

DRY OFFENSIVE ON LAND STARTS, VICTORY FORSEEN

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(By Associated Press.) The "prohibition army" is preparing to follow up the advances made by the dry "navy" in its initial offensive to drive the liquor smugglers from American shores.

With the reduction by the coast guard of smuggling operations on the Atlantic coast, long a stumbling block in efforts to battle the chief source of palatable wet goods, officers of the land forces are leaving no stone unturned in their plans to prevent a re-appearance of notorious concoctions in the bootlegging market. These officers foresee, it was said today at prohibition headquarters that with the scattering of the rum runners, the supply of smuggled wet goods will soon fall below the demand.

Of the 1999 dry agents operating in known wet spots, with 200 in the Long Island district, 100 at the Canadian border and large battalions in Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, unceasing vigilance has been made the watchword of these forces from now on.

Continuation of the coast guard's blockade, Secretary Mellon believes, will do much to stem the flow of liquor into this country.

Guard vessels are compiling complete information as to the character and movements of the rum ships when they leave the row and officials at likely landing points are being kept advised of their operations.

Additional steps are to be taken to prevent robberies at the warehouses which have been reduced in number from 200 to 60, all heavily guarded.

Although periodic raids are continuing against moonshiners, federal officials believe their operations are on too small a scale to be important. The "moonshiner's product generally, they said, is of an inferior quality and seldom reaches beyond his immediate section.

The "mountain dew" type of moonshiner, however, has proved to be the most dangerous of his kind, the majority of the 42 dry agents killed since prohibition became effective having fallen in raids on such stills.

WILLING TO SELL 200 IDLE SHIPS

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(By Associated Press.) A program of selling 200 government vessels for scrapping has been tentatively agreed upon by the sub-committee on scrapping of the shipping board.

The committee which consists of Chairman O'Connor and Commissioners Plummer and Benson, is in agreement on a policy of scrapping 150 of the least desirable of the 200 idle lakes, and it intends to add to this number fifty vessels of another type. It has asked the fleet corporation for a recommendation covering this fifty, and pending receipt of this report, will withhold its recommendation to the board.

On board approval of the plan bids will be invited for scrapping the vessels in which case Henry Ford would be expected to be among those tendering offers.

Whether later the board would decide upon 200 additional vessels for scrapping, making the total four hundred as urged by Chairman O'Connor, is not expected to receive definite consideration for some time.

PROFIT ON GAS AT 20.08 CENTS GAL.

PIERRE, S. D., May 21.—(By Associated Press.) South Dakota selling gasoline at retail at stations in six cities, made a margin of three cents a gallon over cost and the state three-cent tax, at an average retail charge for the products of 20.08 cents a gallon, in a three day test concluded Friday, May 15.

FAULTY FEEDING IS CAUSE SHEEP ILLS

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(By Associated Press.) Faulty feeding methods in the opinion of department of agriculture experts, form the source of 75 per cent of the troubles affecting range sheep.

"Failure to diagnose properly much of the sheep sickness," a department statement said, "caused by digestive derangement has led sheepmen to resort to medicines and vaccination as a way out of their difficulties. They have spent thousands of dollars for medicinal remedies when the real preventive was in proper feeding.

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FORD'S PROPOSAL TO BUY UP SHIPS MAY BE ACCEPTED

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(By Associated Press.) Adoption of a policy looking to the scrapping of upwards of 400 government ships probably will be recommended to the shipping board shortly by its sub-committee on scrapping.

Such a step would pave the way for the sale or junking of a large block of vessels to Henry Ford or other bidders under open competitive terms.

The sub-committee, consisting of Chairman O'Connor and Commissioners Plummer and Benson is understood to favor such a policy and while it will encounter opposition in the board there are indications that it may command a majority.

Mr. O'Connor declined today to amplify his statement of yesterday expressing the belief that Mr. Ford would make an offer to buy ships both for operation and for scrapping.

Both the United States lines, now operated by the fleet corporation to Europe and the Panama line, now operated by the Munson lines to South America, were mentioned in reports that Mr. Ford might enter the steamship business on a considerable scale.

The United States lines operate among other vessels, the President Harding, President Roosevelt, George Washington and Leviathan.

BID IMPROPER FOR HIGHWAY WORK

PORTLAND, Ore., May 21.—The temporary injunction obtained by Frederick M. DeNeffe, local attorney, enjoining the state highway commission from entering into a contract with Simonson and Hefty to repave 8.5 miles of the lower Columbia river highway between Astoria and Svenson, was dissolved recently by Presiding Circuit Judge Morrow.

Judge Morrow declared at the conclusion of arguments that in his opinion the highway commission's contract is not a proper one. He held, however, that DeNeffe, as a taxpayer, is not qualified to attack the validity of the contract through the courts. At the request of Jay Bowman, representing DeNeffe, the judge agreed that upon the filing of a demurrer he would deny the right to amend, thus bringing about a final decree and preparing the way for appeal to the supreme court.

FRENCH AND BRITISH CAN'T AGREE ON NOTE

PARIS, May 21.—(A. P.)—British and French differences regarding the phrasing of the disarmament note to Germany are proving more difficult to adjust than had been expected. Therefore the council of ambassadors, which has been postponing its meetings repeatedly on this account, again adjourned the session scheduled for tomorrow without fixing another date for meeting.

It is hoped, however, that an Anglo-French accord will be reached soon, regarding the disarmament note and that the council of ambassadors can dispatch it to Berlin without much more delay.

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CRAZY MAN, CALF STEALER, AND BAD CHECK MAN FLEE

BEND, Ore., May 21.—Three men, including one held pending an insanity hearing sawed out of the Deschutes county jail just before daylight Tuesday. The insane man, Ray Davis, was released a few hours later in the railroad yards after he had mounted an engine on the track, opened the throttle and was all ready to go when helpers hurriedly climbed up beside him and shut off the engine.

Davis, after being chased off the engine took refuge in a box car. The police were called and he defied them with a knife. He was taken through a trick of one of the officers who approached him from the rear.

Davis fired the bedding in his cell early Monday morning and then called for help. The prisoners in the adjoining cell threw water on the fire through the bars and succeeded in putting out the fire.

Other prisoners escaping were Paddy Ryan, being held for the grand jury on a charge of stealing a calf, and W. J. Nehring, serving out a four months sentence on a bad check charge. This is Nehring's second escape while serving this sentence. The first time he came back to town when his brother was ill and the officers took him.

PASTOR IN PRAISE PRESS ACCURACY

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 21.—Dr. Paul B. Jenkins in a sermon at Emmanuel Presbyterian church here declared, "It is said of Kent Cooper, the wonderful new head of the Associated Press, that his friends consider him 'the most inquisitive man in America.'"

"To him it is simply life itself to know," to find out things, about anything and everything and then literally to tell the world," he said. "And he is right about it, and that is exactly the kind of man the world needs and wants. For no man can tell how largely what little, gradually, year by year, intellectual advances man makes due to the attempt of that great organization to have our newspapers give us accurate and exact information."

BLACK SOX OUTCAST PLAYS IN OREGON

PENDLETON, Ore., May 21.—A story printed in the East Oregonian states that Chick Gandil, Chicago Black Sox, is playing regularly with the LaGrande club of the Blue Mountain league. Positive identification of Gandil has been made by a former minor league associate, according to the article, which states that Buck Weaver and Swede Risberg are generally believed to be on the LaGrande roster under the names of Holtz and Williams. Gandil played against Pendleton here Sunday and failed to register a hit in three times at bat. The three men were implicated in the baseball scandal of 1919 attendant upon the world's series of that year and were ousted from organized baseball.

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