

CLAIMS DRUG TRADE BROKEN

NEW YORK, March 23.—Claiming virtually to have broken the back of the illicit drug trade in New York City, in a four months' drive, Special Deputy, Police Commissioner Carlton Simon today declared war on an international ring which he charges is responsible for illegal distribution of dope throughout the United States.

In the anti-narcotic drive here more than 1,000 arrests have been made and millions of dollars worth of drugs seized.

Although the illegal drug trade has been broken Dr. Simon asserted the work of his bureau is not only to continue here but is to be enlarged to meet the problems in other big cities in America and abroad.

By means of an international bureau of criminal records now being established, all data concerning drug crooks is to be ready for cities where "leads" pointing to New York might be uncovered, the commissioner said. Recently he added, Antwerp police had requested information concerning an alleged leader of the international ring. It was shown by means of information furnished by New York that the man had police records in London, Paris, Brussels and New Orleans and had served prison sentences at various places aggregating 20 years.

"We made more arrests these past four months than in any 24 months heretofore," said Dr. Simon, who was selected to direct the drive because of his medical training. Every wing of the metropolitan police departments was co-ordinated, working in conjunction with the Federal agents. In consequence, "the fear" has been spread through the army of vendors. Before he assumed his job, Dr. Simon said traffic in drugs in New York had reached an amazing stage. His first move was to seek clean up New York then aid in solving the drug vending problem in other cities—a resultant evil of the situation here.

Squads of special men were spread to all parts of the greater city, expert men being picked to patrol the lower East Side where vendors were even using school children as "go betweens" to supply addicts. Constant watch was kept on incoming ships where alleged smugglers were resorting to all manner of tricks to "sneak" the narcotics into this country. Arrests of persons on the docks revealed drugs hidden in artificial arms and limbs; in sausages and clothing. Once the anti-narcotic forces were working systematically and arrests became frequent, the situation soon gave evidence of being cleared up.

The almost daily raids in the city reached a climax recently in Brooklyn when agents entered an apartment, arrested several persons and seized drugs worth thousands of dollars. The great majority arrested were "curbstone" vendors.

DUEL FOR GIRL



In the chivalrous days of old it was common for rivals to meet with swords and duel for the beautiful maiden. And it seems chivalry is not dead after all. For John Staples and John Shear, London waiters, are to fight with bats for the hand of Miss Rose Clarke, English girl. She says she'll marry the winner.

Eggs Drop Again In Portland Market

PORTLAND, March 23.—Cattle steady; hogs firm; sheep a dollar lower, east mountain lambs \$7.50 and \$8.25; butter steady. Larger buyers offered 18 cents for eggs today and predicted the price would drop to 15 cents a dozen before the week ends. Supplies are heaviest in years with no shipping outlet. The public market is selling eggs at 26 cents a dozen.

It is reported that eggs are piling up in the market because cold storage plant operators cannot get financial assistance to handle them.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN PACKERS AND EMPLOYEES FORECAST

WASHINGTON, March 23.—An agreement between meat packers and their employees, through which wage and other disputes will be amicably adjusted, was forecast today, a short time before spokesmen for both sides entered a second conference with Secretary of Labor Davis.

RAILROAD CONGRESS

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NEW ORLEANS, March 23.—Five men, shackled hand and foot, were brought here yesterday from Rio de Janeiro on the steamer Rushville, and are to be wanted in connection with the Wall street bomb explosion last year. They were arrested on the steamer, City of Alton, while working as members of the crew and put in prison at Rio de Janeiro, where the Rushville picked them up.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Chief Flynn of the department justice bureau of investigation, said the five men at New Orleans are being investigated in connection with the Wall street explosion, but no evidence had been yet found connecting them with it.

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POTUGUESE ON BUYING STRIKE

LISBON, March 3 (By Mail)—The Portuguese are attempting to follow the example of the Americans and force a decline in the excessive prices of food and clothing by refusing to purchase. The people are indignant at the continued advance of the cost of the necessities of living, particularly the price of codfish, which is the chief article of food for the poorer families.

The city councils of Lisbon and Oporto are attempting to stop the exactions of the profiteers by purchasing large quantities of codfish from Newfoundland and selling it at one third the price extorted from the public by shopkeepers. It is hoped that this will bring down not only the price of fish but that of meat.

The newspapers exhort the public to refrain from buying rice in order to bring down the price and announcements have been made of several cuts to come in that food.

The Portuguese public is looking to the United States to rescue them from their plight. Unverified rumors have been circulated that shiploads of foodstuffs, clothing and shoes are on their way from America to flood the markets here at prices available to all. Many householders are refusing to buy at present prices saying, "I will wait until the American ships have come."

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