

# Police Trying Clean Up New York For Convention

Democrats Who Figure on Having Wide Open Town for Convention May Find It as Hard to Buy Liquor in New York As It Is in the Old Tote Town

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New York, Feb. 27.—Democrats throughout the country who have figured on coming to a "wide open" New York next June are doomed to disappointment. Orders have gone out to clean up the town.

Three months is to be devoted to the task so that by June 1 there will be no speak-easies, blind pigs nor liquor peddlars' restaurants in existence. From June 1 to the date of the convention, New York will be wearing its new clothes and seeing how they fit.

The police do not hope to rid the city of the predatory bootlegger. That, they say, would be asking too much in the allotted space of time. Their real purpose is to close up every place where whiskey, gin and beer are sold over the bar or over the counter in open and wanton violation of the Volstead Act.

The New York police further say they are going in alone on the clean up job. They will welcome, but have not asked for federal aid. Special service squads are being organized in the police department and Police Commissioner Enright has established a "secret service" force which will check up on several service men and see that they do their full duty.

Commissioner Enright believes the police can clean up New York once they make up their mind to do it. He believes that every precinct man knows exactly where the "wide open" places are in his ballwick and can put his hands on the violators of the law at any moment.

The country in general will have to change its previous conceptions of New York. There is a new New York, a New York which is not cautious to what the rest of the country thinks of it. New York also is conscious of the fact that the greater part of the United States was dry before the eighteenth amendment was adopted and the Volstead Act passed. Therefore it is not proposed that the delegates and visitors to the National Convention shall have their morals shocked by anything they may see or they may do while in the metropolis.

Frankly it is admitted that the big fund subscribed to get the Democratic convention for New York was for the purpose of advertising the city and showing the people of the hinterland that their biggest city is not as bad as it has been painted.

Unquestionably there will be plenty of liquor to be had in the city during the week of the convention, but it will have to be bought surreptitiously. Up to this time, it has been possible, as a matter of fact, it has been easy, to purchase liquor across the bar at so much per drink. This is the phase of law violation the police are striking at. They agree that open saloons during the convention would give a bad impression. New York may have its own ideas as to how the liquor question should be solved, but it does not intend to impose these views upon its convention visitors.

The police say that no city yet has found the means of suppressing the bootlegger, for as fast as one is arrested another seems to spring up to take his place. So if the stranger in

New York is anxious, however, that the delegates shall spend their money in the shops of the city and at the theaters. The convention period is to be the greatest, theatrically, the city has ever known. The New York managers have seized upon the convention as avidly as would any of the smaller cities of the nation and are making plans for all sorts of new productions to be on tap for the first and last visitors. The idea here is that this is to be the biggest political convention ever, with hundreds of thousands of visitors jamming Fifth Avenue and the Great White Way.

The convention spirit which has seized New York shows that all the Babbitts are not out on Main Street.

### Lyceum Course Ends

Manteo, Feb. 27.—The first lyceum course held in Manteo has completed its attractions with the entertainment given by Burgdeter, Characterist, on Thursday evening. The citizens of Manteo showed a real appreciation for this type of entertainment, and made the venture of a lyceum course a safe one. The attractions by the Piedmont Bureau were each of a decidedly different type. The Freeman Hammond Company presented sketches

from well known plays and the program was extremely clever. The second attraction was given by the La Salle Bell Ringing Quartette and was a musical program of decided credit. The citizens of Manteo who became guarantors for this course were thirty in number, and among them were those citizens who generally make things possible in the town.

### MYSTIC KLAN IS ANOTHER NEW ORDER

Atlanta, Feb. 27.—The Knights of the Mystic Klan was formed yesterday by the revolting portion of the Ku Klux Klan, who declared that the latter organization has disgraced

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