

U. S. MUSTERS FORCE TO CURB RICH RUM GANG

Dry Sleuths to Pit Brains Against Wealth of Giant Syndicate.

BY HARRY FERGUSON United Press Staff Correspondent NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The federal government has mustered a staff of thirty technicians, code experts and astute investigators in an attempt to curb a mighty liquor syndicate plying ships between St. Pierre-Miquelon, New York and the Bahamas and doing an estimated \$1,000,000-a-month business.

The justice department, charged with prohibition enforcement, has placed its faith in a short, sandy-haired Virginian, H. J. Simmons, chief of special agents for the New York district.

In a soft, drawing voice he expresses his belief that romance still lingers in the detective business and that Sherlock Holmes and Philip Vance used methods that can be applied in every-day life.

Live Outside U. S.

It is our belief that a gigantic combination of rum-runners is working between St. Pierre-Miquelon and the Bahamas," he said. "It is aerry fenny."

"The boats come out of the north, loaded with wines and champagne. Exactly on schedule, they arrive outside New York and discharge their cargo. Then they proceed to the Bahamas for a supply of hard liquor, dropping it off here on the return trip.

"As near as we can figure, the flow of liquor into New York is worth \$1,000,000 a month. I can give you some idea of how carefully the rum syndicate is organized when I tell you that there is a board of directors at the head of it. We believe the board consists of six or eight men, all of whom spend most of their time outside of the United States."

Capital Is Unlimited

"Now, in my work we are up against the problem of fighting a gang that has almost unlimited capital."

Simmons waved toward a radio set seized in one of his raids.

"That's worth \$15,000. I can't spend that much money on a radio. So I'm betting the brains of men against money—the human element against mechanical perfection."

"I have one man who can speak five languages. Another one is an expert at translating Greek and still another can speak Chinese."

"My men often have to work for months on radio messages we intercept," said Simmons. "Like Poe, I believe there is no code that can not be broken down."

POLICE WILL WARN TOY GOLF COURSES

Controller to Enforce Provision for \$15 Monthly License.

Police were asked today by City Controller William L. Elder to notify operators of miniature golf courses to obtain their \$15 licenses for the month.

The ordinance directing payment of the fee and making it unlawful for courses to remain open after 1 a. m. became effective Oct. 6. Operators were notified by letter, Elder said, but results have not been forthcoming. After police give the verbal notice they will be requested to recheck later this week, Elder said.

GOLF GROUP IS NAMED

Riverside Course Advisory Committee to Suggest Changes.

Advisory committee of the Riverside municipal golf course has been appointed to make recommendations for changes in the course before next year to the park board. Similar committees will be named to aid in revision of other courses, A. C. Sallee, park superintendent said.

Committee members are: William A. Pickens, chairman; Albert Gall, M. E. Foley and John E. Milnor, former board members; J. M. Davis, and Harry Schopp, South Grove course manager.

THIS IS GOING TOO FAR

She Didn't Mind Strange Women, but Smoking—Oh, My.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—Mrs. Anna Silvers did not mind when her husband brought strange women home with him, but she did object to their smoking in her house "because it injured her prestige and social standing in the community," she stated today in a divorce suit filed here. The Silvers live at Pontiac, Ill.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen include:

Dorothy Story, 4401 East Thirtieth street, Ford touring, found at Vermont and Ade-

Hudson couch, 76-158, found at Eleventh street and Shadeland avenue.

John Berry, R. R. 10, Box 202, Ford Tudor, 79-209, from East and Washington streets.

\$2,000,000 FOR CHARITY

Estate Valued at \$10,000,000 Left by Chicago Capitalist.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—The late Thomas O. Jones, capitalist and member of the war trades board during the World war, left \$2,000,000 to charitable and educational institutions, according to his will on file today for probate.

Jones, who died Sept. 27 after an operation, left an estate valued at \$10,000,000.

NAMED AS LEGION CHIEF

P. J. Serrell Elected President of Bruce P. Robinson Post.

Selection of P. J. Serrell as com-

mander of the Bruce P. Robinson post, American Legion, was an-

nounced today. Other officers are

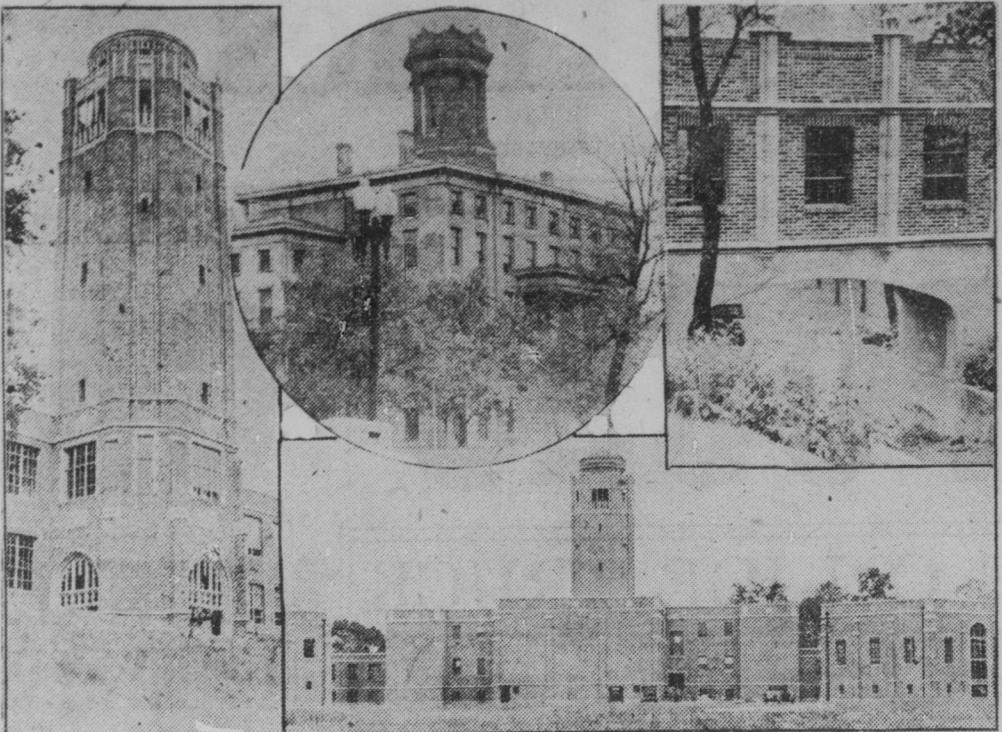
Paul M. Gary, first vice-commander;

Stewart Maxwell, second vice-com-

mander; John P. Ragsdale, ad-

jutant, and Don Smith, finance officer.

Indiana's New Home for Blind



EGG PRICES AT LOWEST MARK IN 2 DECADES

City Consumers May Not Benefit From Slump, Wholesalers Say.

By United Press CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—Eggs, fried, scrambled, poached or any other way, will be one of America's cheapest foods this winter. Raw, they dropped to the lowest price in twenty years on the Chicago mercantile exchange.

Eggs for November delivery dropped to 21½ cents per dozen and December to 22½. Not since 1910 have prices been so low.

Whether Mrs. Indianapolis will receive the advantages of the lowest egg market in twenty years during the ensuing months is dependent on a big "if."

For today wholesalers admitted that the speculative egg had reached a bottom in the city never before recorded in the "hen fruit" market.

But the big "butter and egg" men declare that it hinges on the retailer whether the consumer benefits by a bear market.

They charge that the retailer, in some instances, has asked more than a 10 per cent margin of profit per dozen.

Batter Is Included

"Eggs we sell at 29 and 30 cents have been sold by retailers at 39 and 40 cents, a dozen," declared J. P. Groves, manager of the H. Redfearn & Co., egg dealers.

Nor are eggs alone in the charge of alleged profiteering, for one commission man asserts butter sold to the retailer at 41 cents a pound costs the consumer from 48 to 55 cents a pound.

The police chief said Van Hoy's suspension was due more to the fact that he failed to arrest the Negro after the officer had knocked him down in the suspension of patrolman Robert Van Hoy today by Police Chief Jerry Kinney.

Tuesday the patrolman knocked down Humphrey Cummings, Negro, 1310 Brooker street, it was alleged. He did not arrest Cummings.

Questioned by Chief Kinney, Van Hoy said, "I was just starting him on his way home."

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suspension was due more to the fact that he failed to arrest the Negro after the officer had knocked him down for the act.

Van Hoy was appointed to the de-

partment, July 26, 1922. He lives at 3340 East Twentieth street.

Recommendations for clearing up difficulty over the recent resignation of the Rev. L. G. Leary, pastor of the Bloomington church, were

suspended at the opening session of the synod.

The home will admit persons of all denominations who have reached 65 years of age. It was made possible by fund presented by James B. Peabody of North Manchester and Los Angeles.

Dr. William R. Graham, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, unanimously elected moderator of the synod at the opening session Tuesday night, presided at today's session.

Plans for occupancy of the \$200,000 Estelle Peabody Memorial home of the Presbyterian church in North Manchester in the spring of 1931 was reported today at the annual Indiana synod meeting Irvington Presbyterian church.

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