...Verdict Directed by Judge Bourquin—Admits Transaction Was Suspicious

After hearing little more than an hour of Government testimony, Federal Judge Bourquin today directed a verdict of acquittal for four officers of the Elia Furniture Company, Inc., Paterson, charged with conspiring to violate the bankruptcy laws. The defendants were: Frederick Elia, Antonio Tilli, Benjamin Badagliacca and Edward Delmastro.

In an indictment it was charged the defendants conspired to conceal from the receiver in bankruptcy and from the company's creditors about $27,000 in money and stock valued at about $7,500.

The government charged the defendants planned to divide among themselves a $27,000 loan from a finance company, but the defense maintained the purpose of the loan was to enable the company to buy out Elia's and Tilli's stock. The government also charged the officers of the company withdrew more than $25,000 from the firm's account in the First National Bank of Hawthorne, and deposited it in the City Trust Company, Passaic, in an effort to falsify the company's assets. It was charged stock was withdrawn from the store and placed in a garage for the purpose of lowering the company's assets.

Judge Bourquin, referring to the loss, told the jury "there is nothing to show impropriety in that transaction." Of the stock which was removed and which Elia contended was his own, Judge Bourquin stated, "which of the stock was Elia's and which the company's does not appear."

"I don't hesitate to say there is something suspicious here," the court said, "but I don't see enough evidence to justify sending the case to the jury."

John Grimshaw was government counsel and Frederic M. P. Pearse defense counsel. At a former trial a mistrial was declared after four days' testimony.

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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 ...e 10,000 gallons of molasses, a ...-gallon still, a row of vats, ... three trucks fitted with tanks ...h the legend "gasoline" marked ...minently on their bulky sides. ...he garage front at 25 McLean ...t was aligned almost flush with ... of dwellings in the block. Be... ...tched a long, low building ...ted by a cupola that made ...lo... ...t.

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...District Court yesterday 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."

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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.

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TWO RUM BOATS FORFEIT TO U. S.

Journal 10/29/31

TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 28.—Federal Judge George M. Bourquin here today had ordered forfeited the English schooner Thorndyke, seized off Atlantic City about three months ago with a cargo of liquor valued at $99,150 aboard.

He also declared forfeited a motorboat chased into a Weehawken pier and seized about the same time. Coast Guardsmen found $6,000 worth of liquor aboard this craft, they say.

THREE TO SHARE $500 BEER FINE

Trenton Times 10/29/31

McGovern, Blackwell and Fallon Face Judge Bourquin For Transportation

Three Trenton men were sentenced to a single fine of $500 by Judge Bourquin in Federal Court here today on charges of transporting 13 half-barrels of beer. The men, Edward McGovern, 415 Genesee Street; William Blackwell, 319 South Broad Street, and James Fallon, 1228 South Broad Street, retracted not guilty pleas and threw themselves upon the mercy of the court.

The judge made no stipulation as to how much each of the three defendants must share in the joint $500 fine.

Joseph Winklestein, convicted of possessing liquor and maintaining a nuisance, was sentenced to four months in jail and $500 fine. William Levin, who also stood jury trial, was found guilty and sentenced to 60 days in jail and $200 fine for transportation.

Michael Jaccodine, Fred Brady and Walter Scheuble, all of Jersey City, were sentenced to 30 days each and a joint $400 fine for possession and nuisance. Daniel Hanrahan, of 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.

...had a full day ashore today for the first time in weeks.

Willy Rody, youthful owner of the wrecked plane, and Christian Johanssen, the chief pilot, were guests of Dr. Paul Schwarz, German consul in New York. Tomorrow they will attend church service of thangsgiving, arranged for them at the German Lutheran Zion Church.

Fernando da Costa Viega, the third member of the party, was kept to his hotel room, nursing an injury to one leg. He fell against the motor of the wrecked airplane as she tossed in the Atlantic for 158 hours.

The two German fliers appeared at the radio show at Madison Square Garden last night and broadcast their experiences. Rody spoke in German Johanssen in English.

A dinner by the German-American conference and one by city and consular officials and aviation men are being arranged.

The fliers left Lisbon, Portugal, September 13, sighted the steamship Pennland the next day, when 200 miles off the Canadian coast and then disappeared. Six days later the freighter Belmoira picked them up at sea and transferred them to the liner Stavangerfjord, which arrived in New York yesterday.

Who's Who in the Day's News

The proposed sales tax will put the heavy drag on the little man, says Senator Capper, opposing Senator Reed and taking his corner in an interesting preliminary to the Congressional main event next December.

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