

**TELLS INSIDE STORY OF RUM ROW RULER**

**HOW SYSTEM OPERATED**

**Writer In Magazine Describes Methods of Liquor King In Supplying Holiday Liquor**

In an amazing portrait of the "King of Rum Row" in the February Scribner's Magazine, Walter Karig tells how a former captain of engineers, organizer of Rum Row, challenged the government's boast that rum-running was ended and by one last coup supplied New York with liquor for Christmas.

"Last year the king decided that he had had enough," says Mr. Karig. "The outdoor life had brought health to his body; the keen, swift thinking had brought health to his mind. And his ships and trucks had brought him wealth beyond that which he could have amassed in the lifetime of a dozen successful mechanical engineers."

"He relaxed. And his cohorts, also beyond financial worry, did not balk at the vacation."

**What Started It**

"Then the government announced that it had put a stop to rum-running. It was truthfully reported that Rum Row was about dried up. It would go hard with New Yorkers who expected to toast in the New Year, or who envisioned plum puddings blazing in brandy—real brandy—for the Yule."

"It was a challenge, a sporting challenge. The king yawned, stretched, and summoned his couriers. The cables carried certain unintelligible words. For a few brief nights, a week or two later, one section of the wintry coast seethed with invisible life. Lights flashed momentarily. Motors chugged far out at sea. Sharp-nosed boats drifted against the shingle, silently. On back roads throttled engines purred, then roared into life."

**Plenty of Liquor**

"Sixteen thousand bags of uncut liquor are reputed to have poured into the metropolitan area for Christmas, which means that, by the time the middleman completed his miracles of converting water and burned sugar into rare old Scotch, nearly three-quarters of a million families were assured of a bottle apiece for the holidays."

"The underworld heard of the coup, and rushed to the kind with certain proposals to smuggle in dope, jewels, and what-not while his organization was hitting on all twelve. But the king, for all his sinfulness, had scruples."

"Why, I was offered \$20,000 to bring in a boat-load of Chinese," he relates. "Hell! A quart of good liquor on the sideboard will make Christmas the merrier, I told 'em, but who the devil wants a Chinaman for Christmas?"

**PHELPS GETS NO KICK OUT OF FISHING, SAYS**

**Noted Educator and Critic Is Not Modern Izaak Walton; Tells Method**

William Lyon Phelps, a man of many enthusiasms and a lover of sport, can see nothing in the art of angling. He tells how he would go fishing, if he had to, in the February Scribner's Magazine.

"Lord Grey is such an enthusiastic fisher that he almost, not quite, persuades me to go afishing. It is the only sport in which I take not the slightest interest. If I had to spend a day with hook and line, I should spend it as follows. I should take a basket containing a copious lunch, plenty of tobacco, several good books. The first stream I reached, I should (unless forbidden by sign-post) throw in the line. That done, I should pay no further attention to it. I should read, and smoke. When it was time to go home, I should pull in the line, and know, whether there was anything on it or not, I had passed a pleasant day."

**SAYS WORLD NEEDS BIGGER BARBECUES**

Clem Hawley, more familiarly known by the followers of Don Marquis's writings as "The Old Soak," has decided that what the world needs is more and better barbecues.

In a story in the February Scribner's Magazine, Mr. Hawley harks to the time of the "peetryarchs."

"If I was to wake up to-morrow morning with a crown on my head and a scepter in my hand and find myself the Umpire of the entire human universe," said Mr. Hawley, "my first commandment would be for everybody to go right back to the early days of the world. Them old peetryarchs was big and liberal in their elements and ideas. They figured that life was too short to waste it all in work. Just because Methusalem lived a thousand years was no sign that everybody else would. Eat, drink, and be merry, says they, for in five or six hundred years me-by we're gonna die. We're here to-day, they says, and gone in a few centuries; let's whoop her up while the whoopin's good!"

France is going to celebrate officially the centenary of Beethoven which is another indication that the war is over.

**FIND LUTHER BIBLE MISLAID FOR YEARS**

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**Rare Old Book Found at Northwestern University After Being Lost Long Time; Its Value**

A rare book—an original of the last edition of Luther's translation of the Bible—misaid for nearly twenty-five years at Northwestern university, has been discovered, dusty but unharmed, in the files of the department of German language and literature. The Bible bears the official seal of the German reformer, and save for one other copy at Columbia university, is said to be the only one extant in America.

This Luther Bible was printed in 1545 and despite its age is exceedingly well preserved. The pages are yellow and the illustrations quaint but otherwise the book is in excellent condition. Although printing at that time was a new art, the pages are graced with illuminated letters and food cuts.

**Was Misaid**

A quarter of a century ago Northwestern obtained this rare volume and prized it highly. It was on public view for a time but in moving and storing documents and rare volumes, in some unaccountable way the famous Luther Bible was lost to view. There are still faculty members at Northwestern who recall the somewhat hectic chase given the book before it was "captured" by the university. Its existence had been known and when it went from place to place, from one owner to another, the university pundits remained active and held the trail. At one time the German department had it located at

Leipzig, when a collector of rare editions appeared and bought it.

**How Obtained**


This collector, named Schneider, held it for several years and when he died the professors who still were on the trail, offered his estate, in the name of the university, a certain sum for it and secured the prize.

First editions of Goethe and Schiller and some other German classicists, gathered over many years of search, also have been rediscovered at Northwestern with the finding of the rare Luther edition translation of the Bible. Volumes of the early 18th century are among the collection, it is stated.

**PRESIDENT AGAINST NAVAL ARMS RACE**

President Coolidge insists that he believes that the United States should avoid steps toward the building of three new cruisers because such a course would place this country in the "naval arms race." Congress may be talked out of what otherwise might be its "intentions." If it is then the cruisers program will fail.

We expect Senator Heflin finally to get around to the place where he will tell us who really hit Billy Patterson.



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