

Dry Agents Padlock Night Clubs to Check Flow Yuletide Liquors

Some of Best Known Clubs and Restaurants in New York Raided Sometime During the Night.

AGENTS WORKED UNDER DISGUISE

Sons of London Widows, "Butter and Egg Men" and Others Worked to Get Evidence for Raid.

New York, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Having fallen for a "big butter and egg man," Broadway was a bit dryer today. A string of padlocks is to be extended from the roaring 40's to Greenwich Village, descending the front doors of 58 of New York's most popular night clubs and restaurants, as a result of sweeping Federal prohibition raids.

The raids were carried out quietly and caused no disturbance of guests. Federal authorities said the raids were designed to forestall plans of the club owners for wet parties during the coming holidays. Confiscated liquor half filled a police station.

Evidence against the establishments was obtained by agents who were declared by Federal authorities to have "lived the life of Broadway from midnight until dawn for the past fortnight."

Some posed as idle sons of wealthy London widows, others as big cotton brokers from the South, as exiled Russian noblemen of the late Czar's household, and still others as wealthy real estate promoters from Florida.

One of those who vouched for a federal agent was described by Mr. Buckner as a "young Englishman of noble ancestry."

"So thoroughly did these polished prohibition agents worm their way into the hearts of Broadway," said Buckner, "that on their second visit to the 300 club, Texas Guinan, the hostess, threw them a kiss and asked them why they were leaving her place so early."

Bad Weather May Delay Flight. Brownsville, Texas, Dec. 22.—(AP)—A heavy fog rolling in from the Gulf of Mexico and settling on the waters of Laguna Madre, where the army's five Pan-American flight planes have been anchored over night threatened to delay the resumption of their flight to Mexico and South American countries today.

Claims He Has Largest Crowd of Children. Washington, N. C., Dec. 21.—Reuben Bland, of Martin County, doesn't understand why President Coolidge and the House of Representatives became so excited last week over a Georgia farmer with only 28 children.

Says Mellon Gave \$5,000,000. Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The story that Secretary Mellon advanced \$5,000,000 to the republican national committee for the Harding campaign in 1920 was repeated on the Senate floor today by Senator Heflin, democrat, of Alabama, who told his colleagues that "secretary Mellon has not denied the truthfulness" of the charge.

VISIT OF SAWYER TO MEXICO CAUSE OF SPECULATIONS

O. H. Sawyer, of Vermont, Causes a Sensation—The President Does Not Remember the Name.

WOULD NOT SAY MUCH OF VISIT

It Was Reported in Mexico He Was American Representative But This Has Been Denied.

Mexico, City, Dec. 22.—(AP)—O. H. Sawyer, a resident of Vermont and reportedly a close friend of President Coolidge, has arrived in Mexico City for a flying visit.

He refused to make a statement, declaring that anything regarding his mission to Mexico must come from Ambassador Sheffield. He also declined to discuss a report that he had conferred twice with the ambassador since his arrival last night.

Announcing the expected arrival of Mr. Sawyer yesterday, the newspaper Excelsior of Mexico City said he represented the American department of state, and was to discuss the international situation with Ambassador Sheffield.

Doesn't Remember Him. Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Another of the "personal ambassadors" stories sprang up whenever an important diplomatic question is pending, was denied today at the White House.

President Coolidge disclosed that so far as he could recall, he never had met O. H. Sawyer, of Vermont, represented by Mexico City newspapers as a close friend of the Chief Executive, sent to the Mexican capital on a mysterious mission.

Another Mexico City story that Sawyer was a state department agent produced a like denial from department officials who said they did not know him and had no idea what he was doing in Mexico.

GOV. McLEAN WORKS RIGHT UP TO CHRISTMAS Immediate Matters of State Business Demanding His Attention.

W. A. Overcash has just received a new shipment of faultless nobel pajamas. Broadcloth pajamas, for \$5.81, striped and many fancy patterns at \$3.00 and \$3.50. Plain colors in tan, white and blue, \$2.00 and \$3.00.

Italian Doctor Claims New Rejuvenating Plan. (By International News Service) Rome, Dec. 22.—A new rejuvenating treatment is claimed to have been discovered by Signor Francesco Cavazzoni, an Italian doctor.

Southern Is Not Planning Change of Headquarters. Winston-Salem, Dec. 21.—Headquarters of the Southern Railway company will not be removed from Washington to some other point until and unless Congress appropriates the office buildings now used by the railway company in the nation's capital.

Your Carrier's Christmas Greeting

On behalf of our faithful band of carrier boys who deliver your paper with such unflinching regularity we ask patrons to remember them this glad Christmas time.

To Provide Machinery For the Revaluation of Property in State

income from taxes to meet its expenditures; and tax rates are determined by expenditures.

Because there has lately been considerable agitation in favor of statewide re-valuation on a uniform basis, especially by those favoring increased expenditures for school purposes, more than ordinary interest attaches to the manner in which this re-valuation will be conducted.

However, there is another side of the question and others argue that it is just as well to let the present valuations on property remain, since if it is increased, the owners will have to pay more taxes, whether justified or not.

Whether either of these systems will be advocated by the present legislature remains to be seen. The thing that makes the job most difficult, of course, is the owner's estimate of his property's value as compared with the assessor's estate.

Hiddenite, Rare Green Gem, Again Found in Blue Ridge Mountains

By HENRY LESSENE International's News Service Staff Correspondent

Hiddenite, N. C., Dec. 22.—This little Carolina hamlet, nestled against the Blue Ridge, has thrown off a sluggish placidity of three decades, and again, invigorated by an atmosphere of activity, is supplying the world with the rarest of rare gems.

WHAT ABOUT THIS? Are the "Eats" the Good Ladies Send Monroe Enquirer?

Purnell Goes to Court. Benton Harbor, Mich., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Benjamin Purnell, king of the House of David colony, was carried into Justice Weldon's court this morning to be arraigned on the first of two warrants charging criminal assault.

Olympic Auditorium Robbed. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Three men masked and armed today held up Olympic Auditorium, scene of last night's fight and escaped with \$15,000.

Taxation of soft drinks promises to be the overshadowing issue before the January meeting of the South Carolina legislature.

GLISSON DECLINES TO DISCUSS CASE; SHORT BIG AMOUNT

Man Who Disappeared 8 Weeks Ago When Bank Failed Refuses to Tell Where He Had Been.

SPECULATED AND LOST BANK FUNDS

Was Assistant Cashier of Memphis Bank and Said He Speculated With \$465,000 of Bank's Funds

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Courtney Glisson, confessed defaulting assistant cashier of the Bank of Commerce & Trust Company, who voluntarily returned last night after an international search of eight weeks had failed to locate him, was in the county jail here today in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

Maintaining the same composure which characterized his voluntary return, Glisson refused today to tell where he had been or what his money was in returning to the city.

MORE THAN 1,000 MILES OF STATE HIGHWAYS BUILT IN 1926.—OF THIS 735.5 Miles Were Hard Surfaced.

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—More than 1,000 miles of state highways have been constructed by the state highway commission since January 1, 1926, and up to December 1st, of which 735.5 miles were hard surfaced, according to figures just released by the highway department.

BORAH IS READY TO MAKE INVESTIGATION

Thinks Millions Have Been "Purloined or Illegally Taken" From the Government.

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Rains for Sixty Hours Result in Deaths And Much Property Damage

Five Persons Are Known to Be Dead and Many Others Are in Danger of Rising Streams.

NO RELIEF FROM RAIN SEEN TODAY

More Than Seven Inches of Water Had Fallen in Some Cities From Sunday Until Today.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Low hanging leaden skies accompanied by an unseasonably serious steady rainfall moved slowly over three Southern states today, Kentucky, Arkansas and Tennessee, and threatened to raise already swollen rivers and streams to even more dangerous flood proportions.

For nearly 60 hours continuous heavy rains have fallen throughout the trio of states breaking many precipitation records. From 4 to 7 inches of rain was reported from scores of cities in the flooded area.

The lives of three girls, all sisters, were snuffed out in raging waters in Arkansas yesterday as they were on their way to school. Just as a wagon which their father was driving rolled up on a bridge over a creek, the bridge collapsed and threw them into the stream.

Men lost their lives in Valley View, when a boat they were trying to row across the Kentucky River with two companions was overturned by driftwood. Those drowned were A. B. Howard and Hal Goings.

THE COTTON MARKET Opened Steady at Advance of 5 to 11 Points on Trade Buying and Covering.

New York, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 5 to 11 points on a little trade buying and covering which appeared to be influenced by a bullish view of the weekly weather report, and the somewhat steadier tone of late Liverpool cables.

Submerged Auto From High Point

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