

The Battle Front in Rum War

Frequent Gun Clashes Make El Paso Center of Booze Fights

By NEA SERVICE

El Paso, Jan. 3.—The northern bank of the Rio Grande has become the battle front of the southwest's rum war.

It is the scene of weekly, even daily, gun fights between liquor smugglers and government forces. Revolutions on the other side of the international border may come and go, but the booze clash on the American side goes on incessantly.

Twenty-one men have been slain and 23 wounded in clashes with liquor runners within a few miles of El Paso since the Volstead act became effective.

And these figures do not include some smugglers known to have been killed, but whose names never have been recorded officially. And how many more smugglers may have crawled home to die, after "run-ins" with Uncle Sam's agents, is difficult to ascertain.

The murder of Dave Orr, a prohibition agent, and Frank Clark, immigration inspector, within 48 hours has aroused the apathy of El Paso citizens.

A new cry, "Get the man back of the bootlegger," has gone up. "Every case of smuggled liquor is hatched in blood," says George J. Harris, district supervisor of the federal immigration service.

"The man for whose money the smuggler risks his life is as much to be blamed as the smuggler himself. The responsibility really is his." Taking this stand, the government has arrested several purchasers of contraband "hooch" on charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws.

Hundreds of smugglers are wading across the river daily and nightly with booze obtained in Mexico. Most of the traffic, however, is carried on under cover of darkness.

Life is cheap to these men, mostly Mexicans. They know the risk they are taking, but they go ahead with it just the same.

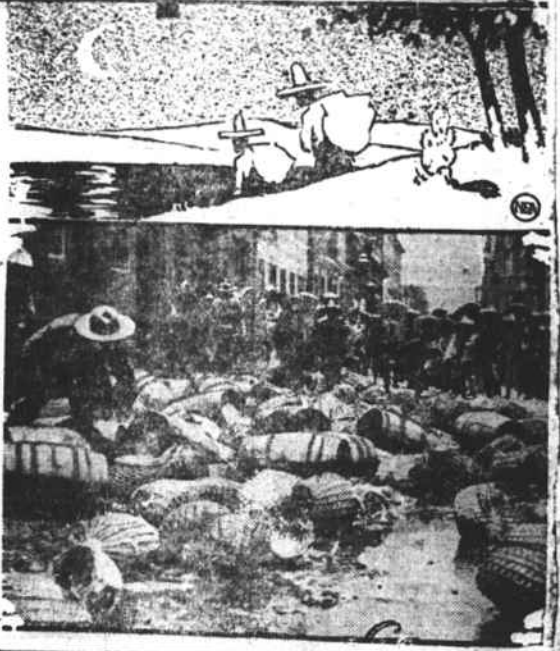
Walk down near the smelter, sitting under the yellow-leaved trees on the old Hart estate, an ancient Spanish domain, you will see a little group of Mexicans in the sun.

Here comes a brown-faced, languorous-eyed man, sombrero pulled low over his eyes. He is sauntering along beside his two burros, laden with juniper knots to sell.

But that is a day-time illusion.



ABOVE—A LIQUOR SMUGGLERS' OUTPOST ALONG THE RIO GRANDE NEAR EL PASO. THE MEN WERE ENGAGED IN TARGET PRACTICE WHEN THE CAMERAMAN HAPPENED TO BE ALONG. BELOW—OFFICIALS FLOODING STREETS OF EL PASO WITH HUNDREDS OF BARRELS OF CONFISCATED TEQUILLA, A MEXICAN WINE.



With the fall of darkness, this man goes to work. His friends all leave the plaza for more arduous duties.

"Hole-in-the-Wall" is another rendezvous for the smugglers. It's on the Mexican side of the river, yet American territory. It's about five miles from the village of Fabens, Tex.

There are a few adobe houses and a drinking place or two. But "Hole-in-the-Wall" is a center for the smugglers.

Government agents admit they're practically helpless. There are not enough of them.

So the smugglers are having things pretty much their own way.

And the fighting still goes on down along this battle front in the southwest's rum war.

not and never was "a small town." Consequently I cannot think or act in a "small town" manner. And what I want I want because I believe it fits my needs and if I believe it fits my needs and if I cannot get Mr. Business man to see my way, of necessity I must go—though very much against my inclination—somewhere, where satisfaction is meted out to me. But each time I am forced to do this I ask myself the question, "Why?"

And now to the matter in hand, I am unalterably opposed to the "small town" idea. I cannot conceive in this age of progress the necessity of living as some folks did a century or two ago. I cannot bring myself to be reconciled to doing without things, conveniences, if you please, because my less fortunate great-grandfather found no use for them. And so my mind cannot grasp the idea presented in this plea for me to be satisfied simply because this is "a small town."

If I remember rightly, Holy writ has the following: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." This fits in with the position I am about to assume. We can do or be anything we've a mind to do or be.

My contention is that simply because it has never been done in our town is not sufficient reason for not doing it. It may cost just a little more but it brings far more abundant returns in satisfaction to the individual. Yes and to the one who actually does the work.

I am minded of a little village of 700 population. Because of one man's vision this village has one of the most successful banking institutions in all that county with a clientele and prestige far surpassing that of many large cities and directly due to this condition has a grocery and produce store, selling the finest quality of groceries and provisions, putting before the public choicest fruits and garden greens as early as the best stores in the largest cities of that state.

It has also a hardware store, the proprietors priding themselves on the fact that they will do and supply your order regardless of what your demands may be, if same can be procured. If they do not carry it in stock they will have it to you as quickly as it can be loaded on the train at some place where the article is handled. They do not hesitate to use long distance telephone. That, they consider, is the only way to successfully carry on a business.

The writer took a job of printing to the only printing establishment in another such community. Mr. Printer did not have the facilities and asked if he might be allowed to send away to have it done. Time permitted, and it was done to the satisfaction of the customer.

Now is Elizabeth City worth while? If so, we must get away from our minds, out of our hearts, this notion that this is only "a small town." The city the writer lives in is a big city. His idea is that she is a great city, but unfortunately he meets ever so often the "small town man" with "the small town idea" and "the small town habit."

While this does not take away from the fact that this is a big city, it does show the necessity for this preaching.

If a thing is worth while it is worth having. If we are ever to be proud of ourselves we must think great thoughts, do great things, which brings me to a story which I read long since. It is about a young man living in an isolated community and in somewhat poor circumstances. He was fortunate and unfortunate in being employed as office boy by a heavy stockholder of an express company. His life was a drudge until one day he happened to see the only daughter of his employer, she being about the same age as this young man. His eyes were opened by the fact that he wanted her, but his position was against such a thing being realized. On going to his home and mooning over the matter he thought himself of a package his father had left him and, upon finding it, discovered that it contained a few, very few shares of stock in this same express company. With this discovery there came to his mind the fact that there had been considerable agitation among

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DON'T TAKE STOCK IN THE SMALL TOWN IDEA The writer, desiring some work done his way, went into a business house one day recently and made his wishes known, only to find that his wish could not be, and a substitution was offered, then another. In the meantime the writer importuned to have the matter handled according to his ideas, resulting in a considerable argument, the outcome of which was for the writer to hear this remarkable statement made by the business man: "This is a small town and inasmuch as you reside in a small town you must do as small town folks do." This, to say the least, was a stunner

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and results in this article to the press. I was never raised on "the small town" basis. Second, the town I live in or have ever lived in is

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Table with columns for names, amounts, and dates. Includes entries for Charles Davis, John Elder, Ellen Proctor, etc.

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MILITANT MARY Comparison! How much that relentless DAY. Heart-talking time to speak to heart WITH PRETENSE STRIPPED AWAY! (Illustration of a woman)