

Crew Released On Alien Count

Nine Seized on Rum Ship Freed of Immigration Law Charge Here

Seized under the immigration laws after their arrest Friday for alleged smuggling of liquor, a ship's captain and his crew of eight men were ordered released today by Federal Judge Runyon after a writ of habeas corpus hearing. They are under bail on the smuggling charges.

Their vessel, the Malbo, flying English flag, was seized off the Jersey coast when it was found, it was alleged, to have \$100,000 in champagnes and fine liquors aboard. The captain and crew, after being arraigned before a United States commissioner in Atlantic City, were held for violation of the immigration laws.

Saturday night their legal representative, Daniel W. Applegate of Newark and Louis Halle of New York, went to Judge Runyon's home and obtained the writ. The writ required John Wagner, immigration inspector at Gloucester, to produce the defendants in Federal Court here today.

The prisoners were escorted into court by guards soon after the hearing opened, having been brought from Gloucester by train.

Mr. Halle, in arguing for their release, said they had no intention of staying in this country and that under the seamen's act they were allowed sixty days in the country before shipping out. He declared they were not immigrants.

United States District Attorney Forman told the court a telegraphic warrant had been received at Gloucester from Washington ordering the defendants held for deportation. He wanted additional bail fixed on this count.

Judge Runyon held the two actions against the men were independent of each other and declared he felt the second to be untimely. He pointed out that after the disposition of the liquor action immigration authorities could take steps against the men as aliens. *Newark News 7/22/29*

Opium Pipe Shop Found by Police

Manufactory Discovered in Mulberry Street—Twenty Chinese Are Held

A workshop used for the manufacture of opium pipes was discovered by police last night when they went to 217 Mulberry street to quell a reported fight. Twenty Chinese were arrested and a small quantity of opium and paraphernalia were seized.

Shortly before 9 o'clock, Desk Lieutenant Kenny of the First Precinct Station received an anonymous telephone call that a fight was in progress at the Mulberry street address. Sergeant McHugh and a squad of uniformed men and Detectives Weitzell, LaBagliva and Seery went to the scene, but found the first and second floors quiet. The door of the third floor was locked.

The police obtained axes from the firehouse of Engine Company No. 1 at Mulberry and Lafayette streets. Two doors were battered down by the raiders. Pipes and opium being smoked by three or four Chinese were seized.

In the attic, the raiders found a workshop with a lathe and equipment for making opium pipes. The police took the twenty occupants of the place to First Precinct Station. Ah How, thirty-three years old, of the Mulberry street address was charged with illegal possession of narcotics. The others were slated as material witnesses. Arraigned today before Judge Simandl in the First Precinct Court, How was held in \$1,000 for the grand jury on the charge of possession.

George Leung of 6 Mulberry Arcade, who was arrested in a raid Saturday afternoon by Sergeant McGowan, and Detectives O'Leary and Strong was also held in \$1,000 bail on a charge of possessing opium. *Newark News 7/22/29*

See Plea Shift In Liquor Case

Newark News 7/25/29 Twelve Indicted After Or- ange Brewery Raid to Admit Possession

Twelve men who were indicted October 18, 1927, on charges of conspiracy to violate the national prohibition law in the operation of the old Orange Brewery at 119 Hill street, Orange, are expected to retract their pleas of not guilty Monday before Federal Judge Fake and plead guilty to a charge of possession. The raid was made June 21, 1927.

The indictment charges the brewery was operated between January 1 and June 21, 1927, and that alcoholic beverages were manufactured through the redistillation of molasses. When raided, the plant was operating full blast.

It was estimated by the agents at the time that the plant was worth more than \$500,000. Six large stills were fed by two vats. The lowest estimate of the plant's capacity was 20,000 gallons daily.

Of the twelve men indicted, eight were arrested during the raid. The indictment charges that they conspired to manufacture, possess, sell and transport intoxicating liquor. The case has been set down for trial on several occasions but has gone off because the government was not prepared. Nearly all of the agents who took part in the raid are out of the service and several other witnesses cannot be found.

United States District Attorney Forman recently decided to clean the case off the docket and presented the facts to Washington officials. A day or two ago he was authorized to accept a guilty plea to possession.

The brewery, which is one of the landmarks of Orange, was built twenty-eight years ago. It has been used for other purposes since the raid.

The men indicted are Thomas Dowd, A. E. Young, Max Berlin, Samuel Abeles, Edward Brady, Andrew O'Connor, Samuel Green, Frank Albane, Max Schuber, Frederick Foster, Paul Gruytch and Ariston Valentine.

Seized in Liquor Raid On Padlocked Building

Arrested on a charge of possessing liquor after a raid at 505 South Seventeenth street by prohibition agents yesterday, Harry Kurschner of that address also faces a contempt of court charge.

The front of the building is padlocked and a probationary decree exists against the remainder of the structure. The agents assert they found sixteen half-barrels of beer and a pint of whisky. Kurschner was held in \$1,000 bond by United States Commissioner Friedmann.

Driving past a one-story stucco building at 72 Worrel place, Garfield, used formerly as a church, two prohibition agents yesterday detected the odor of alcohol. They entered the building and arrested Munro Rocco, forty, of 110 Lincoln place.

The agents seized 114 fifty-gallon barrels and two 250-gallon barrels of mash. Rocco was held in \$1,000 bail by Commissioner Friedmann.