

Chicago Saloons 'Kick Off' Dry Lid As Agents Fired

"Here's How," the Old Familiar Salutation, Heard on Every Side as Prohibition Sleuths Are Dismissed.

By EARL L. SHAUH. *Special Service Staff Correspondent.* Chicago, May 20.—"Here's how!" The old familiar salutation was resurrected in Chicago today. The greeting was heard on all sides as practically every saloon in town kicked off the prohibition lid. Prices dropped from 75 cents to 50 cents a drink, and in some cases as low as 25 cents.

Formal announcement that Chicago had returned to the pre-prohibition days was made by Attorney General Brundage. He said he had information that practically every saloon in the city was running wide open and selling liquor openly over the bar.

Caused by Dismissals. Today's conditions were made possible by the dismissal of 76 prohibition enforcement officers in the central district. Thirty of them worked in Chicago. This leaves only eight men in the service here. Four of these have office jobs and the other four are night watchmen at warehouses where the government keeps confiscated liquor.

Warning Is Issued. Attorney General Brundage tossed a fly of warning into the alcoholic ointment of the day. "From reports I have received," he said, "practically every saloon in Chicago is running wide open and booze is being sold as openly as though there were no prohibition laws. But I want to warn these violators that their operations are to be extremely short lived. Let them take fair warning that the state of Illinois will not permit a booze holiday in Chicago or elsewhere in this state. The saloonkeepers of today are a much worse, more lawless type than those of the old days. Many of them are aliens with little respect for the laws of the United States. They are the men who bribed the weaker among the prohibition enforcement officers now under investigation."

Hubby Divorces Her To Wed Stepdaughter



Mrs. Louis A. Darsch, of Chicago, was divorced from her husband, Henry Darsch, by Superior Judge Lewis in Chicago recently because Darsch wanted to marry his 14-year-old stepdaughter, Bertha, according to a report from Chicago. Mrs. Darsch testified that her daughter came to her and asked why she did not get a divorce from Darsch. "I became suspicious," Mrs. Darsch continued, according to the report, "and decided to watch them. A few days later I found my daughter in her stepfather's arms." The girl, it is said, has admitted the charge, and has declared her intention of marrying her stepfather when she becomes of age. Darsch, it is said, has also admitted his intention to marry the girl. Bertha will be turned over to the juvenile authorities until she becomes of age.

Postal Workers Steal \$75,000 to Gamble on Horses

Loss Occurs in Postal Savings Department of New York Substation—Theft Occurs During Nine Months.

New York, May 20.—Manipulating postal saving certificate books two clerks in Station 1 swindled the postoffice out of \$75,000 during the last nine months it was learned today when they were arraigned before United States Commissioner Hitchcock on charges of embezzlement.

The men who said they used the money to gamble on horse races are: James E. Dunlay, for 13 years in the employ of the postoffice. Ralph Rosenberg, employed in the postoffice two years.

Both were held in \$25,000 bail on the complaint of Postoffice Inspector James A. Feeney. The government is the sole loser by their operations and depositors will not suffer, Assistant United States Attorney Schwartz declared. The men were stationed in the postal savings department of the sub-station and they adopted a method of embezzling the money which was simple, though bound eventually to lead to their discovery.

Whenever any money is deposited in the postal savings bank the depositor is given a certificate for the amount, instead of giving such depositors certificates out of the current books the blanks of which are numbered serially, they would tear out blanks from books which in the ordinary course of events would not be reached for a year or more. They could then pocket the money without fear of immediate detection, as the current books did not show such deposits.

Alaskan Towns Threatened By Klondike Flood Waters

Dawson, Y. T., May 20.—Heavy thaws have caused unusually high water in the Stewart and Klondike rivers, making it necessary to put a crew of men to work diking the Klondike at Bear Creek, eight miles from here, to save the town and machine shops from being flooded. The Bonanza has overflowed its banks, flooding the Klondike company's field and destroying garden crops. Navigation on the Yukon river was formally opened today.

Davis Confers With President in Regard To Strike of Seamen

Washington, May 20.—Conferences with parties involved in the marine wage controversy were continued by Secretary Davis in an effort to reach a final settlement. He met representatives of the marine engineers and also called at the White House, where he talked with President Harding half an hour. He planned to confer with Chairman Benson of the shipping board last night and later met with representatives of the seamen, engineers and radio operators, when it was indicated a definite solution might be looked for.

It is understood that the men suggested to the secretary a basic 15 per cent wage reduction as demanded by the ship owners and the board, but an upward revision in overtime scales, which would make reductions actually range from 10 to 12 1/2 per cent.

While ship owners have announced that they would not sign any agreement with the men, Chairman Ben-

Convict Woman Who Threw Acid at Another

Prescott, Ariz., May 20.—Mrs. Anna Irene Hopkins was found guilty of assault by a jury in the superior court here today. The jury deliberated several hours before reaching a verdict.

Mrs. Hopkins was convicted of having thrown acid into the face of Miss Lucille Gallagher, a school teacher, in a cafe at Jerome, Ariz., March 31. At the trial the defense attempted to show that she did this under the delusion that Miss Gallagher was a tool of a group of men who were trying to discredit Mrs. Hopkins' husband, Clarence V. Hopkins, former chief engineer for a large copper company at Jerome. The defense also attempted to show that Mrs. Hopkins was insane when she threw the acid.

French Imports Fall

Paris, May 20.—Imports for the first four months of the year decreased 5,750,000,000 francs and exports increased 1,112,000,000 francs.

Railroad Employees Raised in Grade by Government Control

Washington, May 20.—Under federal control of railroads, wages of specified classes of employees not only were raised, but many employees were placed on higher grades than those in which they were prior to the orders and national agreements, President A. H. Smith of the New York Central, testified before a senate investigating committee. "The reclassification not only had the effect of increasing wages, but very largely increased the number of men," he added.

"The effect of the Adamson law," he said, "was to establish in contracts for labor and service, eight hours as the measure of a day's work for the purpose of reckoning the compensation for services, in place of 10 hours. The result in money to the New York Central in 1917 was an increase of \$4,045,000, or 18.9 per cent in the pay of engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen."

Ford Demands Probe Of Newberry Election

Washington, May 20.—Demands for investigation of charges that Senator Newberry of Michigan was elected through "fraudulent expenditures of vast sums" of money, was made by Henry Ford, his defeated opponent in the 1918 election, in messages to Chairman Dillingham and other members of the senate committee on elections, which will meet tomorrow to determine what action, if any, should be taken.

Referring to the recent decision of the supreme court, setting aside the conviction of Senator Newberry as contrary to law, Mr. Ford pointed out that the court also "declared the proper place to investigate these charges is the senate."

Princess Troubetsky's Marriage Is Annulled

Green Bay, Wis., May 20.—The marriage of Captain Wallace S. Schutz of Milwaukee, to Princess Nadejda Troubetsky, was annulled today by Circuit Judge Henry Graess. The decision was sealed.

Welty Asks President To Support Waterways

Washington, May 20.—President Harding is urged to lend his support in the development of inland waterways of the Mississippi valley and the west because of high rail transportation rates, in a letter from former Representative Welty of Ohio, made public today. Mr. Welty announced that he had sought the aid of members of congress to further such plans.

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Hold of Ocean Liner Flooded to Check Fire

New York, May 20.—The American passenger and freight steamship Panhandle State, was beached on the flats near Ellis Island tonight, after city firemen had unsuccessfully fought a fire below her decks. Seacocks in the fireroom and afterholds were opened in an attempt to flood the burning compartments and save the vessel. The fire started in an oil feedpipe on the port side as it lay berthed at its North river pier. It soon spread below decks and up through the superstructure, threatening nearby vessels. After a hard struggle, firemen extinguished the flames above the vessel's deck and in its passenger staterooms. In the fire-room and afterholds, however, the fire got beyond control and firemen ordered tugs to pull the burning vessel to the flats and flood her.

"Hire a Hero" Week Planned By Former Service Men

Chicago, May 20.—A movement toward a "hire a hero" week, beginning May 23 was started by the Buck Private Society, A. E. F. The purpose is "to get all ex-service men out of the gutter, away from the breadline, and into the bread wagon in order that the unemployed ex-service men may celebrate Memorial day in a fitting manner."

Landis Refuses to Sentence Man in Soldier's Uniform

Chicago, May 20.—Federal Judge Landis refused to sentence William Zwyer, found guilty of robbery, because he appeared before him in the uniform of a United States soldier. Zwyer asked for leniency because of his record in the war. The judge answered by continuing the case and cautioning Zwyer not to wear his uniform in court again.

Over-Stocked Markets Blamed for Export Slump

Washington, May 20.—Over-stocked world markets were said by Secretary Hoover to be largely responsible for the slump in American exports. Conditions are improving somewhat, however, he added, and with the movement of the stocks of commodities on hand in the foreign markets, American exports could be expected to pick up again.

Steamships

Arrivals. San Francisco, May 19.—Nile, Honkong. Albatross, May 18.—Lapland, New York. Harre, May 18.—La Fayette, New York. Hamburg, May 18.—West Katan, Vancouver. Manila, May 17.—Empress of Asia, Vancouver, B. C. Departures. Havre, May 14.—La Bourdonnais, New York. Queenstown, May 18.—Haverford, Philadelphia. Hongkong, May 18.—Empress of Japan, Vancouver, B. C. Power, May 18.—Dana, Portland, Ore. Calla, May 18.—Cooccha, San Francisco.

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