

THIRSTY HERE TO TEST JERSEY LAW

Usual Sunday Exodus Is Looked For Despite New Legislation.

NO ORDERS TO COPS
Saloons in Towns Near the River Doing Business as Usual.

MANHATTAN LID KEPT ON
Police Make 64 Arrests and Court Frees in Alcohol Case.

With police rigidly enforcing the Mullan-Gage prohibition laws in this city and the drastic new Van Ness enforcement measure in effect in New Jersey, to-day promises to be an "extra dry" Sunday for New Yorkers and Jerseyites.

Because of the small number of arrests to the credit recently of the Brooklyn branch of the Federal prohibition enforcement agents, the majority of the agents were transferred to up-State districts by an order issued last night. Fifteen men, it was reported, were affected by the order, leaving only ten in the Brooklyn office. Those ten, it was stated, probably will devote their attention from now on to violations in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Two weeks ago the agents were notified that their work was not satisfactory and that they would be shaken up if they did not show better results. Since then, it was said, they had made only five arrests.

Not only since the Mullan-Gage act went into effect on April 4, but for several months, and especially on Sunday, there has been a heavy travel of the thirsty from this city to places on the Jersey side of the Hudson, where it has been possible to obtain good liquor at cheaper prices than here.

Up to a late hour last night, however, there had been no word passed along to the police in Jersey City and Hoboken to start raiding saloons and other places where there is suspicion liquor is being sold, as required by the Jersey law which was passed over the veto of Gov. Edward I. Edwards.

On the other hand, almost every county

prosecutor in New Jersey is preparing to enforce the new law against violators when such cases are brought for trial before a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in a summary manner without indictment.

With the police inactive yesterday saloons on the Jersey side did a thriving business, although in most cases there was no selling to strangers. Unless this condition undergoes a change there will be an exodus from Manhattan to-day to the wet spots known by thirsty New Yorkers.

No Specific Orders.
Director of Public Safety John Bentley of Jersey City said last night he had not issued specific orders to the police to see that all saloons obeyed the Van Ness law, but he did notify them to see that all laws were obeyed.

The new measure does not allow a trial by jury, and owing to this fact Mr. Bentley said he had not the slightest doubt there would be a test case made of the constitutionality of the act. He added he did not intend to make any of his policemen try enforcement agents at present, but would see they acted along the same lines as they have been doing and arrest violators they catch selling liquor.

At Police Headquarters here it was announced that during the twenty-four hours ending at midnight Friday sixty-four arrests were made in the five boroughs, resulting in the seizure of sixty-six barrels of whiskey and wines, 580 bottles of assorted liquor, one automobile and one still.

Alcohol Was Medicated.
Frank Trisofsky of 24 Suffolk street, who has been in the Tombs four days unable to obtain \$500 bail, was discharged yesterday by Magistrate George W. Simpson, after being charged by Detective Frederick Cruger with having a pint bottle of alcohol in his possession. Edward J. Kelly, a city chemist, testified the alcohol in question was medicated and unfit for beverage purposes and if drunk might result in serious injury or death.

"This man should never have had to spend any time in jail," commented Magistrate Simpson. "I think some philanthropist should establish a private fund for the purpose of furnishing bail to the worthy poor, such as in this case, where the alleged violator was innocent of the charge of possession of liquor in violation of the Mullan-Gage laws."

Pending chemical analysis of a jar of preserved cherries seized in his restaurant at 92 West Houston street, Richard Ciavarino was released yesterday in \$1,000 bail by Magistrate Bernard J. Douras in the Essex Market court for a further hearing on May 10.

Ciavarino was arrested by Detective Caravetta, who testified he was served with the cherries for dessert last Friday evening in the restaurant and after eating a few realized they had a "powerful kick." He produced the jar in court and told the Magistrate he believed "six of the cherries were enough to make a man intoxicated."

In a spectacular raid in which a police automobile truck made five trips, the police of the Ralph avenue station, Brooklyn, seized \$12,000 in liquors in a house at 885 Madison street, occupied by John Toscani. The haul included sixteen 50 gallon barrels of wine, twenty-two 15 gallon kegs of wine, many bottles and demijohns of whiskey and gin. The raid was made on a search warrant issued by County Judge MacMahon.



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