

U. S. AGENTS RAID 'YAUCH' CAFE, FIND HIGH POWERED ALE

Sledge 5/30/29
Seven Men Held to Grand
Jury on Charges of 'Clean-
ing' Denatured Alcohol

WET INTERESTS IN CLASH

Meeting Reported Held in Effort
to Divide "Routes" and
Prevent Hi-jacking

The raiding of "Johnny Yauch's" cafe at 42 Commerce street, a rumored conference of beer bosses over administration of the racket in Newark, and the holding of seven men for the grand jury on charges of "cleaning" denatured alcohol, were yesterday's high spots in the war on liquor, which was recently brought to the front by the conference of Capt. Edwin Ross, prohibition administrator for New Jersey, with Dr. Doran, prohibition commissioner, in Washington.

The raid on "Yauch's" cafe, so-called, although John Yauch sold his interest two years ago, was carried out yesterday morning, on a search warrant issued by U. S. Commissioner Friedmann, after a Federal agent had purchased a carton of 24 pints of ale, and taken it to a chemist for analysis. The ale tested 4.74 per cent. alcohol. Four men were arrested, 35 cartons of ale and 20 half-barrels of alleged beer were seized, and a score of customers were driven from the popular cafe when the agents raided the place.

FREED ON \$1,000 BAIL

Those held were Gus Rosenbock, 125 Washington street, Nutley; Charles Kern, 325 South street, Newark; Andrew Eckert, 867 Stuyvesant avenue, Irvington; and Leonard C. Gahr, 284 Graylock parkway, Belleville. They were released by Commissioner Friedmann on \$1,000 bond each, to answer to the grand jury for sale and possession.

The seven men held for "cleaning" alcohol were taken in a raid on the Bolin-Ross Chemical plant at 20 Orange street, in February. At a recent hearing before the Commissioner, they denied the government's charges and said the alcohol was used in the making of ethyl acetate. The Commissioner reserved his decision, but yesterday notified them they must answer to the grand jury.

CHARGED WITH POSSESSION

The men are Frederick G. Ross, 392 South Sixth street, Clarence McCann, 490 Broad street, John and William Newbauer, 149 Springfield avenue, Michael Fedorho, 41 Orange street, all of Newark, Harold A. Koellhofer, 1 Thirty-ninth street, Irvington, and David Tesler, of Coney Island, New York. They are charged with manufacturing and possession, and removing denaturants to recover alcohol.

The reported conference on the beer situation is said to have been called hastily to prevent open warfare which threatened over division of "routes" in North Jersey, and over the monopoly of the beer trade.

It is believed that the ever-present efforts of the Pennsylvania Beer groups to get into the North Jersey area also were considered. At

U. S. DRY FORCE TO UNDERGO SHAKEUP

N.Y. Journal - 5/31/29
By M. L. RAMSAY,

WASHINGTON, May 31 (By Universal Service).—A thorough overhauling of the Government's prohibition machinery is in prospect following the resignation of Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt as Assistant Attorney-General and the initial sessions of the Law Enforcement Commission.

The first important step will be selection of a successor to Mrs. Willebrandt to head the prosecuting forces. President Hoover is reported to have a number of prominent lawyers, dry in their sympathies, under consideration, but neither the White House nor the Department of Justice is discussing the prospective appointment.

ADJUSTMENT GRADUAL

Other changes, it appears, will be made gradually, and probably with guidance of facts and opinions developed by the commission as its work proceeds.

Chief among these is the proposed transfer of enforcement from the Treasury Department to the Department of Justice. Opposition to this has been registered by representatives of the alcoholic manufacturing and using industries, which

Judge Clark Will Sail For Drug Traffic Study

news 5/29/29
Federal Judge Clark will sail Friday on the Majestic on a trip to Geneva, where he will discuss with the Standing Committee of the League of Nations the narcotic situation of the world.

Judge Clark, who always has been interested in this problem, will obtain first-hand information on the methods of the League in dealing with the situation so he can apply that knowledge in his work here.

He will return June 24. His court calendar has been disposed of and if there is no work to do when he comes back he will ask to be transferred to another district for the summer.

are vitally affected by the permit system.

ACTION DETERMINED.

The Administration has given no sign of altering its plan to make the transfer. Action at the present session of Congress is virtually out of the question, however, and before the regular session begins the Law Enforcement Commission may have clear-cut views for or against.

All present indications are that the Prohibition Commissioner, James M. Doran, who has been providing the non-spectacular variety of enforcement the Administration favors, will have at least equal authority in any new set-up.

She Plans to Retire



Trenton Times
Mrs. Mabel W. Willebrandt
May 28, 1929.

WOMAN LAWYER TO QUIT POST IN JUSTICE DEP'T

Mrs. Willebrandt Plans to
Practice Law in New York
and Washington

(United Press)

WASHINGTON, May 27. — Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general, has decided to relinquish her post in the Department of Justice and enter private practice in New York and Washington, the United Press learned at the Department of Justice today.

Mrs. Willebrandt has not yet formally submitted her resignation to the President but has indicated her general plan to him and has been informed the Chief Executive could conveniently replace her at this time.

It is expected by Mrs. Willebrandt's friends that she will terminate her services as chief of the legal branch of the prohibition organization within 30 days.

Mrs. Willebrandt is relinquishing her post of her own volition it was learned. Her resignation was submitted in the usual manner March 4 along with those of all other Presidential appointees, but was not accepted because it was said the President found it impossible to replace her at that time when he faced the task of reorganizing the entire new administration.

Mrs. Willebrandt then expressed a willingness to remain with the Justice Department until the President indicated a willingness to accept her resignation.

CHARLES P. SISSON NAMED TO U. S. POST

Trenton Times 5/28/29
(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Charles P. Sisson, Attorney General of Rhode Island, today was formally appointed as Assistant United States Attorney General to succeed John Marshall, resigned.

Mr. Sisson, who is 39 years old, has been Attorney General of Rhode Island since 1925. He will have charge of the personnel division of the Department of Justice, one of the most important offices under the Attorney General.

present, three factions are regarded as ruling the local beer trade.

Warfare between these factions, or between the local groups and the Pennsylvania runners, would result in general hi-jacking of beer trucks, and an epidemic of "mysterious" shootings. Cases of hi-jacked beer trucks have been frequently reported, but the victims generally recover their empty truck the next day, and, knowing who their assailants were, retaliate by confiscating one of the opposition's beer loads.

A major problem before the recent beer pow wow was that of the storage "dumps," where the beer is held for distribution after its removal from the brewery. Control of these dumps is a frequent source of friction between the factions, as they are important centers in the distribution system.

What results came from the conference will be learned by the outsider only by quizzing his favorite bartender on the difficulty of getting sufficient quantities of beer delivered. Even then, the difficulty may be traceable to the prohibition unit's efforts rather than to the runners' war.