

**ALL ABOARD
FOR ST. LOUIS**

50,000 Gallons of Whiskey Released—Sale Followed Judge's Decision

St. Louis, Dec. 8.—Intoxicants were sold freely here following the order of Federal Judge Farris temporarily restraining the United States district attorney and the collector of internal revenue from interfering with the sale of such beverages.

Whisky at wholesale brought from \$17 to \$23 a gallon, according to the proof, and saloons sold drinks at 20 to 30 cents each. "Four it yourself" bottled goods retailed at an average of \$10 a quart.

It was the first time since July 1, when war-time prohibition became effective, that whisky and wine decanters appeared on bars here, and patrons entered saloons and openly ordered what they desired. Residents of rural districts in eastern Missouri rushed to St. Louis to replenish their stocks.

Judge Farris' decision immediately released 50,780 gallons of tax-paid whisky, valued at \$475,000. Plaintiffs in the suits, it was said, have 100,300 more gallons stored in bonded warehouses that, according to the decision, must be released immediately on payment of the government tax.

**MINES IN NORTH SEA
A GROWING DANGER**

Large Numbers Are Still Reported Floating About

Stockholm, Dec. 8.—The danger from floating mines in the North Sea is increasing, according to the chief inspector of the Swedish mercantile marine, for that district of navigation, who predicts that this winter the mines will constitute a greater menace than at any period since the fields were laid. (During the week ended December 6 the sinking of one American steamer and the damaging of another from striking mines in the North Sea have been reported.) So extensive were the mine fields and so numerous the mines, says the inspector, that large numbers of them escaped destruction by the English and American

mine sweepers, notwithstanding the energy and diligence with which they worked. More mines than ever before now are said to be loose and drifting towards the Swedish coast. Efforts are made to sink such mines as are seen by shooting them, but it is impossible to cope with them all in this way. Along the Jutland coast in the course of a single day recently the skipper of one craft reported sighting not less than seventy-two drifting mines.

Another Railway.
Ottawa, Dec. 8.—(Special)—While there have been no negotiations as yet the opinion expressed in Ottawa seems favorable to the purchase of the T. and N. O. Railway by the dominion government as Premier Dwyer indicates this to be his plan.

Situated as it is, between the Grand Trunk and Transcontinental, and already used by the National Railways, the line is regarded as one which naturally might be added to the government system if the province wishes to sell out and terms can be agreed upon.



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