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Dear Madam; I have just been reading your article on 'prohebition' in Oct. Delineator, I like it very much, especially where you say that unless the law abiding people get together on some practicle substitute, to put in the place of the Eighteenth Amendment as soon as it is repealed, that we will wake up and find ourselves saddled with the saloon, hard liquor and all the evils that go with it.

I have been giving the liquor question a great deal of thought during the last four years, (I am a disabled veteran, and am unable to do much of anything) and personaly I do not put much confidance in the politician whose only reason for running for office is 'repeal and state-control'.

The people know, (at least they should know) that either the old time brewery and whiskey 'ring' is back of every politician who is coming out for 'repeal and state-control' with no practical plan back of it, or else that that politician has not the ability to come out with a plan strong enough to defy the powers of that 'ring', Either of these 'qualifications' should exempt him (or her) from office,

Beer and wine is the only solution of the liquor question. Handled in the right way, it can be made to do away with unemployment, poverty, drinking of hard liquor as a beverage, reduce crime to a minimum, reduce traffic accidents to a minimum, furnish most of the upkeep of our homes for the aged, orphan homes, pentions for needy widows, give parks and community centers to all cities and towns, make living conditions so good that others than habitual offenders would seldom commit themselves enough to be confined in prisons, reduce the opperating cost of the Federal Government a billion dollars, and increase the revenue of the Federal Government billions of dollars, not directly from the revenue of beer and wine, but in-directly, Every section of the country would see that the first thing done with the revenue to be got from beer and wine, would be to see that there was no unemployment in that particular section.

In order to get the best results from the revenues to be obtained from beer and wine, the ownership of the breweries and wineries, must be in the hands of millions of our best citizens and not in the hands of a few of our most undesirable citizens as the case would be if we were to repeal the Eighteenth Amendment and have no practecal plan ready to put in its place.

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There should be one plan of opperation for all states. Let every state provide itself with breweries and wineries by selling shares in same. Limit the amount of shares to a person, All ex-convicts, violators of our present Prohibition laws etc, would be exempt from holding shares. All ex-veterans of past wars would be given preferance in purchase of shares. Veterans of the Worlds War, would be allowed to use the Adjustded Service Certificates now held by them, in the purchase of shares. This could be arranged by the state issuing bonds to the amount of the Certificates , and then deducting the interest for the bonds from the interest allowed to the share holders. In other words the veteran would be putting up his (or her) certificate as security, and would get part of the seven per cent interest allowed by the state, and all of the 'bonus' of one cent per quart on all beer and wine produced in the breweries and wineries of that state,

Shareholders would have nothing to do with the opperating of the breweries and wineries. Manufacture and distribution would be under state control. The states would reserve the right to re-purchase any or all shares at any time it see fit.. Shares would have a par value of $100.00 each, and no person would be allowed to possess over twenty five shares at any one time.

The cost of beer and wine to the consumer , would be the same in all states. This would be set by representatives from each state, and would always be enough over the actual cost of production , to give a revenue of seven cents per quart net, to the district (all states would be divided into districts) in which consumed,

It is very important that the price to the consumer should be the same in all states, Otherwise there would be friction. There should be no competition between states, other than that caused by quality of the beer and wine produced, a healthful competition. All liquors should be put up in bottles , beer in qts. and pts. and wine in qts. pts. and, half pts. The public would be issued the liquor through state controled distributing stations . Public eating places such as restaurants, hotels etc. would be issued permits to serve liquor with meals, No licens would be paid in such cases, but a bond would be required , said bond to be forfeited in case of violation of said permit. Parties securing permits for this purpose would serve liquor only at bona-fide meals , and then only in a limited amount, In the case of beer it would be one pint, and wine, one half pint. All minors or persons intoxicated, would be exempt from purchase at all times.

According to the best statistics obtainable the consumption of both beer and wine togather, is about one pint per capata per day. At a net revenue to a district of seven cents per qt. it would mean about thirteen dollars per capata , per annum,

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It is very easy to see that by putting the ownership of the breweries and wineries into the hands of millions of our better class of citizens , (and by paying them a bonus on production, plus interest on their investment) that we are creating a force who can be depended upon to see that there is no whiskey bootlegger going to interfere with the production of beer and wine , thereby reducing their bonus. This puts the bootlegger out of business, also does away with the drinking of hard liquor as a beverage,

So many of our unemployed would be put to work either building breweries or wineries or re-modeling old breweries and wineries that the different states would purchase, making machinery for breweries , wineries, bottling works, box factories and a hundred and one different things that would be needed in this business, that I do not think that any of the revenue obtained by the different states would be required to relieve the unemployed situation, it would relieve it'self.

The buying power would be increased to such an extent that it would have immediate effect upon all other industries, More labor would needed in all industries, It would require over ten millions of acres to furnish the barley for the breweries alone, saying nothing about hops, grapes etc. The crime situation would be greatly relieved by doing away with unemployment, but we would still have our organized gangs and the habitual criminal. By doing away with the bootlegger in this manner, the efficiency of our police forces would be greatly increased. And by a little judicious handling of part of the revenue from beer and wine ,all crime could be reduced to a minimum. This could be most effetively done by a system of bonuses to the police forces, Pay your police a bonus providing they put down all crime to a minimum,and if they fail, get a new force, The crime situation is costing the people thirteen billions of dollars annuly . I believe that the bonus system will handle it in most cases, In the large cities where crime is worse, I believe it would be best to class it as a National Emergency and handle it as such, That is for each state put one cent per qt. on all beer and wine sold in that state into what would be known as a National Emergency Fund, This fund would be under control of the Presidant (it would amount to about $175.000.000 Per annum,) and would be used by him in all cases of emergencies such as floods, pests, crime-waves etc. By making liberaldonations to cities where crime is worse , I believe the worse crime conditions could be wiped out.

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All agitation against our form of Government would be wiped out, because poverty and want-the principal thingh that agitation lives on-, would be no more, I believe that the 'crooks' who, under our present prohibition laws , are gradualy getting control of the country, would soon see that the winning cards were in the hands of the lawabiding people, and that they would then be forced to put many of the billions of dollars they had reaped during the last ten years of 'thieves harvest' into legitimate business.

A well equipped brewery can make, bottle and label, a quart of beer for less than five cents. This would sell to the consumer for twenty cents. This fact alone should be sufficient to convince any thinking person why the brewers and distillers are back of the 'planless repealer', The consumer could afford , would gladly, and should be made to pay, at least twenty cents per qt. for beer. Five cents would be the actual cost of production, seven cents would go to the district in which sold, one cent as a bonus to shareholders, one cent to the National Emergency Fund, This would leave a balance of six cents per qt. with which to pay interest on shares, upkeep of breweries, laboratories in which to conduct experiments, for the production of better beers and wines etc.,

I believe that a plan of this kind would get more support throught the nation than any plan for 'enforcement' or any plan for ' repeal' that would make our bootlegger of today our 'brewer', of tomorrow; as the case will be unless something is done ,and done quickly.

I am not going to take up much more of your time , other than to say that I have thought out many other little details, such as how the better grades of beer and wine could be handled for the''more particular'' consumers, pay a larger revenue etc. How one organization would be formed in each district, from representatives of all organizations in that district, to handle the revenues to be obtained in this manner, in such a way that any evil effects from the sale of beer and wine would be offset, many times over.

This is my plan for handling the liquor question , and if it is not asking too much I would like your candid opinion concerning it , I don't want your opinion on the spelling, punctuation etc, of this letter, because, as I told you before, I am a disabled veteran and am now going through about all the torture I can stand, But in case you ever write an article entitled ''A POSSIBLE SOLUTION'' you are welcome to any part of this letter you can make use of,

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