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Agents Lift "Alyea Street Siege," Holding Beer Pipe Puzzle Solved

Believing the puzzle of the pipeline between the Alyea street garage and the Hensler brewery across the street has been solved, federal prohibition agents today were preparing to quit the "siege of Alyea street," which has occupied them for nearly a month.

Lewis J. Tutt, deputy prohibition administrator, who since Saturday has refused to allow anyone but agents and owners of the property into the building and who has refused to comment on any findings within the brewery, admitted today the government considered its case against the brewery and officers completed.

The agents traced the pipeline beneath the concrete floor of the filter room to a point not distant from the large filter through which the beer is passed before it is ready for consumption either in its high-powered state or dealcoholized as near beer. The line was not far from the battery of steel carbonating tanks.

Harry Grossman of Elizabeth, representative of the Lebos Holding Company, was allowed into the plant after a short delay Saturday afternoon and inspected the digging which the agents had done in the filter room to locate the end of the pipeline.

Concrete Floor Restored.

A contractor employed by the government was restoring the concrete floor which was removed by the agents in their search for the pipe. Mr. Tutt explained that in the seizure last week the agents had not seized the real estate and that Grossman was allowed to enter for that reason.

The agents believe the beer from the filter was pumped through a brewery hose to the iron pipeline, which they have traced from the garage to the private house at 67 Alyea street. They say a brewery hose was pulled through the four-inch pipeline, which was buried eleven feet below Alyea street, from the house to the brewery. This was removed shortly after the raid, they believe, and before the agents began digging in the street.

While Mr. Tutt declined to discuss it it is known that Runyon & Carey, consulting engineers, have been employed by the government to make detailed scale drawings of the pipe and its location both in the brewery and outside. They have been consulted frequently by the government during the search for the pipeline.

Fair Ethyl, Naughty Methyl See Lives Bared at Inquiry

Those two famous sisters, Ethyl and Methyl, members of the Alcohol family, eluded United States Commissioner Joseph F. Holland, two attorneys, a prohibition agent and a government chemist who attempted yesterday to establish their identity in an alleged cracking plant at 500 Chancellor avenue, Irvington, raided October 29.

Besides Methyl and Ethyl, there was much discussion about their first cousin, Isopropyl Alcohol, who, it was agreed, finally was not present when the raid was made, and all sorts of remarks passed about "their sisters and their cousins and their aunts," the other members of the large hydrocarbon family.

It seems, as well as one could judge, what with the air filled with chemical terms and formulae, that when the Irvington police made the raid they found two sets of drums. One contained a bluish liquid which the government contended was just one step away from an alcohol fit for beverage purposes.

The other set of drums had contained C D 5, a concoction of the Bureau of Industrial Alcohol, which, while it contains alcohol, is shunned by other members of the family because of its odor, which is said to resemble that of bad eggs raised to the nth degree.

Martin Anderson, government chemist, testified that his examination of the bluish liquid showed it contained about thirty per cent alcohol by volume. That is thirty per cent of Ethyl with only traces of Methyl.

The latter, as every one should know in these days of prohibition, is commonly called wood alcohol and is popular in only the lowest stratum of society where, mixed with water, it under the name of "smoke."

The chemist said that there was not sufficient methyl in the Irvington product to cause a fatality to any one drinking it. He pronounced the liquid when distilled as suitable for consumption.

On cross-examination by Herbert A. Kuvin, counsel for the three defendants arrested in the raid, the chemist was led into a long discussion of the various reactions of alcohol, acetone and several other members of the hydrocarbon family. When it was completed Mr. Kuvin explained to the commissioner that he had a degree of mechanical engineer in addition to being a lawyer and had studied chemistry.

"Well, it's been a good chemistry lecture to the rest of us even if we didn't know what it was all about at times," remarked the commissioner.

The hearing will be continued this afternoon with more startling disclosures about the hydrocarbon family. Meanwhile the commissioner and others interested are reviewing chemistry.

A Federal Judge Who ...oke 'Em Up

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BACK to Montana goes Federal Judge George M. Bourquin of Butte, and a lot of bootleggers and other violators of the laws—to say nothing of some lawyers—are sighing with relief. Judge Bourquin seemed to have the idea that business of a judge was to judge, impartially and expeditiously. Especially the latter. During his two months' stay in Trenton he disposed of between twenty and forty cases a day and imposed fines and jail terms without any apparent thought that in liquor cases and such the popular thought was along quite different lines. He even punished dilatory lawyers for contempt. As for "public opinion" regarding prohibition and enforcement of the Volstead law it did not exist for him. The law was the law, and that was all there was to it.

What particularly irked lawyers appearing in Judge Bourquin's court was his strange obsession for work. He opened court at 9 A. M. and closed it at 5 P. M., with an hour's intermission for "dinner." One day he had six juries out at one time. Defendants' counsel discovered that certain stratagems of the law, usually passed over without comment from the bench, went on the rocks when subjected to Judge Bourquin's scrutiny. A lawyer is an officer of the court, in the view of that jurist, and therefore should be devoted to the administration of exact justice. It has been a trying time for many of them.

New Jersey should be glad of Judge

Rum Raids In War Hit Gangs Here

$250,000 Boat Cargo Reported Owned by Newarkers

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Seizure at Bayway yesterday afternoon of a de luxe distillery was the fourth body blow in as many days that New Jersey bootlegging interests have sustained in what is reported to be a war between New York and New Jersey gangs.

It was learned today that the large store of liquors on the Raritan Sun, the oil barge seized at a Brooklyn pier Monday night by federal dry agents and customs men, belonged to a Newark syndicate that had been higly successful in its operations.

Ownership of the liquor was attributed today in circles familiar with rum ships to the Reinfeld-Zwillnan-Davis combination of Newark. The liquor was transferred at sea from the mother ship to the barge. The Raritan Sun had put into Astoria, Long Island, to unload part of its cargo before the Brooklyn seizure.

Tip Comes Too Late.

According to the story in circulation today a friendly federal man tipped off the owners of the barge about the impending seizure after it had left Astoria. But it was then too late for the Newarkers to do anything about it.

The week before, it is reported, they had brought two shipments to Newark, one of 12,000 cases and one of 8,000. It came from the Consolidated Distilleries, Inc., of Canada.

Officials of the Sun Oil Company in New York said they had suspected the crew of the barge of working with bootleggers and had been helping the government investigate the reports. It was easily possible, they explained, for the barge to make contact with the mother ship at sea and bring in the liquor.

Seventy federal men seized the Raritan Sun at the foot of Court street, Brooklyn. Included in the seizure were assorted whiskies, cordials and champagnes, valued by customs officials at $250,000; seven trucks valued at between $40,000 and $50,000, and the oil barge itself.

Fifty-eight Held in Bail.

Fifty-eight men, including barge men and a landing crew of fifty-two, accused of transferring the illicit cargo to the trucks, were taken into custody. All were held in bail ranging from $1,000 to $5,000 on charges of violating

Increase in Price of Holiday Rum Doubted

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Although the plant gave evidence of having been in operation a few minutes before the raid, no one was there when the police arrived. A burglar alarm system was discovered in the distillery.

The plant, believed to have been in operation not more than a week or ten days, was made known to the police through suspicion of Andrew Boyle, an inspector of the Bureau of Ash and Garbage Removal, authorities said.

Police said it was the biggest still seized in Jersey City since prohibition went into effect.

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PLANT

Photo by Evening Journal Staff Photogr...

The depression hit Newark's whiskey trade when Federal agents descended upon this mammoth distillery of the Monarch Distributing Co., 338 Wilson Ave., ...

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