

WHEELER'S 18TH AMENDMENT PROCESS

What factors made it the right time to propose a prohibition amendment?

Who were Wheeler's allies?

did you know?

Twenty-six out of the U.S. Constitution's 27 amendments have been ratified by state legislatures. Only the 21st Amendment (which repealed the 18th Amendment) was ratified through state conventions.

# 2 THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE 18TH AMENDMENT

Take a look at Wayne Wheeler's Amazing Amendment Machine. This exhibit shows that it is not easy to ratify a constitutional amendment. By looking at the machine, can you discover how the 18th Amendment was ratified? It took a perfect storm of many different elements to make it happen. Fill in the chart below to help our readers understand the process.

THE CONSTITUTION IS AMENDED

THE 18TH AMENDMENT IS PROPOSED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS.

IT RECEIVES VOTES IN BOTH HOUSES.

THE AMENDMENT IS RATIFIED BY THE LEGISLATURES OF STATES.

THE 18TH AMENDMENT BECOMES PART OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.



REFLECT

Now that you understand the process, propose an amendment that you think could be passed in the next 10 years.

How was the amendment's language crafted to make it more palatable?

# 8 PROHIBITION: AN ERA IN REVIEW

Excellent job! The Editor-in-Chief is really impressed and thinks you're ready for a promotion to regular columnist. Now that the 21st Amendment has been ratified and Prohibition is over, your next assignment is to write a story analyzing the entire era. First, you need to pitch the boss on your angle. Come up with a catchy headline that summarizes the changes America has gone through over the last 14 years.



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# PROHIBITION PRESS



HELLO REPORTER!

Welcome to your first day at Prohibition Press, a newspaper covering the stories of Prohibition. Your job as our new intern is to travel through the exhibition and uncover the complex issues surrounding the 18th and 21st Amendments. The Prohibition era was filled with change, and it had a profound impact on our country. Now go get the story for our readers!

## OUT IN THE COLD!

### 1 Temperance Workers Make Camp in the Snow

Check out this great shot! Our cameraman captured two women protesting outside a saloon in Hillsboro, Ohio. They must be freezing! We need you to get the scoop. Find this photograph in the exhibition and learn their story. What are they thinking? Why are they going to such extremes to fight for what they believe in? See if you can get quotes from these women and the saloon owner as well.



The 18th Amendment banned the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors in the United States. It was ratified on January 16, 1919. The 21st Amendment repealed (or canceled out) the 18th Amendment and was ratified on December 5, 1933. Wayne Wheeler was the chief strategist behind getting the 18th Amendment ratified. He worked for the Anti-Saloon League (ASL). Congressman Andrew Volstead was the sponsor of the National Prohibition Act, which was known as the Volstead Act. This act determined how the 18th Amendment would be enforced.

Would this type of protest stop you from going into a building? Can you think of a current movement that has used similar methods?

REFLECT

### Malicious Mail Pours in for Congressman Volstead!

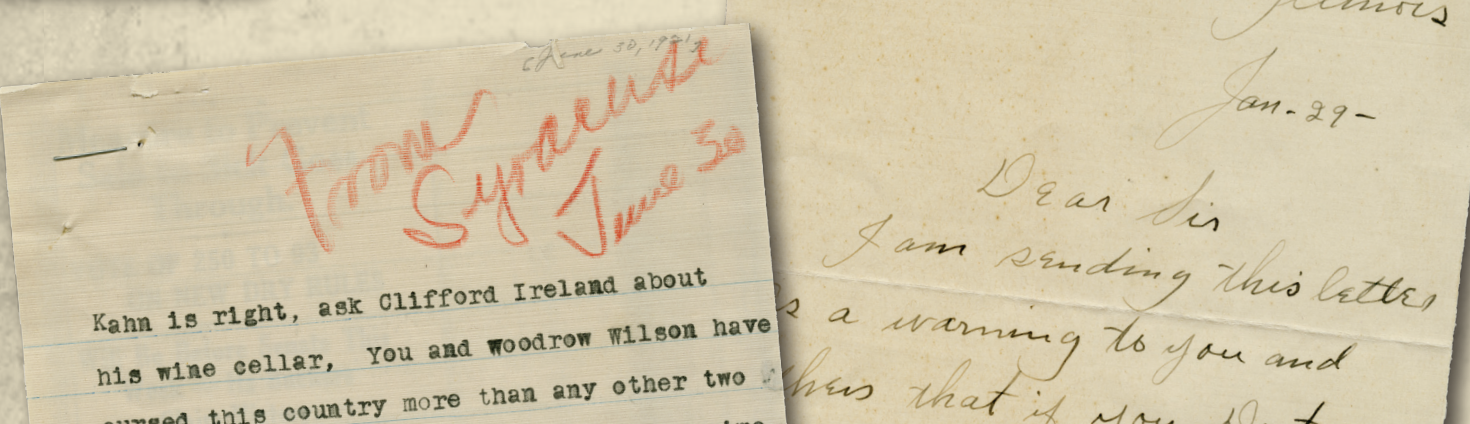
Our readers need the facts! The Volstead Act, named for Congressman Andrew Volstead, was just passed to explain how the 18th Amendment will be enforced, and people are not happy. We need you to play the *Is It Legal?* game to gather the facts on what alcohol is legal and what isn't. **Fill in the chart to help readers understand this new legislation.**



3 WAYS ALCOHOL IS LEGAL	3 WAYS ALCOHOL IS ILLEGAL

### EXAMINE

Look at the letters sent to Congressman Volstead. As you can see, many people were outraged that the Volstead Act outlawed beer and wine. Anything that was 0.5 percent alcohol or more was considered an "intoxicating liquor."



## HOT or NOT



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Prohibition-era fashions highlighted a new image of the modern woman — one who was more independent, confident, and assertive. Our readers are very interested in the stories that fashion can tell. Find the dresses and women's accessories on display, then compare them to the Victorian-era ensemble pictured here on the left. **What differences do you notice, and what do you think they say about how society is changing?**

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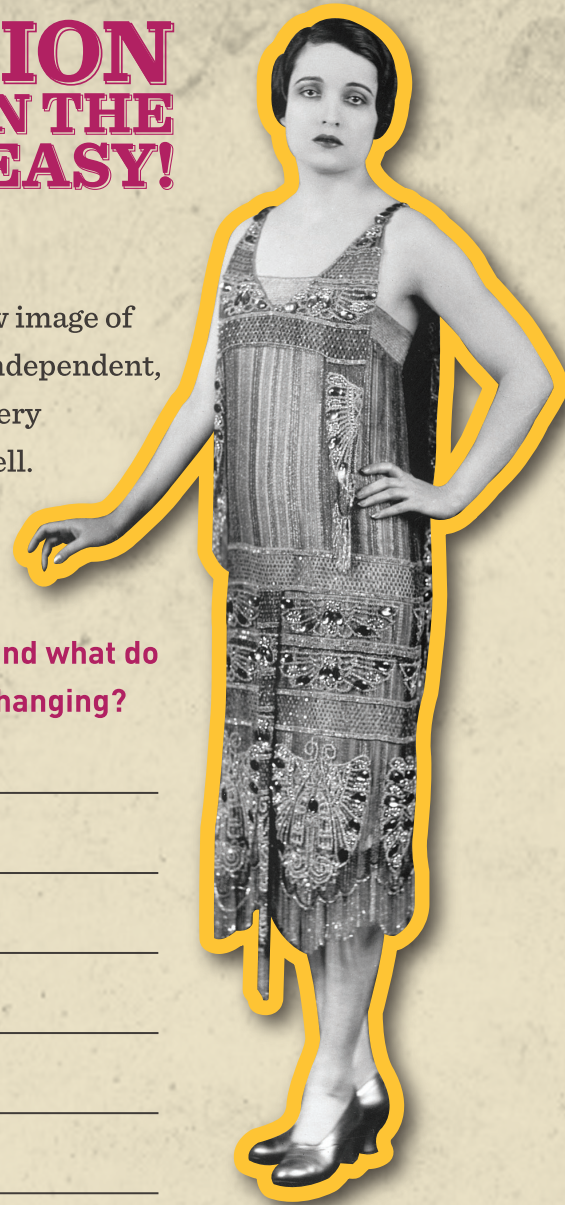
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### FASHION ROARS IN THE SPEAKEASY!



### Prohibition Bureau Faces Corruption in Its Ranks!

The Prohibition Bureau is looking for a few good agents. Corruption and ineptitude fill the ranks, and a "Help Wanted" ad is needed to get some new recruits. Explore the bureau's office and review the agent files in the filing cabinet. What are the characteristics and qualities of a good Prohibition agent? **Create a "Help Wanted" ad by listing characteristics you would look for.** Remember, you're trying to attract someone who can't be bought!

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### HELP WANTED!



Aside from corruption, what were some of the major challenges the Prohibition Bureau faced? What might have helped them better enforce the law?

### REFLECT

## CRIME ON THE RISE BECAUSE OF PROHIBITION

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**NAME ALPHONSE CAPONE** Nicknames Al, "Scarface"

City \_\_\_\_\_

Years Active \_\_\_\_\_

CRIMINAL HISTORY		
Year	Charge	Outcome

CRIMINAL RANKING

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



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Prohibition has had an unexpected consequence — the rise of violent organized crime. Our researchers are profiling some well-known mobsters, and they need you to collect more facts. **Find the call-outs on the wall for these gangsters and fill in the missing information.** Then, give each of them a criminal ranking. We want our readers to understand the levels of law-breaking going on!

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### INGENUITY AND INVENTION IN THE MARKETPLACE

Facing new regulations, many companies were forced to change their businesses and develop new products (although some weren't strictly legal). Find the "Product Ingenuity" chart past the speakeasy. **Choose one product and help our marketing department design an advertisement for it.** Don't forget to include a winning slogan.



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**NAME ARTHUR FLEGENHEIMER**

City \_\_\_\_\_

Years Active \_\_\_\_\_

CRIMINAL HISTORY		
Year	Charge	Outcome

CRIMINAL RANKING

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**NAME MAX HOFF** Nickname "Boo Boo"

City \_\_\_\_\_

Years Active \_\_\_\_\_

CRIMINAL HISTORY		
Year	Charge	Outcome

CRIMINAL RANKING

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



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