

TRY TO SELL WATER TO DRY FOR \$27,000

Bootleggers Offer Agents 36 Barrels, the False Top of But One Containing Whiskey — Swindlers Still at Large.

New York, Sept. 19.—When the alleged owners of thirty-six barrels of what purported to be 100 proof whiskey refused \$26,000 for the lot, contending for \$2,000 more, Federal Prohibition Agents Charles Guttman and Harry Deschamps, worked out of the Williams Storage Warehouse, 337 West 128th street, Friday afternoon and went to the office of United States Commissioner Hitchcock in the Federal Building and procured a search warrant. They had been permitted to sample the whiskey in course of the negotiations and were certain that it was pre-Volstead stuff.

Returning to warehouse with a search warrant, the agents seized the barrels, which had been sealed in number to thirty-eight. Closer inspection disclosed to the amazed agents that it would take all of the thirty-eight barrels to yield one gallon of whiskey of the kind they sampled on Friday. This amount was contained in the false top built into one of the barrels from which the samples were drawn on Friday for the agents. The rest of the contents of this barrel and the others was water.

Declining any part in the attempted swindle, the owners of the warehouse said the barrels had been offered for storage as containing pickles and they had no knowledge of the contrary until the second visit of the prohibition agents. Dave Williams, manager of the warehouse, is said to have told the agents that he wanted the ground floor of the warehouse recently to two men calling themselves Lewis Brothers, and gave their address as 214 East Twenty-ninth street. Although Williams promised co-operation in running down the men who stored the barrels, he was given a summons to appear this week before Commissioner Hitchcock and explain all about the renting of the space to "Lewis Brothers."

The agents said that in an office building in Times Square, where a great many bootleg transactions are reported to be taking place now, they were introduced Friday afternoon to a whiskey salesman, whose first name they recalled was "John." The salesman in turn introduced them to a man who was known as William Daly. After negotiating with him and agreeing upon a price of \$20.50 a gallon for the whiskey, the agents said they went with him to the warehouse, where they saw the "merchandise" and sampled it. They made a lump sum offer of \$25,000 for the liquor, but were coolly informed that nothing less than \$27,000 would move the stuff. The search warrant was then procured.

Besides the barrels, the agents found a complete government liquor testing instrument together with a manual. The instrument had been used by Daly the day before in proving to the agents that the whiskey was as represented—100 proof. It is understood that the testing instrument will now do legitimate service at prohibition headquarters. The agents are looking for Daly and the two "Lewis brothers."

LOSES THIRTY HENS, FINDS \$900 IN CASH Gets Word From Chicken Thief Asking His Money Back.

Somerset, Pa., Sept. 19.—Farmer Schrock of Little, a small village near this town, entered his poultry house last Friday morning and found that thirty of his fowls had mysteriously disappeared during the night. Weasels and other "varmints" being plentiful in the neighborhood, Farmer Schrock began an investigation to determine the sort of marauder that had taken his poultry. In his search he picked up a large leather wallet just under a window through which the thief evidently had entered.

Opening the wallet Schrock was dumfounded to find it packed full of bills. A count showed \$900 in good United States currency. Quietly, but with a definite plan in view, Schrock let it be known publicly that he had lost thirty fine chickens, but that the thief had paid well for them by leaving a wallet containing \$900 behind.

A claimant communicated with Schrock and wanted his money. The claimant admitted that he had taken the chickens and informed Schrock that he had lost his pocketbook "somewhere about the hen house."

After identifying his property the claimant stated that he was perfectly willing Schrock should take out a fair and reasonable sum for the purloined chickens and send him the balance. Schrock, however, was of a different mind. To use the aggrieved farmer's own words:

"The thief will offer me better terms before he gets his roll back. His is well known, and I'm not mentioning his name just now, but I have the \$900 and I'm going to keep it until I get satisfaction. I'm fixing terms on this deal."

WOMAN CHOKES AXEMAN

Japanese's White Wife Comes to Aid When Attacked by Servant.

Harmon, N. Y., Sept. 18.—After he had run amuck with an axe, a young Japanese, who gave the name of "John Doe," was run down by a posse and arrested here charged with brutally assaulting Admiral Dato Moto, Japanese proprietor of the Mikado Inn in Harmon, and his white wife.

The Japanese servant, who had been discharged by Moto, took an axe and attacked his former employer, wounding him severely. Mrs. Moto, who is of Irish extraction, went to her husband's aid, and although she suffered cuts on her right wrist and arm, fought furiously, and finally choked him into unconsciousness. He died, after regaining his senses, while she was bandaging her husband's wounds. A posse organized by Deputy Sheriff Blinker and Patrolman Bennett closed in on the fugitive in a shanty and took him prisoner at the point of their revolvers.

Judge Charles Anderson held the man on a charge of felonious assault and he is locked up in the Peckskill jail. Moto is in a critical condition and may die. The prisoner is twenty-nine years old and the wounded man forty-eight.

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BOY AND GIRL TAKE MERCURY TABLETS

Dorothy Casey, Critically Ill, Thought Poison was Candy — Boy Under Observation.

New York, Sept. 19.—Six-year-old Dorothy Casey is in a critical condition in St. Luke's Hospital from mercury poisoning, and Lester Lahrer, five years old, is under observation in the same institution. Dorothy gave the boy a mercury tablet after she had swallowed one from a bottle she found in a garbage can.

"The bottle was corked," she told the detectives, "but I opened it and showed the tablets to Lester and some other boys and girls. I said it was candy, and one of the boys dared me to swallow one of the tablets. I swallowed one, but it did not taste like candy. Then Lester put one in his mouth, but he didn't swallow it. The other boys and girls wouldn't take any, and I carried the bottle home."

Dorothy said nothing about the matter to her mother until after dinner in the evening. Then she complained of feeling ill, and said she thought it was because of the "candy" that she had swallowed. She showed Mrs. Casey the bottle, and the mother asked Arthur Hiller, who lives in the house, to hurry the little girl to the hospital five blocks away.

Dr. Rankin examined the bottle at the hospital and said it contained bichloride of mercury tablets. A stomach pump immediately was applied to the

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child, but Dr. Rankin said that because the poison had been dissolving for so long that the girl was in a dangerous condition.

The detectives then were notified and after having Dorothy's statement, they brought Lester to the hospital. Dr. Rankin said that there was evidence of mercury poisoning on Lester's tongue, and he was kept at the hospital.

UNEMPLOYMENT DOLES.

Edmonton Bulletin.—Premier Drury says paying doles to unemployed men is like administering an opiate. The comparison is apt. Handing out doles does not restore workless men to the status of self-supporting and useful citizens. It only relieves their immediate troubles at the expense of somebody else, and very frequently with the result of undermining their inclination of self-help and inducing a disposition to depend upon the public.

SEEKS TO MEASURE CHILDREN'S MINDS

School Superintendent Ettlinger Thinks Grouping by Mentality Would Mean a New Era.

City Superintendent of Schools William L. Ettlinger made his annual address at the Board of Education Hall, New York, before the associate and district superintendents, examiners, directors, assistant directors and inspectors of the department. His subject was "Facing the Facts." It related to the re-education of pupils in the public schools and an effort to solve the problem. He said that he had no criticism of the way in which the schools were administered but wished to present the conditions now existing in the schools, in his address he said:

"Let me present to you in some detail the results of an investigation conducted by the Bureau of Reference, Research and Statistics during the last year, in which we attempted to measure present-day conditions in our schools. The facts will convince you that if our schools are to meet the needs of our children there must be continuous and, I may say, radical changes in our present methods of school administration."

"On the basis of our present grading and promotion plan of organization, by which unit classes of children of presumably uniform ability and attainments are advanced to higher grades at the close of the Fall term ending in January, and at the close of the Spring term ending in June, the percentage of promotions and non-promotions or holdovers are taken as fair indices of the efficiency of a given school or a group of schools. Thus, on June 30 last, of a grand total of approximately 716,000 pupils in the regular elementary grades, 83,000 children failed of promotion. As we go upward through the grades we find the number of retarded and also the number of accelerated pupils grow at the expense of the number of normal pupils. There is a decided decrease in the number of retarded pupils after the 6 B grade, due to the elimination of retarded pupils, which the law makes possible.

"Fortunately, I believe that the rapid advance in the technique of measuring mental ability and accomplishments means that we stand on the threshold of a new era in which we will increasingly group our pupils on the basis of both intelligence and accomplishment. Quotients and of necessity, provide differentiated curricula, varied modes of instruction and flexible promotion schemes to meet the crying needs of our children."

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AT 83, KILLS HIMSELF.

Remarks at His Last Breakfast That It Was a Good One.

Plainfield, N. J., Sept. 19.—William H. Dakin, 83 years old, of 56 Mountain avenue, North Plainfield, ended his life with a razor just after he left the office of his physician, Dr. G. W. Endicott. He was found dead in a flower garden, with his throat cut.

He had been boarding with George D. Perron, and after breakfast today he remarked, "If I should not have breakfast with you again, I want to say that this meal was a good one."

WHITE HOUSE POLICE FORCE, PRESIDENT NOMINAL HEAD

Washington, Sept. 19.—A White House police force is created under a bill signed by President Harding. The measure transfers from the District of Columbia

Police Department thirty-three men who have been on duty in the White House grounds. The president will be the nominal head of the new organization.

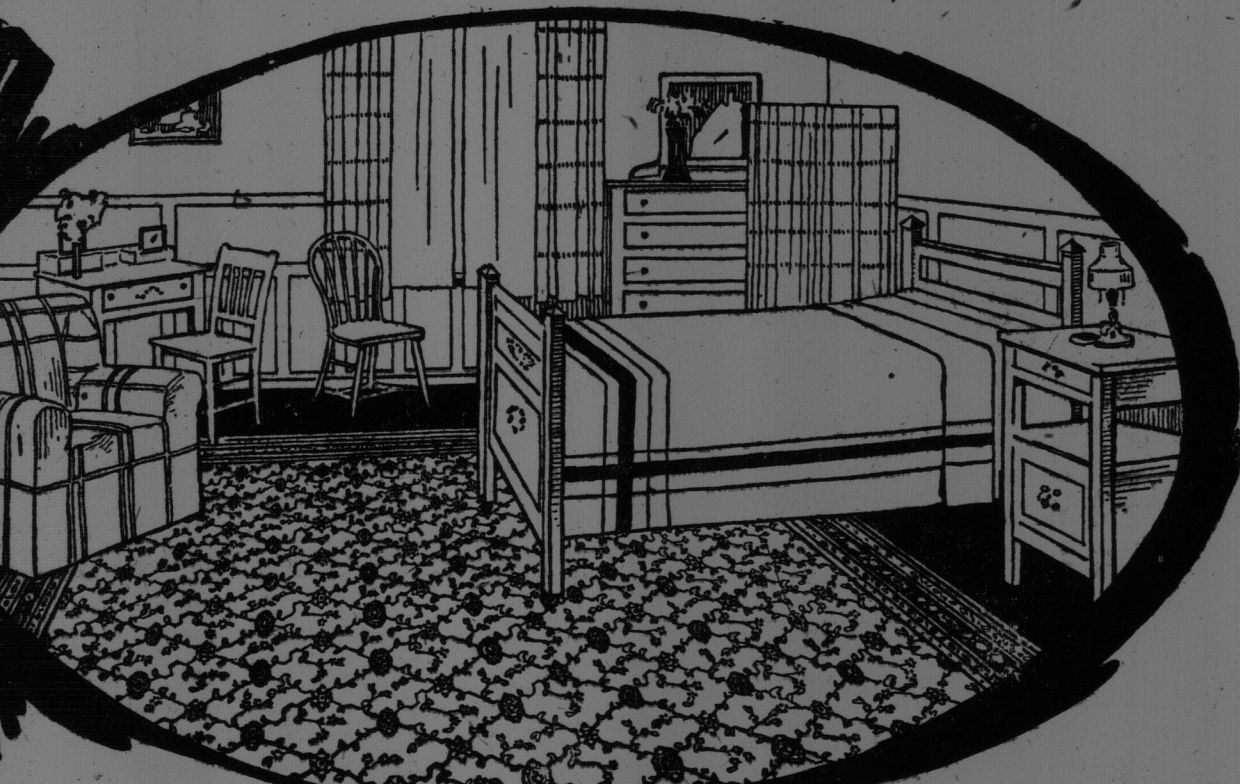
SQUIRREL HALTS INDUSTRY.

Short Circuits Power Wire For Nine Massachusetts Towns.

Marlboro, Mass., Sept. 19.—This city and eight towns were shut off from electric power when a gray squirrel, running over a high voltage wire, was electrocuted, causing a short circuit. Plants in Marlboro, Southboro, Northboro and Westboro were shut down for three hours. One thousand employees were affected. The dead animal and the broken wire, severed by the flash that was caused by the short circuit, were found by the crew which went out to locate the break.



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