

of wines, spirits, etc. through American territory or American waters. The United States Treasury Department lost no time in so advising Collectors of Customs at the various ports and at border points. Instructions were issued to those officials to refuse entry to all liquors arriving in transit after May 17th.

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A copy of this despatch is being forwarded to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada for the consideration of the Canadian Government.

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Le chargé d'affaires aux États-Unis au Gouverneur général
Chargé d'Affaires in United States to Governor General

DESPATCH 196

Washington, June 29, 1922

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of an aide mémoire which was communicated to me yesterday by the Under Secretary of State in regard to the question of the suppression of the liquor traffic between Canada and the United States. It will be seen that the Prohibition Commissioner is anxious that legislation should be passed in Canada which would prohibit shipments of liquor to the United States unless a permit from United States Federal or State authorities had first been obtained.

In conversation with the Under Secretary of State I pointed out that no useful purpose was likely to be served by such legislation so long as the American authorities along the border, and particularly in the town of Detroit, were apparently working hand-in-glove with the liquor smugglers.

I also have the honour to transmit, for the confidential information of Your Excellency and of the Government, copy of a despatch¹ which I have addressed to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs with regard to the general question of assistance to the United States authorities in preventing the smuggling of liquor from British territory.

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H. G. CHILTON

P.S. A copy of this despatch has been sent to the Foreign Office.

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