TWO YEARS FOR SAMUEL SINGER IN TAX EVASION

Trenton Times 7/24/3

Atlantic City Man's Bail Increased, Pending Appeal to Higher Court

NEWARK, July 24 (AP).—Samuel Singer, of Atlantic City, reputed one time "king of the bootleggers," was sentenced today to two years in a Federal penitentiary. Singer was found guilty by a jury of Federal income evasion.

Judge Bascom S. Deaver imposing sentence said that intervention of some of the jurors, coupled with the fact that Singer is destitute, saved him from a "warranted maximum sentence of five years and $10,000 fine."

Walter G. Winne, Singer's counsel and a former United States District Attorney, pleaded that his client because of age and destitution, be placed on probation.

After imposition of the sentence, Winne filed an appeal which is expected to be argued before the Circuit Court in Philadelphia in October. Pending disposition of the appeal, Singer was allowed his liberty under bail of $10,000 which Judge Deaver increased from $5,000.

Judge Deaver said:

It is no pleasure for me to impose sentence in a criminal case, but I have a duty to perform which I cannot escape. Some of the jurors who sat in this matter have been to see me and have recommended leniency. On the witness stand Singer admitted he had been a notorious law violator for a number of years, but he was not charged with that here.

"If I took all those crimes into consideration I could impose the maximum sentence of five years and $10,000 fine, and he has been guilty of enough to warrant that kind of sentence.

"Because of the intended leniency of some of the jurors and the fact that Singer has no money now, I will not impose any fine, but will sentence him to two years in a Federal penitentiary."

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connection with the case of Walter C. Artley, former prohibition agent, sentenced a week ago to a year and a day at Atlanta for violating the prohibition act in Pleasant Valley way, West Orange, Judge Deaver fined George Kogl, chef at the West Orange place, $100 on a plea of guilty to charges of possessing liquor.

William E. Rodgers, alias Walter S. Jackson of Baltimore, was sentenced to a year and a day in Atlanta on charges of posing as Howard E. Stone, special investigator for the narcotic division, Department of Justice. Rodgers pleaded guilty to passing worthless checks in Trenton while impersonating an officer.

Assistant United States District Attorney H. C. Jeffers stated Rodgers was wanted in Philadelphia, Atlantic City and New York on similar charges.

Fines Brooklyn Concern.

Fred W. Huber, Inc., of Brooklyn, was fined $4,000 on four counts prosecuted by the Interstate Commerce Commission for failure to pay storage charges on flour in warehouse of the Erie Railroad Company, Weehawken. Judge Deaver fined the railroad $15,000, July 10, in the same case for failure to collect the published tariff charges.

Judge Deaver was the fifth visiting federal judge sent here to relieve the congestion in the criminal calendar. He was preceded by Judge Albert W. Johnson of Lewisburg, Pa., and Judge Albert L. Watson of Scranton in May and by Judge Robert W. Nevin of Dayton, O., and Judge J. Lyles Glenn of Rock Hill, S. C., who sat in the rum running and conspiracy trial at the Court-house. Judge Deaver has been here since July 6.

Bears Lose Jordan, Called Home by Illness of Wife

Buck Jordan, first baseman of the Bears, will be lost to the club for at least several days. Serious illness of his wife caused Jordan's hurried departure for his home in Salisbury, N. C., yesterday, but he hopes to return by the end of the Reading series, which opened here today. Bill Windle will take Jordan's place at first.

Newark News 7/31/31

53 INDICTMENTS IN ALLEGED RING

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Million-Dollar Alcohol Ring Charged by Government. Jerseymen Involved

BALTIMORE, Md., July 21 (U.P.).—Disclosure of another alleged "million dollar alcohol ring" was claimed by authorities today with indictments against sixteen corporations and thirty-seven individuals charging conspiracy in alleged operations extending as far west as Kansas City.

The alleged ring dealt in alcohol re-distilled from lacquer in which it had been used as "thinner," it was charged.

The indictments returned yesterday, were the result of investigations started after a series of raids here two years ago.

Corporations indicted included: Agricultural Chemical Works Corporation, Newark, N. J.; Midwest Chemical Works Corporation, Newark, N. J.; Pilben Chemical Co., New Yor Sagowitz and Sons, New York; Nort Hudson Chemical Co., U. S. Industrial Chemical Co., Maryland; Amazon Industrial Corporation, New York; American Oil and Supply Corporation, Newark; American Solvents and Chemical Corporation, Maryland; Baltimore Paint and Powder Works; Syrup Products Corporation, New York; Roessler and Hasslacer Co., New York; Southern Lacquer Co., Baltimore; Glidden Co.

NEWARK, N. J., July 21 (AP).—David B. and Morris Kapaus, Harry and Louis Vice, and H. V. Lefkowitz, all of Newark, indicted at Baltimore yesterday on charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws, were indicted by a grand jury in Baltimore a year ago.

Habeas corpus writs for which they applied were dismissed by Federal Judge Guy L. Fake and he was upheld two weeks ago by the Circuit Court of Appeals.

The American Oil and Supply Co., Newark, also indicted, was indicted a year ago by a Federal Grand Jury at Buffalo, N. Y. A Federal district attorney and a representative of the attorney general's office, after hearing testimony absolved the company of all connection with the alleged conspiracy, but said the same evidence would be presented before a Federal Grand Jury at Baltimore and a new indictment might be returned.

William Ulrich, sales manager of the American Oil and Supply Co., was also indicted. Other Jersey concerns were the Agricultural Chemical Works, Inc., and Max Bittman, Newark, and the Midwest Chemical Co., Inc., South Kearny. Other Jerseyans indicted were: Louis Fredella, Joseph Jenkins and Fred Sani, all of Bayonne, and Albert M. Barnett, Jersey City.

Federal Court, it is revealed in U. S. Attorney Phillip Forman's report for the past year, to be made public today. A predominance of liquor law violation cases is also noted in the resume of the past year's criminal court activity.

"During the present year," reads the statement, "the aggregate amount of fines reach the total of $96,471, a considerable decrease from those of the last fiscal year, which were $169,899.01. This is due in part to the fact that sentences have been frequently in jail terms rather than money fines, the report shows.

"Of the criminal cases pending, 551 (of 895, somewhat of a decrease over the previous year) were for violation of the National Prohibition Act and the balance involve infractions of laws concerning customs, internal revenue, post offices, banking, interstate commerce, narcotics, white slavery, income tax frauds, and numerous other Federal regulations."

The proportion of liquor cases is smaller in the civil section of the Federal Court in this district, the report shows. Of the 1,120 cases pending in this section of the court 562 are predicated upon violations of the prohibition and internal revenue laws, the majority being padlock suits. Still, the liquor cases constitute half of those pending.

JUDGMENTS LISTED

Judgments in favor of the government obtained by the U. S. Attorney's office during the year amounted to $1,171,512.28, it was disclosed.

"Notwithstanding the increased load," Forman states, "the personnel of the Assistant U. S. Attorneys re-

BEER PLANT RAIDED, THREE ARE ARRESTED

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MILLVILLE, N. J., July 27 (AP).—Three men were arrested today when Department of Justice agents and State Police raided an alleged beer plant here.

The plant was in a residential section and possessed five vats, each containing 4,500 gallons of beer, the raiders said.

The men arrested gave their names as Max Gottlieb, 20, his brother, Louis, 25; both of Atlantic City, and Joseph Chabrow, 27, of Philadelphia.

The government agents, who were from Camden, said they arranged the raid following a tip received two weeks ago.

Gaining entrance to the building by smashing down a door leading to a railroad siding, the officers discovered the windows of the structure had been concreted to hide the activities within.

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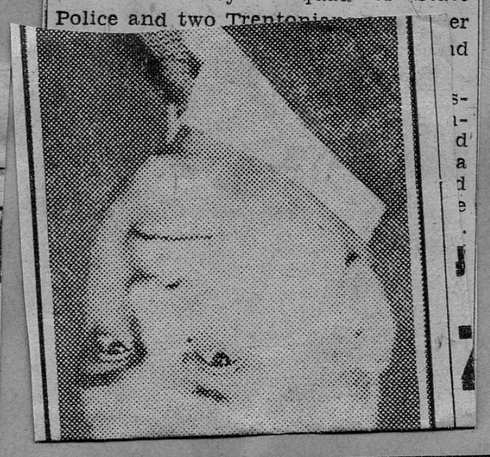
State Police Unearth Plant Near Robbinsville—Guard Gets Away

Moonshiners who set up a still in the manner of the Kentucky hillmen, in an open woods near Robbinsville, were raided by a squad of State Police and two Trenton



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U. S. Court Bus Grow, Forman 2775 Cases

Federal Government business New Jersey, both civil and crim continues to increase in volume cording to the annual report Phillip Forman, United States A ney for the District of New Jersey the fiscal year ending June 30, as submitted to Attorney Ge William D. Mitchell.

Although working with the small staff of four years ago handicapped by the illness of a from April to the latter part of the New Jersey District termi 97 more civil cases in 1931 th 1930 and 153 more criminal the report stated. In all 2775 of both kinds were terminated.

During the fiscal year, 1,124 nal prosecutions were comm and 1,197 prosecutions termi leaving a balance of 822 cases ing on June 30, 1931. Of these, ever, many include indictments of defendants who have never been apprehended and are fugitives from justice. There were 895 criminal cases pending on June 30, 1930. The convictions returned for 1931 total 767, while only 17 defendants were acquitted.

Since jail sentences have been imposed recently rather than fines, the revenue through the collection of fines has dropped off some $83,000 from 1930 the report shows. During the past year the fines totaled $96,471.

On the civil side the report shows that although the 1,095 judgments returned in favor of the United States were somewhat below the number returned in 1930, the aggregate judgments obtained in favor of the Government amounted to $1,171,512.97 or $990,243.98 more than

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Joseph Badami, of Swedesboro, who was convicted of selling automobiles by a Federal Court Jury here several months ago, must serve his five-year sentence in Atlanta. His appeal to a higher court was in vain.

Badami was returned to Trenton from Atlanta during the progress of the appeal and was held in the Mercer County Jail until a decision had been reached.

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Two men arrested in a raid on a Washington Township farm obtained their release from the Mercer County Jail after bonds of $2,500 were obtained. U. S. Commissioner Marvin N. Spaulding approved the bail.

They are Berardo Buchi, of Charles Street, and John Fiani, of Franklin Street. Both had been jail since Tuesday.

The owner of the farm, said to Thomas Pokrywka, of R. F. D. binsville, has not been apprehe He was not upon the premises Federal agents appeared and a still.

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ALCOHOL EQUIPMENT IS FORFEITED TO U.S.

Ferry Avenue Plant Owner Loses Fight to Regain Seized Property

By Staff Correspondent

Newark, July 31.—Equipment of the Wood Chemical Company at 1450 Ferry avenue, Camden, was ordered forfeited to the government by a jury in federal court here.

The jury returned a verdict in favor of the government in the libel proceedings brought against the company and its alleged owner, Lewis Stern, by prohibition enforcement authorities.

The equipment is valued at $100,000 by Stern but only at $5000 by prohibition agents who declare they found 80 drums of alcohol in the place during a raid on June 8. Stern claimed the alcohol was for commercial use.

A motion by L. Scott Cherchesky, attorney for Stern, asking that the federal government be ordered to return the alcohol and equipment seized in the raid was dismissed "without prejudice" by Judge John Boyd Avis in U. S. District Court at Camden on July 17.

Stern at that time claimed the raid was illegal because he had not been shown a search warrant but Judge Avis declared he did not believe he had authority to grant such a motion.

Commander John D. Pennington, prohibition administrator for New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, then obtained a writ placing the Camden plant and its contents in the hands of the government pending disposition of the libel action.

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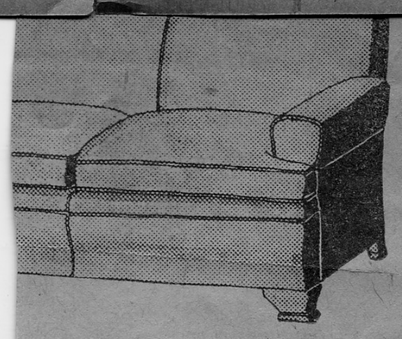

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