

JOHNSTOWN'S FLOOD OF BEER STUNS DRY

Mayor's Order 'Suspending' Volstead Act Makes Haynes Gasp.

AGENTS RUSH TO SCENE

City's Chief Says Step Is to Avert Epidemic as 'Water Is Full of Bugs.'

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Johnstown, Pa., Aug. 19 (Associated Press).—O. R. Stiffler, chief Federal prohibition agent in this district, was removed from office to-day by State Director John T. Davis, who came to Johnstown after Mayor Joseph Cauffiel had told brewers and saloonkeepers that they could sell "real beer."

Agent E. A. Spragg, named by Mr. Davis to take temporary charge of the district, said the removal of Stiffler was final, but the director gave no reason for discharging him. Mr. Spragg added that up to late to-day he had heard of no sales of "real beer," and that he believed the brewers and saloonkeepers would "not bite on the Mayor's invitation."

Mayor Cauffiel said he was "pleased to know that Mr. Davis had arrived in town and is getting busy."

In his real beer statement the Mayor said bootleggers had been selling "poison," and he felt that the situation could be remedied if the pre-prohibition article was put on the market.

"I have been trying to clean up the bootleggers for months," said the Mayor. "Last week I called upon law abiding citizens to help in this fight, but only two answered. One was too young to serve as a special policeman. The other was sworn in, but he failed to report for duty the next day."

The Mayor declared he believed "real beer" in addition to dealing a death blow to bootleggers, would remedy the water situation. "The city's water supply is unfit to drink. It's full of bugs," he added.

The Mayor of Johnstown has no authority to set the law aside. Fear of an epidemic is no excuse for his action. The President himself lacks authority to set aside the national prohibition law. It is not true that the law has been set aside in other periods because of threatened epidemics. We are prepared to deal with the new conditions in Johnstown.

Town Biboious, Drys Baffled.

The Johnstown incident became less a joke at prohibition headquarters when dry agents reported the town in a libidinous state, but with no evidence to show that violations had occurred. Apparently a flood of beer was released in containers that bear nothing to identify the brewers or the saloons.

Commissioner Haynes reported tonight that no evidence had been obtained pointing to the guilt of brewery owners, though officials suspected that the large volume of beer released and consumed was manufactured in Johnstown. Officials said that the breweries always have on hand great quantities of beer made by the old time processes and waiting to be de-alcoholized. It was from this source that much of the beer was obtained, they surmised.

One of the first steps of officials was to direct Director Davis at Philadelphia to concentrate a sufficient group of dry agents at Johnstown to effect a clean up of the locality. They were given special instructions to get evidence of violations growing out of the Mayor's order.

Assistant Prohibition Commissioner Jones said Mayor Cauffiel's action was sufficient ground to cause his removal from office by Gov. Sprout. The sur-

prise of prohibition officials over the Johnstown order was made more complete by the fact that Mayor Cauffiel is understood to have been elected to office as a dry and reform candidate.

"Water Full of Bugs."

Continuing the effort to make the district along Broadway and environs more dry, Federal prohibition agents yesterday afternoon raided Shanley's Restaurant at Broadway and Forty-third street when it was well filled with dinner parties. Two quarts of Bacardi rum is alleged to have been found in employees' lockers.

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on until the agents had left. After the raid Mr. Hanson said: "Well, Shanley's seems to be pretty dry."

The agents served a summons on John J. Moran, said to be acting manager of the restaurant. Thomas J. and Michael J. Shanley, owners of the place, were reported in Europe on business. Moran, charged with the illegal possession of liquor, will appear before United States Commissioner Hitchcock.

The agents sauntered through the restaurant but could find no bottles on the tables or the floor. They entered without any show of authority. Arriving at the engine room, the agents ran upon a blank partition, which was torn down. They found a dozen empty half pint whiskey flasks.

The police of New Rochelle yesterday captured a 116 foot yacht, three five ton motor trucks, 800 cases of Scotch whiskey and fifteen prisoners charged with rum running.

The yacht, a converted subchaser, now known as The Bat of Washington, was alongside the dock of the Huguenot Coal Company on Echo Bay unloading her contraband cargo. Charles Webber, harbor master of New Rochelle, discovered her shortly after midnight and noti-

SHANLEY'S RAIDED BY DRY AGENTS

Only Two Bottles of Rum Are Found in Broadway Cafe.

ONE EMPLOYEE ARRESTED

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fed Lieut. George P. Smith at Police Headquarters.

Police surrounded the coal yard and arrested the men without firing a shot. The only one who escaped, the police believe, was the captain of The Bat. He got away in an automobile, and the others declared he was unknown to them. They were released in \$500 bail each, furnished by a surety company.

The whiskey was valued at \$48,000 (prohibition prices), the yacht at \$50,000 and the trucks at \$7,000 each, making the total value of the haul \$127,000, one of the biggest seizures ever made on the Sound shore.

The Bat is painted black with a battleship gray superstructure. She is fitted up as a cruising yacht and has anchored off New Rochelle for about a month, according to the police. Parties of men and women in yachting togs have been observed on her decks. Occasionally she would disappear for a day or two.

One of the men said The Bat got her cargo from a schooner off Montauk Point and the schooner flew no flag. The trucks bore no distinguishing marks and the license plates are believed to be faked. The police could not find their owners.

It was said that one prisoner took a

cell of bills from his pocket at the police station and offered \$2,000 to a policeman to let him go. All the men were well dressed and had money. A fashionably dressed woman came to Police Headquarters shortly after the arrest and consulted with the authorities, but the police withheld her name.

Three prisoners, believed to be the leaders, gave their names as James Murphy, salesman, of 79 Chatsworth avenue, Larchmont; William Baldwin, inventor, of Darien, Conn., and John Johnson, real estate, of 284 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

RECAPTURE ESCAPED PRISONER

Lyndhurst Man, Drug Addict, Returned to Newark Jail.

John J. Hammon, alias Thomas Ryan, of Stuyvesant avenue, Lyndhurst, N. J., who escaped from a cell in the Federal Building in Newark on July 31 last, was recaptured here yesterday and two deputy marshals took him back to Newark. Hammon had been sentenced by Federal Judge Lynch on a charge of being a drug addict when he escaped. He spent some time in Georgia and Pennsylvania before coming here.

RUNS DOWN TWO WOMEN IN RACING MOTORCYCLE

Rider Who Made Wager Is Dying at Roosevelt, L. I.

George Ernest, aged 23, of Franklin street, Hempstead, was dying in Mercy Hospital, Hempstead, last night, and Mrs. Stella Hillman, 24, and Mrs. Martha Sendkowitz, 29, both of North Belmore, were in a serious condition as a result of a motorcycle driven by Ernest running into the women in Roosevelt, L. I., last night.

Patrolman Hook of the Roosevelt police said Ernest had made a wager with a friend to race him on a motorcycle from Hempstead to Freeport. Ernest had just purchased a new machine and he had given his friend a ten minute handicap. Reaching the center of Roosevelt Ernest lost control of his machine and struck the two women, who were walking together. Ernest was thrown over his handlebars and underneath a passing automobile. Police are searching for the driver of the other motorcycle.

CENTURY PLANT BLOOMS IN THE BOTANIC GARDENS

Flowers Are on Top of Pole—like Shoot 15 Feet High.

A century plant is in bloom in the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

In the center of a circular grass plot between the two lily pools, west of the conservatories, is a tall, erect shoot, bearing flowers, and about fifteen feet in height. From a distance it may seem like a bare pole with several candelabra at the top. But—

It's the century plant, and as a matter of fact the pole is not bare. It has small, bract-like leaves, which in the words of a botanist "are closely appressed at intervals." The blooming shoot has been growing for nearly three months. The flowers have been out since late last month.

Four other plants are growing in front of the entrance to the garden building. The common impression that the plant blooms once in a century is "entirely erroneous," say officials of the Botanic Garden.

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