfied

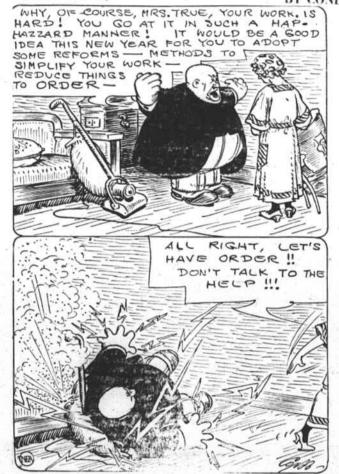
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is the General Assembly in 1922, as and the Statement, and the Statement, and thirty per cent increase in the Legistature's appropriations to the Board were two of the year's high lights for the State Board of Charattes and Public Welfare. Supervision of the administration of the Mothers' Aid fund of \$50,000 from the State to be matched dollar for dollar by the counties which avail themselves of its provisions has considerably increased the work of the Board. This is being efficiently handled by Miss Emeth Tuttle, Director of Mothers' Aid, who has now approved more than a hundred cases in 58 counties.

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systematic effort in this direc-July gave the opportunity to put these standards into effect. This was attended in some class by dif-iculties which had been foreseen but which, it is thought, will de-treas, with the growth of familiarity with the standards adopted. It is (Continued On Page Seven)

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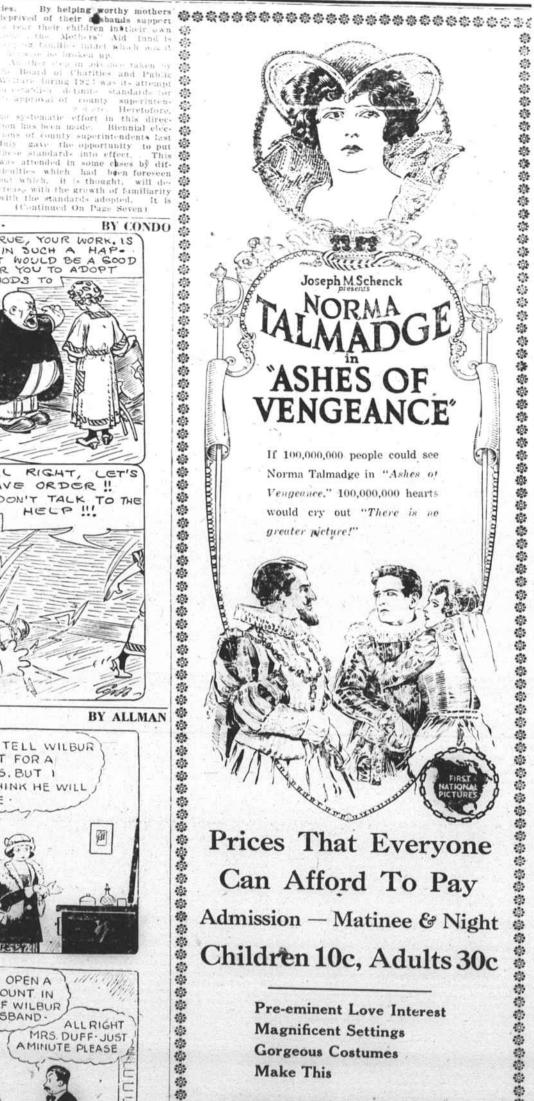
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