11 DRY AIDES RAID $100,000 PASSAIC STILL

Plant in Full Blast Masked by Row of Garages.

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Just one block from Passaic police headquarters, in McLean street, that city, prohibition authorities today began the destruction of a $100,000 distillery, which they found in operation late yesterday behind the false front of a row of private garages.

Eleven enforcement agents—nine from Newark and two from Philadelphia—pushed their way into the place because of the reek from 14,000 gallons of fermenting molasses mash and 2,500 gallons of finished alcohol.

These four workmen were arrested and locked up over night in First precinct station, Newark, for arraignment today

Joe Mello, 255 Hammond avenue, Passaic.

Eddie Max, Hazleton, Pa.

John Peterson, 287 Ferry street, Easton, Pa.

Abe Hall, 254 Monroe street, Passaic.

The equipment the men tended was shiny and new and had been in operation no more than three weeks, the agents said. In addition to mash and alcohol the materials, paraphernalia and accessories confiscated were 10,000 gallons of molasses, a 500-gallon still, a row of vats, and three trucks fitted with tanks with the legend "gasoline" marked prominently on their bulky sides.

The garage front at 25 McLean street was aligned almost flush with a row of dwellings in the block. Behind stretched a long, low building surmounted by a cupola that made a handy lookout.

Installation had required excavation thirty-five feet below street level to accommodate the copper steam columns.

Justice Department O. K.'s Sale of Beer Trucks Here

Pennington Protest Overruled in Finding on Disposal of 17 Machines.

(Star-Eagle Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The Department of Justice announced today it will not interfere with the sale of seventeen trucks seized at Hoboken last June by prohibition agents and auctioned by the United States marshal at Newark a month ago.

Following the auction Commander John D. Pennington, prohibition administrator for New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania, protested to the prohibition bureau against releasing the trucks to the highest bidders charging collusion between the buyers and the former owners to prevent bona fide offers at the auction.

The trucks were sold at prices (averaging about $160 each) which Pennington claimed were ridiculously low.

Pennington's statements were fortified by reports made by two of his agents who attended the auction.

Pennington's protest was referred to Assistant Attorney General Charles P. Sisson who ordered a special investigation. He announced today his inquiry had failed to disclose evidence supporting Pennington's charges and that the matter had been referred back to Philip Forman, United States district attorney for Northern New Jersey, who, it is expected, will order the trucks released to the auction purchasers.

PRISONER'S IDEN... AGAIN IS QUEST...

Trenton Times

For the second time in a w... hibition agents were today d... search for a man charged ... liquor law violation, while ... answering to the defendan... served a jail term.

A man who said he wa... White, alias Charles Doren... boken, was sentenced by ... Judge Bourquin to 30 days i... fined $150. Agents testifie... not the man they arrested.

Judge Bourquin compa... man's signature with that o... bond posted by White, and ... comment as to their ... warned the prisoner he wou... a severe sentence if it we... he was not the real defen...

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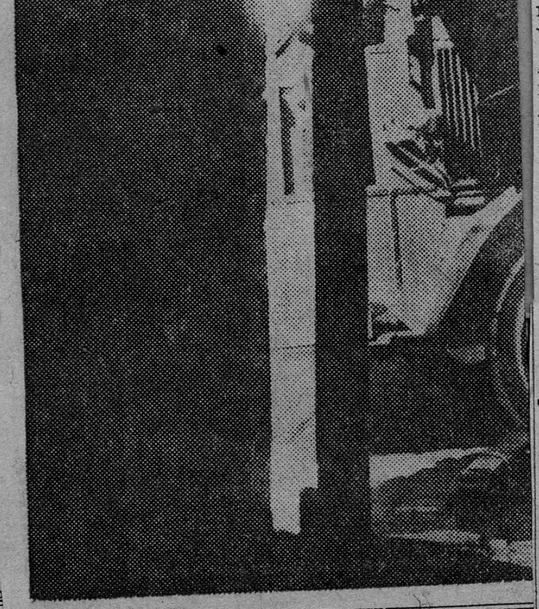
...ederal Judge George M. Bou... in here today had ordered fo... ...ed the English schoone... ...ndyke, seized off Atlant... about three months ag... cargo of liquor valued ... ...0 aboard.

...also declared forfeited a mo... ...at chased into a Weehawken ... and seized about the same ... Coast Guardsmen found ...0 worth of liquor aboard this ..., they say.



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...28.—Colonel ... supervisor ...is district, ...ckinson in ... District Court yester... ...ay and ordered to restore the permit of the Burlington Industrial Alcohol Company, of Burlington, N. J., which was revoked last July. Under the permit the company has the right to use 2,100,000 gallons of alcohol yearly for denaturing purposes.

In a long series of hearings preceding the revocation, during which thousands of pages of testimony were taken, prohibition authorities sought to prove that the company permitted the diversion of approximately 300,000 gallons of alcohol to bootleggers in 1929 and 1930. Judge Dickinson held that the testimony was conflicting and that no person hearing it could have "any satisfied conviction of what the truth is."

For Transportatio...

Three Trenton men were s... to a single fine of $500 ... Bourquin in Federal Court h... on charges of transporting ... barrels of beer. The men, ... McGovern, 415 Genesee Str... liam Blackwell, 319 Soutl... Street, and James Fallon, 12... Broad Street, retracted no... pleas and threw themselves ... mercy of the court.

The judge made no stipul... to how much each of the t... fendants must share in the j... fine.

Joseph Winklestein, convi... possessing liquor and maint... nuisance, was sentenced ... months in jail and $500 fine. Levin, who also stood jury t... found guilty and sentenced to ... in jail and $200 fine for tra... tion.

Michael Jaccodine, Fred Br... Walter Scheuble, all of Jers... were sentenced to 30 days eac... joint $400 fine for possessi... nuisance. Daniel Hanrah... Newark, was sentenced to 30 days and $125 fine, and Frank White, of Hoboken, and Adolph G. Kadlec, of Long Branch, were each sentenced to 30 days and $150 fine for dry law violations. Fines of $500 each were imposed on Joseph Schubert and Frank Smith, both of West New York, and Joseph Russo, of Union.