

TWO MORE STILLS SEIZED BY AGENTS

One Plant Uncovered Near Keyport and Another on Freehold Road

(Special to the Times.)
KEYPORT, Nov. 5.—One of the largest bootleg distilleries ever uncovered near this New York Bay town was seized last night by State Police and Federal officers in a two-story shack on Lloyd Road, Matawan Township, three miles south of here.

The shack, a dilapidated wooden structure situated in an open field, was found to be filled completely with distilling equipment. A 5,000-gallon still and another of 1,500-gallons were on the first floor and copper coils and condensers extended upward to the roof. Four 6,000-gallon vats, three of them filled with fermenting sugar mash, were in the cellar. Two huge steel drums for storage of the finished product were on the ground floor. In one of them the raiders found 1,500 gallons of alcohol, which at current prices was worth about \$7,500.

Three men were working in the place. They gave their names as James Rossi, Joseph Ross and Girard Grillo, but refused to reveal their addresses. They were close-lipped and refused to answer questions. They were taken to Newark for arraignment before a United States Commissioner.

In addition to the stills, vats and steel tanks, the shack fairly bulged with other equipment, such as motors, water pumps, coolers and boilers. The Federal agents destroyed all working equipment in the plant and confiscated the liquor for removal to a warehouse.

Five tons of coke used to heat the boilers were seized. At the request of troopers, the Federal men turned the coke over to the Keyport State Police for distribution among the poor in Matawan Township.

The raid was staged by Troopers Settle, Boyer and Stender, of Keyport Barracks, and Federal Agents O'Brien, Hagger and Aitken, of the Newark dry enforcement headquarters.

Four men accused of operating a distillery at Holmdel, on the Freehold-Asbury Park highway were committed to the Mercer County Jail here today in default of bail by United States Commissioner Marvin N. Spaulding.

They are John Henry Grant, owner of the raided farm; Tony Lario, 410 Fifth Avenue, Newark; Paul Vitale, 136 Garside Street, Newark, and J. C. English, R. F. D. No. 1, Asbury Park. All were held in bail of \$2,000 on charges of manufacture and possession.

Federal agents destroyed the still and liquor. State Troopers Lambertson and Lyons, of the Freehold barracks, aided prohibition agents in the raid last night.

The United States District Court at Trenton, and was taken to the Camden County jail. He had served as postmaster since 1927. His brother, Robert Greenwood, is now acting postmaster in Elmer.

TWO MEN JAILED ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Two men, charged with liquor violations, were sentenced to serve four months each in jail and to pay a joint fine of \$1,000 by Judge Bourquin in Federal Court today.

They are: Thomas Longo, of Newark, and Harry Bennequisti, of Belleville. They were represented by George Sommer, of Newark.

In pronouncing sentence Judge Bourquin said that "some courts are likely to favor John Barleycorn because of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments of the Constitution, rather than John Smith," but that in his interpretation of the law the men had committed a crime and therefore would have to pay the penalty.

Edward Colton, of Long Branch, was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail and to pay a fine of \$150 for liquor violations.

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Federal Judge Bourquin today fined Harry Grossman, well-known lawyer of Elizabeth, \$50 for contempt of court for obstruction of justice.

The penalty was imposed at the close of evidence in a padlocking suit for a Newark establishment, in which Grossman appeared as counsel. The place, that of Henry Franks and William Sandherr, of Hensler Street, was ordered padlocked.

The case had been adjourned from last week when the government was ordered to produce a certified deed to the property in order to prove that Sandherr was the owner. Gossman, as counsel, had maintained that Sandherr was not the owner.

Today when the deed was produced and the place ordered padlocked, Judge Bourquin launched into sharp reprimand of Grossman's tactics.

It marked the fifth lawyer whom Judge Bourquin has fined since he has occupied the Federal bench here. Two weeks ago he fined three men, including former Assistant United States Attorney Frederic M. P. Pearse, and before that he penalized Harry H. Weinberger but remitted the fine. Pearse has appealed his fine of \$50.

"The government furnished the court evidence that, as it appears now, seems conclusive, that at the time when this nuisance was committed and at the time that the bill was filed here, and at the time the answer was filed by the defendant, William Sandherr, was the owner of the property," declared Judge Bourquin to Grossman.

"He has not taken the stand; at the former hearing made no effort to deny by testimony he is the owner, nor did his counsel produce him to that end. The case went over. At this time counsel and the defendant absent themselves, and on that case it appears to the court by the evidence before it that this answer is a false answer, deliberately, knowingly and willfully filed for no other purpose than to defeat the efforts of the government to obtain a fair trial and to arrive at a just determination, denying willfully the ownership of the property, which the defendant and his counsel must have known."

"The presumption is that they knew. The evidence tends to show they knew, and along with the finding the decree for the government, decreeing and closing the premises for one year, the court imposes on counsel, for the obstruction of justice and contempt made in the presence of the court, a fine in the sum of \$50. Let it be entered."

Special Assistant United States Attorney Samuel Cohen appeared for the government.

He was retained to im- the day before noon and ordered the usual penalty—30 days in jury to return Thursday.

JUDGE RUNYON DIES AT 61, LONG ILL

Appointed to U. S. Bench in 1922 by Harding; Was Acting Governor of N. J.

Judge William N. Runyon, judge of the United States District Court at Newark since 1922, when he was appointed by President Harding, died today at his home in Plainfield, N. J.

A complication of ailments forced him to his bed 11 months ago and since that time physicians have been in constant attendance, striving futilely to overcome the ravages of disease.

Judge Runyon was 61 years of age, and is survived by his widow and four children. All of them had been called to his bedside before death came.

YALE GRADUATE.

Judge Runyon was born in Plainfield on March 5, 1871. He was graduated from Yale University in 1892 with the degree of A. B., and New York Law School in 1894 with the degree of LL. B.

He married Miss Florence M. MacDonald of Elizabeth, on Jan. 1, 1913. He was a member of the Plainfield Common Council from 1897 to 1898, and in the following year he became a Plainfield city judge, serving until 1910. In 1915 he was elected to the State Assembly, and served two years, and in 1918 he was elected to the State Senate, where he served until 1922.

He was president of the Senate in 1919, and Acting Governor of New Jersey from May 16, 1919 to January 13, 1920.

President Harding appointed him a judge of the court on Jan. 27, 1922. He was a Republican, a Baptist, a Chevalier of the Order of the Crown of Italy, and a Mason. His office was in the Chamber of Commerce building at Newark.

COURT IS ADJOURNED AS RUNYON TRIBUTE

Federal Judge Avis today began trial a \$100,000 damage suit brought by Mrs. Elizabeth Ferris, of Hightstown, against the Pennsylvania Railroad company, but adjourned court shortly afterward upon learning of the death of his associate, Judge William N. Runyon. The trial will be resumed later.

Mrs. Ferris instituted suit to recover for the death of Oscar F. Ferris, who was killed in a grade crossing accident June 11, 1929.

Runyon, of the United States District Court of New Jersey, as "one of the most popular judges the U. S. District Court of New Jersey ever had," was delivered today from the bench by Judge J. Warren Davis, of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Runyon died today in Plainfield, N. J.

The members of the Circuit Court, Judges Buffington, Woolley and Davis, cut short today's calendar in order to place on the record of that tribunal a tribute to the memory of Runyon, who frequently substituted for the members of the Circuit Court in appeal hearings.

His Career Ends



Judge William N. Runyon

FEDERAL JUDGE, LONG ILL, DIES AT PLAINFIELD

Former Acting Governor Had Noted Career

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Nov. 5.—William N. Runyon, Federal judge acting Republican Governor of New Jersey, and widely known in political circles, died at his home today. He was 60 years old.

Judge Runyon had suffered from asthma since he was 18 years old. In later years dropsy and heart trouble impaired his physical fitness. His condition declined sharply three years ago and during recent months he was unable to sleep in a bed, but rested in a chair. He was near death several months ago, but rallied.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Judge Runyon is survived by his widow, who was Miss Florence M. MacDonald, of Elizabeth, and five children—Paul A. Runyon, 19, an adopted son; Jane Trow Runyon, 17; William N. Runyon, 15; James N. Runyon, 12, also adopted, and Flor- tiste, of Lawnside, N. J.

The prisoners gave their names as Gilman King and Brown, of Magnolia; Ben Capernick and Ole Larsen, of Blackwood, N. J., and Leu- tiste, of Lawnside, N. J.

The two adopted sons, Paul and James, were taken from the State Board of Children's Guardians at Trenton. Mrs. Runyon tells the story of the adoption of Paul, the older of the boys, a tale revelatory of the Judge's love of children.

Mrs. Runyon had gone to Trenton and picked out James, then a baby. She heard another boy say: "Oh, no, I want babies." Paul was only 7, but Mrs. Runyon knew he was voicing the most touching of all truthful criticisms of orphanages.

She went home and told her husband. "If you want him, too, and she needed no further encouragement in Judge Runyon was prominent in fraternal organizations. He was the exalted ruler of the Plainfield organization when it was organized three years when it was past chan-

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Lawyers Cite Growing Demands—Forman Mentioned for Position

Creation of two new judgeships in the United States District Court in New Jersey has been brought under discussion in legal circles by the death of Federal Judge Runyon.

Judge Runyon, senior member of the New Jersey district bench, died yesterday. His position, created by special act of Congress shortly after enactment of the prohibition laws, passed out of existence with his death.

Noting the congestion of the Federal calendar during the past eighteen months, members of the legal profession in the State express the opinion not only Judge Runyon's position should be recreated but an additional judgeship should be provided as well. At present there are three permanent judges.

Speculation on a successor has brought forward the name of Philip Forman, United States District Attorney. Forman was appointed in 1928 after serving five years as an assistant.

Justice Bodine of the New Jersey Supreme Court, former Judge Lynch of Paterson, and Judge Davis of the Circuit Court of Appeals at Philadelphia, all served as District Attorney before elevation to the bench.

Names of other members of the legal profession figuring in the speculation included William B. Knight, of Camden, formerly speaker of the Assembly and proposed for the position in 1922 when Judge Runyon was appointed. Knight lacked support of the Republican organization, however. Senator Albert R. McAllister, of Bridgeton, in line as the next majority leader of the State Senate, until his defeat at the general elections, was mentioned, as was Judge Walter L. Hetfield, Jr., of Plainfield, member of the New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals, and former Judge Robert Carey, of Jersey City, who

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JERSEY STILL FIVE PRISONERS

HAMMONTON, N. J.

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