

## 500 LIQUOR PERMITS ARE STOLEN HERE

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watch for them and aid in the apprehension of any person presenting them.

Notice of the theft was given to prohibition directors, supervising agents, collectors of internal revenue and persons holding permits to sell in the following telegram:

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"Persons holding permits authorizing the sale of intoxicating liquor are not permitted to make sale or delivery of intoxicating liquor on a permit to purchase bearing a serial number from 118501 to 119000, inclusive, and any sale or delivery of liquor on a form bearing any of such numbers will be deemed as having been made without any permit to purchase whatever and in violation of the national prohibition act. Upon any permit to purchase bearing one of these serial numbers being presented to a permittee he should immediately advise this office by wire of the fact in order that steps may be taken to apprehend the person presenting the same.

"Permittees also are directed not to honor any form 1410-A on which the serial numbers appear to have been altered, and they should carefully scrutinize each permit to purchase presented to them with a view to determining its genuineness. Where any permit to purchase, the serial number of which appears to have been altered, is presented to a permittee he should also immediately notify this office by wire.

"Directors, supervising agents and

collectors will promptly acknowledge the receipt of this letter and directors will take immediate steps to forward a copy hereof to each permittee in their respective States."

Federal authorities and police were active yesterday in Brooklyn against alleged violators of the Volstead law. Lawrence Sica of 81 Catherine street and James Hill of 81 Mulberry street were taken from a truck by Federal agents at Cornelia street and Snedeker avenue, Brooklyn. There were ninety-nine cases of liquor in the truck, according to the agents.

Other arrests were Joseph Lucks, 21 Hudson avenue; Jacob Doeweener and Frederick Soules, 16 Fort Greene place; John Olsbeck and Emil Olsen, 29 Atlantic avenue; Max Epstein, William Bowden and Frederick Hoppman, 28 Central avenue.

### 'INSIDE JOB' SECRET SERVICE MEN SAY

There is every indication of an "inside job" in theft of 500 serial numbered liquor permits from the office of Charles R. O'Connor, State Prohibition Director, on the eighth floor of

the building at 47 West Twenty-seventh street last Tuesday night.

The robbery is believed by Secret Service investigators to have occurred between midnight on Tuesday and was the work of a person or persons well acquainted with the premises and especially the inner working of Mr. O'Connor's office, as no other papers were disturbed and no force other than keys were used in obtaining the papers. When clerks entered the office at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning the curtains were seen to be drawn for the first time, so far as known, since the premises have been occupied for the last eight months. That fact aroused suspicion, as no one in that particular room had worked the night before. An electric light in the centre of the room also was turned on, which is not customary.

A few minutes later a clerk discovered the loss of the permits, which on Tuesday afternoon had been placed in a tin strong box and in a locked filing cabinet. A search was then made of other filing cabinets and desks containing valuable records, which were found intact.

Mr. O'Connor called in Hugh McQuillan, head of the "Shoofly Squad,"

which was sent here from Washington several months ago to uncover graft and other irregularities in connection with the issuance of permits, forged permits and the alleged payment of bribes to enforcement agents and other Government employees. Already several former employees of the Prohibition Director's office and others are awaiting trial as a result of the activities of Mr. McQuillan and his men.

James J. Nolan, chief clerk in the office in the absence of Mr. O'Connor, who is spending the week end at his home in Hobart, N. Y., declared there were suspicious circumstances surrounding the robbery, which he believed would be cleared up in a short time, but would not talk further, except to say that Mr. McQuillan was in possession of all the facts thus far unearthed.

The thief or thieves evidently walked down the eight flights of stairs, as the night watchman, who also acts as the elevator operator, does not remember carrying any passengers after 8 o'clock on Tuesday night. Just how the "permit holder" emerged from the building to the street is still a mystery. It may be possible that the theft occurred an hour or two after the office closed at 6 o'clock.

### FORGED BOOZE PERMIT PLOT IN NEW ENGLAND

Score of Warrants Said to Include New Yorkers.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Boston, March 26.—Warrants have been issued for the arrest of a score or more of men in Boston and other parts of New England and New York for an alleged conspiracy to drain New England warehouses of stocks of bonded liquor by means of forged permits.

Business men are involved in the conspiracy in Boston, New York, Brooklyn, New Britain, Worcester and New Haven. Supervisor McCarthy, it is believed, will be back in Boston in time to take charge of the roundup.

A secret investigation of the alleged conspiracy has been under way for two months under direction of agents of the prohibition supervisor. Licensed non-beverage dealers, chauffeurs and bootleggers are among the suspects.

### FALL KILLS A PATIENT WHILE DOCTOR WAITS

Woman, 52, Loses Life During Visit to Her Sister.

Miss Sophie Doctor, 52 years old, of 697 West End avenue, fell out of a fifth floor window of the Manhasset Apartments, 309 West 109th street, yesterday afternoon, while calling on her sister, Mrs. Dora Hayman. She was killed as her body crashed to the sidewalk, narrowly missing a man who was walking past. Dr. Charles E. Norris, Chief Medical Examiner, decided that death was accidental.

The police reported that Miss Doctor had been under the care of Dr. Chester F. Whitney of 697 West End avenue for a nervous ailment. Dr. Whitney had called at the apartment to see the patient. It was said, when Miss Doctor excused herself, saying she was going to a maid's room. A moment later she was heard screaming as she fell through the half open window.

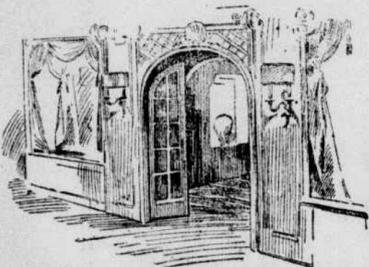
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