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Jury Acquits 17 Defendants In Rum Trial

Verdict in Less Than Seven Hours After Court Demands Decision

A verdict of not guilty for seventeen defendants in the so-called Atlantic Highlands rum trial was returned at 12:16 P. M. today by a jury before Federal Judge J. Lyles Glenn at the Essex County Court House. The jury deliberated little less than seven hours.

Several hours before the verdict was reached, the jury returned to the court room and announced agreement could not be reached, but the judge directed the jurymen to return to their deliberations until they could reach a verdict based on the facts and only on the facts.

Demonstration Halted.

When the verdict was announced, some one began to applaud, but the demonstration was quickly halted by a warning from the bench.

To the jury, Judge Glenn said:

"The court can readily understand that you may have had a reasonable doubt in this case and your logical view was in accordance with the evidence." He thanked them for their work.

Federick M. P. Pearse, who was associated with Louis Halle in the defense, thanked the judge and jury, and then asked for the return of the evidence when the government raided the old mansion house at Atlantic Highlands, October 16, 1929. This place, the government had charged, was the headquarters of the so-called syndicate.

Suggests Proper Motion.

Judge Glenn told Pearse that he had better take the matter up on a proper motion.

As the judge left the bench, he remarked to the jury that he had not met any of the jurymen personally. He walked over and shook hands with each.

Defendants and their friends hurried to the side of the attorneys and thanked them profusely. Then there was a concerted rush for the three telephone

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Charge More Than Hour.

Judge Glenn's charge totalled 11,500 words and took an hour and five minutes to present.

Before going into the formal charge Judge Glenn said he wished to "thank each member of the jury for his individual patience and good h
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Defendants and Friends Place Bets, Some Laying Odds On Acquittal

By JOHN T. REILLY

Twelve weary jurors, who for 15 days listened to nearly 700,000 words of testimony in the gigantic Atlantic Highlands conspiracy trial became too tired at 10:30 last night to deliberate the case and were ordered locked up for the night when they reported they could not speedily reach an agreement.

**The talesmen were given the case, against 17 remaining defendants on trial, at 5:06, aft
Judge J. Lyles Glenn finished h
charge. They immediately re
tired to the jury room, taking
with them two suitcases full of
exhibits placed in evidence in the
case, to start deliberation.**

At 6:30 they requested dinner and were taken under guard to the Robert Treat Hotel, returning at 7:45 P. M., once again to deliberate.

DUE BACK AT 9:30 A. M.

The jurors, report had it, went at their work studiously, but after two and one-half hours could not reach an agreement. They notified Deputy United States Marshal George Lunt that they desired to rest for the night.

He immediately notified Chief Deputy Clerk Benjamin F. Havens, who communicated with Judge Glenn at the Robert Treat Hotel. Judge Glenn ordered the chief clerk to give the talesmen every consideration because of their patience during the trial, and they were taken under guard to the Robert Treat Hotel for the night.

The jurors will be taken back to the court at 9:30 o'clock this morning when they will continue their deliberation. The defendants, who stood anxiously about the courtroom, were not overly enthusiastic over the announcement. They had hoped that a verdict would be reached speedily.

BET ON OUTCOME

Betting among the defendants and their friends as to the outcome of the case featured the proceedings before the jury retired for the night. Some were laying odds that there would be acquittal, others betting even money that there would be a disagreement. A skeptical few wouldn't bet, because they said they feared a "guilty" verdict.

The jury has to decide whether the 17 men, actually, as the government contends, operated one of the largest rum-running syndicates in the country, with a land base at the Atlantic Highlands, from where messages were alleged to have been transmitted to the syndicate's fleet at sea.

The jury has the fate of the following in its hands: Alexander Lillien, Jr., alleged "brains" of the ring; Andrew Richards, James F. Murphy, Harold Lindauer, John Calandriello, William Lillien, Michael Krock, Walter Gerleit, Louis Caruso, Thomas Ross, Sr., Abe Waxman, William Bishop, James Brown, Roy B. Fleming, Morris Cohen, James McLeond and Malcolm MacMaster. The last named was accused as

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outh Who Forgot Name Is Identified

Butterford Visitor Tells of Being Attacked at Shore

A man who walked into Lyndhurst headquarters at 2 o'clock this remembered of his adventure by Rutherford Cole. He is a former resident of Texas. He was William Cole. He was a former resident of Rutherford. He was was visiting in Atlantic City when attacked. He had not remembered his name or where he lived. He is about five years old, but looks much older. He was identified by Lyndhurst police as William Cole. He was identified at 2 o'clock this morning after he had been missing since 10 o'clock last night. He was found wandering on the highway near Lyndhurst by a motorist who notified police. He was taken to headquarters where he