

New State Dry Chief at Work in City To-day

Judge Hart Faces Task With His Force of Assistants Cut Two-thirds; Police Criticized by Cavillier

Bottles Bombard Station

Part of 5,000 Lot Seized in Raid Explode; Ex-Service Patrolmen Save Balance

John F. Sweeney, who said he sent detectives on two occasions to warn Scotti and finally went himself. "I went to Scotti last Monday," said Inspector Sweeney, "and warned him that he would have to obey the law. Even my warning did no good."

The raid, which was made without warning, attracted a large crowd and police reserves had to be called out to prevent a riot. Scotti was arrested before Magistrate Norman F. Marsh, in Morrisania Court, and held in \$1,000 bail for examination May 31. Miss Coster was discharged on a complaint alleging immoral conduct and was arrested on leaving the courtroom on a charge of vagrancy.

The supposed intoxicants seized at Scotti's were taken to the Morrisania police station and stored in a rear room on the first floor.

Shortly after 6 o'clock last night the station was thrown into confusion when the bottles and stock seized began to explode. The room was showered with glass and the walls ran red.

Lieutenant Peter Tyne had just reported for duty when 200 of the 5,000 bottles exploded. The detonation was deafening. For several minutes smaller blasts followed in rapid succession. Lieutenant Tyne called the inspector Sweeney, who ordered that the remaining receptacles be removed to the cellar.

At some time before Lieutenant Tyne was able to recruit a squad of six reserve patrolmen to move the remaining bottled stock from the main floor of the station. A squad of six war veterans finally undertook the task. Several of the containers exploded while being transferred, but no one was injured.

It is believed that the hot weather set up chemical action in the beverages.

Two Mullan-Gage violation cases came before Magistrate Raphael Tobias yesterday in Tombs Court. Charles Sabano, 57 Henry Street, was charged with possessing a half barrel of wine in a building occupied by Sabano's clothing store at 238 West Street. He was held in \$500 bail for hearing to-morrow morning.

Nancy Palma, of 2 Franklin Street, was charged with possessing a barrel of wine in a butcher shop she conducts at 58 Mulberry Street. She was held in \$500 bail for a hearing to-morrow morning.

John Kenny, a waiter at Riley's Hotel, 196 Eighth Avenue, was arraigned in Jefferson Market Court before Magistrate Alexander Brough, charged with possessing several bottles of whisky in the rear sitting room of his home address. Policemen testified that a pull on a rope end disclosed and opened a secret panel in the wall where the alleged liquor was stored.

Kenny was held in \$1,000 bail for examination Wednesday.

Dry Day Far Off, Says O'Connor

The site of the task has been prepared in a statement issued by Charles O'Connor upon retiring from the position in which Judge Hart succeeds him. Apparently sure that prohibition is a settled thing and that the public does not want the old-fashioned saloon, Mr. O'Connor still makes it clear that enforcement will require hard work for a long time.

In his letter to Mayor Hylan, Mr. Cavillier, who is an attorney with offices at 43 Cedar Street, takes exception to the methods used by Police Commissioner Enright's men in enforcing the state prohibition law. Mr. Cavillier cites the case of a seventy-year-old fruit peddler who was arrested last week on a charge of disorderly conduct when he refused to permit one of Mr. Enright's dry detectives to examine his basket to discover whether or not it contained alcoholic liquor.

Citing the decision handed down by the Supreme Court on February 28 last in the case of Lawrence Amos, plaintiff in error, vs. United States, as analogous, Mr. Cavillier says that such searching without warrant is a direct violation of the Fourth and Fifth amendments to the Constitution.

In his letter Mr. Cavillier writes: "I desire to call your attention, respectfully, to the illegal, unwarranted and careless enforcement of the state prohibition laws by your Police Commissioner, Mr. Enright."

Raiding Without Warrants

The Police Department, under his direction, without any warrants of search and seizure as provided under Section 502, Sub division B, Chapter 156 of the Laws of 1921, makes raids on former cafes, saloons and other places, jumping over bars, knocking down and assaulting employees and patrons of the place, searching and frisking them for evidence.

"One day last week a peddler, seventy years old, who had a basket of fruit on an elevated station platform, was accosted by a detective who stated that he wanted to examine the contents of the basket. When the peddler refused to permit him to do this he was arrested. At the station house the basket was found to contain nothing but fruit, but, nevertheless, to protect the officer who made this unlawful arrest, a charge was made against the peddler for disorderly conduct for refusing to obey the officer's commands."

"I called up the Police Commissioner, but was told that he was not in. I spoke to Deputy Commissioner Leach, and complained to him about the unlawful methods used by the Police Department in searching and seizing without a warrant of a judge or court, and he informed me that the Police Department was doing this upon the advice of Mr. O'Brien, the Corporation Counsel. If Mr. O'Brien gave this advice he is mistaken on the law."

Five thousand quarts of whisky and wines of an estimated value of \$50,000 were seized early yesterday in a raid on a rooming house at 439 East 139th Street, the Bronx. Twenty detectives were engaged in the raid and automobiles and patrol wagons were used to cart away the liquid loot, which was found under tables, under the floor and in closets and lockers.

John Scotti, a former policeman, came to grief when the raid was made, after repeated warnings, the police say. Scotti was arrested on charges of violating the Mullan-Gage law and of conducting a disorderly house. Miss Coster, eighteen years old, of Fifty-second Street and Third Avenue, was arrested in the place.

The raid was directed by Inspector

Ask Probe of 6 Deaths Near Schutte Home

Neighbors of Constable at Shalleville, Conn., Tell Police of Suspicion Involving the Prisoner

Wife Seeks to Get Bail

More Mysteries Added to Disappearance of Hired Man From Merchant's Farm

The investigation of the old man's supposed death. Even now, with police guarding him night and day, the boy is said to be panic stricken lest his father should gain his freedom and learn of the part he played in the inquiry that is afoot.

With Schutte behind the bars, the suspicion and hatred which his neighbors hid to save their skins and their savings are beginning to seek the light and the police are hampered at present by too much, rather than too little, information.

Asked to Probe Ball Deaths

They have been asked to investigate the death of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ball, whose charred bodies were found in the ruins of their home in Shalleville, Village gossip has advised them also to look into the circumstances surrounding the death of three other residents of Shalleville.

The three whose deaths are regarded by Shalleville residents as offering mystery worthy of inquiry were Seth Watson, Sanford Brainard and Woods Smith. Sanford Brainard was found dead beside the railroad track not long after a train had passed. There are those who say that his injuries were not such as would have resulted from his being struck by the train, however. Woods Smith was found dying from wounds inflicted with an ax. He called for Sheriff Thompson with the purpose, it is said, of naming his assailant, but before the Sheriff could reach him Smith died.

Except for the twelve-year-old boy, all of Schutte's family have refused to discuss his affairs. It is thought, however, that one of his eight sons, whose enlistment in the army when war was declared he said to have incurred his father's displeasure, may be willing to tell whatever he may know to the police.

The police announced to-day that they had received information that Ladue had been trying to kill her, because she refused to deed over property to him, he would proceed immediately to lodge a more serious charge against Schutte.

It is believed that it is most important for the success of his investigation that Schutte remain securely locked up while it is in progress. From what he has learned already, Captain Hurley is convinced that not only the storekeeper's family, but almost the entire community of Shalleville, lived in terror of the hot-tempered German.

Said to Have Made \$50,000

Shrewd business instinct and good luck in real estate deals have brought Schutte a fortune estimated at about \$50,000 in the years he has played the part of baron of Shalleville. He was in a position, both because of his wealth and because of his office of constable, to make it unpleasant for those who opposed him and Captain Hurley believes that he can get much more information if he is able to keep Schutte in jail.

It was not until the storekeeper had been in jail for several days that his twelve-year-old son, Augustine, mustered up the courage to tell Captain Hurley of certain incidents he had observed April 24, the day that Ladue disappeared, knowledge of which led to

Berlin May Curb Drink Evil and Seize Jewelry

Bourgeois Parties Urge Government to Put Stop to Growing Inebriety

BERLIN, May 22 (By The Associated Press).—An interpellation addressed to the government by the Bourgeois parties in the Reichstag declares there is too much drinking of alcoholic stimulants in Berlin and other cities, and charges that the growth in the number of bars is furthering inebriety to an alarming extent. The government is asked in the interpellation when it proposes to present the long awaited draft of a law for combating drunkenness.

As a result of Germany's reparations obligations the government probably will call on the people to practice sobriety in other directions also. The Freiheit, the organ of the Independent Socialists, reminds the government of the provision of the constitution, which permits it to confiscate privately owned jewelry and gems if the public welfare demands such action. In this manner, the newspaper declares, several billion marks could be raised without inflicting undue hardship on

the people and the yield would prove a material asset to the Reichsbank. Mathias Erzberger, the former Vice-Chancellor, is reported to be advocating, during a tour of western Germany, the seizure of privately owned gold and silver, immediate imposition of a capital tax levy and the enforcement of several socialization schemes.

Banker's Kin to Sue for \$300,000 Left to Woman

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

MORRIS, Ill., May 22.—The \$300,000 bequest to Della M. Carpenter, his forty-year-old secretary, made by J. R. Collins, president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, who died May 15 in the Post-Graduate Hospital in Chicago, is not going to be handed to the woman who was his assistant for twenty-five years without a bitter fight.

Mrs. Annie Collins, the widow; her son Frank and the brother of the dead man, Oscar Collins, to-day indicated their intention of contesting the will, which was probated in Grundy County, Saturday.

Mrs. Collins lived apart from her husband for nearly ten years. She was given \$2,500 a year for life un-

der the will and some real estate and personal property. Frank Collins was to receive \$10,000 in cash and Oscar was given land holdings in Grundy County.

The bulk of the estate, including 140 shares in the Morris Bank, stock in Swift & Co., the Libby Company and other concerns was bequeathed to his former secretary.

Tornado Hits Maine Town Small Buildings Blown Down at Waterville

WATERVILLE, Me., May 22.—A tornado which cut a wide swath through this city and vicinity to-day caused damage estimated at several thousand dollars. Many telegraph and telephone poles were snapped off and communication with outside points was cut off for several hours. The electric lighting and trolley car services were put out of commission. Huge trees were uprooted or broken off near the ground, blocking several streets and in numerous instances smashing the roofs of buildings against which they fell.

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Son Shoots Men With Mother

WEBSTER, Mass., May 22.—George Was, nineteen years old, became so enraged when he entered his home here to find his mother and two men, August Latour and Joseph Valentine, with his father that he shot them both, according to the story the police said he told them. He was arrested on a charge of attempted murder.

According to the alleged confession one of the two men was in a room with Mrs. Was when the youth came home. The other man, he said, was in the kitchen. Was drew an automatic pistol from his pocket and fired three shots, two of which struck Latour in the breast, the other penetrating Valentine's abdomen. Valentine's condition was said to be serious.

Was's father committed suicide about two months ago.

Porcelain Money Cast To Replace Rubber Coin

MEISEN, Saxony, May 22.—A series of porcelain money for Guatemala has been designed at the former Royal Porcelain Works here. If accepted, this currency will replace the hard rubber coins now in circulation in the Central American republic, where paper money cannot be used because of the climatic conditions.

Although the German government has not yet decided to use porcelain money, the Meissen porcelain plant is perfecting its process of manufacture in the expectation that this form of money soon will be adopted for national circulation.

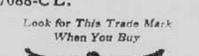


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