

Mystery Of The Missing Bottled Beer

You'll be one of the lucky few if you get all the bottled beer you've been expecting for Christmas. Bottled beer is shorter than ever. And the reason? That is the great Sydney Christmas mystery.

BREWERS say the shortage is due to the lack of bottles because of the labour scarcity in the glass industry. But,

GLASSBLOWERS say breweries did not take bottles for three months this year when they were available.

Publicans say that they will have to cut the ration to make it spin out for all their regulars.

One said yesterday his last delivery of bottled beer had been cut by 50 per cent. Instead of six bottles a ration, he would be struggling to issue four.

Only explanation for the shortage of bottled beer has been U.I.V.A. president N. H. Connolly's statement: "There is a serious shortage of bottles."

"PLENTY OF BEER"

"The breweries have plenty of beer, but nothing to put it in," he declared.

The quantity of bottled beer distributed to hotels would depend on the number of "empties" returned to the breweries.

"There will not be enough to go around," Mr. Connolly said.

And why aren't there enough bottles?

Mr. W. J. Smith, managing director of Australian Glass

Manufacturers Co. Pty. Ltd., says his company has sufficient plant and raw materials.

"Any shortage of production is due entirely to shortage of labour," said Mr. Smith.

Mr. A. Markham, Federal secretary of the Australian Glassworkers' Union, has a different view.

"During May, June, and July the breweries did not take bottles. It is no excuse to say there is a shortage now."

A.G.M. was turning out nearly half a million beer bottles a week.

"Our members can't buy bottled beer—they want to know where those bottles are going."

We asked about second-hand bottles—which Mr. Connolly said were not being collected in sufficient numbers, because full bottles were being hoarded for Christmas.

An independent bottle dealer said that used beer bottles were moving through his yard at a normal flow of 60 to 80 gross per week.

... And Here's

A Warning...

You had better lay off making that home brew or keeping it in the cellar.

It's illegal. Christmas cheer or not you're up for a £100 fine or a spell in gaol if you're caught with it in your possession.

It's no good saying it's only for home consumption. You're in bad with the law if you possess only a thimbleful containing more than 2 per cent. proof spirit.

This makes the maker a brewer—whose product is subject to excise.

This is where his criminal act comes in. New South Wales collects £12 million a

Will Educate Captor's Son

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17 (A.P.).—Henry Schmidt, of Wyoming, an American who was formerly a prisoner of war of the Japanese, has brought the son of one of his Japanese captors to be educated in the United States.

The Japanese boy, Paul Haru Kasai, 16, will live with Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt while attending High School.

Priceless Christmas Gift

UNDER Nurse's eyes, Zelma tries her first steps. (Story below).



Zelma Is Walking In The Sun Again

Long before it was seasonal, the doctors at St. George Hospital promised 19-year-old Zelma Rogers a Christmas gift beyond price. That promise was fulfilled this week.

After lying on her back for 24 years, Zelma bright-eyed and tight of lip, was taken from her bed, helped into a wheel chair, and moved from the ward which had been her home

for so long out to the green lawns of the hospital.

Sister B. West assisted Zelma to her feet.

High overhead, the sun was shining.

Sister West stood away from Zelma. A cameraman waited.

A doctor watched. Zelma's ward-friend, Shirley Williamson, and Miss Wiseman, from the Crippled Children's Society, were nearby.

White faces looked out from the open windows of the ward; some men in dressing gowns were silent on a balcony.

HER PRESENT

And then Zelma received her Christmas present.

She walked in the sun.

It had been a long time since the doctors had diagnosed tuberculosis of the spine—a long time of lying on her back until the doctors could operate, a long time of pain and suffering, courage, and faith.

But this was the beginning of the end of all that.

Soon, say the doctors, Zelma will be going home, and, in a few months, back to her job as a typist-stenographer in a city insurance office.

During her illness, Zelma has kept up her typing speed on a typewriter adjusted to a special stand fixed to her bed. For Zelma Rogers, this will be a merry Christmas.

Doubles Tote Back In New Zealand

WELLINGTON (N.Z.). Saturday.—For the first time since 1907 doubles totolissator operated in New Zealand at three small race meetings to-day.

The doubles tote will operate later at larger meetings throughout the Dominion.

The innovation was popular at to-day's meetings. To-day also marked the first newspaper publication of dividends since 1907, and the first broadcasting of dividends.

The doubles tote and the publication of dividends, prohibited under the Gaming and Lotteries Amendment Act of 1907, were legalised under the amended gaming legislation this year.

Child Has No Time To Make Friends

Ten-year-old Ann Currie is about the loneliest girl in the world.

She has gone to hundreds of schools, but has never had time to make friends.

Since she was tiny, her mother, Mrs. Louise Currie, an American educationist, has been travelling between her home in Los Angeles and South American countries.

Six months ago, Mrs. Currie began a 15-month world tour, studying school methods. Ann is accompanying her.

The tour takes in Hawaii, Japan, the Philippines, New Zealand, Australia, India,

Migrants Tell Startling Stories To Police Of Ex-Nazis Here

ADMISSIONS ALLEGED IN STATEMENTS

Australian authorities are sifting evidence that ex-Nazis, including men of Hitler's elite S.S. Guard, have infiltrated here as displaced persons.

According to this evidence, which reached the authorities a few days ago, these men are keeping alive the Nazi spirit as a prelude to a possible resurgence of German militaristic ambition.

The authorities have seen sworn declarations by anti-Nazis in an immigrant camp telling of how some men have boasted of their former Nazi activities and how some are attempting persecution on the old Hitler pattern.

S.S. MARK ERASED

Another sworn statement, by a Hungarian now living in Bondi, tells how a so-called Displaced Person, fleeing from Russian dominance, openly told other migrants from Europe that his tell-tale S.S. tattoo mark—under his left arm—was removed by an American doctor in Steier, Austria.

This statement was witnessed by Dorothy P. Darragh, J.P., and was dated September 3, 1949—tenth anniversary of Britain's declaration of war on Hitler's Germany.

Police have also seen a statutory declaration by two other immigrants from the Government's Wallgrove hostel. This says that a man working in the kitchen there had told, in the presence of other witnesses, that he had been a member of the Hungarian Arrow-Cross Party—the Hungarian Nazis—and had worked at their headquarters at 60, Andrássy Ut, Budapest, in 1944.

It was from that building that orders went out for the rounding up of innocent men, women, and children. Many were herded to the shores of the Danube and shot in the river, without trial.

This statement was witnessed by the same J.P.

PRISON SENTENCE

People who have made inquiries about this man's past say they have learned that after the war—before the Russians seized power in Hungary—he was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for his Nazi activities.

Because of post-war chaos, he escaped.

A Hungarian Jewish woman who has helped to bring evidence to the police has received anonymous telephone warnings to abandon her anti-Nazi activities. She had two such telephone calls in one day.

ROUND-UP

Another sworn statement by an immigrant from Wallgrove hostel has told the police that a man who came to Australia under the I.R.O. scheme had admitted helping to round up Yugoslavs and Jews in Hungary in January, 1942.

That round-up resulted in the massacre of 3,000 people.

The statement was witnessed by Mr. George H. Smith, J.P. It was made on September 1.

The same man has sworn that a German working for the I.R.O. resettlement people at Lehner Kaserne, Salzburg.

The Money They Leave

The wills of two Sydney women who left large estates were granted probate last week.

Lady Sarah Rachel Denison left one-third of her £183,000 estate to hospitals and welfare organisations.

The beneficiaries included St. Luke's Hospital, Rachel Foster Hospital for Women and Children, the Home Mission Society, Sydney City Mission, Bush Brotherhood, and the Australian aerial medical services.

Lady Denison, who died in September, 1948, at the age of 80, left the remaining two-thirds to her sons, Reginald, Russell, and Cecil, and her grandchildren, after providing for gifts to friends and servants, and £250 to the Royal Empire Society.

Florence Laura Carter, of Wahroonga, who died last May, aged 80, left £62,628.

She left £50 to the Home of Peace, gifts to servants, and the residue to relatives.

96 In 100 Voted In N.S.W.

About 96 per cent of N.S.W. electors voted at the Federal elections, the N.S.W. divisional officer, Mr. R. W. Evans, said yesterday.

Most electors who failed to vote will receive "please explain" notices by the end of February.

The only doubtful seat in N.S.W. is Kingsford-Smith. The Labour candidate, Mr. G. Anderson, is expected to win.

Latest figures are—

KINGSFORD-SMITH (Electors enrolled, 39,494.)

ANDERSON, G. (A.L.P.) 18,472

CRITTENDEN, H. W. (Ind.) 1,199

DE MONCHAUX, C. F. A. (Lib.) 17,342

PETERS, Clare L. (Ind.) 218

Informal 821

Voting last election by voters now in Kingsford-Smith (approximately): A.L.P. 17,822; Lib., 12,216; others, 4,102; informal, 831. Total, 34,969. Electors enrolled, 41,659.

In Victoria

Counting continued yesterday in only one of the two doubtful Victorian seats for the House of Representatives.

At Fawkner, these were the latest figures: BOURKE, W. M. (Lab.), 19,743

CORMACK, M. (Lib.), 19,857

Informal, 740.

Majority for Bourke, 186.

The other doubtful seat is Bendigo, where the former president of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, Mr. P. J. Clary, at present trails Mr. T. H. Grigg, the Liberal candidate, by 312 votes.

In W.A.

When counting stopped yesterday at Perth, figures were: BURKE, T. P. (Lab.), 18,288

COLLINS, J. P. (Ind.), 1,724

HACK, G. G. (Lib.), 17,473

KELLY, J. (Comm.), 474

Informal 939

About 100 votes and service votes have yet to be counted.

In Canning, progress figures were: GILLESPIE, W. R. (Lib.) 18,188

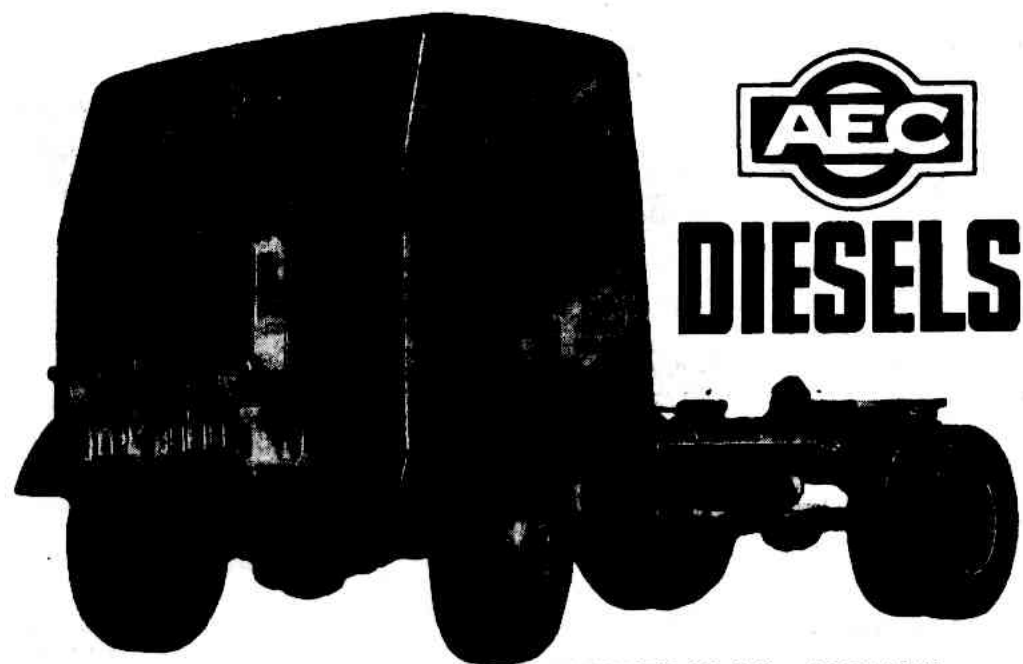
HAMILTON, L. W. (C.P.) 12,892

NEVILLE, A. L. (Ind.), 514

SCADDAN, R. R. (Lab.) 9,934

Informal 779

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