MOVE TO MOP CITY FAILS TO SHUT OFF BEER

U. S. Men From Outside Camden Declare Intent to Cleanup Here

BREWERY RAIDERS TELL OF $50,000 BRIBE OFFER

Policemen's Presence at Plant Due to Call From There

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Despite the avowed intent of federal dry agents outside of Camden to clean up the city, and despite assurances by Safety Commissioner David S. Rhone and Police Chief Lewis Stehr that they would co-operate with government agents, the supply of beer in Camden saloons today was as plentiful as usual.

Meanwhile, Frank C. Klauder, a brew-plant executive blamed yesterday's surprise raid on the Camden Brewery on federal overzealousness. At the same time Sergeant Heber McCord at police headquarters explained away the presence of uniformed patrolmen during the raid, as related by two Philadelphia federal men. All this was coupled with charges and denials that the raiding Pennsylvanians had been offered bribes of $15,000 and then $50,000 to let the brewery go free.

McCord said that around 3 a. m. yesterday, a call from the Camden Brewery said "somebody is breaking in." The sergeant, who was on duty at headquarters, says he dispatched Patrolmen Edward Carroll, Edward Leonard and Nathan Pettit.

Arriving at the brewery, the officers found the agents in charge, McCord said today. The Camden police demanded that the U. S. raiders show their credentials, which was immediately done. Satisfied, the officers placed themselves at the disposal of the agents, and departed when their aid was refused, McCord said.

Col. Samuel O. Wynne, Philadelphia dry czar, who directed the raid at the request of W. J. (Clean 'Em Up) Calhoun, New Jersey administrator, said two of his men had first been offered $15,000 and then $50,000 to withdraw from the brewery.

He said that the pair refused the bribe and entered the brewery despite the fact that they were menaced by more than a score of rough looking men. He identified them as George Medway and Edward Ward, both veterans in the dry service.

Medway and Ward were dispatched to the brewery before the actual raid and claim they saw a truckload of filled kegs coming out. They reported they stopped the truck, took samples of the load and then entered the brewery, where the bribe was offered.

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CAMDEN'S BREWERY DISCOVERED —AT LAST!

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Camden's brewery has been raided—at last!

The operations of this place have been no great secret.

It was scarcely a surprise to many South Jersey folk to learn that the "near beer" manufactured at Sixth and Bulson streets was "nearer" four percent than the legal limit of one-half of one percent.

There has been any amount of talk concerning the brewery, but like the weather nobody ever did anything about it—that is, until this week. Indeed, it was remarkable that so few complaints were heard.

On the other hand, operation of the place under a government permit gave it an air of sanctity which is now revealed as spurious.

It seems certain that the brewery will be closed, probably padlocked.

And the results of such action will be to shut off what has undoubtedly been one of the chief sources of beer supply for South Jersey, and Philadelphia as well.

This raid—if followed up—will mean a new brand of prohibition for South Jersey, a prohibition that may really do some prohibiting.

One swallow, however, doesn't make a Summer. And one brewery raid is not going to make this whole region dry. The campaign must be consistently continued if it is to mean anything. Sporadic enforcement is one of the chief reasons why so many sections of the nation have no enforcement at all.

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One effect of this raid should be a thorough overhauling of the Camden Police Department.

Camden police have, on numerous occasions, pledged the "fullest co-operation" with Federal authorities. But there has been little action when the Federal authorities were not around.

And Commissioner Rhone should not be content to accept the philosophy that because the brewery operated under a Federal permit, it was purely the duty of Federal agents to detect law violations.

Why was a Camden policeman in that brewery at the time it was raided?

Police Chief Stehr's explanation is as follows:

> **"The brewery is a Camden industry and it is entitled to police protection as much as any other factory. The brewery has a federal permit to operate and it pays taxes. The policeman probably went in there to see whether the place was adequately protected."**

Perhaps Chief Stehr is right. But many of our citizens will wonder at the ingenuousness of this explanation.

If Dr. Rhone really means to co-operate with the Federal agents, let him haul over the Camden force from top to bottom, and determine just how much connivance there has been to permit the brewery to run on, undisturbed.

Let him find out just what kind of "protection" policemen have been giving the brewery!

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There remains only one mystery concerning this brewery.

WHO WAS BACK OF IT?

So far the operators of the place have been shielded by the authorities. "Clean Up Calhoun" has told a Courier-Post representative that it is not the public's business who took out the permits.

Which makes us wonder just how sincere Mr. Calhoun really is!

CASHIER EMBEZZLER PLACED ON PROBATION

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NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 20.—Phillips Stephan, former cashier of the Second National Bank, of Hoboken, today pleaded guilty to embezzlement of $5,400 of the bank's funds and was placed on probation for two years and sentenced to pay $15 a month by Federal Judge Fake.

Two years ago Stephan was convicted of embezzling $4,800 of the bank's funds and served 18 months in prison.

SWAN IS CONFERRING ON FEDERAL LAND

Trenton Times 1/20/30

City Commissioner Abram Swan, Jr., director of the Department of Public Works, is in Washington today conferring with postal officials regarding a strip of land on the Montgomery Street side of the present post office. The land is wanted by the city.

The property in question, belonging to the Federal government, has been occupied by Montgomery Street since its widening some years ago. It is feared by Mr. Swan that when the new post office is built and the present building is sold to private owners, the city will have to pay an exorbitant price for the post office land occupied by the city street.

While he is in the national capital, Commissioner Swan will watch the progress of the water diversion suit by New Jersey against New York State, an action which Mr. Swan was instrumental in having started. The suit concerns the waters of the Delaware River.

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