

## ARREST ARONISS AS MEMBER OF BOOTLEG GROUP

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Held Under \$7,500 Bail on  
Charge of Transportation  
and Possession

### 10/15/29 SIMILARLY ACCUSED IN ARREST LAST MAY

Nathan Aroniss, of Bryn Mawr and Stuyvesant Avenues, accused of being a member of a bootleg ring recently rounded up in Trenton, was arrested today by Deputy Marshals Smith and Colclough under the direction of Chief United States Deputy Marshal Snowden.

Arraigned before Commissioner Wilson, he was held under \$7,500 bail for Federal Grand Jury action on a charge of illegal transportation and possession.

Aroniss' arrest was the result of an investigation being conducted by the Federal authorities, according to Snowden, to determine and destroy the source of illicit liquor supplies in this city and other parts of the State. Several other arrests are expected, he said, in connection with the investigation.

Aroniss is still under bail of the same amount under which he was held following his surrender to Snowden last May as an alleged member of a bootleg ring rounded up at that time here. He was charged then with conspiracy to violate the dry law. This charge is still pending against him, for which the penalty is five years in the Atlanta Penitentiary, or \$10,000 fine, or both.

The nature of the case against Aroniss, as on the former occasion of his arrest, was not disclosed by the Federal authorities. It is known, however, that the Department of Justice will attempt to show in court that the ring with which Aroniss is said to be involved has controlled one of the largest bootlegging enterprises in the city.

Aroniss is a former proprietor of the notorious Bismarck Cafe, on Hanover Street. He has figured prominently in the police and court annals of the city. He served a year in the county jail in 1927 for illegal sale of liquor at the Bismarck. At the completion of his term he eluded further imprisonment for defaulting in payment of a \$3,000 fine imposed by Federal Judge Bodine in connection with the same sentence by filing a pauper's oath and declaring himself insolvent.

## INDICT RUM BUYERS, COURT TELLS JURY

*Trenton Times*  
Kentucky Judge Interprets Recent Decision of Philadelphia Court of Appeals

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 15.—The October Grand Jury of the United States District Court here today was under instruction from Judge Charles I. Dawson to indict, if the evidence warranted, the buyer as well as the seller of liquor.

Attacking the "so-called good citizen" who patronizes bootleggers, Judge Dawson, former Kentucky Attorney General, declared the widespread impression that it is not against the law to purchase liquor is erroneous.

Referring to a recent decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals of the Second District at Philadelphia, Judge Dawson said he had not read that court's opinion, but it was his opinion "that what that court really decided was that one who purchases liquor is not such an aider or abetter of the seller as to make him guilty as a seller under the Federal law."

To that extent, Judge Dawson said in his charge, "I agree with the opinion, but if that opinion holds that it is not an offense against the national prohibition act for one to purchase liquor without a permit and not on a prescription, then I cannot agree with it, because I have no doubt whatever that the Volstead Act intended to, and does, in express terms, make it illegal for individuals to purchase liquor for personal consumption for beverage purposes."

He cited section 6 of the national prohibition act, which, he said among other provisions declares:

"No one shall manufacture, sell, purchase, transport, or prescribe any liquor without first obtaining a permit from the commissioner so to do, except that a person may, without a permit, purchase and use liquor for medicinal purposes when prescribed by a physician."

"If the language just read," Judge Dawson commented, "does not prohibit the purchase of liquor by individuals for personal consumption for beverage purposes without a permit, then I am incapable of understanding the meaning of language."

## \$35,000 IN LIQUOR SEIZED AT SHORE

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 15.—Removal of \$35,000 worth of liquor seized by Atlantic City coast guards was being made today by Government agents in charge of Luther Sterner, special officer of the Treasury Department, Philadelphia. A city lifeboat, used by the rum runners, was also turned over to the Federal men, according to Captain Christopher Bentham, of the Atlantic City Coast Guard.

The guards surprised two rum boats early yesterday, but the crews escaped by beaching their crafts. Both crews numbered about six men, it is believed.

## PADLOCKS SOUGHT FOR SALOONS HERE

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Three Trenton Places Included  
In List Filed in U. S.

Court

Three more Trenton saloons accused of violating the dry laws are to be padlocked, if the applications for such action filed with eight others in the United States District Court here by

District Attorney Phillip Forman, of Trenton, are granted.

Local places include that at 90 Union Street, of which George and Elizabeth Coffield are named as alleged operators and proprietors, and where prohibition agents claim they "made buys" of whisky last September 14. Another is the establishment at Hamilton and Chambers Street, with Emerson and Boland Hill named as the alleged operator and proprietor, and the Peoples' Brewing Company, of Trenton, as owner of the property. Agents contend they purchased liquor there last September 10. The third place indicated is also said to be owned by the Peoples' Brewing Company. It is located at 1 Davies Street, with Victoria Dydo, alias Dedo, as the alleged proprietor. The dry men claim to have bought whisky in the place last September 27.

Three other places in South Jersey and two in North Jersey were mentioned in the padlock applications filed yesterday.

Judge William Clark in the same court yesterday issued orders to padlock 14 places in the States, none of them, however, in this city. Seven of the group are in Jersey City, five in Newark and one each in Paterson and Bayonne. The padlocks are applied by assistants representing Chief Deputy Marshal W. B. Snowden.