

Says Dry Laws Now Enforced Better Than at Any Other Time

SALISBURY, Oct. 20.—Prohibition enforcement is becoming more effective every day, and this improvement is curbing the outlawed liquor traffic in due to better cooperation between Federal and local authorities. Implication of all sentences instead of fines and steps taken to stop leaks of liquor from bonded warehouses to the illicit market, according to a resume of prohibition enforcement by the Federal government during the present administration, received today from Alvin B. Coltrane, Federal Prohibition Director for this State.

The report covers the period from June 11, 1921 to September 11, 1924. It shows that the main sources for obtaining genuine liquor in this country have been largely cut off. This has caused bootleggers to turn to smuggling, but with the Coast Guard recently placing this situation in context, the prospect for obtaining liquor from overseas is growing dimmer daily.

R. A. Haynes, Federal Prohibition Commissioner, said that the more general realization that over 90 per cent of the so-called bootleg liquor being sold is poisonous, and also a contributing factor to the decline in bootleg activity of law and order over the outlawed liquor traffickers.

"All sentences," said Mr. Haynes, "are proving the real deterrent to law breaking. The violator may pay a fine and continue business in a different locality under a different name and avoid apprehension. But when he is put in jail his activities are at an end, his income stops and he has an opportunity to reflect upon the importance of upholding the constitution." Commissioner Haynes continued.

"Co-operation between state and Federal authorities is improving. All forces for upholding law and order should co-operate. More than 177,000 arrests have been made by the Federal authorities during the last three years. During the same period violators have been sentenced in Federal courts to serve an aggregate of nearly 7,000 years."

"More than 400,000 stills and parts of stills and about 20,000,000 gallons of distilled spirits, malt liquors, wine, etc. have been seized during the past three years. Total of 11,077 automobiles and 144 boats and launches have been captured."

"During this period, more than 138,200 criminal cases have been taken to Federal courts. Of this number over 120,000 have been terminated, resulting in more than 94,300 convictions."

"Thousands of other cases have been turned into local courts, of this there is no complete record. Fines of nearly \$18,000,000 have been imposed, over \$12,000,000 of which has actually been collected and turned into the United States treasury. Last year alone, the fines, forfeitures etc. imposed totaled over \$7,000,000, of which more than \$5,000,000 has already been collected. In addition about \$1,000,000 was paid by brewers during the year in compromise of civil liabilities. Tax penalty figures are not yet compiled, but will swell the total collection considerably."

"The injunction, or 'padding' is another effective weapon. Injunction cases have been instituted in both Federal and state courts. Since July 1922 over 4,000 such cases have been instituted. In more than 2,200 cases injunctions were granted, over 2,650 of which have been made permanent and 29 breweries have been actually closed."

"Many important cases have been prosecuted under the provisions of the criminal code for conspiracy to violate the law. The heaviest penalty ever imposed in any one case was for conspiracy and involved a fine of \$21,000 and a sentence of twenty years in jail."

"A well organized permit system has effectually curbed the leak from bonded warehouses. There has been a reduction in withdrawals of about 7,000,000 gallons from that in 1921 the first fiscal dry year. Although more industrial alcohol is being used legitimately now than ever, due to expansion in the volume of legitimate alcohol-using industries, diversions to the bootleg trade are decreasing. It is estimated that less than ten per cent of the entire reduction is involved in the illegal transactions, a substantial quantity of which is later seized and destroyed."

"An extreme reduction in the use of medicinal wine as a beverage has resulted from medicating the wine, rendering medicinal preparations containing wine unfit for beverage use. Withdrawals of wine during the last year were a little over 4,000,000 gallons, over half of which was used for sacramental purposes."

Bucky's Series



Bucky Harris, youthful manager of the World Champion Senators, did not admit it—but he got one of his biggest thrills when he fingered this check—his part of the players' World Series share.

MOODS AND TENSES

I'd like to be a could-be.
If I could not be an are.
For a could be is a may-be.
With a chance of touching par.
For either he a has-been.
For a might-have-been has never been.
But a has-been was an are.

—Corned Widow.

Doctor—Are you sure you are especially careful to keep this disease from spreading to your other children?

Mrs. Blank—Oh yes, indeed, doctor, I bought a sanitary drinking cup and I'm making every last one of them use it.

"Only about 14 per cent of the applications for importation of wine during the last year were approved, all of which was for medicinal or manufacturing purposes. The practice of smuggling exported whiskey back into this country has been practically eliminated by curtailing exportation. Of the applications for exportation of whiskey in the amount of over 4,100,000 gallons during the last year, only about four per cent were approved, and none of the whiskey shipped to Canada."

During the period from July 1, '21 to October 1, 1924, the Federal prohibition forces in the State of North Carolina have seized and destroyed 1,750 stills, 48,100 gallons of brandy and whiskey, 5,630,479 gallons of beer prepared for distillation. This beer is estimated to make one gallon of whiskey to every eight or ten gallons of beer. Consequently about 730,000 gallons of liquor was destroyed in process of manufacture in the destruction of this beer. The North Carolina force also during the same time captured 383 automobiles, valued at 106,885 dollars. The total value of all property seized and not destroyed during this period was \$146,526. Altogether 5,277 prosecutions were recommended by this department and 2,339 arrests were made by Federal prohibition officers. During the period four boats were also seized in the business of transporting intoxicating liquor.

ETIQUETTE

Readers desiring personal points of etiquette or social affairs may write the care of this newspaper, enclosing a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

Should a Girl Propose?

My Dear Miss Flo—
I had quite a discussion with a friend of mine as to whether or not a girl should propose to a man during Leap Year. What do you think? I would like very much to have your opinion.

Thank you.

ALICE

Well Alice as long as you have asked me for my opinion, I'll try to be perfectly honest about it. First of all, why limit it to Leap Year? If a girl has nerve enough to propose during Leap Year, why not do it any day she wants to? I really don't see why an extra day in the year should make any difference.

My opinion is that I would rather die an "old maid" than propose to a man. I have my doubts as to whether or not a man who couldn't do his own proposing would be of much use as a husband. Of course I can argue with myself and ask myself, "Why shouldn't I propose to Jack? I know he loves me and I'm crazy about him. If I work—have a position almost as good as his. If I have equal rights in coming—and have to pay taxes—why shouldn't I have equal rights in marriage? Why should I lose the man I love because he hasn't the nerve to propose to me, and because being a woman I can't propose to him, I don't believe it's fair."

Yes, Alice, that's logical, but has anyone ever been logical about love? You can go ahead arguing—trying to convince yourself and your friends that you should or must go on and on; but the jacks in the world are going to go right ahead doing the proposing—if they want to—and the Alice in the world are going to keep on wondering why they can't do some of the proposing.

You see Alice, where love enters into the game, we forget all about reason and logic, and I don't believe there would be quite as many marriages if we let reason and logic have the right of way and forget all about sentiment.

Of course, you have to help the man along, because few of them are self-starters. But if you do your best to lead a man up to the point where, by all reasoning he should propose to you and he doesn't, I think the best plan is to look for a better bet. If he hasn't nerve enough to ask the girl he loves to be his wife, I think the girl would be very sorry if she took the responsibility of the marriage on her own shoulders. He would not be much of a success.

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Thrifty Tips FOR THE HOME

This newspaper will publish "Thrifty Hints" in this form at regular intervals. The hints are clipped from various sources and placed in your recipe book.

Ice Cream Dipper: An ice cream dipper is an excellent thing for shaping things that can be moulded, such as chicken, tuna fish and potato salad and croquettes.

Boiled Eggs: Place eggs which are to be boiled in a sieve or wire basket and lower into the boiling water. When the eggs are cooked it is very easy to lift out the sieve without burning the fingers or cracking the eggs.

Sour Milk: When you are in need of sour milk and do not have it, try this: Add two thirds of a cup of cold water and a tablespoon of vinegar to a third of a cup of evaporated milk.

Meringue: If you wish to save suet it should be wrapped in paper that is grease proof, put into a linen bag and kept in a cool dry place.

Fruit stains: Tartaric acid is excellent for removing fruit stains from tablecloths and napkins.

Wax Floor: To preserve the beauty of a waxed floor it should be dusted daily with a mop and should be well polished once every month.

Lettuces: When preparing lettuce for the table it is always well to break off a little of the midrib, as it is usually bitter.

Tulle Hats: When a Tulle hat seems to be hopelessly ruined try this before discarding it. Steam it well by holding it over boiling water as close to the steam as possible, without letting the tulle become wet. Then hold a light towel around the hat for a few minutes. When dry it will look quite fresh and crisp.

Silver: Silver may be made to look as bright as new by covering with sour milk. Then wash and rinse.

Gloves: Before wearing new silk gloves insert a small piece of cotton batting into each finger. This will prevent the nails cutting through.

Scrubbing: Always use cold water

for scrubbing boards. It is much better than warm water as it will not sink into the wood and dries very quickly.

Lemon: Nothing is better for whitening and softening hands than a slice of lemon rubbed over them.

Stale bread: To use stale bread try this: Cut into slices about one inch thick and spread lightly with butter. Then cut the slices into squares of about one inch. Brown in a hot oven. You will find them excellent for serving with soup.

Milk sickness has been developed in sheep by feeding them with white snake root, a plant growing in the mountainous section. Farm Agent of Avery county, C. B. Baird has used this demonstration to warn his farmers of the danger to sheep of eating this weed.

Tom Tarheel says that he never saw a community become a good place to live without some effort on the part of the folks living there.

To develop a market for roots and bulbs, club women of Burke county held a flower show at one of the leading hotels in Asheville this fall. Many fine varieties of dahlias and gladioli were shown and attracted over a thousand visitors.

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