

House-Senate Committee Formed Prohibition Drive Begins at Capitol

By United Press

Prohibitionists began a drive in Congress today for legislation prohibiting the sale of liquor to men in the armed services. A committee headed by Rep. Bryson (D., S. C.) was authorized by a bi-partisan group of representatives and senators to press for action.

Several bills pending in both Senate and House deal with the subject, but committees to which they have been referred show no inclination to act on them.

QUOTES THE PEOPLE

Approximately 25 members of the House and three Senators—Capper (R., Kan.), O'Daniel (D., Tex.) and Lee (D., Okla.)—attended a luncheon yesterday at which the committee was appointed. Rep. Rees (R., Kan.), one of those who attended, reported that "feeling is running high among the people for the enactment of legislation along this line."

"The thing is unbridled and uncontrolled now," he said. "People are beginning to feel that the efficiency and morale of the armed services are being hurt by drinking around Army and Navy establishments."

Bryson called the luncheon conference "to better consolidate the dry sentiment in Congress." It was agreed at the meeting that a national conference of temperance leaders would be held next month.

GASTON BREAKS BREAD

Edward Page Gaston, commander of the "Patriotic Guard of America Inc.," attended yesterday's conference and later issued a statement which said:

"... This gathering grew out of the growing demand for speedy action from indignant parents and other connections of service men now being debauched by flaunting vice and drinking conditions."

He said invitations to the June conference would be sent to the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Knights of Columbus, Federation of Women's Clubs, Parent-Teacher associations, AFL, CIO churches and other groups.



EDWARD PAGE GASTON
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