

# GUESTS RIOT AS DRY SQUAD RAIDS BEACH

## Wild Disorder Seizes Tait's, Cliff House and Roberts' as Enforcers Seize Liquors

Like a huge tidal wave from Land's End to the county line, prohibition enforcement swept the beach in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Thirty Federal agents, riding the crest of a monster raid, descended simultaneously upon Tait's-at-the-Beach, the Cliff House and "Shorty" Roberts' resort on the Great Highway.

They swept the New Year's revelers from their feet. They arrested proprietors and waiters. They seized large quantities of champagne, wine and liquors. Bottles flew and tumblers were hurled. Windows were smashed. In one case, at least, revolvers flashed. Three of the raiding officers were cut and bruised.

The wildest disorder reigned at Tait's when ten members of the raiding squads, led by Charles H. Wheeler, chief prohibition enforcement agent, entered the resort shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The New Year's revelry had reached its height. A thousand guests were in the dining rooms or in the private apartments. Liquor was as free and as plentiful as the ocean, and, according to the raiders, anything but pacific. Men and women were highly exhilarated; they report, and in some of the rooms torn gowns and flannelled socks bore witness to the wild entertainment that was in progress.

### WOMAN FIGHTS WHEELER.

One handsomely gowned woman, screaming and fighting, sought to prevent Wheeler from seizing a suitcase of wine at the table which she and her friends occupied. From another table one of the guests hurled a bottle at Prohibition Agent John H. Vail, inflicting a bad gash in his neck. But despite the resistance the raiders swiftly accomplished their work. They seized wine and liquors in considerable quantity from the bar. They confiscated hundreds of bottles which had been transported by the guests. They arrested Joseph H. Watta, the assistant manager, and Sam Nussbaum, head waiter, and John Tait, though not present at the time of the raid, likewise was cited to appear today before the United States Commissioner, to answer to a charge of violation of the National Prohibition Act.

Two traffic officers had been detailed to Tait's by the police, but the traffic had been too much for them to cope with, and they couldn't stop the flood. They assisted the Federal agents, however, when these put in an appearance.

Many of the guests fled precipitately when Wheeler and his men entered the place. They hastened to their automobiles and dashed away in the night. Much of the liquor consumed had been transported in cars, and Wheeler yesterday, and only the small number of men at his command prevented the seizure of large quantities.

The raiding squad at Tait's was finally reinforced, the Federal agents who, simultaneously with Wheeler's descent on that resort, had raided "Shorty" Roberts' place and the Cliff House.

At Roberts', similar scenes to those already described marked the advent of the prohibition enforcement officers, and Joseph Bernhardt and Joseph Strum, two of the raiders, were badly mauled. A free-for-all fight was started as the Federal agents entered the place. Bernhardt seized a glass of liquor from one of the tables. It was dashed from his hand. He drew his blackjack and was at once mobbed. He was knocked down twice, cut over the eye with a bottle, and was severely bruised.

Strum, struggling with another crowd of infuriated guests, drew his revolver and threatened to use it. This stopped that particular fight, but not before Strum had been hit in the neck with a bottle and badly

# CHILDREN, BAREFOOT, PLAY IN SURF NEW YEAR'S DAY



Scene at the Ocean Beach yesterday, showing a section of New Year's Day revelers enjoying balmy weather in contrast to the East's frigid temperatures. Seal Rocks and Marin county hills in background.

### 30 TAKEN IN WRIGHT ACT NET

While not featured by raids as sensational as those made by the federal prohibition squads, the activities of the police in the enforcement of the Wright act netted a large number of arrests between midnight of Sunday and six o'clock yesterday morning.

### HORNBLLOWER URGES PEACE.

Assemblyman William A. Hornblower, who is directing a fight against the Wright enforcement act, was among the guests at Roberts', and sought to help the raiding officers by exhorting the crowd to desist from violence. He declared that the prohibition agents were doing their duty in an orderly and courteous manner, and should not be attacked. But the mob wouldn't listen.

A large quantity of liquor was confiscated at Roberts' resort, both from the "house" and from the guests. The same was the case at the Cliff House. Here champagne and wines were found in the bar, as well as at many of the tables. G. H. Roberts and his brother, L. C. Roberts, proprietors of the place, were arrested, and will be among those present today to be arraigned before the Federal authorities.

Following the beach raids, Wheeler and his men hurried down the peninsula to various resorts, including Babylon. But the news of their coming evidently had traveled faster than they. They found Babylon a paragon of virtue. No liquor in sight, and the proprietor tearing his hair because less than 200 guests had appeared, while he had prepared for more than a thousand. None of the other San Mateo county resorts netted anything to the prohibition squad.

### Letterman Patients Enjoy Turkey Menu

The Letterman Hospital enlisted men feasted on turkey at the New Year dinner yesterday at the presidio, while the officers on the hospital staff dined on humble roast beef.

Illustrations by Sergeant George F. Mogenberg, hospital staff artist, set forth the fact that gustatorily the enlisted men outranked the colonels, majors and captains at the New Year feast.

### QUIZ FOR 'WET' RIOT IN HOTEL

ST. LOUIS (Mo.), Jan. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—A sensational raid upon the exclusive Hotel Chase here by Federal prohibition agents and police, which resulted in a riot participated in by many of the 2,600 revelers of the New Year there early today, was conducted yesterday morning.

"Soft" drink establishments, illicit saloons, rooming houses and other places where the law was being violated were visited in large numbers by the police officers detailed by Chief O'Brien to the enforcement of prohibition under the new law.

There were 45 arrests for drunkenness. In addition, 30 persons were arrested for violation of the Wright act; 14 were arrested for visiting disorderly houses and 6 were arrested as keepers of such houses. In all cases liquor was found on the premises, and was seized. All of those arrested will appear this morning before either Police Judge Jackson or Police Judge Lazarus.

Among those taken into custody were William Spark, 1018 Jones street; Thomas Sanchez, 302 Valencia street; Joseph Capelle, 554 Broadway; Frank Antonio, Albert Giovannioli and Virgil Santini, all charged with having liquor in their possession, and Steven Aimo, who was charged with conducting a disorderly house in Third street.

### Treatment Given 178 Celebrants On New Year

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(By Universal Service.)—Official Washington, military and civilian, turned out en masse today for the annual series of social functions welcoming the arrival of the new year.

"M. R. C." which means multiple bruises and contusions, was written 150 times on the hospital records. Forty-five cases were listed as "M. R. C. and alcoholism." They were given a taste of the stomach pump.

### New Year's Cheer Taken To Hospital Inmates

New Year's cheer was carried to the hospitals and public institutions of the city yesterday by the officers and members of the Order of Alhambra and entertainment programs were put on for the inmates. Professional talent from local theaters accompanied the visiting committee. In the evening the Alhambra and their ladies were guests of Judge-sheet and Mrs. Frank W. Dunn at a reception and dance at the Dunn home.

### HARDING GOLFS ON NEW YEAR

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Owing to the illness of Mrs. Harding there was no annual reception at the White House. The President, after attending to official duties during the morning, passed the afternoon on the golf links.

The annual "diplomatic breakfast" was presided over by Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes in the building of the Pan-American Union.

### KEEP OPEN HOUSE.

Open house was the order of the day at the clubrooms of many organizations throughout the city. Dinners were given at hotels and restaurants. There was music everywhere, and dancing was resumed and kept up until midnight.

Hospitals and public institutions were not forgotten. Here the old-fashioned custom was in vogue. Visits were made by officers and members of fraternal organizations, and entertainment programs were staged for the inmates.

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# SUMMER-LIKE JAN. 1 CALLS ALL OUTDOORS

## New Year's Day Throngs Flock to Beach; Open Road Lures Autoists; Show for Prisoners

Janus, the two-faced deity, had a motor cap jammed down over his blind sight yesterday, the first day of the year, the better to con the road ahead.

The New Year came with sunshine, a good omen, and the sunshine lured the machinists of the bay region to the highways and the boulevards. The automobile, in fact, was in control; the calendar sign of the day.

A holiday calm and Sabbath contentment succeeded the carnival clamor of the night before. San Francisco, having buried "1922" without repining, having feasted, danced and sung, shouted and rung her bells, took yesterday to rest and smile into the future with her ocean winds singing in her ears, chanting of courage and enterprise.

### THRONGS SWARM BEACH.

The long stretch of ocean beach swarmed with San Franciscans imitating the sea lions that sunned themselves with half closed, indolent eyes in the foamy spray of the Cliff House rocks.

Two hundred thousand men and women reclined on the sands and at least a million children, it seemed, romped along the wide, white laces-work spun by the tumbling surf.

The children, restless and gay colored as butterflies, spent the whole New Year's Day laughing and playing with their old friend, the Sea. And here were more automobiles, an endless phalanx of them, drawn up side by side, lining the water, ranged along the esplanade.

Other New Year celebrators sought the shaded avenues of Golden Gate Park, and held New Year's parties under the trees or listened to the fine program put on by Cassassa's Band. The golf links of the Peninsula were in popular demand.

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# POLICEMAN IN 'DRY' CLASH FACES QUIZ

## Prohibition Chief Complains of Arrest as Traffic Violator While Raiding Broadway Cafe

Charges against Policeman Emil Hearn of interference with Federal prohibition officers in the discharge of their duty may result from the clash last Sunday night between Hearn and the Federal agents who were raiding the Fior d'Italia Restaurant.

Hearn, who accused Chief Prohibition Enforcement Officer C. H. Wheeler and two of his men of violating the traffic ordinance, and who cited them to appear in the police court tomorrow, will be called upon for an explanation by Captain Arthur Layne of the central station without repining; having feasted, danced and sung, shouted and rung her bells, took yesterday to rest and smile into the future with her ocean winds singing in her ears, chanting of courage and enterprise.

"Of course Hearn could not and did not prevent us raiding the place," said Wheeler yesterday, "and in fact he only appeared on the scene just as we were carrying the confiscated liquor to our automobiles. But it struck me that he seemed very much peeved because the Fior d'Italia had been raided."

"He flew into a rage because, he claimed, we had parked our cars at a prohibited spot. There was no other place for us to park them and it seemed strange, in view of the fact that we were out to enforce the law, that any policeman should feel called upon to let an alleged traffic violation prompt him to make trouble for us. I shall report the whole matter to Captain Layne."

Policeman Hearn, up to Sunday night, has kept out of the limelight since his notoriety with the Harnison Grand Jury. At that time, Hearn, detailed as bailiff to the investigating body, was charged with having conveyed messages to Pete McDonough, then under investigation.

He was also accused of an effort to influence the opinion of certain grand jurors in favor of McDonough and others. As a result of these activities Hearn was removed from his attendance on the Grand Jury and was relegated to the street.

### Lisbon Under Guard After Bomb Blast

MADRID, Jan. 1.—Seven bombs were exploded in Lisbon last night, in the vicinity of the Italian consulate and the residence of the civil Governor, says an official report from the Spanish Minister. No one was injured. All the public buildings today were under strict guard and the city was generally quiet.

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