

Federal Officials Probe Mystery of Sea Cabaret

Huge Liner, Equipped as Hotel, Reported Lying to Just Outside 12-Mile Limit.

New York, Aug. 17.—Federal authorities have moved to learn the identity of the 17,000-ton "sea-going booze palace" which was reported today by the Herald-Tribune to be cruising off the 12-mile limit, dispensing pre-prohibition concoctions to wealthy landlubbers.

Officials Disagree.

Officials disagreed as to the extent of the government's jurisdiction over the floating saloon, or those wealthy visitors from shore who went by power boats, rum runner or private yacht to partake of the mystery ship's conviviality.

Capt. W. E. V. Jacobs, commander of the coast guard, New York district, announced he had started an investigation to establish the identity of the craft. Then, he said, the government under whose flag she is registered—the news reporter said the British flag—would be called upon to suppress the vessel's activities.

Captain Skeptical.

Although Captain Jacobs took steps to learn the identity of the unknown aboard which the newspaper man got his thrills, he continued to disbelieve that such a craft actually had been recently entertaining guests off Fire Island for more than a month, as reported. Coast guardsmen, patrolling from Cape Cod to Cape May, had never seen or encountered such a salt water oasis, he declared.

The captain advanced a theory that the vessel described was a member of the permanent Jersey coast rum fleet, and that its skipper, bored by dull times on the row, might have held occasional receptions off Fire Island for rum running patrons, bootleggers, and their guests.

The news reporter's description, however, was not of a bootlegger's party. He told of engaging passage, with several other men with feminine companions, on the high powered launch bound for the nameless ship whose huge bulk by day and mass of shimmering lights by night had mystified the residents of Long Island.

He told of boarding the huge craft, of paying a \$5 cover charge and \$5 for a stateroom for the night, of being ushered into the presence of a jazz orchestra, a stall of busy bartenders, and a party of 60 revelers who drank and danced the night away.

His narrative included the description of a menu of beverages where the cheapest drink was Scotch at \$1 and the most expensive was mint julep at \$2.50, with wine at 20 bucks and upward, by the bottle, and champagne by the bottle could be had in abundance at far pricier prices.

DEPUTIES ON GAS BIKE IN CRASH

Many bruises and much confusion proved the lot of Deputy Sheriffs Wavrin and Paxton Saturday night while chasing a speeder on West Q street.

600 FROLIC AT U. C. T. PICNIC

Between 600 and 700 persons frolicked at the United Commercial Travelers of America picnic at River-view park Saturday afternoon, given by Omaha Council No. 118. Led by a band, the picnic procession marched through downtown streets and thence to the park, where a field day was followed by a picnic supper and dancing in the park pavilion. The Omaha council baseball team defeated the Council Bluffs council team. John Kotz was chairman of the entertainment committee and Mrs. William Wakefield was assistant.

WEDDING FEAST SERVED IN AIR

London, Aug. 17.—Two transfusions wedding breakfast was eaten today by John Sterling, a Chicago engineer, and his English bride, who was Miss Margaret Elie.

MORE NEWSIES SEE MOVIE "AMERICA"

More than 100 Omaha Bee newsboys have seen the picture "America" being shown at the Brandeis theater and the management has promised that more than 200 will get to see it next week.

Last Wednesday night they started letting 15 of the boys in at every performance and have kept it up since then, much to the enjoyment of all the boys who have seen it and who expect to see it soon.

Omaha Hotels Able to Accommodate 25,000 Visitors; Facilities Here Superior to Other 250,000 Cities

Omaha is well equipped to care for and entertain 50,000 American Legion delegates and their friends, should its hopes be realized and the national convention come here in 1925.

Statistics prepared by the Omaha Hotel Men's association for the use of the Legion convention committee show that from the standpoint of hotels no city of 250,000 population is better equipped than Omaha to make the Legionnaires comfortable.

150,000 Being Raised.

Preparations for making a strong bid for the 1925 national convention of the Legion are progressing rapidly. The Omaha Legion post, which boasts the largest membership of any in the country, has organized committees to handle any exigency that may arise in extending Omaha's invitation to the Legion men.

Three Funds Cited.

Hall has been pleading that the difference between his figures and those of Sommer is accounted for in the temporary school fund, the forest reserve fund and the hall insurance fund.

Omaha Exceeds in Hotels.

In the last seven years Des Moines has built one new first class hotel, the Fort Des Moines; rebuilt one first class hotel, the Saverly; and has enlarged several of its smaller hotels.

Labor Situation on "Even Keel"

More Satisfactory Now Than in Years, Federal Report Shows.

Washington, Aug. 17.—The labor situation in the United States is more satisfactory this summer than at any time during the past several years, the Department of Labor announced tonight on the basis of reports from all parts of the country.

SAMARITAN GETS BROKEN WRIST

Fremont, Neb., August 17.—Dave Rockie, 70, veteran Fremont newsie and now proprietor of a suburban grocery, went to the rescue of a neighbor when his filly straddled only to suffer a broken arm, a badly lacerated leg and other injuries, when the motor backfired and kicked.

BREAKING OF DIKE FLOODS VILLAGES

Pekin, Aug. 17.—A break in the Grand canal dike near Enhsien, western Shantung, has flooded 150 villages and totally destroyed crops. Reports received here indicate. Some 6,000 people are affected by this latest inundation.

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Hall Shy in His Expense List, Is Claim of Sommer

Lincoln, Aug. 16.—State Accountant Sommer, who for several days has been trying to straighten out Finance Secretary Hall's accounts, issued a statement today charging Hall with leaving out of the record of state expenditures more than \$700,000, either "deliberately" or because he is "muddled."

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Ohio Motorists Must Pay for Damage to Trains in Smashups

Columbus, O., Aug. 17.—Motorists who have a thirst to race with death at grade crossings are up against a new problem in Ohio.

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A Diamond Ring for the Prettiest Shingle Bob

KRUG
Wednesdays Nite
Shingle Bob Contest
1st Prize.....Diamond Ring
2d Prize.....\$20 in Gold
3d Prize.....\$10 in Gold
Prizes will be Awarded on Merits of Bob.

"The Lone Wolf"

THIS WEEK
"The Lone Wolf"
WITH
JACK HOLT DOROTHY DALTON
OUR GANG in a blowout of lafs!
"TIRE TROUBLE"

NEW MAIL CARS TO FOIL BANDITS

New York, Aug. 17.—In an effort to prevent railway mail robberies, the United States postoffice department, it was learned today, has contracted for the building of 2,000 specially designed cars, armored so heavily and equipped with such protective devices as to defeat attacks by armed desperadoes.

VAUDEVILLE—PHOTOPLAYS

WORLD
NOW PLAYING
COVEY SISTERS
And Their Revue
SIX BIG ACTS

EMPIRE NOW PLAYING

The Western Musical Play
"BAR Z RANCH"
With Billy Van Allen

Gaiety Omaha's Fun Center

16th Consecutive Season's Opening Week
COLLINS & PILLARD
In the Big, New Girl Show
"HOLLYWOOD FOLLIES"
Complete and Total From 2 Weeks at Columbia Theatre
Ladies' 25c. Bargain Mat., 21st Week Days



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