

EVERY DAY IS MOVING DAY FOR 'WETS' NOW

Processions of Limousines Back Up at Freight Entrances of Clubs to Cart Liquor Away.

NO DRINKING AT TABLES

Good Cheer to Rule in Privacy of Permanent Lodgers Only— Rigid Rules Prevail.

The ruling of the Internal Revenue Bureau that all liquor stored in safe deposit vaults and similar places must be moved to the private residence of the owner by Jan. 17 was received with something akin to consternation yesterday in New York City. It was predicted that in the next two days the safety deposit vaults and storage places outside of homes would be emptied of their contents of alcoholic beverages.

The ruling caused the greatest grumbling among those maintaining small hotel apartments, particularly bachelors. It was pointed out that there was absolutely no question of the hardship the ruling would force on persons who were situated so that they could not maintain more than the smallest quantity of liquor on their premises.

The Association Opposed to National Prohibitions announced yesterday that it would seek to intervene in the suit brought by the State of Rhode Island in the United States Supreme Court to determine the validity of the 18th amendment.

Invitations, framed in a heavy black border, have been sent out to the "Funeral Ball of John Barleycorn," to be held tomorrow night at Reisenweber's, Columbus Circle and Fifty-ninth Street.

Hotel Men's Last "Wet" Dinner.

The dinner of the Hotel Men's Association tonight at the Hotel Commodore will be the last "wet" affair of the organization. The speakers will be Governor-elect Edward I. Edwards of New Jersey, Senator Walter E. Edge of New Jersey and John Temple Graves. Thomas D. Green, President of the association will act as toastmaster. Herbert Waterous, Henry Prince and Harry McCaskey will sing.

William H. Hirst, counsel for the Society of Restaurateurs, said yesterday that it was not generally known that after Jan. 16 intoxicating liquor may be possessed by hotels for nonbeverage purposes. Such liquors, it was said, might be sold for cooking purposes. Women have taken to smoking more cigarettes since prohibition, according to Walter Guzzardi, who directs the Hotel Majestic restaurant.

Liquorless lockers in the clubs of New York are what nonresident members of the clubs will find after Jan. 16. Both the letter and the spirit of the order which was issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Washington on Tuesday to the effect that liquor cannot be stored in places other than a person's home, will be strictly lived up to in the prominent clubs in this city, it was learned yesterday.

At a few of the clubhouses large limousines were standing outside the freight entrance yesterday. A chauffeur would go into the building and in ten or fifteen minutes would come out carrying a case such as had been used in former days for wine and whiskey bottles.

The University Club, at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-first Street, will destroy liquors stored there unless members remove them before the law takes effect.

Friars Will Drink at Tables.

Theatrical men who reside at the Friars Club, 110 West Forty-eighth Street, will be permitted to take their drinks to the table with them, said Mr. Block last evening, in accordance with the letter of the law, since the club is the "home" of its resident members. Those who do not live there have been requested to remove their liquors from the storage room, he said.

The stock of liquors at the Union Club, at Fifth Avenue and Fortieth Street, had been depleted by about four-fifths when the manager of the club investigated the contents of the cellar yesterday afternoon. The members, he said, have until tomorrow to have the last of the liquor removed.

The secretary of the Lambs Club, 128 West Forty-fourth Street, said the locker system there would be discarded with the exception of two vaults, used by the two permanent residents of the club. There will be no drinking at the club at all, he said.

At the Lotus Club, the City Club and the Harvard Club no lockers were put in use, it was learned, but the managements said that they would be on the lookout for any member who might bring in his drinks for consumption at the clubs.