

HOWELL MAY SURVEED CUMMINS

Rum Fleet Encounters Opposition

Icy Gales Off Jersey Coast Handicap Landing of Christmas Liquor—20 Ships Put to Sea.

“Lucky Lady” in Charge

By Associated Press.
Highlands, N. J., Dec. 14.—Icy gales kicked up such seas along the Jersey coast today that all but seven of the Christmas rum squadron of 20 vessels weighed anchor and withdrew to the open sea to ride out the storm. The weather and the heavy reinforced federal, state and county staffs of prohibition agents, at sea and ashore, threatened to send glimmering the rum runners' last hopes of smuggling through to the big cities the thousands of cases of whisky and wine the rum fleet carries.

Not a bottle fisherman ventured out to the fleet today. They speedy craft, including those newly launched in the last few days in the hope of garnering some of the Christmas trade harvest, rode safely at anchor in the camouflaged liquor landing harbors that abound in this and nearby coastal towns.

“Lucky Lady” Landlocked.
Even the super-rum craft, Louise, reputed flagship of a fleet of fast bottle-runners, said by revenue officers to be operated by a woman, known to them as “Lucky Lady,” remained in her little land-locked basin at Keyport.

Prohibition officers ashore, however, were warned by revenue cutter sailors that “Lucky Lady,” whom they recently rescued from drowning, when one of her bottle boats sank with a cargo on the way in from the rum fleet at night, had recovered and was actively directing the fleet of city-going liquor trucks and touring cars which she is reputed to operate ashore.

“Lucky Lady” is a brunette of 30 and the head of a syndicate of whisky smugglers that operates both water and land craft, the authorities say. She accompanied her own ship out to Rum Row, they say, bargained with the shippers there for supplies of imported liquor and directed the unloading and reloading into cars at the beach. She usually rode the Louise, which federal rum hunters, whose mosquito fleet has tried to capture her, say is one of the fastest craft on the coast.

Malone, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Enforcement agents along the northeastern frontier of the state say they have stopped most of the traffic of bootleg liquor over the Canadian frontier. While admitting that perhaps some fleet liquor-laden automobiles had escaped their vigilance in little traveled roads during the snowstorm of last night, the agents were convinced that the drivers of the larger cargoes were unwilling to take a chance, knowing that the highways were exceptionally well guarded.

The bootleggers were said to be in a rage over the delay in fulfilling down-state contracts with financial losses in sight. The agents would not be surprised to see a concentration dash over the line by half a dozen machines. The theory being that while some would be caught, others might escape in the confusion.

Weather conditions also are causing anxiety among the smugglers. The winters in this north country are usually severe and deep snow clogs the highways for months, making fast traveling out of the question.

So far, the weather has been remarkably mild and the snowfall has failed to continue much longer and the closing of the roads means comparative inactivity, with a large stock of contraband on hand.

High Jackers Active.
Last winter, the smugglers used sleighs, but these were easily caught by the Black Horse troopers, whose sturdy steeds have an uncanny way of speeding through deep snow. The brawny, sagacious police dogs of the state troopers are invariably used in winter weather and this year the officers plan to use them more than ever.

Reports that high jackers had been operating against the bootleggers were confirmed today, when two alleged highwaymen, one an Indian, were taken to the county jail at Canton to await the grand jury's action.

Many of the high jackers are mere youths, the authorities say, and some of them are reported to be former New York gunmen.

All of them were at one time engaged in the legitimate bootleg profession but were disbarred, or double-crossed their agents.

The authorities say that much of the liquor confiscated recently contains denatured alcohol. The labels are faked in many cases. Even the supposed real beer and ale is etched in many instances.

Married in Council Bluffs.
The following persons obtained marriage license in Council Bluffs yesterday:
Charles Crowley, Omaha, Neb., to
Virginia Carpenter, Omaha, Neb.
Arthur Mitchell, Lincoln, Neb., to
Frances Gaskin, Lincoln, Neb.
Glen Brown, Lincoln, Neb., to
Greta Conover, Lincoln, Neb.
Dudley, Fairbury, Neb., to
Doris White, Council Bluffs, Neb.
Doris Medley, Council Bluffs.

Lowly Carp, Cornfed, Mounts Social Scale to Tables of Elite Fish Lovers

Modern Fishermen, Through Application of Improved Environment and Scientific Diet, Develop Humble Fish Into Palatable Delicacy

McGregor, Ia., Dec. 14.—Cornfed carp is a newcomer among the products of the corn belt to win favor in the eastern markets. Like the cornfed hog and steer this cornfed representative of the finy race now goes alive to New York from Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin in special stock cars, with attendants in charge and all the rest.

Most people don't think very highly of the carp as food. Left to himself it is true the carp does not develop into very good eating, but commercial fishermen of the upper Mississippi have discovered a way of changing carp from coarse fish to fine fish. At several points along the river, particularly at Lansing, Iowa, and Genoa, Wis., they are engaged successfully in this work.

Diet Is the Thing.
“As the water is, so is the fish,” is a common expression among fishermen. Carp taken from sluggish lakes or slow-moving, contaminated rivers are not very palatable, but put them in cold, pure, swiftly running waters, and a refining and firming of flesh takes place. Add to this water treatment corn rations, and the humble carp becomes transformed into a line table fish, almost as good to eat as pike or bass.

A typical carp farm is that of M. Ehrlich & Sons fish dealers at Lansing, Ia. By enclosing a shore area of the Mississippi in earth embankments, the Ehrlich's have created two large ponds. An artesian well, sunk several hundred feet into the sand rock at the head of the ponds, pours a copious flow of water in a small cataract down an incline into

the ponds, creating a fish habitat pure and cold as the trout streams of the western mountains. The carp are fed from the river, brought in in live crates by motor boats and placed in these ponds. Fish put in in August, September and October may be kept there until winter, as the waters never freeze, they improve in quality all the time, and meanwhile prices for fish get better also.

Swin to Market.
While the pure, cold, flowing waters are hardening and refining the fish, they are kept on a diet of corn and barley. The grain is not fed to fatten them, but to keep the carp from losing weight and to give flavor and delicacy to the flesh. When finishing off is completed, the fish are shipped east in specially built cars, 20,000 to 30,000 pounds to a car. They are confined in tanks of water, into which fresh air is pumped at stated intervals during the trip, by attendants who accompany the shipment. So it is in liveliest contentment that the three and five and 10 pounders swim to eastern cities in their well-aerated water compartments. When they reach the market they are in tiptop condition, Mr. Ehrlich says, and are still flopping to tempt customers who like these artesian water-hardened, cornfed carp of the Mississippi and like them “strictly fresh.”

With the vast numbers of carp in the Mississippi, and the ease with which an artesian flow of water can be obtained at most any place along the shores, fishermen believe carp farming on the northern Mississippi can become a big business.

Denial Is Issued by Tom Carroll

State Officer Says Sheriff Badges Not Distributed Liberally.

Lincoln, Dec. 14.—Tom Carroll, state law enforcement officer, today indignantly denied reports that he has liberally distributed state deputy sheriff badges among evidence men in the employ of his office. The reports were inspired by the possession of a badge by Fred A. Holmes, found not guilty of usurpation yesterday by a Cass county jury.

“We have never given badges to more than two or three men,” he said, “and then only to those who had worked for us some time and whom we knew. There has been no such thing as a wholesale distribution of badges.”

No evidence man at the present time is in possession of a badge, he declared. Commenting on the verdict of the jury that freed Holmes, Carroll said: “Holmes is a good, straight chap and a hard worker, and the only money he has obtained for his work in Cass county came from fees. It is my understanding that whatever he did was at the suggestion of the county attorney and he is innocent of intentional misbehavior.”

Christmas Mail Dates.
Christmas mail, to insure delivery before Christmas, should be mailed for the Pacific coast and the New England states not later than next Monday.

Women as Guests at Committee Meet

Mrs. Edgar Penney Gives Impressions of G. O. P. Parley—Hopeful of Future.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Women attending the meeting of the republican national committee this week didn't participate in politics. They were simply a well entertained audience. This, in brief, was the opinion expressed by Mrs. Edgar Penney of Fullerton, new associate committee woman for Nebraska, who left Washington today.

“We were more in the position of the smoker who asked his mother if he might go swimming,” Mrs. Penney said. “The mother replied: ‘Hang your clothes on a hickory limb but don't go near the water.’”

“The next time we really participate in deliberations of the national convention,” she said, “will be at the national convention that we have given equal rights on the committee is encouraging.”

“It did look queer, though, that the committee questioned its authority to vest us with this privilege and in the next breath overrode authority of the national convention which had delegated a special committee to act upon reducing southern representation.”

“I intend to report to the Nebraska state chairman for any duty possible for me to perform at the coming session. Organization of women in the country districts of Nebraska needs strengthening.”

Coverdale Is Reinstated by Farmers

Additional Duty of Director of Director of Organization Given Iowa Man.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The new executive committee of the American Farm Bureau federation today reinstated J. W. Coverdale of Iowa, ousted last Saturday by the outgoing committee, as secretary and treasurer of the federation. The committee gave him the additional office of director of organization, formerly held by a separate official. Consolidation of the offices had been one of the recommendations of a sub-committee of the outgoing committee.

Another blow was delivered to the anti-Coverdale forces, when the committee, according to an official statement issued from the offices of the federation, endorsed indirectly the United States Grain Growers' corporation. This endorsement was in the form of an endorsement of another resolution, said to have been adopted at a meeting of midwestern grain growers in July, 1923, which in turn endorsed the corporation. The committee postponed until another meeting in January action upon a resolution endorsing the national wheat growers' advisory committee, which had been referred to it by the directors at the convention Wednesday.

Aaron Sapiro is counsel for this committee. It was the sense of the committee that the resignation of Walton Peete of Texas, as marketing director, was duly submitted to the directors in convention and stands without action by the committee. Mr. Peete differed with Mr. Coverdale relative to marketing machinery, preferring to see the federation work in cooperation with the national wheat growers' advisory committee than with the United States Grain Growers' corporation.

The committee pledged itself to the promulgation of co-operative marketing, but left the machinery for the continuance of the work formerly done by Mr. Peete to be determined at the next meeting, set for January 21.

Great Lakes Official Calls on Governor

Duluth, vice president at large and executive secretary of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Tidewater association, today called on Governor Bryan and declared that he had come simply to pay his respects and not to transact business.

The governor, with Nelson B. Uphike and C. B. Towl of Omaha, is a member of the council of 18 states that control the association. Asked what progress the association is making, Craig said that New England shippers, at a recent meeting, had declared themselves enthusiastically in favor of the association's project, and that New York state, which is the most bitter opponent of the association, is not now as active in its opposition as it has been in the past.

Fire Hazards Decrease.
Dilapidated houses and buildings in Omaha are gradually disappearing, figures prepared by John Trouton, city fire warden, show.

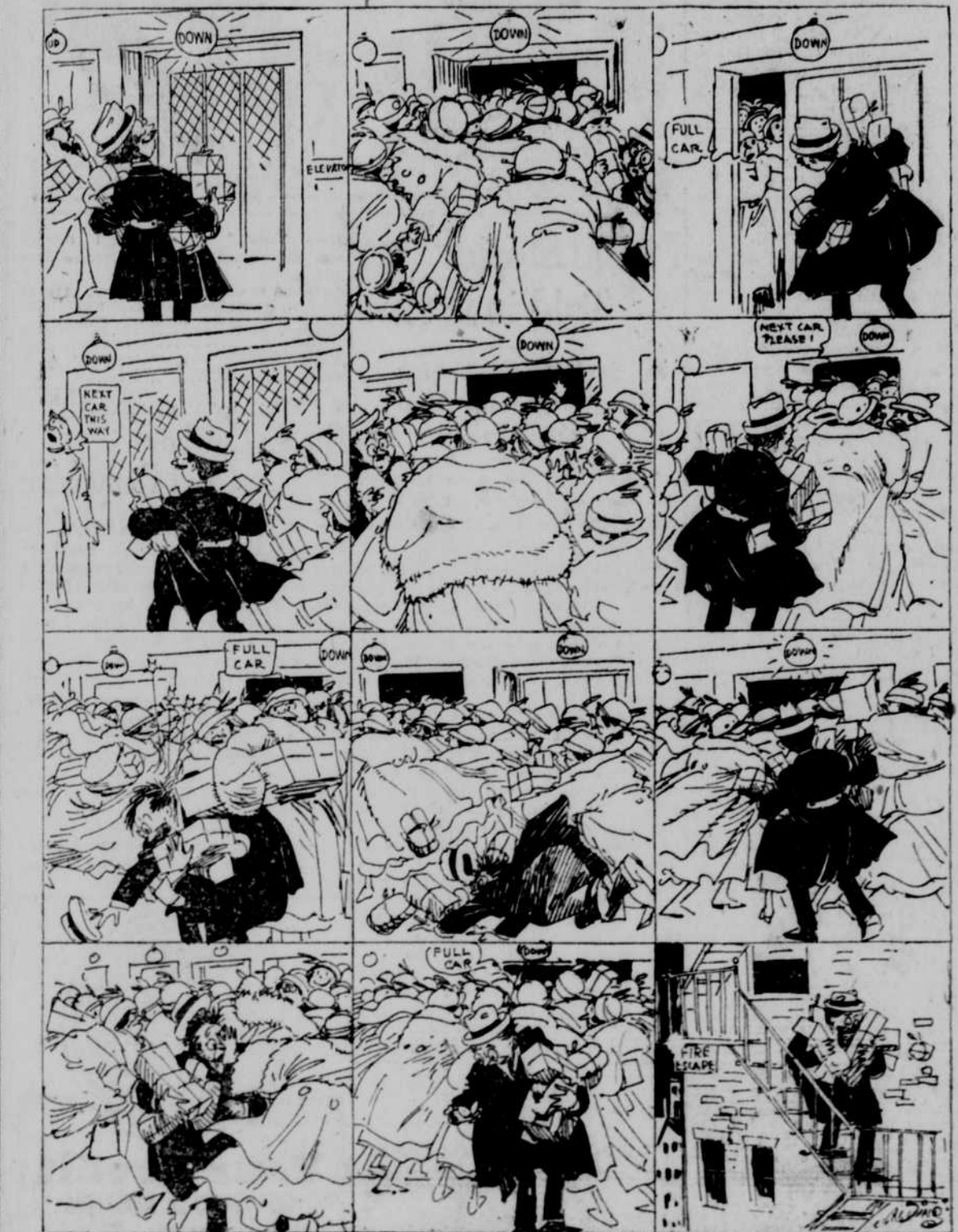
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Three Indicted for Murder of Boy Strangled to Death

Castkill, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Indictments on charges of first degree murder were handed down by the Greene county grand jury against Mrs. Charles Rothenberg of Newark, N. J., mother of 7-year-old Howard Rothenberg, who was strangled to death at Windham, near here, this summer; Mrs. Esther Litt of Brooklyn, the boy's aunt, and Burtell Bramaugh, son of the proprietor of the Windham boarding house at which the Rothenbergs and Mrs. Litt were staying at the time the crime was committed.

A Polite Gentleman Trying to Do Some Christmas Shopping



16 Kinds of Syrup on Sale in State Are Found Misbranded

Announcement Is Made by Department of Agriculture Following Investigation.

Lincoln, Dec. 14.—The department of agriculture, following an investigation, announced today that it had found 16 misbranded syrups on sale in the state of Nebraska. The department points out that the 1921 legislature passed a law requiring a declaration of the percentage of ingredients on the label, and that that law supersedes the elimination of the requirement by the 1919 legislature.

The finding of the investigation follows: “The small can of Farrell's is approximately 7 per cent short in weight.”
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David City Grain Rates Are Revised

Discriminatory Features Are Removed by Railway Commission.

Lincoln, Dec. 14.—Grain rates from points adjacent to David City have been revised so as to remove discriminatory features. It was announced by the state railway commission today. The revision includes increases from certain points, and a scaling down from others to meet elevator operator's objections that the discriminatory rates were driving away business.

Gales in Pacific

By Associated Press.
Honolulu, Dec. 14.—Heavy gales are playing havoc with shipping in this section of the Pacific ocean, according to officers of vessels arriving today and wireless messages from ships at sea.

The Nebraska Farmers Elevators' association, through its secretary, J. W. Shortbill, which has been closely following the planned revisions, today announced that it would file a petition for a rehearing on the rates allowed by the commission.

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“In order to break the deadlock, therefore, we have decided to follow this suggestion,” Senator Norris added, “and when balloting is resumed next Monday we expect to cast our votes for Senator Howell, a member of the interstate commerce committee, with the hope that our effort of compromise will be acceptable to our associates and the deadlock broken. If Senator Couzens is more satisfactory than Senator Howell, we will be glad to submit on him.”

Confer With Democrats in House

For a time today it appeared probable that a coalition would be formed between house insurgents and democrats to displace two republicans selected for membership on the rules committee and to elect as members an additional democrat and one insurgent. Conferences were held throughout the day between members of the various factions, after which republican organization and democratic leaders said an agreement might be reached whereby the minority would be given an additional seat, making the committee membership seven republicans and five democrats.

This is the ratio democrats insisted upon when congress convened with the republican majority in the house greatly reduced. The republican committee on committees, however, decided that the apportionment which prevailed in the 67th congress should continue and the revolt today on the part of the democrats largely was the result of this action.

SUNNY SIDE UP

Read with interest a local story regarding pedal extremities. There is one consolation about being the owner of enlarged feet. They feel so good when they get real warm.

Pleasant chat on the corner with Police Commissioner Dunn. At one stage of the proceedings he placed his hand on his shoulder. Crowds hurrying by thought it was a “pinch,” with many resultant curious looks and some comments muttered in tones too low to catch. Discussed newspapers and police work, and agreed that there had been some marked changes during the last quarter of a century. Did not wholly agree on differences, however, but everything friendly despite curious glances of hurrying pedestrians.

One more recruit for the “I Knew Him” club. G. J. Ernst, who has signed his name for more millions than almost anybody in the middle west. Perhaps you do not know it, but Mr. Ernst wrote the first public address W. J. Bryan made in Nebraska. How come? For several years Mr. Ernst was secretary-treasurer of the Relief and Aid society of Lincoln. He wrote his annual report for the annual meeting, which was held in the old St. Paul Methodist church. There was an overflow meeting in the Congregational church near by. While Mr. Ernst was reading the report at the main meeting, Mr. Bryan was reading it at the overflow meeting. A slight of Mr. Ernst's genial face is as welcome as the sight of his name on the bottom of a Burlington check—which latter has grown very familiar in newspaper circles of late years.

No thrill for me in story under the headline, “Highwaymen Raid California Road.” Took an extended auto trip through Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming last fall, and met them a plenty. None armed with guns, however. Wrenches and pliers were amply sufficient to separate me from my slender roll.

The world do move! No doubt about it. For proof see notice of big department stores that they will keep open until 9 p. m., but will not open until 10 a. m. A quarter century ago they would have remained open, all night, but the opening time would have remained the same. The new order of things is the humane way. It means a brighter Christmas for an army of salesgirls.

No trouble spotting the men who, have postponed giving the Christmas present for the Missus. There's a hunted look in their eyes, a tense expression on their faces, a display of nervousness that would excite sympathy under any other circumstances. My Christmas present for the Missus is purchased and laid away—a new briar pipe and a can of my favorite tobacco. I expect to get it back the day after. Then I'll return the present. I know she has already purchased for me. It is all very simple when you know how.

Speaking of what appears to be lifetime jobs, there's the one held by Phil Kennedy of York, who is president of the State Association of County Commissioners. He has held the job for 15 years and has another year ahead of him. Phil hasn't been a county commissioner for many years but that makes no difference—he knows the game, knows county commissioners, and takes pride in the work of the organization he heads. As usual he made the Omaha meeting a huge success. W. M. M.

Norris Puts Colleague Up as Chairman

Interstate Commerce Committee Post Still Vacant as Republican Factions Fail to Agree.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Although there appeared for a time today a possibility of the breaking of the senate deadlock when balloting is resumed Monday, this virtually was dissipated by a formal announcement on behalf of the group of seven who have been supporting Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, the insurgent leader, that on Monday they expected to vote for Senator Howell, republican, Nebraska, for the interstate commerce committee chairmanship.

The announcement, which was issued by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, said that if Senator Couzens, republican, Michigan, was more satisfactory to other republican senators than Senator Howell the insurgents would “be glad to unite on him.”

Republican leaders said Senator Cummins, republican, Iowa, had been endorsed for the chairmanship by a regular party conference and that they would continue to vote for him until the conference had formally decided on some other senator.

Howell Proposes

Senator Howell, the situation Monday would be exactly the same as during the three days of balloting earlier in the week with neither Senator Cummins nor Senator Smith of South Carolina, the democratic candidate, able to muster the majority necessary for election.

In announcing that the insurgents would support Senator Howell, who ranks last among the republican members of the interstate commerce committee, Senator Norris said the insurgents had been approached “by an emissary of the so-called regular republicans, and the proposition has been made to us that in selecting the chairman of this committee, the rule of seniority should be overthrown and a selection for chairman be made from other members of the committee, regardless of length of service either in the senate or on the committee.”

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Unable to muster a majority when the question of approving the committee personnel comes up in the house, a number of democrats proposed that an alliance be formed with the insurgents, a proposal that was welcomed by the latter, who suggested that an agreement be reached to place an out-and-out insurgent on the committee as well as one more democrat.

Conversations between republican organization and democratic leaders, however, developed a willingness on the part of at least some of the republicans to give the democrats a fifth committee seat, the understanding being that the minority as a unit would not align itself with the insurgents to disturb further the prospective committee personnel.

Meantime, action on the committee personnel by the house has definitely been deferred until next week. This will delay organization of the house and means committee which had planned to begin consideration of tax reduction legislation next Monday. Representative Green of Iowa, who has been selected as chairman, will call the members together as soon as the house has disposed of the committee question.