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Though beer will flow from the nation's breweries with the sanction of the law on April 7, its manufacture in the home, even if it does not exceed the allowed alcoholic content of 3.2 per cent, will still be illegal, in the opinion of Federal Attorney Medalie's prohibition division.

The reason for this belief, it was said yesterday, is a sentence in Section 3 of the beer bill, which makes the national prohibition act apply to beer contained in barrels, casks, bottles or kegs, which have not been labeled and sealed "as may be prescribed by regulation."

When Congress passed the beer bill, hundreds of dealers in malt and hops and other beer-making materials and paraphernalia believed that the sale of their commodities, even for the frankly expressed purpose of making beer, would be legal.

Prior to the passage of the beer bill spasmodic raids had been made on malt and hops shops, based on a decision of the United States Supreme Court, which held that any materials sold for the purpose of violating the prohibition law were outlawed and could be seized.

A dealer in such commodities called recently at the Federal Building to seek advice from Mr. Medalie's prohibition division on the subject. He was informed of the existence of Section 3 of the new beer bill, which reads in part:

"But the national prohibition act, as amended and supplemented, shall apply to any of the foregoing (beer, ale, porter or other similar fermented liquor), or to any act or failure to act in respect to any of the foregoing, contained in bottles, casks, barrels, kegs or other containers, not labeled and sealed as may be prescribed by regulation."

An assistant to Mr. Medalie informed the inquirer that the section made the manufacture of beer in the home illegal and that in his opinion it would not be possible for him legally to advertise his products.

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