

SALOONS BARRED FROM DREXEL HILL

Judge Johnson, at Media, Refuses Applications, One of Them Filed by Woman

RESIDENTS WIN FIGHT WATCH OUTGOING VESSELS

Residents of Drexel Hill who objected to a licensed hotel bar in that community won a complete victory today, when Judge Johnson, at Media, refused two applications.

Licenses were refused to Mrs. Anna P. Conahan, who is preparing to move from the Garrettford Hotel to a new property nearby, and to Robert Schuch, a farmer, who recently bought the hotel for \$25,000.

"The hotel in Garrettford and Drexel Hill has outlived its usefulness," said Judge Johnson. "I have never granted a license since I have been on the bench where a majority of the residents have objected."

"The community has rapidly changed and the people of that community strongly colored their opposition to a hotel there. I am not going to decide against their wishes."

The Drexel Hill Community Club recently adopted a resolution protesting against a licensed hotel in Drexel Hill. The resolutions filed with Judge Johnson contained 355 names. Mrs. Conahan's petition bore sixty-eight signatures and Schuch's sixty-five.

The decision will make Drexel Hill "dry" after the first of the year so far as licensed drinking places are concerned. Mrs. Conahan, a widow, had conducted the hotel for several years. When Schuch bought the property last March she purchased a nearby building for \$17,000.

The Community Club had its headquarters on the second floor of the structure which Mrs. Conahan bought. After passage of the club's resolution recently Mrs. Conahan ordered the members to seek other quarters.

Charles A. Wagner, president of the club, and Mrs. Fannie White, president of the W. C. T. U., led the fight against the proposed hotel bars. J. C. Duke, Mrs. Edith Gutz and Frank L. Taylor aided in the fight.

BERGDOLL IN CITY XMAS, IS RUMOR

Department of Justice Agents Plan to Question Mother of Draft-Dodger

WELCOME 1923

Graver Bergdoll has been in this country several weeks, in the opinion of some Department of Justice chiefs, and may even now be attempting to return to his haven in Germany. If this is the case, the draft-dodger probably spent Christmas with his mother in Philadelphia.

Federal operatives today planned to meet Mrs. Bergdoll at her home and question her. Neighbors also are to be asked regarding strangers about the Bergdoll home recently.

Charles Sully, head of the radical squad of the Department of Justice in New York, is one of those who hold that theory. In consequence, he is searching all out-going steamers at New York for traces of the fugitive. It is believed that practice will be extended to all ports in case the theory is correct.

A watch has been placed upon the Bergdoll home at Broomall, in the thought Bergdoll may be hidden there. In the mean time all incoming steamers are being thoroughly searched at all ports for traces of the fugitive.

Reports that Bergdoll is aboard the German steamer Jupiter, due to arrive soon at Philadelphia, Pa., are denied by Government agents. They are convinced the report is a blind, intended to focus their attention upon the Southern port while Bergdoll either enters the country or leaves it by a Northern port.

Bergdoll, it is said, has been in communication with his mother through the medium of a close friend of the family. All his letters home, it is said, are enclosed in an envelope addressed to that friend, and then are given Mrs. Bergdoll.

GERMANY FREES WAR PRISONERS
Six prisoners of war, but some of them who were being held for war crimes, have been freed by Germany, according to a dispatch from Berlin. The names of the prisoners are: Fritz Steiner, a German, who was held in the Pacific Islands; a Pole, who was held in the Pacific Islands; and a Russian, who was held in the Pacific Islands.

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