

Out In Kansas They Call the Home Made Brand "Chicken Whiskey" as It Only Takes One Drink To Make You Lay—Kansas City Star

FLEET MOVEMENT FORECASTS SMASH IN PEACE CONFAB

Britain Apparently Preparing Disagreement at Lausanne

SHIPS AT CONSTANTINOPLE

Evidently on Hand to Protect Foreigners if Turks Go on Rampage

London, Dec. 29.—By the Associated Press—The hasty return of the British fleet to Constantinople from Malta attracts attention here.

Nothing is forthcoming from an official source to explain the move but the obvious assumption is that it is connected with the uncompromising attitude of the Turks at Lausanne is everywhere adopted.

WELCOME WHISTLE AT WALTER A. WOOD SHOP

Bliss Believed to Herald Returning Activity in Hoosick Falls Industry

The whistle at the plant of the Walter A. Wood Company blew Tuesday morning for the first time in a number of months, and the blowing of it is generally regarded as the herald of an era of activity in the big plant.

This week a few of the "key" men in the company's organization of factory employees will return to work and it is expected that others will follow in limited numbers in the succeeding days.

As was outlined some time ago, there will be no rush of employment at the start, but the resumption will be gradual and along lines intended to insure a healthy growth of the business.

Criqui Has Signed To Fight Kilbane

New York, Dec. 29.—Tom O'Rourke, New York promoter, announced last night he had received word from his Paris agent that Eugene Criqui, French holder of the European featherweight boxing title, had accepted terms for a world's championship match at the Polo Grounds, next Decoration Day, with Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland, the present title holder.

Kilbane already has signed for the bout with O'Rourke. Criqui's acceptance, O'Rourke said, meant he would receive an option of \$25,000 or 20 percent of the gate receipts as his share.

Discuss Reparations At Paris Conference

Paris, Dec. 29 (By the Associated Press).—As the result of an exchange of views since the London meeting of the premier, the allies have decided to go over the entire question of reparations in detail at the Paris conference beginning next Tuesday.

BIG BASEBALL DEAL Giants Get Jack Bentley for \$65,000 and Three Players

Baltimore, Dec. 29.—"Red" Casey, pitcher has been turned over to the Baltimore International by the New York Giants as part payment for Jack Bentley. The Giants agreed to pay the local club \$65,000 cash and three players. The other players have not been named.

360 LICENSES SUSPENDED

170 Vermont Drivers Penalized or Operating Under Influence of Liquor

Montpelier, Dec. 29.—Secretary of State H. A. Black has given out statistics about motor law violations for the year as follows:

- Total number of licenses suspended or revoked, 360. The causes were: Driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, 170. Excessive use of intoxicating liquor, 47. Reckless driving, 29. Unfit for various causes, 13. Fatal accidents, 11. Failure to stop after accident, 6. Perjury, 4. Taking automobile without consent, 4. Operating without registration, 2. Permitting unlicensed operator to drive, 1. Operating a car with unassigned plates, 1. Operating without lights, 1. Failure to report accident, 1. Fines paid for violations of motor law, \$1,450. Charles Brigham of New York.

SMALL CRAFT PILE ON JERSEY COAST IN FIERCE GALES

of Wrecked Schooners Laden with Liquor

ONE STEAMER IS MISSING

Freighter Heinrich Kayser Reported in Distress off Cape May December 26

New York, Dec. 29.—The north Atlantic seaboard last night was cluttered by gales such as have been raging off the shores of England and France and sweeping mid-ocean.

As the cables brought more stories of death and suffering overseas small vessels began piling up on the Jersey and Long Island shores; the number of craft normally entering New York harbor was reduced by nearly one-half; at least two out-bound steamers dropped anchor in Gravesend Bay after passing out, and fear was entertained for the safety of at least one steamer—the German freighter Heinrich Kayser, bound from Savannah for Bremen, which was last reported in distress 500 miles off Cape May on December 26.

Early in the afternoon the schooner Madonia V, out of Halifax, crashed on the Long Island shore near Montauk Point and was reported breaking up in the surf, with a cargo of liquor. Her crew was landed by breeches-buoy.

DRUG INSPECTOR IS FOUND GUILTY

Physicians Testify They Had Been Made Victims of Attempted Extortion

Berlin, Me., Dec. 29.—Dr. Erwin C. Ruth, of Boston, former chairman of the New London Narcotic bureau, was found not guilty and Ralph A. Fry, narcotic inspector, was found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the United States by a federal district court here late yesterday.

At the trial, which lasted seven days, physicians, dentists and druggists testified that attempts had been made to extort money from them on promises that they would not be prosecuted for alleged violations of the narcotic laws. The government charged that Fry made the arrangements with the physicians and others and that Dr. Ruth approved the narcotic records on May's recommendation.

After his acquittal Dr. Ruth said he had been "dragged into the case" through his willingness to help Fry, his friend.

Watching All Ships To Catch Bergdoll

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 29.—With the telegraphic announcement that Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, of Philadelphia, noted snacker, had left Germany on a merchant vessel was on route to a Gulf port, every ship and its crew arriving here are being questioned.

Regulation of Child Labor By Congress

Washington, Dec. 29.—The senate judiciary subcommittee will begin hearings January 19 on the constitutional amendments to authorize Congress to regulate child labor, it was announced today.

Members of the committee said the hearing would be in the nature of an effort to obtain legislation during the present session of Congress for submitting the constitutional amendment to the states.

NOTED SCOTSMAN DIES

Founder of Order of Scottish Clans Succumbs in 88th Year

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29.—The funeral of James MacCash, eighty-eight founder of the Order of Scottish Clans, who died Wednesday night at his home here, will be conducted Sunday afternoon. Mr. MacCash's death, it was said, was caused by a complication of ailments, superinduced by age. He is survived by two sons and three daughters.

BENNINGTON MAN ON SHIP DISABLED FAR OUT AT SEA

George Stewart of Bennington is the chief engineer on the shipping board steamer West Halifax way which was towed into Halifax N. S. Wednesday by the West Haven, another shipping board vessel. Three weeks ago the fuel tanks on the West Halifax, which is an oil burner, gave out and since that time the ship has been buffeted by gales in the North Atlantic.

Word of the Halifax's condition was wireless to New York and the revenue cutter Seneca went to the ship's assistance. The cutter was unable to help because of the rough weather. Because she had drifted outside the usual lanes of ocean travel days elapsed before the West Haven reached the location of the distressed craft.

The Halifax, which was towed for 500 miles in order to dock at Halifax, was found to have suffered considerable damage in her trying experience.

It was Engineer Stewart's intention to spend Christmas with relatives in Bennington but the visit was prevented. It is possible that he may be in town on the New Year.

SMASHES GATE AHEAD OF TRAIN AND ESCAPES

Motorist Had Close Call at Railroad Crossing in Adams

Adams, Dec. 29.—An unknown motorist whom the police believe is S. J. Najmy of Pittsfield, or someone using his car, narrowly escaped death yesterday when a heavy touring car hurtled through the railroad gates in Park street narrowly missed being crushed beneath an oncoming train and then, without slackening speed, continued through the town and away.

The southbound freight was 20 feet from the crossing when the machine tore down Park street at a rapid pace and without slackening struck the gates with full force. The wooden arms were snapped off.

Bystanders secured the license number of the machine and reported it to the police, who found that the number was assigned to the Pittsfield man. It was reported yesterday that a warrant for the arrest of the driver on a reckless driving charge would be issued.

BURNED TO DEATH

Hoosick Falls Woman Found Dead in Burning House

Anastasia Smith, one of the oldest residents of Hoosick Falls, was burned to death in a fire Thursday in her apartment, at 152 Church street in that village. Edward Hoffman, who lives nearby, was first to enter the smoke-filled rooms and he was nearly overcome by smoke. At that time the woman was believed to be dead. Rev. Father James Bolton, O. S. A., was called and administered the last rites of the church of which Miss Smith was a member.

Miss Smith occupied the second floor at 152 Church street, while the first floor is occupied by the family of Thomas Murphy. Due to ill health Miss Smith had been taking her meals with the Murphy family and was served her breakfast in bed at 9 o'clock. At that time she appeared to be in her usual health. Miss Smith was 74 years old and had resided in Hoosick Falls all her life. At one time she was one of the best dressmakers in this part of the state and was employed by many prominent people of this section. The fire was confined to the bed room.

FOUR FOR INDEPENDENTS

Defeat Allen A. Bowlers in Ten Pin Tournament

The Allen A team did some good bowling at the Y. M. C. A. alleys last night but the Independents did just a little better and won the match by the score of four to one. Thompson of the Allen A was the best on the alleys with a 249 for single strings and 530 for three strings to his credit. Percy was second with 502. The score:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Thompson, Stramm, Roberts, Edwell, G. Connor, Allen A. Co., and Independents.

Steaming Collide In Cristobal Harbor

Cristobal, Panama, Dec. 29.—The Japanese steamer Franco Maru and the steamer Heredia were in a collision in the harbor here today.

Both vessels were damaged above the waterline and Heredia put into port for repairs to her hull. Franco Maru went into dry dock with a badly twisted bow.

Waterlogged Ship Radios Distress Call

New York, Dec. 29.—The steamer Munmor from Boston to Norfolk is waterlogged and in distress in a gale off Cape May, radio messages picked up today said. The Munmor is a steel ship owned by the United States shipping board.

PIRATES RAIDING RUM RUNNERS OFF ATLANTIC COAST

Proceeds of One Robbery Reported Worth \$1,000,000

OWNERS DOUBLE-CROSSED

Skipper Sold His Cargo, Scuttled Ship and Crew Took to Boats

New York, Dec. 29.—A report received yesterday from Nassau on the high seas was taken by customs officials as proof of reports that pirates were raiding rum-runners off the Atlantic coast.

The Nassau report reaching the custom house stated that the Vincent A. White, which cleared from Nassau for Miquelon on October 21, had 500 cases of liquor, had been boarded off the New York coast and all the liquor and money she carried taken.

The Nassau report corroborates story of a rum-running skipper who double-crossed his employers sold his cargo of Christmas liquor direct to bootleggers, pocketed the money, then scuttled his ship, and incidentally informed that the coastal rum-runners have instituted an "aircraft intelligence division," today came to the ears of enforcement agents.

Prohibition enforcement officials said the yarn about the double-crossing skipper had been told to the chief of the aircraft intelligence division by a member of the ship's crew and then passed on to enforcement agents who frequent the lounge places of the rum-runners.

The duties of the air force, it was said, consist of determining the location of rum-carrying craft from the Bahamas, and passing it to the owners of the small vessels which bring the liquor to the American shore. The air force, consisting of one plane and a pilot, is paid \$500 for each flight.

The airman happened to be flying around about 10 days ago when he saw a liquor-carrying vessel sinking and being abandoned by its crew. He noted this and later ran into one of her crew. The sailor said the vessel had a hold full of grog and that the captain sold it all direct, gave each of the crew a bonus kicked a hole in the old tub and left, hoping the vessel's owners would think she had some down, whisky and all. Enforcement agents are searching for the airman.

CITIZENSHIP IS DENIED TO NINE

These Not Willing to Fight in Time of War Not Worthy Says Federal Judge

North Adams, Dec. 29.—Nine men who claimed exemption from military service during the World war on the ground that they were aliens were yesterday denied citizenship in the United States by Judge Richard W. Irwin of Northampton at a session of superior court held here yesterday.

Judge Irwin remarked: "Anyone not willing to fight for this country in time of war is not worthy to be a citizen in time of peace." Sixty-six other applicants for citizenship, representing former residents of Great Britain, France, Italy, Austria, Poland, Russia, Hungary, and Germany, were admitted. Judge Irwin at the close of the session, congratulated the new citizens and wished them all a "happy New Year."

The nine denied citizenship because of their claims for exemption from war service were: Alvide Laurin, Louis Giuseppe Vanini, Domenico Bernardo, Joseph Zapala, Giacomo Catali, Emilia Giorgi, Casar Eugene Mazzoli, John Baptiste Donega and Peter John Donega.

Fleming to Continue To Be Troy's Mayor

Troy, Dec. 29.—Mayor James W. Fleming who became controller of the State of New York Monday, does not intend to resign the mayoralty position for the present, at least, according to a statement issued by the executive yesterday.

A desire to fulfill pledges to complete an extensive program of public improvements caused Mayor Fleming to make this decision although it should be found that the dual responsibility renders it impossible to properly perform all my public duties. I shall then take such action as I believe the public interests require."

Negro Being Held For Woman's Death

Orange, N. J., Dec. 29.—William Bates, a Negro, was held without bail yesterday, in connection with the killing of Mrs. Eleanor L. Brigham, 34, wife of Charles Brigham, a New York business man. Mrs. Brigham's body was discovered late last night in a service closet in her home here. She had been choked to death.

BOOZE VALUED AT \$4,000,000 SMUGGLED IN FOR CHRISTMAS

New York, Dec. 29.—Alexander Williams, who said he was an investigator for the department of justice, is authority for the statement yesterday that more than \$4,000,000 worth of liquor was smuggled into New York through New Jersey coast waters for holiday trade. This contradicts statements attributed to prohibition officers that the prohibition navy held most of the rum-runners at bay outside the three-mile limit.

Williams, who said he was on his way to Washington to report to Prohibition Commissioner, Haynes, declared that a vast amount of liquor was landed also on the Virginia coast to supply Washington, D. C. Most of the liquor landed on the New Jersey coast, he said, was imported into New York in the usual burlap bag packages in trucks, and that private police accompanied most of the shipments. When prohibition agents stopped the trucks the special officers would assure them all was well, Williams said.

MT. ANTHONY LODGE IS PLANNING TO CELEBRATE

Organization Formed Thursday Evening to Observe Hundredth Anniversary Next Spring.

The plan to celebrate the centennial of Mt. Anthony Masonic lodge the coming year took another step forward Thursday evening when the preliminary committee met and agreed to the following organization to take charge of the program and arrangements:

President, Edward L. Bates. Honorary Presidents, John H. Norton, Edward S. Chandler, Charles F. Sears, John C. Clark, Joseph Venable, Thomas Hannon and Charles S. Beach.

Committee on Invitations, Rev. W. G. Towart, Henry B. Wadbridge, W. H. Nichols, Karl O. Estes, and F. H. Sibley.

Reception Committee, Henry D. Fillmore, C. H. Darling, C. S. Perry, A. W. Varney, N. E. Greenslet.

Program and Arrangements, Edward L. Bates, John Spargo, Dr. Fred S. Graves, Rev. W. G. Towart, Collins M. Braley and Henry D. Fillmore.

Entertainment Committee, F. S. Braley, W. E. Basell, E. C. Bennett, H. B. North, A. Noevck.

Finance Committee, C. M. Graves, A. J. Holden, A. J. Cooper, T. A. Davenport, W. H. Willis.

Badges, Decorations and Printing, Frank E. Howe, Harrison I. Norton, Marden R. Nichols, J. Lawrence Griswold and J. G. Hutton.

While only tentative plans have yet been made it is expected that the observance of the anniversary will take place in May, after the roads get settled so that visitors can come easily by motor.

It is planned to make the affair worthy of the occasion on the lodge and town. The first Masonic lodge in Vermont was chartered here in 1783 and the order has always been strong here and included most of the widest known men, while Bennington is the fourth town in the state in size and all Bennington people want to have all Bennington celebrations successful.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB PLANS NEW YEAR HIKE

Annual Winter Outing Will Be Open to All Who Wish to Participate

The Green Mountain club has completed arrangements even to a sufficiency of snow for their annual winter outing to be held on New Year's day. As usual this event is open to the general public as well as members and as large a crowd as ever is expected to participate in this season's outing. The program for the day is varied so that both young and old may have a chance to thoroughly enjoy out of door life in any degree whatever.

A snow shoe trip is planned over Bald Mountain for those who really want to get next to Old King Winter and prove they are full fledged Green Mountainers.

The start will be from the Y. M. C. A. at 8:30 so as to allow ample time to get over the mountain in time for dinner at Hell Hollow camp. For those wishing to go direct to the camp conveyance will be ready at 9:30 also at the "Y" with room enough for all including the generous equipment of skis, snowshoes, sleds and toboggans that customarily make their appearance on New Year's morn for this event.

The morning at the camp will be given up to skiing, coasting or short snowshoes and the afternoon will be filled with a program of outdoor winter games, sled and snowshoes races under the direction of Earl N. Taralson of the Y. M. C. A. Hunter's stew and coffee will be served by the club for dinner and those participating are expected to bring such other eatables as they may desire.

Those planning to go on the snow shoe hike should notify Wills T. White. Others desiring transportation to camp must notify Eugene C. Burt or J. L. Griswold not later than Saturday night. The expense of transportation will be shared by those using it and a small charge to non-members for dinner.

Two Men Executed At Kilkenny Today

Dublin, Dec. 29 (By the Associated Press).—Two men, named Murphy and White, were executed at Kilkenny, today.

TWO LOUISIANA KIDNAPERS WILT, IMPLICATING 45

Make Confessions and Granted Immunity by State

TO BE TRIAL WITNESSES

Suspects in Slaying of Two Men under Surveillance of Secret Service

Bastrop, La., Dec. 29.—Forty-five persons were implicated in the Morehouse kidnaping and murders of last August, according to two confessions reported last yesterday as delivered by the department of justice men to state authorities at New Orleans. The authorities would neither deny nor affirm the report.

The confessions will not be made public until the opening hearings begin at Bastrop in January, it was thought here. It was stated the signers of the confessions have been granted immunity by the state and are being secreted along with other witnesses and will be called upon to testify.

The suspects are reported to be under constant surveillance of secret service men. At New Orleans yesterday Gov. Parker, Atty-Gen. Coco, his staff of local assistants and the four department of justice men were mapping out the future course in the investigations into the death of two men, Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, believed to have been victims of a robbed, masked mob.

Friends of former Mayor Dr. R. M. McKoin of Mer Rouge, under arrest at Baltimore on a charge of murder in connection with the case, are raising a fund in that and adjoining parishes to be used in defense of the physician.

Meanwhile a deputy sheriff armed with a warrant charging McKoin with murder was on the way to Baltimore.

NICKEL SAVINGS TOTAL \$1413.15

Accumulation During 14 Weeks By Pupils of Bennington Graded Schools

During the present school year, nickel savings stamps have been on sale in the public schools for 14 weeks. These stamps represent actual saving by the pupils and all ultimately find their way into the savings bank. In this way, the savings in the Graded School building alone have amounted to \$1413.15. They are classified as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Lists names like Miss Bennett, Mrs. G. Carney, Miss Darrow, etc., and their respective contributions.

Total \$1413.15. These figures do not include the sales made in the Cora B. Whitney School.

Former Pittsfield Mayor Shoots Himself

Pittsfield, Dec. 28.—Walter Foxcroft Hawkins, 59, senior member of the law firm of Hawkins, Ryan & Kellogg, committed suicide between 7 and 8:15 last night by shooting himself while sitting at his desk in his private office on the fourth floor of the Berkshire Life Insurance company's building. Medical Examiner Henry Colt said the act was probably caused by excessive nervousness and depression. A .32 caliber revolver, with one chamber vacant, was found on the rug close to his desk. On his desk was a sealed envelope containing a note addressed to his wife.

Kicked His Customers When They Kicked

Chicago, Dec. 29.—W thin a week, James A. Horn, a butcher, has been fined twice for kicking women customers who "kicked" on weight. "All these women think I am cheating them in weight," said Horn, who added that he did not remember having kicked Mrs. Augusta Whelan. He was fined \$20 and costs.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and continued colder tonight. Saturday fair with rising temperature.

10 MILES OF ROAD CONSIDERED BY PUBLIC MEETING

Effort to Get Pownal Road Built in One Year

QUESTION IS OF FINANCE

Plan Approved as Good Business But State Has to Satisfy Other Sections at Same Time

Ten miles of road between the village of Bennington and the Massachusetts state line was the subject of an interesting discussion at a rather unusual gathering in the Putnam house dining room Thursday afternoon.

There were 55 persons present and the gathering was at the invitation of the Bennington village trustees and Village President Fred C. Martin as executive agent.

The guests invited were the senators and representatives from Bennington county, the selection of Bennington, Pownal and Shaftsbury, State Highway Commissioner Thurman W. Dix, Federal Road Agent C. H. Stillman, officials and representatives of the Bennington and Manchester Boards of Trade, Sheriff Eleet P. H. Thompson and a few hotel men, manufacturers, etc.

The situation is that Bennington county and all western and a part of eastern Vermont is keenly interested in this piece of road in the southwestern corner of Vermont and largely in the town of Pownal. It is the road over which the biggest chunk of summer travel comes into the state. It is the road which has twice the motor vehicle traffic of any other in Vermont and it is so located that in case of being closed by construction it is difficult to detour.

If this road should be rebuilt it will cut off more than half the tourist traffic into Vermont and probably more than half the trucking in which the industrial plants of this part of the state have come to be to a considerable degree dependent.

It is proposed to start this year at the Massachusetts state line and lay a cement road in this direction for two to two and one-half miles. This is the section hardest to detour. In fact it is pretty much impossible. Naturally all western and northern Vermont wants to have this road built. There is no controversy on that score.

The point is that it will be better for the whole state of Vermont to have this ten miles of road built in one stretch and not in three or four sections, closing the road or half closing it for several years and then in fact it is pretty much impossible. Under the state and federal appointment Bennington county is not entitled to the \$300,000 or more necessary to build this road but it is clearly the best business method for the state of Vermont to build this road in one year and then leave Bennington county out of any share in the state road money until the other counties have shared equally as well.

The other counties might say that Bennington county should wait until its accumulated share was enough to build the road but a part of this ten miles needs attention more than any other section on the west side trunk line and it is to be remembered that this highway carries more than double the traffic of any other highway entering the state and probably six or eight times as much as most of the so-called trunk lines within the state. It will not stand the traffic strain to which it is subjected much longer in its present condition.

As Commissioner Dix stated it is wholly a question of financing this road and other roads that must be built. The commissioner said that he would like to build the road, all of it, in one year and the coming year but that the state department had demands from every section of Vermont and that all the money the state has to spend could be easily used in any one of the counties. The commissioner was sympathetic but not very hopeful of getting the whole job done in one year unless Rutland, Windsor, Addison, Chittenden and other sections which get half of their tourist travel over this road are agreeable and help up the plan.

After the excellent dinner served by Landlord Stafford the gathering was called to order by Village President Fred C. Martin who acted as toastmaster extended a cordial welcome on behalf of the trustees and introduced the speakers. The speakers were as follows, no one taking over ten minutes and most of them less.

State Highway Commissioner Thurman W. Dix, C. H. Stillman, of the federal bureau of highways; L. G. Treadway, vice-president of the Vermont Hotel Men's association; Dr. E. E. Potter of Pownal, dean of the county delegation in the coming legislature; Judge Edward Griffith, of Manchester; A. M. Johnson of the Arlington Refrigerator company; W. H. Shaw of Manchester; Fred E. Moore of Williamstown; and George M. Hawks, E. W. Williams, Dr. C. S. Buchanan, Robert B. Healy, E. C. Bennett and Frank E. Howe of Bennington.

Judge E. C. Bennett offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: "Be it resolved by those present here today that this meeting go on record as favoring the completion of

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