JURIST URGES DRY ACT REPEAL TO HALT CRIME

Crooks Place Nation in State of War.

New York, July 31. — [Special.] —
The movement for the formation of a national crime commission, promoters of which held their first meeting Wednesday in the offices of Elbert H. Gary, head of the United States Steel corporation, received impetus today from several sources. The New York Better Business bureau, declaring that crimes in business are as numerous and "safe" as those of violence, approved the movement and suggested its scope be broadened to include consideration of commercial criminality.

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General Sessions Judge Alfred J. Talley indorsed the proposed commission and declared himself for complete abolition of the prohibition law on the ground that it is "at the bottom of all our lawlessness and disrespect for constituted authority." He said the first considerations of the commission should be enactment of a federal statute making the sale of pistols illegal, and a thorough study of the relation of trucancy to crime.

"We are actually in a state of war," Judge Talley said. "War has been declared against society by the criminal element throughout the country, and it is imperative that society prepare itself to offer organized resistance."

SAYS ALCOHOL IS FOOD.

Dr. F. G. Benedict, director of the Boston nutrition laboratory of the Carnegie Institute at Washington, has presented proof that alcohol is a food. In a paper published in the Journal of the American Medical Association he is quoted as saying that up to 72 grams daily, drinking alcohol is completely oxidized by the human system. In fact, Dr. Benedict adds, it will be more completely absorbed than 72 grams of any other substance known, except pure sugar, and furnishes 500 calories. The doctor failed to translate the 72 grams into highballs, but it's approximately two and one-quarter ounces of pure alcohol, or half a pint of gin.