

# 'Hooch' Peddlers View New Year Doubtfully; Fear Dry Law Officers

Washington, Dec. 20.—"Hooch" purveyors view the New Year with uncertainty. "Dry" law enforcers are set to make their game an exceedingly hard one to play. Daring exploits of bootleggers, conceived and executed with a cunning that almost defies detection, have made prohibition almost a farce. So farcical has prohibition become, both in the eyes of the law-abiding and the lawbreakers, that government officers, in a frenzy of dismay, are ready to propose to congress amendments that will virtually banish whiskey, making it practically impossible of sale for beverage purposes.

Bootleg liquor now flooding the country has its source in such "wet" strongholds as Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Ohio and Illinois. Dry law chiefs here today admitted, with lack of police co-operation and adverse public sentiment in those sections, they are making a losing fight, and their efforts in future are doomed to failure, unless congress tightens up the dry law.

Wiping away of many of the so-called "liberal" provisions of the law, extending wide latitude to dealers who obtained permits for sale and distribution of intoxicants, will be sought by internal revenue bureau officials. Amendments contemplated revamping of the Volstead law, as the loopholes through which liquor seeps out to the public are inextricably woven into the law's provisions.

Police are apathetic. Police apathy in prohibition cases prohibition officials declare, is responsible for not only a large proportion of evils that have sprung up in the dry era, but have lent encouragement and support in the varied schemes now carried on daringly in defiance of the dry law, and with enormous profit to the schemers.

Commissioner Kramer today cited the record of cases covering enforcement work in the state of Illinois. It is but a sample out of a lengthy list of states, and offers some eloquent proof of the boldness of liquor law violators, and the ease with which they get away.

In Illinois alone dry law officers have secured only fifty convictions since national prohibition became a law. This, in spite of the fact that dry law agents gave federal district attorneys "cockades" of denials in 175 cases. Jury hostility to the law, officials add.

Can't Get Convictions. "A bootlegger, or an illicit distiller, or a smuggler of whiskey, as things now stand, has odds of 10 to 1 that he will gain an acquittal," said Kramer and his aids. "In some of the wet centers there is scarcely a ghost of a chance to land these wildoers in jail. Jail them, even the worst of them, and they are out like a flash through the aid of professional bondsmen and quick-witted lawyers, who thrive upon that kind of practice."

Kramer's records now show that some lawyers have almost overnight become immensely wealthy through fees made from a practice devoted almost exclusively to defending bootleggers. Since January lawyers in cities, including those of the size of Philadelphia, New York city, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Baltimore have "cleaned up" all the way from \$50,000 to \$100,000 in fees since January 10, when the dry lid was laid. Some lawyers, he was advised, think it a poor day that does not wind up with a few \$100 fees from bootleggers.

Many Liquor Permits. The whole train of evils of every kind growing out of law enforcement, Kramer asserts, is directly traceable at the present stage of the game to the indiscriminate withdrawals of liquor from bonded warehouses, with legal sanction. So many thousands of legal permits are out among dealers that officials themselves do not actually know the number outstanding. This occurs by virtue of the fact that prior to national prohibition thousands of dealers, acting as the intermediary of "bootleg rivers" had obtained permits from revenue collectors under the old time war prohibition law, and but few of such permits have been revoked. In truth, the records of the prohibition officials are so incomplete and confused that they confess they have no conception of the extent of operations among such a class of permit holders.

"Dry" Advocate Has 5 Barrels of Booze for Own Use, Report. Washington, Dec. 18.—Some "dry" congressman simply must have their liquor. Discoveries notwithstanding short of amazing to the un-

initiated made by charwomen cleaning up capitol offices preparatory to opening of congress show that consistency is not always a virtue, especially in matters of whiskey. Sedate lawmakers, be-frocked and full of speech, make trades against the evils of liquor in the halls of congress, but as these new discoveries prove, it does not lessen the appetite for whiskey, so easily appeased after their mask of congressional decorum is torn off, and they retire to the privacy of these secret chambers.

Fully fifty senators and congressmen who stocked up before the advent of the "terrible drouth" stored some of their private stocks in their capitol office hiding places. One senator, well-known for his "dry" spellbinding has stored rabsid mob, five barrels of Kentucky bourbon. Some Bourbon, that fellow, they say. Some of the other fifty have almost as much, but scarcely any of these "wet" enthusiasts in private and "dry" apostles in public have less than ten cases of bottled whiskey goods on tap, with plenty more in warehouses to replenish the stocks.

## Not One Corn Cob Pipe in All Paris

Paris, Dec. 20.—Not a single corn cob pipe in all Paris. In fact, it is doubtful if such a thing is to be found in the whole of France, which discovery has just been made by W. D. Clarke, of the transportation department of the American Legation. Recently Mr. Clarke, who is a former army officer, was given the precarious duty of filling the chairmanship of the entertainment committee of Paris post, No. 1, American Legion. To make good, he decided his first venture would be a Post smoker, and to further enhance his reputation with the veterans of the war he decided to give it the real home touch by providing the thousand members with corn cob pipes. With visions of smoke wreaths curling gracefully from the home-like bowls of 1,000 corn cobs, the staid Cross man started out to purchase them. From one tobacconist to another the hunt led him, from the Latin quarter to the heights of Montmartre and along the boulevards he wandered fruitlessly. Pipes there were in plenty. English pipes, meerschaum and briars, pipes of amber stems and pipes of bone and rubber stems, but not a single old cob to give promise of strength and aroma in the days to come. "Pipes," said the tobacconists, "Oui, many. Of the corn? No. It is for the cattle. Jamais for the smoker."

## National Theater Will Be Completed

Mexico City, Mex., Dec. 20.—The unfinished National theater, which has been a useless pile of marble in the heart of Mexico City for ten years, is to be completed through the efforts of a group of wealthy residents of the capital. They have agreed to lend the government 10,000,000 pesos so that the work of completing the structure can be resumed at once. The National theater was started while General Porfirio Diaz was president. When he was driven from Mexico, work on the building was stopped, and it was half hidden behind an unsightly wooden fence. This fence has been torn down by order of the new government, making a great improvement in the appearance of the district in which the theater is situated. Although the structure is unfinished, it is near enough to completion to be imposing. Even as it is, it is one of the chief sights of the city.

## Mexico Has 2,000 Generals, Report

Mexico City, Mexico, Dec. 20.—Some idea of the number of generals in Mexico can be obtained from the fact that 36 retired to civil life when the revolutionary forces were disbanded. This left in the army 19 generals of division and 168 brigadier generals, 2,697 chiefs, 11,739 officers, 85,549 privates, 37,492 horses and 5,328 mules. With the 36 generals who retired to civilian life went 253 chiefs, 424 officers and 28,120 private soldiers. It is said that there are more than 2,000 generals in Mexico, counting all that have received commissions under the various governments since the fall of Porfirio Diaz.



The custom throughout the world, of married women wearing something distinctive of the marital state, such as rings, veils, etc., apparently works both ways in the Kirchbach valley, in the famous Black Forest district in Germany. For there the married men all wear long red cloaks and black felt hats. The photograph shows three disciples of marriage on their way to church.

## 'Gentleman' Role Highly Pleasing to Villa, Report

Mutamoros, Mexico, Dec. 20.—Pancho Villa is perfectly satisfied to spend the rest of his life as Francisco Villa, "gentleman farmer," according to Elias L. Torres, the Mexican leader who opened the negotiations with Villa for his surrender. Despite the belief of Torres, there are many Mexicans who believe that one fine day Pancho Villa will again rise through the mosquito brush at the head of his own little army, and that he will not beat all of his swords into plowshares.

## Work or Starve Is Ultimatum Served on This Town's 'Boes'

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 20.—"Work or fight"—war slogan. "Work or starve"—slogan of Johnstown police department. From a report submitted to city council for expenditures in feeding the prisoners in the city prison it is apparent that no turkey, chicken or other highbrow food is served the prisoners. Take heed and don't come to Johnstown for a "flop" and a free "feed." Nothing doing. William W. Campbell, superintendent of accounts and finance, submitted a report showing that 1,823 meals had been served during the last month at an expenditure of \$109.95. This means that a meal is served for a fraction less than six cents. Breakfast consists of bread, molasses and coffee. "Luncheon" consists of same as breakfast. Dinner consists of more bread, more molasses and more coffee. The meals are served in three courses—bread, then molasses, then coffee—no cigars or cigars.

It can be easily seen that the way of the present-day hobo or "cog" is not the life it used to be. But still it might be worse. Those who stop to the city prison more than one day and who are required to work are given better meals. Transients do not gain any consideration at all in the way of these meals de luxe and the "mess sarg" refuses to take any bribes.

## Ships Must Have Wireless to Enter Britain's Ports

London, Dec. 18.—American skippers are warned that all vessels arriving in ports in the United Kingdom from now on will be required to conform to the provisions of the British Wireless Act of 1919. This act stipulates that every ship of 1,300 gross tonnage or upward shall be provided with a wireless telegraph installation, complying with the requirements of the International Radiotelegraph Convention of 1912, as modified by other international agreements. The new regulation requires that ships not engaged in the coasting trade, carrying 200 or more passengers on voyages exceeding forty-eight hours from port to port must carry three operators. On voyages of more than eight hours, but less than forty-eight hours only one will be needed.

## Women's Dress Is Condensed by Club

Guernsey, Wyo., Dec. 18.—The Wyoming W. C. T. U. is on record with a sweeping condemnation of present-day dress for women. Disapproval of modern styles in women's clothing was expressed in resolutions adopted at the twenty-seventh annual state convention of the organization held here. The short skirts, silk stockings and diaphanous gown were declared to be "immoral influences" and a recommendation was made for uniform dresses for high school girls. The cigarette habit was scored in another resolution and the organization pledged its support to the better enforcement of the 18th amendment. Boys and girls in both grade and high schools, one resolution set forth, should have denials to instruct, advise, and correct their morals and dress. It was also emphasized that the chaperones at all high school social affairs were absolutely essential.

## Vancouver, B. C. Hopes to Build Up Industries

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 18.—The board of trade of Vancouver has begun a campaign to build up manufacturing industries in British Columbia. With vast water power awaiting development and good seaports at Vancouver, Victoria,

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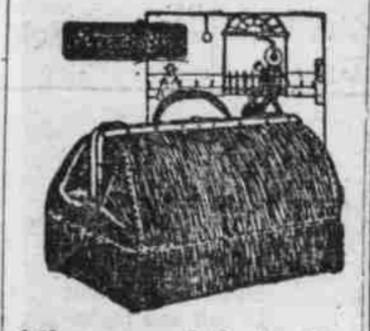
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and Prince Rupert, the province has great natural advantages for large quantities of scrap iron and steel that now go every month to Seattle. It believes a vacuum-cleaning plant for cotton would prove profitable. It had assurances from New York importers that they would bring much cotton from India and China through Vancouver if such a plant were established. The attitude of the American cotton interests is said to be due to the Jones bill. The committee reported also that British Columbia will actually build up a large business in the manufacture of acetate tires and paper bags. As 95 per cent of the rubber of the world comes from the British Empire, the committee declared the raw material could be laid down in Kellogg or Akron. The committee found the great paper bag manufacturing plants in Canada and Canadian paper entirely.

Shorty gets an Earfull!

Howdy from New Orleans, PETE!

Say, old clock, you've got the time—maybe you'd like to hear this one! As we were rolling into New Orleans yesterday one of the men in the club car was recounting his cigarette experiences; how he finally pulled a trick on his luck and got set right!

"Well, I've had my cigarette lesson," continued the traveller, "I went up and down the line on cigarettes until I got hold of Camels and got deep into their quality and mildness and delightful flavor! There never was a blend such as Camels combination of choice Turkish and choice Domestic tobaccos! I'll say it—Camels taught me what a cigarette should be and they'll teach any man who smokes!" Thinks I to myself — "Sic 'em, judge, every word you spill is a sentence!"

Now, Pete, that's the kind of Camel thanksgiving stuff you get North, East, South, West and through the middle! That's all as true as that little sheep will wag their tails!

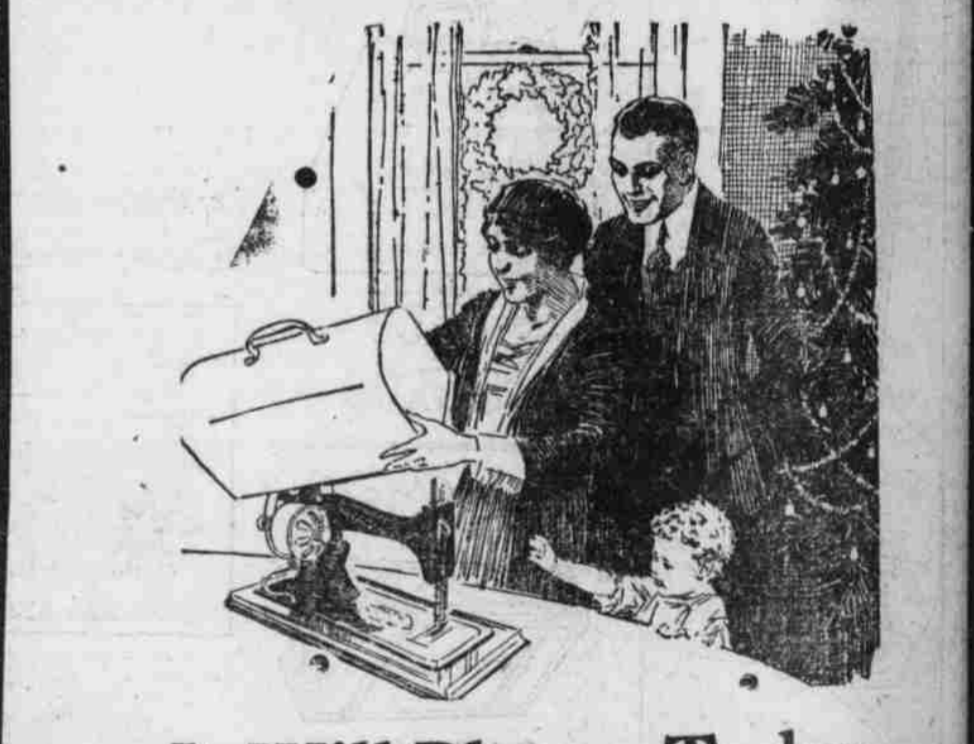
I did some tall thinking as I browsed through the quaint old French quarter this evening—how universal the appeal of Camel cigarettes really is! Figure the travelling I've done and the people I've met—each city different from the other—AND Camels have been the ONE cigarette to be found everywhere—and the cigarette most smoked at each point! Pete, old backstop, it's wonderful the way smokers are sliding home to Camels!

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Yours Shorty.

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