RUM RING CASE OF 17 SUSPECTS GOES TO JURY

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Fourteen-Day Trial Closes and Wearied Men in Box Are Locked Up for Night

The case of the seventeen defendants, all that remained of the original thirty-seven, on trial before U. S. Judge J. Lyles Glenn, in Newark, charged wth conspiracy and violation of the prohibition laws as an Atlantic Highlands rum ring was placed in the hands of the jury late yesterday afternoon.

The case had been on trial for fourteen days.

CHARGES OF COURT.

In his charge, Judge Glenn directed the jury that in the event any of the defendants were found guilty, two must be convicted. He said that if the evidence seized in the room at Atlantic Highlands, where two of the defendants were found, was set aside by the jury, then the Government did not have sufficient grounds to warrant a conviction. In case of conviction, the court pointed out, the defendants could be fined $10,000 or sentenced to two years in prison, or both.

SEVENTEEN DEFENDANTS.

The seventeen defendants whose cases went to the jury were: Alexander Lillien, Jr., William Lillien, James F. Murphy, Andrew Richards, Harold Lindauer, Malcolm McMasters, John Calandriello, Walter Gerleit, Morris Cohen, Michael Krock, Louis Caruso, John McLeond, Thomas Ross, Sr., Abe Waxman, William Bishop, James Brown and Roy B. Fleming.

Six of the defendants were acquitted yesterday by director of the court, making a total of twenty-two thus dealt with since taking of testimony ended.

The six were Adolph Koch, George Fay, Thomas Calandriello, Thomas Ross, Jr., Edward F. Bitter and Harry Bockhorn. The latter had been too ill in hospital to appear with his co-defendants.

William Hannon was another who failed to appear, and his case was ordered continued.

Summation was begun at 11 o'clock yesterday by Special Deputy Attorney General Leslie E. Salter. He was followed by Louis Halle and Frederic M. P. Pearse, for the defense. Final address was made by U. S. Attorney Philip Forman. Each spoke for an hour.

Salter told the jurymen they need look no further than one overt act to find the defendants guilty. The operation of an illegal radio station at Highlands was sufficient overt act, he explained.

ALL ARE CLEARED IN HIGHLANDS RUM CASE

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NEWARK, N. J., July 13 (AP).—Thirty-nine men who stood trial on a charge of conspiracy to violate the national prohibition act, growing out of a raid in Atlantic Highlands less than two years ago, have been acquitted.

Twenty-two of them won their freedom by the directed verdict of Federal Judge Glenn and the remaining 17 were freed after a jury liberated their fate less than seven hours. They returned their verdict Saturday.

The trial lasted 15 days during which time the government called more than 100 witnesses. The defense rested without placing a witness on the stand.

The government based its case largely on documents seized in a raid on the Mansion House, alleged to have been the ring's headquarters. The defense contended the raid was made without a search warrant and was therefore illegal. The defense also charged the testimony failed to link any of the defendants with the syndicate.

Long Consideration in Atlantic City Case

SENTENCE TO CELL IS NOW POSSIBLE

7/17/31

NEWARK, N. J., July 17 (AP).—Samuel Singer, of Atlantic City, today was found guilty of income tax evasion by a jury which deliberated 22 hours. He faces imprisonment up to five years or a $10,000 fine or both.

Singer was charged by the government with having failed to report for 1926 an income of $403,838 which it alleged he made bootlegging. During the course of the trial, the judge, Bascom S. Deaver, of Ohio, struck numerous items from the account, leaving approximately $120,000 listed as income. Singer, a partner in the Chelsea Beverage Co., of Atlantic City, reported a loss for the year.

The court in its charge stated the prosecution was not bound by the figures in the indictment and that the only thing it must determine was whether Singer "had an income sufficiently large to be taxable and whether he evaded wilfully payment of the tax."

The jury received the case late yesterday afternoon.

Dry Agents Late Again, Pique Court

None Can Explain Why Time

FOUR-MONTH TERM FOR CARRYING BEER

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Franklin D. Morrison, of Penns Neck, was sentenced to serve four months in jail on charges of transporting beer by Judge Deaver in the United States District Court at Newark yesterday. Morrison pleaded guilty.

When Carl Kramer, of Newark, told the court that he could only afford to pay $100 for violation of a prohibition padlock order, Judge Deaver fined him that amount.

James Early, of Jersey City, was sentenced to serve nine months in the Hudson County Jail after pleading guilty to possession and operation of a nuisance. Early's saloon was raided January 4.

Stephen Deady, of Union City, was sentenced to Leavenworth for a year and a day for violation of probation.

TWO RUM BOAT RAID VICTIMS AT LIBERTY

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MOUNT HOLLY, July 22 (AP).—Two men arrested yesterday by State Police when they seized a cargo of alleged liquor in the hold of an oyster boat in the Delaware River, near Bordentown, were at liberty under $2,500 bail each for the Federal Grand Jury today.

The men gave their names as Robert Pod, 42, of New York, and Charles Paleso, 40, of Philadelphia. A third man, Francis Brady, Philadelphia, arrested when he was alleged to have attempted to bribe the State Troopers, was released by U. S. Commissioner William A. Slaughter, before whom all three were arraigned here for lack of evidence. Police said they found about 1,500 one-gallon jugs of Bacardi rum on the vessel.

7 NEWARKERS TO BE SOUGHT IN LIQUOR RING

U. S. Marshal Here Awaits Warrants from Baltimore.

United States Marshal Donnelly is today awaiting warrants from Baltimore for the arrest of seven Newark men to answer indictments in one of the nation's largest alleged conspiracies to violate the prohibition laws.

The seven Newarkers were among the thirty-seven individuals and sixteen firms named in the indictments handed down by the federal grand jury in Baltimore Monday, three of whom were arraigned yesterday on a similar indictment handed down in Baltimore in February, 1930. They are David and Morris Kaplus, identified with the Agricultural Chemical Company of Shupe Terminal, Kearny, and Herman Lefkowitz, also connected with the same concern. Lefkowitz and

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... cal Company, ... e spray, was ... Grafton avenue. The Agricultural Chemical Company is in Kearny and the American Oil and Supply Company is at 238 Wilson avenue.

The three corporations were named in indictments returned in the Maryland city. The alleged conspiracy began about January 1, 1927. It is said to have developed corporations to buy and sell alcohol. The government contends that the firms sold their products knowing they would be diverted to illegal purposes.

Federal Jury

States and swore that his only conviction in this country consisted of a motor vehicle violation.

It is charged that Nelson, under the name of Albert N. Nelson, was arrested in 1929 when prohibition agents raided 19 St. David's place, Atlantic City, charged with possessing liquor and maintaining a nuisance. It is alleged further that Nelson pleaded guilty in Federal Court to possession and was fined $500.

Howard Albert Wicks was indicted for passing five $10 counterfeit Federal Reserve notes in Morris County last month. The bills are alleged to have been passed on Dorothy O'Neill, George Parcell, Bessie Peer, William B. Teets and Tilford Columbo. Wicks is alleged to have circulated the bills in Denville and Rockaway.

Try Second Appeal On Post-office Land

Trial of the second condemnation appeal case involving acquisition of property for the new post-office and federal building began today in the Lefcourt building before Judge Fake and a struck jury. The appeal is that taken by Mrs. Tessie Zanfini Martin, owner of property at 39 Franklin street, from the award of the condemnation commission two months ago.

Harry H. Weinberger represents the owner and Assistant United States District Attorney, Douglas V. Aitken, the government.

July 23, 1931

REFUSED BY JUDGE

Judge Avis today dismissed a petition of Phillip Forman, United States District Attorney, to prohibit Joseph Scala, of Bayonne, from practicing in Federal Court.

Forman charged Scala offered a false affidavit of a client's illness on October 31, 1929, when seeking a postponement of trial.

The attorney said he had received the affidavit of illness in good faith and had not seen his client before receiving it. Judge Avis found the charges were not supported by the evidence.

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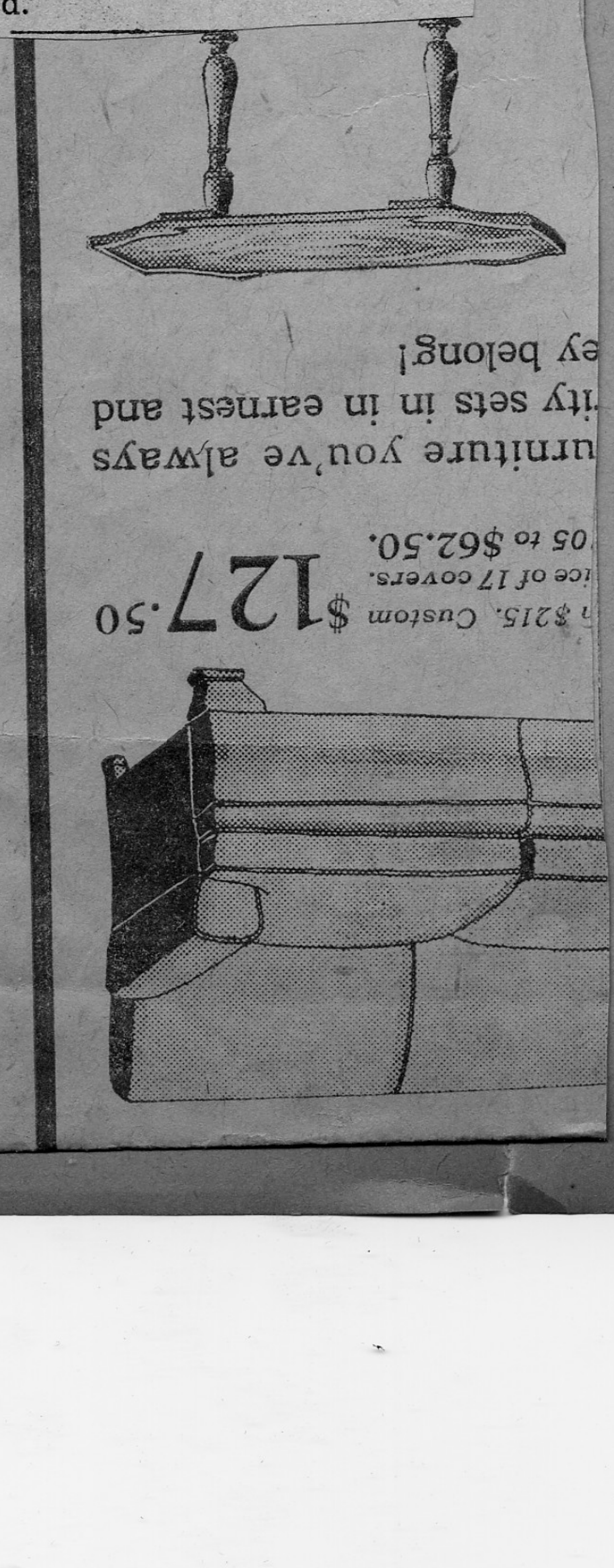
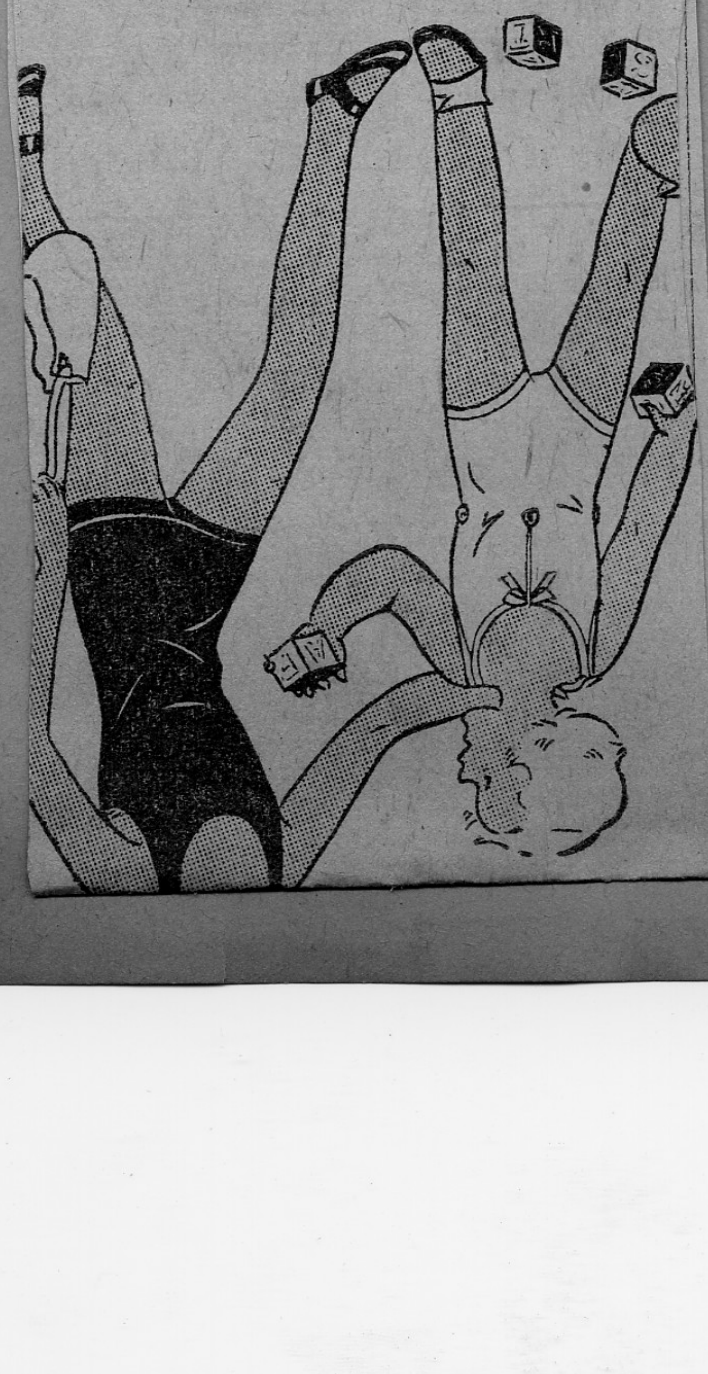
THREE PENALIZED IN FEDERAL COURT

Three men from this section were penalized for liquor law violations when they faced Judge John Boyd Avis in the United States District Court today.

Amerigo Benedetti, of Quinby Avenue, White Horse, was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail for dry violations, and Archille and David Marchetti, of Chippan Avenue, Hamilton Township, each were fined $50.

Michael Ditalia, of Camden, was fined $300 and sentenced to serve 60 days in jail for violations of the dry act.

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