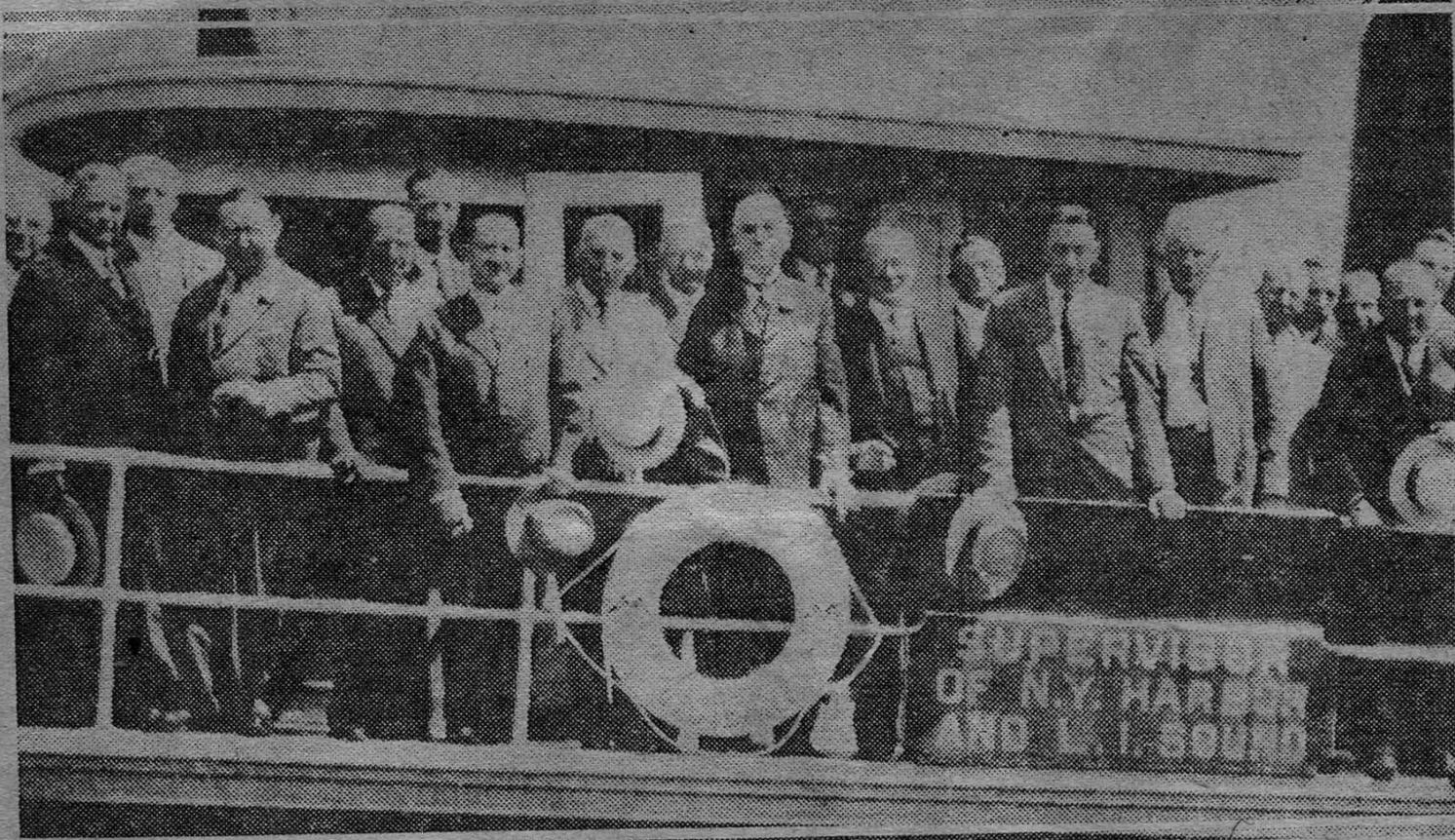


Federal Grand Jury Checks Up on Pollution



Members of the Federal grand jury aboard a government cutter yesterday as they obtained first hand information regarding the extent of pollution of Port of Newark and New York harbor as the result of dumping garbage and debris. Federal Judge Judge Fake, Dist. Atty. Forman and several of his associates accompanied the jury. (Ledger

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Grand Jurors Assail Methods Of Dry Agents

n. y. Herald Tribune
Find Only 'Tools' and Not Real Offenders Are Arrested in Prohibition Raids

Urge State Co-operation Need Evidence Prepared Better, Says Presentment

Special to the Herald Tribune
NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 21.—Criticism of the methods of Federal prohibition enforcement officers was expressed today in a presentment returned by the Federal grand jury which declared "there seemed to be a failure to connect the real principals with violations of the prohibition law, the persons charged usually being insignificant tools of those responsible."

The presentment was handed up to Federal Judge Guy L. Fake, who was asked to forward a copy to George W. Wickersham, chairman of President Hoover's law enforcement commission.

States Also Are Criticized

The presentment, stating that the jury was well aware of the lack of a really adequate force to uphold the prohibition law, also criticized state courts and officers for lack of co-operation. "We regret," the presentment said, "that some of the counties are apparently not functioning in such manner as to relieve Federal officials of much of the work."

Asserting that the prohibition law never could be successfully enforced when minor violators were the only ones prosecuted, the report continued. "We believe that a few cases thoroughly made and effectively pursued would be of no more value than many cases hastily prepared, and failing to reach those responsible for a situation which will recur again and again until principals and not merely their tools are dealt with."

Want "Higher-ups" Arrested

The grand jury urged that when a still or speakeasy was found in operation, enforcement officers should not follow their usual practice of arresting merely those at the scene, usually minor employees, but that they should continue investigating until they found the real owners.

Such cases, the presentment said, would command greater respect from the grand jury, would enable the District Attorney to bring to trial a much stronger case, and in cases of conviction would enable the courts to give "sentences which would be really effective."

"The things that you have mentioned must be apparent to everyone," said Judge Fake in receiving the presentment. "The District Attorney and the judges of this judicial district will give it their careful attention."

Contempt Charged In Liquor Selling

News 8-21-29
Colonial Inn, Singac, and Hoboken Place Charged with Padlock Violations

Contempt proceedings will be instituted in Federal Court against the owners of the Colonial Inn in Singac and the proprietors of a Hoboken saloon for alleged violations of the liquor padlock injunctions.

This was announced yesterday afternoon by United States District Attorney Philip Forman after Judge Fake had ordered the places closed for the second time.

The Colonial Inn was padlocked April 26 last but the decree later was modified to permit a reopening of the place with the understanding that all bar fixtures would be removed and no liquor sold on the premises. Government prohibition agents went to the inn August 15 and 16. They testified yesterday that they had purchased beer and liquor on both occasions. Frank Donato, the alleged owner, and his bartender, Joseph Bowers, were not in court and offered no defense.

The Hoboken saloon is at 300 Madison street. The place was padlocked May 20, but later was modified with the understanding that it would be opened as a fruit and vegetable store. Agents visited the saloon last week where, they testified, they found an old-fashioned barroom and were able to purchase liquor.

A large quantity of liquor was found in the cellar, they said, and by pulling a secret panel they were able to get into a building in the rear where an alcohol cutting plant was confiscated.

PALMA RESIGNS POST HERE

n. y. Journal
WASHINGTON, Aug. 23, 1929.—Joseph Palma, chief of the U. S. Secret Service in New York since 1922, has resigned.

W. H. Moran, chief of the United States Secret Service, said he received a request from Palma that he be released from duty September 1.

Recommendations were submitted by Moran to Secretary Mellon that Palmas' resignation be accepted. It is understood Palma will enter private business.

Moran suggested the name of a successor to Palma, but pending action of Secretary Mellon, the name was withheld.