

BUSCH'S TELL UNCLE SAM BOOTLEGGERS

Open Violation of Law Is Charged on Shipping Board Vessels

ASKER MAKE ANSWER

Says Law Not Violated and Sale of Booze Is Necessary

(By Associated Press)

St. Louis, Mo., June 14.—Charging the United States is "incomparably the biggest bootlegger in the world," a letter written by August A. Busch, president of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., while en route to Europe aboard the steamship George Washington, and which has been forwarded to President Harding, was made public here today, together with an accompanying letter by Adolphus Busch III, his son. A third letter by Anheuser-Busch, Inc., addressed to members of congress, requests an investigation of the enforcement department of the government in relation to the prohibition act.

The letter of August A. Busch, addressed to his associates, says in part:

"We are now approaching the coast of France. As this vessel is operated by the United States shipping board I was amazed to learn that the shipping board vessels are the 'wettest on the ocean.'"

"I learn that passage on these ships has been sold with a positive money-back guarantee that the bars for the sale of intoxicating liquors would be thrown wide open as soon as they passed outside the three-mile coast line."

"This makes the United States incomparably the biggest bootlegger in the world."

"There are two reasons which I believe should impel us to bring this information to the attention of the president; the chief executive is charged with the duty of defending the constitution and taking care that the laws are faithfully executed and should be informed of this fact."

"As manufacturers of legal products we have been forced for more than two years to meet unfair and unlawful competition in practically every town and city in the United States. For the United States to set aside its constitution and laws in the operation of its own business enterprises, increases our difficulties many fold, because it encourages violators of the law to renewed and greater activity."

"I understand that the shipping board has brought to the notice of high officials of the government the fact that it could not compete on the high seas with the ships of other nations and obey the constitution and the Volstead act. And either by direct or indirect means the shipping board is permitted to do in the dark that which it is illegal to do—in order that it may make money...."

"We should submit to the president that the government's toleration of the violation of the law by the shipping board is proof that prohibition laws as now written are either impractical and non-enforceable, or are being disregarded deliberately...."

"The fact that citizens of the United States would not buy passage upon ships of the United States so long as the Volstead act was operative, upon these ships gives us a real sentiment of a considerable part of the American people with respect to prohibition, and we believe that a great majority desire a modification of the Volstead act...."

The letter of Adolphus Busch III, which accompanied the letter of his father to the president, written from St. Louis under date of June 8, says in part:

"I am transmitting herewith a letter we have just received from my father, August A. Busch, president of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., written on board the United States steamship George Washington. Kindly note that he expresses astonishment that the prohibition laws of the United States are violated openly upon

PRESIDENT IS BIGGEST IN UNIVERSE

steamships owned by the United States and flying the United States flag. A copy of the wine list enumerating intoxicating liquors of every character is enclosed for your information.

"Because it is axiomatic that American ships wherever they float are American territory and under the jurisdiction of the laws of the United States, the government's liquor policy with respect to the ships of the United States shipping board constitute a violation of the constitution and the Volstead act in at least three important respects:

"As American sovereignty follows the flag it is a violation of the constitution and the enforcement act for the government to sell intoxicating liquors or permit its sale on board any ship of the United States anywhere in the world.

"It is a violation of the constitution and the law for the government ships to transport intoxicating liquor within the three-mile coast line.

"It is a violation of the law for a government ship to possess intoxicating liquor within the three-mile coast line.

"We are reliably informed that the advertisement of the United States lines, published in European newspapers announced 'choice wines and liquors' on ships of the United States.

"We are also reliably informed that during all the time that the government has been violating the prohibition laws it has had public figures touring the country for the special purpose of preaching respect for the prohibition laws to the American people.

"We are enclosing what appears to be a government inspired newspaper editorial making a plea for the continued violation of the prohibition law on board United States ships. We had authoritative information the day before this editorial was published that it was to appear the following day.

"The government's disregard of the prohibition law and its policy of inspiring editorial support of the exemption of one of its business enterprises from the operation of the law on the one hand, and its feeble attempt to enforce it and the employment of skilled orators to counsel respect for the law on the other hand, appears to be most inconsistent."

The letter of the Anheuser-Busch, Inc., to members of congress inviting their attention to the wine lists of the shipping board steamers requests a congressional inquiry into the conditions regarding the enforcement of the prohibition act. The letter says in part:

"We have repeatedly brought to the notice of the congress of the United States the fact that the prohibition law is so loosely enforced as to invite its violation, and that under these conditions the manufacturers of law-

Greasers Strike and Car Traffic Has Been Stopped

(By Associated Press) Mexico City, June 14.—There was no street car service here today and other industries were affected as the result of a strike here this morning of street car men. Elaborate precautions have been taken to prevent violence.

State Meeting of Rod and Gun Club Will Be in Orlando

E. E. Vickery will leave this afternoon for Orlando, where he goes to attend a meeting of representatives from rod and gun clubs from all over the state tonight. The purpose of the meeting is to form a state organization to work for the purpose of furthering the legislative plans of the various clubs, which seek adequate laws for the preservation of

PROHI LECTURER, WITH RUM ON HIS BREATH, RUNS OVER AND KILLS GIRL

(By Associated Press) Philadelphia, June 14.—George Tyler, of Baltimore, lecturer on "The Pitfalls of Rum," was held by the coroner yesterday to be criminally responsible for the death of Missionary Emsley, on May 27, on the ground that he was intoxicated while driving the automobile that killed her. He was bound over to await grand jury action.

When Police Surgeon Keller testified that Tyler was unsteady and smelled of alcohol during his examination right after the accident, Tyler called his physician to prove that he suffered from locomotor ataxia, causing him to be unsteady on his feet.

The alcoholic breath, Tyler claimed, was due to a medicine he took for the ailment, which left a liquor-odor on his breath.

The lecturer was shown to have been on his way to deliver an anti-rum speech at Whosoever Mission when the woman met her death.

BRYAN AROUSES BAPTISTS WHEN HE MAKES TALK

Fundamentalist Group Plans Aggressive Action

(By Associated Press) Indianapolis, Ind., June 14.—Inspired by an address delivered by William J. Bryan the fundamentalist group of the Northern Baptist church planned aggressive action in behalf of their ideals at the opening of the fifteenth annual convention of the church today.

A financial campaign in behalf of the New World Church movement is to come before the convention. A goal of \$100,000,000 has been set.

Formal opening of the convention, followed by organization of state delegations and addresses on religious subjects comprises the program for today.

Dr. Yen Is Named Foreign Minister of Chinese State

(By Associated Press) Peking, June 14.—Dr. W. W. Yen, former foreign minister, has been re-appointed to that post in the new Central Chinese government of President Li Yuan-Hung. Dr. Yen also has been named acting premier and is expected to be made premier in the event Wu Ting-Fang, the foreign minister of the southern government at Canton, refuses to be president Li's prime minister.

General Wu Pei-Fu, the outstanding military figure of China by reason of his recent defeat of Chang Tso-Lin, the Manchurian leader, has been chosen minister of war in the Peking cabinet. Dr. Wang Chung Hui, a lawyer of international repute, will be President Li's minister of justice.

Propaganda For Ford Greatest He Ever Saw—Norris

(By Associated Press) Washington, June 14.—Declaring he had "never found anything to exceed the propaganda in favor of Ford," Chairman Norris, of the senate agricultural committee, during a hearing yesterday on various proposals for development of Muscle Shoals, asserted that he could understand "why the people who expect to make millions selling real estate and speculating at Muscle Shoals want Mr. Ford's proposal accepted."

The committee chairman declared that "there are people right now running for congress on the Ford proposition," and that it was impossible to run for office in Alabama unless you are for Ford.

LABOR FEDERATION AGAIN OPPOSES CHILD LABOR

(By Associated Press) Cincinnati, Ohio, June 14.—Organized labor again raised its voice at the convention of the American Federation of Labor today against child labor, coupling with this an observance of Flag day. The program for the entire day's speeches was devoted to child labor, with reference to the supreme court's decision of two months ago holding a child labor law unconstitutional for the second time.

Florida's game and fish. It is proposed to have a bill introduced at the next legislature setting up the machinery that will enforce the laws already on the statute books with certain changes and amendments.

POLICE BELIEVE CAMP HARBORS A MAD MURDERER

Sergeant Was Killed by Same Hand That Slew Girl

(By Associated Press) Newport News, Va., June 14.—Sergeant Hank Krouse, found dead in his automobile on the Warwick road near Camp Curtis Saturday night, June 3, was murdered by the same man who last Saturday night killed Miss Rose Brady in a small cove in Camp Curtis in the opinion of Chief of Police Tom Patrick, of Warwick county.

Army Officers, after an examination into Krouse's death, declared it was accidental, but his companions in camp always had been satisfied he was murdered.

Mad Murderer. Chief Patrick made a careful examination of the Krouse killing and did not agree with the army authorities but said nothing and has been conducting a quiet investigation, making a statement today hoping that it would aid in running down the man whom he characterizes as a mad murderer.

Krouse was from Lochlilly, W. Va., hid his companions at the camp believe that he had a considerable sum of money with him at the time he was murdered, although it was missing when he was found, the chief says.

Hit in Same Spot. Krouse's machine went into a shallow ditch and scraped a telephone pole about 30 feet from where it stopped. The sergeant's skull was crushed in on the left side of the head in almost exactly the same spot that Miss Brady was hit. The sergeant, who had been driving, was on the back seat of the automobile when found. He was bleeding profusely from an ugly wound in the head.

"If Krouse struck the post with his head why wasn't he knocked out of the car instead of into the back seat; and how was a blow on the side of the head going to knock him backward," Chief Patrick asked this morning. "How could the car go 30 feet further on and stop? How could a dying man pull back the handbrake? Why was there no blood or hair on the telephone pole? A white man was seen leaving the car that Saturday evening and it was Saturday evening remember that Miss Brady was murdered by a blow on the head which crushed in her skull—a blow almost exactly like that which killed Krouse."

When we find the man who killed Krouse we will have the man who killed Miss Brady and when we find the man who killed Miss Brady we will have the man who killed Krouse, I believe," the chief concluded.

Finger prints, which army authorities thought would play an important part in the investigation of the murder of Rose Brady, cannot be detected on the piece of pipe used to crush the young woman's skull. Army authorities had hoped to at least eliminate every man in the United States service by a comparison of finger prints but none appear on the pipe.

Gloves were worn by the man who wielded the pipe in the opinion of some. The murderer's club was a plain piece of heavy steel pipe about a foot long with a knot on the end and in the opinion of experts would have shown some signs of finger prints had the man who wielded it not taken pains to see that he left no incriminating evidence.

LENINE VERY ILL

Berlin, June 14.—Another German specialist has been summoned to attend Premier Lenine. Professor Fleischsig, a leading brain authority, has been asked to leave immediately for Moscow.

CAPITAL REMOVAL ASS'N PLANS TO INTENSIFY WORK

Will Organize in Every County in Peninsular Florida

PLAN MONSTER PETITION

Will Present One to the Legislature With 100,000 Names

Planning to intensify the organization by securing county units in every county in the peninsular section of the state, to circulate a petition to the next legislature to submit to the people of the state an amendment to the constitution changing the seat of state government and declaring against a confusion of issues by including state division in its possible program, the State Capital Removal Association directors adjourned late yesterday afternoon after two lengthy sessions.

T. M. Shackelford, the Hillsborough county representative, proposed an abandonment of the capital removal idea for what he termed the more popular one of state division, and when the board went on record as being committed to a program of capital removal only he tendered his resignation. This was not accepted as it was the sense of the board that the proper course to which the resignation should be tendered was the Tampa Board of Trade which appointed him.

Mr. Shackelford contended that state division can be attained much more easily than capital removal. He said that it would not be necessary to change either the state or federal constitution, and that if a majority of the voters of the state favor state division that congress will pass this proper act creating the new state. While several members of the board agreed that state division is very much desired in their counties, none agreed with Mr. Shackelford that either a republican or a democratic congress would create the new state. W. T. Gary, representing Marion, raised the point that Mr. Shackelford's proposal was not germane to the purpose of the organization and that discussion of it was out of order.

George R. Hilty offered a resolution on making "Capital Removal, re-apportionment, or state division" a slogan, but this was voted down. Mr. Shackelford also offered a resolution that a state-wide convention be called for the purpose of submitting the question of whether or not the association should abandon capital removal for state division. There was no second to his motion.

Answering the question of how state division can be initiated and on what precedent Mr. Sachleford spoke for thirty minutes, picturing the conservative atmosphere at Tallahassee which affects legislators the moment they get within the city, and the intense desire the progressive element of the state to become a separate state to follow out the progressive ideas that have been invariably turned down by the western section. He said that state division could be brought about by a vote of the people duly certified to the national congress.

J. E. Humphries, of Manatee, who has served three sessions in the senate, said that it was as reasonable to suppose that the legislature would submit to the people the question of capital removal as that of state division, and that with Duval county voting practically solidly against state division, with the western section of the state it would be impossible to carry it.

Frederick Van Roy, of Citrus county, made a proposal that a straw ballot be prepared for the general election in November with the propositions "Do you favor capital removal?" "Do you favor state division?" "Do you favor selling nine counties west of the Apalachicola river to Alabama?" This aroused a great deal of discussion, the board agreeing that there was but one proposition which the association could submit, and that was capital removal.

Mr. Van Roy said that his idea was that if the nine counties west of the Apalachicola river were faced with

KILLED MATRON OF GIRLS' HOME, CONFESSES MAN

Miss Mallett Happened to Be First One That Straub Saw

Jackson, Mich., June 14.—The confession last night of George Straub, a former inmate of the state prison here, cleared up the mystery surrounding the slaying last Thursday of Miss Alice Mallett, matron of the Crittendon Home for Girls, according to an announcement by Sheriff Edwin Larrabee. Straub had been in custody on suspicion since Saturday.

Feeling ran high following the sheriff's announcement and a menacing crowd gathered about the county jail, but was repelled by officers who used tear gas. There was some talk of storming the building, but the officials were confident they would be able to control the situation. Several units of national guardsmen were ordered out to aid sheriff's deputies, state police and local police in maintaining order.

Straub, according to his reported confession, attended a circus on the night of the slaying. After leaving the grounds, he was quoted as saying, he determined to attack a woman. He found an ax on a wood pile, according to the reported confession, and hid behind some shrubbery near the Crittendon home until Miss Mallett approached about 10:30. He struck her over the head, he is alleged to have said. Then he dragged the body across a block where it was found the following morning. Then he went to his home and changed his clothing and returned to the city. Suspicious actions noted by a neighbor led to his arrest.

Federation Favors One Organization

(By Associated Press) Cincinnati, June 14.—Delegates favoring a radical change in the American trade union movement made their first move in the federation labor convention today by introducing a resolution for the amalgamation of existing unions by industries into a single organization.

SPEED BOATS TO RACE

(By Associated Press) Milwaukee, Wis., June 14.—Speed boats from all parts of America are entered in various contests of the national power boat regatta, chief event today of Milwaukee's annual Neptune frolic, on the local harbor. A hydroplane race is carded and Gar Wood has entered his famous See-Goar, and a number of other fast boats from Detroit, Peoria and other racing centers are on hand.

The races will be over a 2 1/2-mile course, inside the government breakwater. A total of \$4,000 in prizes will be awarded.

BLOODY FIGHT IN WYOMING

(By Associated Press) Orin Junction, Wyoming, June 14. Thomas E. Tubb was killed and his wife and three other persons, including Deputy Sheriff John McPherson, were seriously wounded as the result of a battle here late yesterday between Tubb, officers and citizens.

being tagged on to Alabama or capital removal that they might fill in line No action was taken on this proposal.

W. B. Dobson, of Brevard, offered a resolution, which was passed, that a monster petition be prepared to submit to the next legislature asking for a submission of a constitutional amendment providing for capital removal. This petition will be circulated in all of the peninsular counties.

President Wilder was authorized by resolution to name vice-presidents in counties where such have not already been named, and to employ field workers to go into each county to arouse interest for the amendments to the constitution proposed by Secretary Hart, and which will be submitted to the general convention, provide for a membership fee of \$1, and dues of \$1 per year, except for organization which wish to join as a whole, who shall pay \$5 each, fifty per cent of the money so derived to be used in each county and the remaining fifty per cent being sent to the treasurer of the organization for use in promoting the work under direction of the executive committee.

JAX FIREMAN WAS MURDERED; BODY LEFT ON TRACKS

George Smith Had Bullet in Heart When Body Found

ROBBERY WAS MOTIVE

Crime Was Committed in Stone's Throw Union Station

(By Associated Press) Jacksonville, June 14.—The body of George C. Smith, 28, married, a private in the Jacksonville fire department, was found with a bullet hole just above the heart this morning by a crew of the Florida East Coast switch engine within a stone's throw of the Union station.

The police believe that robbery was the motive. The body was found in a clump of bushes by the tracks between Lee and Broad streets viaducts.

Employees at the station heard a shot fired at 10:15 last night and it is believed that it is the one which killed Smith.

BRAVES MAKING A RACE REMINDFUL OF 1914 SEASON

(By Associated Press) New York, June 14.—The Braves may not duplicate this year their remarkable achievement of 1914, when they fought their way from the cellar to the top, won the pennant and trimmed the Athletics four straight in the world series, but right now they are staging a drive reminiscent of that feat and upsetting championship contenders right and left. Hank Gowdy, hero of the 1914 champion and the teams' only playing survivor of that outfit, was a hero again yesterday when the Braves humbled the Pirates for the third time in four games, 8 to 5. The result gave Boston a record of nine victories out of eleven games with the leading three clubs of the league, including three out of four from St. Louis and three straight from the Giants. The Hubmen also made a clean sweep of four games with the Cardinals in the recent western invasion and although still in seventh place are only three games from the first division. The Giants, meanwhile outslugged Cincinnati for their fourth straight from the Reds, 7-5, and had a margin of four games over the Pirates, with whom they opened an important series today.

Two other first division clubs in the National also fell by the wayside, Philadelphia's International League recruit, Singleton, blanking St. Louis, while his mates clubbed out 16 hits for 14 runs off four Cardinal hurlers and Brooklyn bowing before the Cubs and Alexander's pitching prowess 8 to 5.

Charley Robertson of the White Sox came close to duplicating his no-hit feat when he held Boston to two safe blows, the first of which came in the eighth and won, 5-0.

Mauling Shawkey, Murray and O'Doul for 16 hits and a 13-4 victory, the St. Louis Browns obtained an even break in the series with the Yankees, George Sisler leading the attack with four hits, including two triples. Ty Cobb, with two doubles and a single, blazed the way for the Tigers third triumph in four games with Washington, 5-1, a home run by Harts saving the Senators from a shut-out.

Fort Pierce Will Have Blue Sunday

(By Associated Press) Fort Pierce, June 14.—Sheriff Ruffner, of St. Lucie county, announced today that he will enforce blue Sunday laws in Fort Pierce and St. Lucie county beginning next Sunday. He declares there will be no compromise.