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CITY LIQUOR BODY DEMANDS RULING ON BEER BY KANE

Association Declares Nonmembers Keep Saloons Open While Theirs Are Closed

BEER AND WINE SOLD BY MANY; HOTELS "DRY"

Soft Drinks Served in Leading Cafes—Whisky Reported Served by Some

"Dry" Barometer Shows Strong, Beery Pressure

Two and three-quarter per cent beer is on tap throughout the land today where there are no state dry laws...

Reports from various parts of the country today show the following conditions:

Philadelphia—Large hotel bars sell soft drinks, and many saloons sell beer and light wines.

Chicago—Hinky Dink's saloon operates as soft drink emporium.

St. Louis—Thirteen breweries continue making 2.75 per cent beer.

Pittsburgh—Nonintoxicating brew on tap.

St. Paul—Liquor dealers decide to test law, choosing one of number to violate regulations.

Baltimore—Proprietors of hotels and cafes sell beer, declaring their purpose to keep well within the law.

A definite statement on the legal status under the war-time prohibition act of 2 3/4 per cent beer will be demanded this afternoon of United States Attorney Francis Fisher Kane by the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association.

Reports reaching them that many non-member saloons had reopened today for the sale of beer and light wines caused officials of the association to call a conference on the situation.

Neil Bonner, president of the association, arranged to see Mr. Kane late today and urge him to clear up all doubts connected with the sale of beer and wine, and the percentage of alcoholic content in beverages which he considers lawful.

Other Bars Stay Open

Saloons not affiliated with the liquor dealers' organization, said Mr. Bonner, are in some instances selling whisky as well as beer and wine.

Because they believed 2 3/4 per cent beer to come under the ban of the prohibition law, he asserted, members of the association have closed their places.

If non-member saloons may lawfully sell 2 3/4 per cent beer so far as federal legislation is concerned, Mr. Bonner said, in a short time candy shops, cigar stores and "other indiscriminate places" will also be selling it.

Once beer of that amount of alcoholic content is ruled non-intoxicating, it may be sold as a beverage without the payment of a city liquor license fee.

This would be obviously unfair to those liquor dealers who have closed in obedience to the law and who would be required to pay a license fee of \$1000 annually for the privilege of selling beer.

On the other hand, if the district attorney holds that 2 3/4 per cent beer is intoxicating and therefore the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association will ask him to see to it that those establishments now open for the sale of such beverages are closed.

Many Saloons Open

Philadelphia was by no means "bone dry" today. Saloons in various sections of the city were selling beer and wine, and they were invariably crowded with thirsty patrons.

There were frequent reports of a few places still selling whisky when it was called for. Note that the city's liquor license fee is \$1000 annually.

"Pass the Buck"

Incidentally there is an inclination among the federal authorities to "pass the buck" as far as making arrests for violation of the liquor law is concerned.

"It's not up to us" is the slogan passed out from the internal revenue. Department of Justice and other departments represented here.

Regardless of investigations, however, many of the saloons open today did a merry business in the sale of beer and wine. In many places there were a score of customers who displayed the signs of the day and planned to return.

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Politicians Here Are Gossiping Over Mr. Sproul's Unexpected Letting Out of Public Service Commissioner

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Uggy-Gluggy-Gluk—Indian Says No More Firewater

"No more firewater"

A solemn pledge to this effect was taken by Martin Costo, twenty-one years old, a full-blooded Chippewa Indian, a member of the crew of the Battleship Utah, who was arrested while drunk last night.

The right hand to the sky, he vowed "never again" in the "Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue station house after Magistrate Price had fined him \$8.50.

The fine was inflicted in addition to injuries suffered when Costo was trampled by the crew of the battleship after his party was spotted by the bluecoat while in a playful mood last night.

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STORE IS LOOTED IN HEART OF CITY; LOSS OVER \$6000

Robbers, Who Failed in First Attempt, Raid Shop at 620 Chestnut Street

CHEAPER GOODS SCORDED; SILK SHIRTS IN BOOTY

H. Bolen, Purchaser of Jacoby Stock, Says Police Were Told of Thieves' First Visit

Thieves entered the haberdashery shop of H. Bolen, at 620 Chestnut street, and stole men's furnishings valued at between \$6000 and \$7000.

The robbers apparently worked for some time unmolested, because the stock of the store was carelessly gone over and none but the finest shirts, underwear, hosiery, office coats, raincoats and other articles were taken.

The furnishings taken would make a big load for any but an extra large automobile truck or wagon. It would also take several men almost an hour to load the stolen articles into such a vehicle, Mr. Bolen said.

The robbery was particularly bold because it came so soon after a previous attempt to force an entrance into the store. Last Friday night an attempt was made to jimmy open the door of the building, but the robbers were unable to force an entrance.

Police Were Warned

Mr. Bolen reported the attempted robbery on Saturday morning, and the police promised to keep an extra sharp lookout to apprehend the intruders should they return.

Entrance was gained last night by prying the door loose from the door post and then pushing it in, an effort that could not be successful without a considerable crash. An outside padlock and two inside Yale locks were forced during the operation.

Upon gaining an entrance, the thieves first turned their attention to a great quantity of expensive silk shirts stored in a section near the door. This section was entirely cleaned out, only one silk shirt being left, that one being found upon the floor, where it had evidently been dropped in transit by the robbers. A silk shirt was even taken from the counters.

From the front of the store the robbers worked their way toward the rear, taking nothing but the best qualities in all the goods stolen. In the necktie section the cheaper ties were thrown roughly aside and nothing but those of the best texture were taken.

Bear Jacoby Mark

Most of the goods stolen were marked by the manufacturer with the name of "George W. Jacoby," from whom Mr. Bolen recently bought the contents of the store.

The robbery was discovered when Mr. Bolen arrived to open for business shortly after 8 o'clock. His suspicion was aroused when he approached the store and saw an oak stand, such as used in the window to display articles, lying in the entry way.

The devastated condition of the inside of the store confirmed the suspicion and the police were notified.

The loss was not covered by insurance.

SHIP FROM HERE GROUNDS

Andalusia Strands in Mersey—Expected to Float on Tide

Liverpool, July 1.—(By A. P.)—The Andalusia steamship Andalusia, which arrived here June 27 from Philadelphia is aground in the river Mersey.

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NEWARK TROLLEYMEN MAY STRIKE SATURDAY

NEWARK, N. J., July 1.—A trolley strike may be declared in this city and throughout north Jersey on the lines of the Public Service Railway Company Saturday. Demand for increased wages and shorter hours was formally made upon the country by the trolley union today. The company has until 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to grant the demands. If they are refused the men will vote tomorrow night on a strike.

COUNSEL FOR G. J. GOULD WILL APPEAL

NEW YORK, July 1.—Counsel for George J. Gould announced today that an appeal would be taken immediately from the order of Justice Whitaker dismissing his client as executor of the \$80,000,000 Gould estate. Frank J. Gould, who sought the order, automatically succeeds George Gould as chief executor.

DEALERS ALARMED AT COAL SHORTAGE

Retail Men Puzzled About Warning of Producers to Buy Winter Stock Early

Coal dealers are puzzled by the warning of the Coal Producers' Association that the public had better buy its winter supply now.

"All very fine," the dealers chorus, "but how can the people buy if there is no coal to sell? About all we have is personal."

Orders are pouring in on the dealers who are utterly unable to meet the demand. The shortage of stove coal, a popular size, is acute.

Big Demand in Spring

These reasons are given:

First, There was a tremendous local demand for stove coal during the spring buying season.

Second, The production of all grades of anthracite at the mines is less this year than it was at this time last year, owing to an asserted scarcity of labor.

Third, The producing companies make it a policy not to mine more than what is customary on the first of July. Retail prices of coal now are: Stove, \$10.85; egg, \$10.60; nut, \$10.45; and nut, \$9.35.

The producing coal companies cannot increase their output of stove size coal without likewise increasing the production of the other sizes, except at a loss, said Raymond V. Warner, of the George B. Newton Coal Company.

It also is necessary for them to unload their production of egg, nut and pea coal in the same proportion as stove coal is put on the market. Otherwise with the heavy demand for stove coal, they would have a surplus of the other grades of coal, which is not desirable.

Fourth, Preference is being given to orders from New England, the West and Canada. These sections, it is urged, should be supplied during the summer in order to take advantage of open water transportation.

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