

FLORIDA IN GRIP OF LIQUOR RINGS, DECLARES WRITER

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Washington, March 20.—The Frank and open violation of prohibition as practiced in Florida sooner or later will develop into a dramatic problem for the federal government.

During last week's trip through that "wet belt" of the United States the writer was told time and again that liquor traffic today is Florida's leading industry. From prominent citizens down to the peddlers the trade is practiced or permitted on a scale which prompts authorities to declare that the monthly financial turn over exceeds that in Florida.

ARRESTS IMMINENT

That arrest of some prominent individuals in Florida commercial circles was imminent was indicated by Prohibition Commissioner Haynes Monday after receiving a report from Colonel L. A. Nutt of the internal revenue bureau. It would be idle to stop at the arrest of a few go-betweens, however. The real test of the government's intentions will come when it is disclosed who is arrested and to which "class" in the traffic they belong.

For, so dignified a profession has it become that the bootleggers are divided into "classes," the financiers, the wholesalers, the retailers and finally the "bootleggers" or peddlers.

PROFITS DISTRIPTED

Along this line profits have to be distributed until a case of liquor, originally purchased at the rate of \$18 a case, turns up to the average buyer from a bootlegger in Florida for from \$47 to \$62 a case, according to the brand or higher if purchased by the bottle.

This same case, after being transported into other states, would command from \$100 to \$125 a case.

For example, government agents found that genuine Gordon gin could be purchased for \$47 a case in any leading city; Dawson or Five Star Hain and Hain Scotch for \$55 a case, and Johnny Walker about the same.

The troubles of the government in running down the traffic rest in the ramifications of the protection given it. A prominent official of one of Florida's leading cities said:

"There apparently is little attempt on the part of authorities to curb the traffic. All are content with it, but it has become the leading trade of many cities.

"MANY ARE INVOLVED
Many prominent individuals are involved one way or another. Night after night truck loads of liquor roll through the city's streets until the houses actually shake. Every one knows what it is, and some of it continues on its way safely across county to distant states. The residents are for stamping out this traffic, but seem powerless in the unbroken hands directing it."

As a second instance of the difficulty in chasing the traffic down, it is alleged that many of the motor boats utilized by the prohibition enforcement investigators suddenly develop engine troubles, leaks and other deficiencies which make them speed inadequate to meet the demands made upon them.

Nutt's report to Haynes here Monday declared in part:

"Our investigators discovered that many of the operators owned their own smuggling ships. They would make night voyages to a point near Nassau, Bimini or Gun Key, meet a schooner laden with liquor, make purchases at an average price of \$18 a case, return the next night and receive double the price from their purchasers.

BANKERS SIGN CONTRACTS
"Operators discussed transactions with us like bankers. Indeed some of them gave bankers as references, and in two instances, after negotiations were closed, had leading bankers hold the purchase price in trust and sign contracts to that effect."

Will the government arrest the bankers along with the others on the charge of being participants in a conspiracy to evade the law? There are elements in the whole situation which might well develop a state scandal at least—and probably spread even further.

Postpone Argument In Woerndle Case

Completion of the argument in the Joseph Woerndle citizenship case was not made Monday afternoon as had been anticipated Saturday because cases previously set on the motion docket were given the right of way by Federal Judge Bean, who indicated that he did not know when he could hear the arguments as jury cases set for all this week beginning today will be given the right of way. The government is seeking cancellation of Woerndle's citizenship papers, alleging that he withheld a mental reservation in favor of Germany when he took the oath of allegiance.

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Mrs. Hattie Pander Dies After Illness Of Eleven Months

Funeral services for Mrs. Hattie Pander who died early Monday morning will be held at Edward Holman & Sons Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. She had been suffering from a nervous breakdown for 11 months. She was born in San Francisco, Cal., September 14, 1878 and was married in 1898 to Charles Pander, who died in Portland last April. Following the earthquake and fire at San Francisco in 1906 the family moved to Portland.

Mrs. Pander took a great deal of interest in charity and philanthropic work after her arrival here. She is survived by two sons, Henry L. Pander and Lester Pander, and one daughter, Josephine Pander, all of 307 Grant street; a brother, Jacob Levy, and a sister, Mrs. Dora Gerber, both of San Francisco and two sisters, Mrs. Rose Green of Los Angeles and Mrs. Elena Adler of New York city.

Klan Gives Pastor Of Portland \$50; Calls It a Mistake

The Dalles, March 21.—Making their first public appearance in the city, five members of the Ku Klux Klan visited until Rev. D. H. Lynch, district superintendent of the Methodist church, had concluded his sermon Sunday night and then presented him with a check for his church work.

Organizers for the Klan have been here several weeks, but all of their work has been carried on secretly. Many members are said to have been enrolled. Rev. R. D. Lynch has his headquarters in Portland and he believes the Klansmen mistook him for the regular pastor of the local church.

Mrs. Alderson's Condition Reported As Still Serious

Nurses at the Good Samaritan hospital reported today that Mrs. W. C. Alderson, wife of the county school superintendent, was still in a critical condition. Mrs. Alderson was seriously injured Saturday night when she was run over by an automobile driven by Otto Rosenau at Joseph and Greeley streets. She lives at 1195 Atlantic street. Nurses say she is irrational part of the time. She has compound fractures below both knees.

Many Ministers at Preachers' Meeting

Ministers from practically all denominations accepted an invitation to attend the Methodist preachers' meeting Monday at the First Methodist church to listen to a special address by Dr. R. L. Swain. Several complimentary testimonials were given of his talk at the close of the address. Announcement was made that the annual meeting of the Methodist clergymen would be held next Monday at the Mount Tabor Methodist church. Dinner will be served and Bishop Shepard will give an address.

PORTLANDERS TO HEAR RADIO TALK FROM N. Y. STATION

Schenectady, N. Y., March 21.—Dr. Charles P. Steinmetz, "The Modern Jove," electrical wizard and chief consulting engineer of the General Electric company, will give his first radio talk Thursday night. Dr. Steinmetz will talk on his latest laboratory production, artificial lightning of 1,000,000 horsepower.

The talk will begin at 11 p. m. eastern time (8 o'clock Pacific coast)—Portland time) and will last for 10 minutes. The call and signature of the broadcast will be "WGY". The wavelength will be 260 metres.

This morning's mail brought two interesting letters from Journal readers who expressed their appreciation of The Journal's radio news reports. One letter came from Charles Short, at Gates Creek, 40 miles west of Portland, and the other from Carl S. English, R. F. D. 1, Camas, Wash.

The letters speak in highest praise of The Journal's latest pioneering expedition into new fields of service, tell of the appreciation of the news received and of the high degree of distinctness with which the reports come.

Both men are farmers, interested in market reports, and they tell with evident gratification of the aid it is to get

French Army Is to Take Over American Area Along Rhine

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Paris, March 21.—The French army will take over the Rhineland sector which President Harding has ordered evacuated by the American troops.

Charge of Larceny Of Overcoat Made

Bruce Murhead played in bad luck Monday night when he got himself "pinched" by Patrolman Forken on a

charge of being drunk. While Forken was steering Murhead station-ward, Charles Starr, 545 Gideon street, hove in sight and stopped the procession. Starr accused Murhead of stealing an overcoat. When the caravan reached the police station Starr swore out a complaint against Murhead charging him with larceny. Bail was placed at \$250.

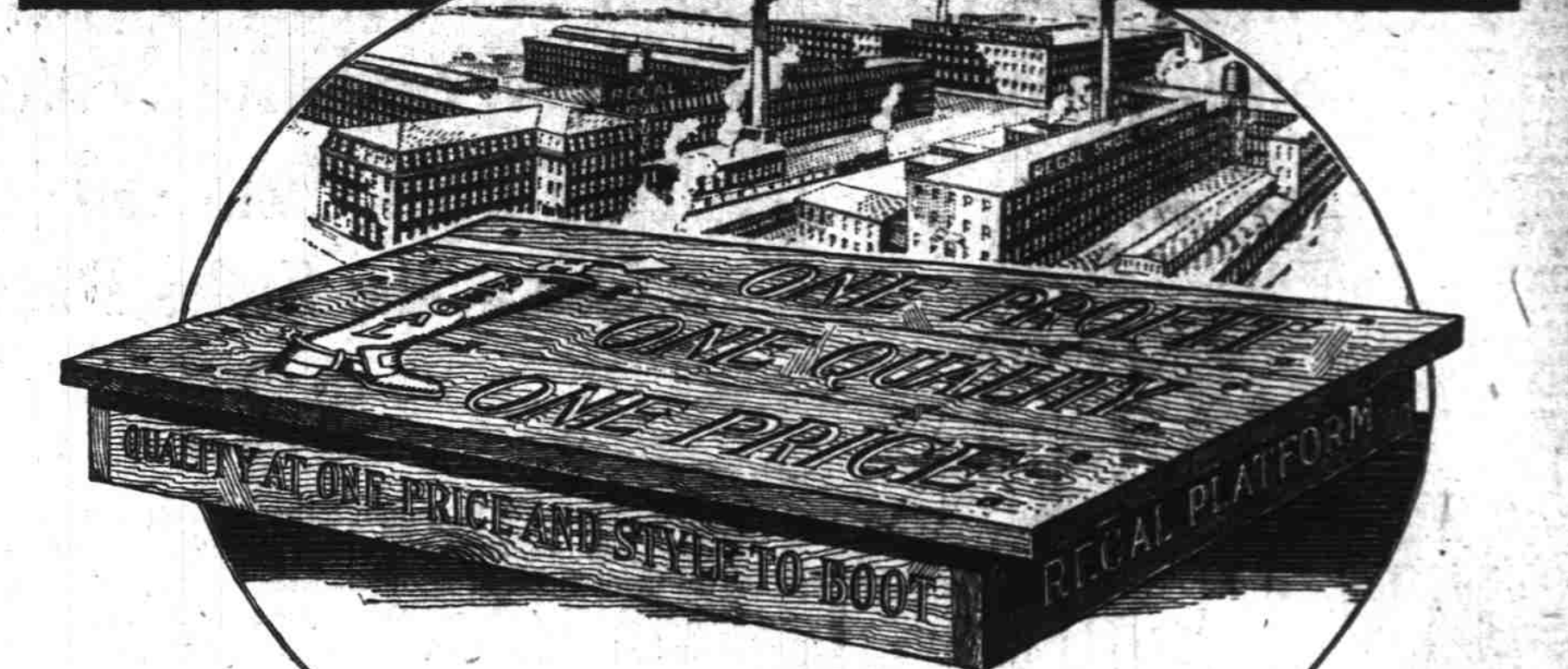
Rotarians Enthuse Over Convention

Rotarians were brought to a fine pitch of enthusiasm for attendance at the district convention which is to be held in Vancouver, B. C., April 3 and 4, at the

meeting of the club in the Benson hotel this afternoon. J. H. Joyce, C. E. Cochran and J. Roy Ellison discussed various features of the convention plan at Vancouver. The reception is to be unusually elaborate and enjoyable. Mrs. Wesley Chatten sang; W. C. Munsell presided. An interesting stunt was the fake long distance conversation concerning the convention conducted by Jesse Albert Currey.

CLUB PLAN APPROVED
Approval of the plan of the Fulton Park improvement club to lay out parking along Witham street and to beautify the interurban station at Third and Miles streets, was expressed today by City Engineer Langgaard. The plan presented by Lee Page provides that the expense shall be met by residents of the district.

The President's Platform and Price Policy will be announced March 24th



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