

The court took the case from the jury and ordered a verdict for the Farbwerke-Hoechst Company, on the ground that the text of the law did not include synthetic substitutes except in Section IV, where it was without force so far as the general construction of the law is concerned.

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF PHARMACY ACTIVE IN EFFORT TO CONTROL NARCOTIC SALES.

In a number of letters to officials of the Government the California Board of Pharmacy has pointed out that sales were being made by smuggling, and on physicians' orders without respect for the law. For example, prescribing several ounces of morphine for one person and the writing of 156 prescriptions for narcotics by one physician during a short period of time.

The Board recommends the removal of Harrison Law privileges from those who follow such practices, and with regard to limitations of amounts to be prescribed they make these recommendations: First: Those who are habitual users, limit the amount of morphine to five grains, cocaine two grains, heroin, two grains, that the physician may prescribe daily during the treatment, specify the length of time it should last and at the end of thirty days of such treatment must show a complete cure, otherwise the treatment will not be considered in good faith.

Second: Those persons afflicted with an incurable disease: The physician should not be restricted to the amount prescribed but should be required to state the nature of the disease or ailment upon the prescription and make a report to the Federal or State Departments having jurisdiction. These should be subject to thorough investigation.

WAR DEPARTMENT

List of changes of stations during July, 1916, in the cases of Sergeants First Class and Sergeants, Medical Department.

SERGEANTS FIRST CLASS.

John E. Oberg, from Ft. Worden, to the Southern Department for assignment.

SERGEANTS.

The following named sergeants were sent to the Southern Department for assignment to station:

Leo J. Miller, from Ft. Leavenworth.
Fritz J. Sheffler, from Army Medical School, Washington, D. C.
Patrick F. O'Donnell, from Ft. Mott.
David Perkins, from Ft. Michie.
Carl H. Hoffmeyer, from the U. S. Disciplinary Barracks, Leavenworth.
James W. Wilkie, from West Point, N. Y.
Richard H. Bledsoe, from the U. S. Disciplinary Barracks, Alcatraz, Cal.
Wm. D. Cherry, from the U. S. Disciplinary Barracks, Alcatraz, Cal.
William M. Anderson, from the U. S. Disciplinary Barracks, Alcatraz, Cal.
John W. Keenan, from Ft. Adams.
Jacob O. Christman, from the Army General Hospital, Ft. Bayard.
Frank Pospishil, from the Army General Hospital, Ft. Bayard.

Andrew E. Hartwell, from Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y.

Luther Brazier, from Ft. Monroe.

Frederick C. Miller, from Ft. Caswell.

Wm. E. Fletcher, from the Letterman General Hospital, Cal.

John M. Toppins, from the Letterman General Hospital, Cal.

Carl M. Shatzer, from the Letterman General Hospital, Cal.

Burt Youngs, from the Letterman General Hospital, Cal.

Burton L. Williams, from the Letterman General Hospital, Cal.

Ernest Arias, from the Letterman General Hospital, Cal.

John R. Flynn, from the Letterman General Hospital, Cal.

Ralph P. Dolby, from Ft. Worden.

John R. Lommel, from Ft. Lawton.

Wm. C. Below, from Ft. George Wright.

UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

Pharmacist John H. Hayes. Relieved at Marine Hospital, Wilmington, N. C., and proceed to New York for duty in connection with the studies of poliomyelitis.

July 15, 1916.