

DEATH SMASH IS DEALT GIANT INDIANA ALCOHOL RING

27 STILLS ARE DESTROYED BY U. S. RAIDERS

Agents Ready to Pounce on Twenty More Places at Clinton.

SEVEN TRUCKS USED

Owners Netted Profit of \$25,000 Each Day, Officials Say.

Continued battering by special dry agents and prohibition enforcement officers has dealt a death blow to one of central Indiana's major, yet comparatively little known, industries, federal officials divulged today.

It was a business representing an investment of almost \$1,000,000, requiring seven trucks to bring supplies to the plants located in Clinton, Ind., and to take away the manufactured product and netted the owners, it is estimated a profit of approximately \$25,000 a day.

This highly profitable business was the alcohol manufacturing racket and Clinton, its headquarters, is the acknowledged alcohol manufacturing center of the middle west.

Beginning Oct. 2 and ending April 1 a series of raids by federal agents resulted in the destruction of twenty-seven alcohol stills ranging in daily output from 200 to 500 gallons and more than a score of liquor stills.

20 More Marked for Ax

At least twenty more large alcohol stills have been located in Clinton, federal agents say, and are marked for the ax.

Starting with the smashing of thirteen alcohol manufacturing plants in Clinton on Oct. 2 and 3, sporadic raids were made by the special agents which netted fourteen other stills, the two last being destroyed on March 26 and April 1.

All were located in Clinton. Floors were cut away in private dwellings, and the large copper stills reared their height through two and three stories from the basement floor.

The still destroyed on West Miller street in Clinton on March 26 cost at least \$35,000 to erect and was the largest of the lot, special agents said.

Got 50,139 Gallons of Mash

It was capable of producing five gallons of alcohol every ten minutes. Raiders obtained 50,139 gallons of mash which was stored in six vats. Largest of these were 13½ by 14 feet and 6 feet deep; 30 by 12 by 6, and 5 by 6 by 6.

The still was fifteen feet high and reached from the basement to the roof. A 25-horse power steam boiler was used in manufacturing the alcohol.

Raiders also found on the premises fifteen barrels of molasses used in making the mash and one-half ton of coke used for stoking the boiler. The mash pump was run by electricity and the boiler was of thick high-grade copper.

A 140-foot tunnel running from the house to the alleyway, was lined with tile and was two feet in diameter.

Two Nabbed in Raid

When the special agents approached the house the still attendant, slammed the door and made his get-away through the tunnel.

Information gathered by the agents revealed that seven trucks delivered supplies to the Clinton stills each day and left with loads of alcohol.

The April 1 raid netted a 200-gallon daily capacity still and a man and woman were arrested. They are Albino DalPonte and Augusta Carose, who are being held for the next federal grand jury.

Value of the alcohol manufactured in the twenty-seven giant stills is difficult to estimate, but it is known that a five-gallon can sold at the still for \$15 and in Indianapolis for \$22.50.

The daily output of the large still totaled approximately \$2,500, it was declared.

Aviation

Promote Air Tours

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, April 4.—Air cruises, after the manner of the steamship "all expense" cruises for tourists, are the latest.

Germany is taking the lead and the Deutsche Luft Hansa (German airways) is circulating this country with attractive air tour pamphlets.

These European air tours are designed, the company says, "especially for visiting America to enable them to see great deal of Europe in a limited time."

They range from twenty to thirty-four days, cost from \$200 to \$1,062 per person and take in such points as London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Geneva, Rome, Copenhagen, Budapest, Riga and Oslo.

The tours give stopovers at all points for shopping and sightseeing.

Change Mail Time

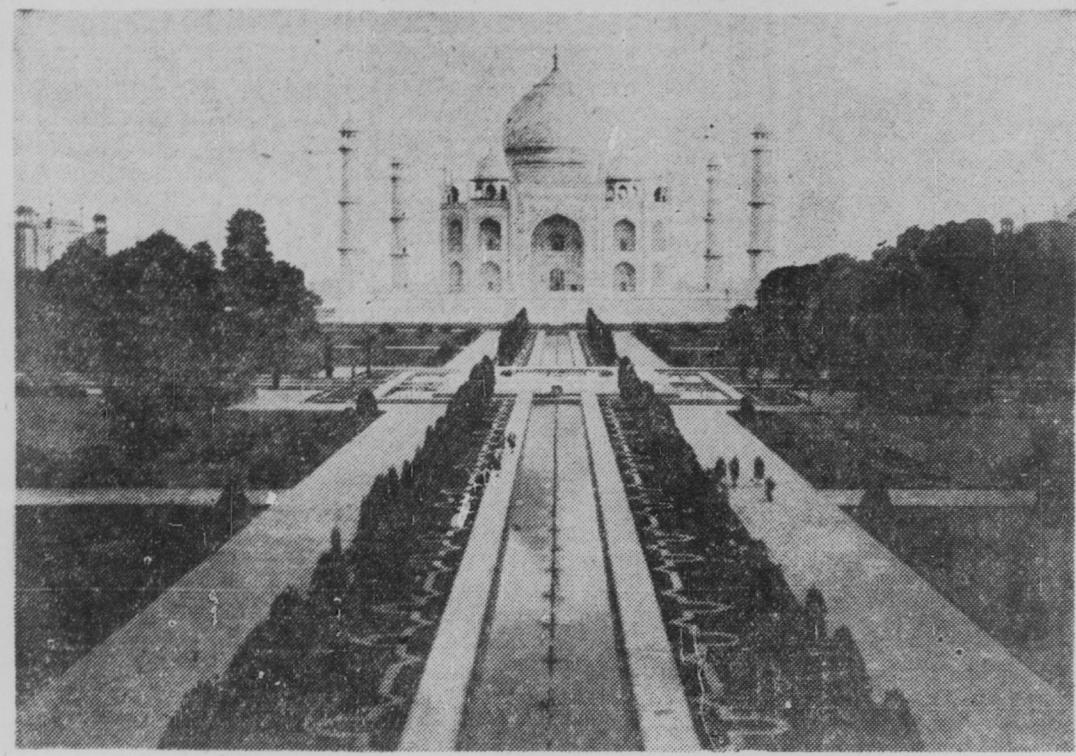
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The change was made to facilitate connections at Chicago with the Transcontinental Air Lines. No change was made in other runs by the company.

Burglars Get \$20,000

By Times Special
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., April 4.—A message received here from Los Angeles, Cal., says burglars entered the apartment of Mrs. C. F. Lufkin in the city and escaped with \$20,000 worth of bonds, money and diamond rings. Mrs. Lufkin is the widow of a Standard Oil Company executive and a sister of Charles F. Coffin, Indianapolis business man, and also of Mrs. Leonard Wild, Indianapolis.

Taj Mahal, Most Beautiful of Buildings, to Rise in Paris



India's 'Miracle in White Marble' Reproduced for Exposition.

PARIS, April 4.—At last the western world will behold the most beautiful building ever erected by man—the Taj Mahal—which the millionaire maharajahs of India have arranged to reproduce in complete detail for the international colonial and overseas exposition at Paris this summer.

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The Taj Mahal has a history as poetic and charming as its own graceful minarets. It was built between 1628 and 1650 A. D. at a cost of many millions of dollars, at the order of the Shah Jahan, to commemorate his great love for his favorite wife, Mumtaz-i-Mahal. The name of the mausoleum means, literally, "Crown of Mahal."

The building contains the tombs of the Mogul emperors and his consort. It is 130 feet square, while the great dome rises 170 feet above the ground. The Taj is surrounded by beautiful gardens, which also will be copied for the Paris exhibit.

And the Taj at Paris will also show displays of Indian culture and civilization, together with the crown jewels of the Aga Khan and his princely colleagues.

St. Bernard Dog Strain in Peril of Dying Out

By United Press
CHAMOIX, French Alps, April 4.—An unusually rigorous winter in the upper Alps has taken heavy toll of the heroic St. Bernard dogs belonging to the St. Bernard monks at Clairvaux in Switzerland. It is reported.

Dog lovers are fearful that, as happened once before, the strain may be in danger of dying out.

For nearly a month, the hospice of the Grand St. Bernard, which is one of the highest inhabited points in the Alps, being situated at 8,110 feet, was blocked in a mass of snow of a depth of thirty feet, the greatest depth of snow ever recorded there.

The monks were unable to venture out with their dogs, as usual, and the hospice just recently has been dug out from the huge snowdrifts, enabling men and dogs to resume their humanitarian task of aiding travelers lost in the Alpine passes.

Authorities said Mrs. Axtell had confessed shooting her husband after a quarrel. She was his second wife. Her first committed suicide in 1927.

Axtell was known by criminologists throughout the country as one of the first officers to recognize the importance of finger prints.

FINGERPRINT EXPERT SLAIN; WIFE IS HELD

By United Press
DENVER, April 4.—Mrs. Harold W. Axtell was held by police today on charges of killing her husband, Henrietta Neer, 34, of 4007 College avenue, was killed and her 19-month-old daughter, Clara Loraine, injured seriously.

Mrs. Neer was the wife of Galen U. Neer, district manager of the order of the Macabees. She and her daughter were to have spent Easter with her sister, Mrs. O. O. Jellison of Wabash.

Mrs. Jellison, who was driving the car, suffered only minor injuries. Junior Christmas, 14, nephew of Mrs. Neer, was unharmed.

Physicians were forced to amputate a hand of Mrs. Neer's daughter.

Denver Man Was Pioneer in Field of Criminal Identification.

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The winter in the region lasts nine months. Every morning it is the custom for two dogs, one old and one young, to set out with the monks, descend to the Swiss and Italian ends of the St. Bernard pass, and seek travelers in distress.

When any one in need of aid is found, the dogs go ahead to show the way back to the monastery near the mountain top.

More than 100 years ago, in 1812, during a similarly severe winter, the snow and breed of dogs almost died out, and they had to be mated with Newfoundland to revive the strain.

At first the tendency was for the puppies to have long, rough hair, but the monks, by careful tending, brought the breed back to the desired shortness of coat.

The dogs are able to walk easily on the snow, owing to the curious formation of their paws.

Rescue Many Travelers

Instead of being round and hard like the paws of dogs used to hard sidewalks, the St. Bernards have feet which are almost webbed, which have been developed after years of contact with the snow.

Their paws spread out like the web feet of a duck; they are able to run swiftly over the deep drifts.

It is said that, with the wind in the right direction, the dogs can miles away.

Ninety-five patches were required to repair damage inflicted to wings of an airplane caught in a hail storm in South Dakota.

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HOOVERS WILL OPEN GATES TO GREET PUBLIC

White House Accessible on Easter for First Time in 30 Years.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 4.—With fair weather forecast for Easter, the national capital will celebrate the holiday Sunday in a manner which, in certain respects, will represent a shattering of precedents.

The White House gates, thrown open Friday for the first time in thirty years, will be open to the public again today, with the President and Mrs. Herbert Hoover personally greeting the throngs of tourists.

Sunrise religious services will be held at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Sunday for the first time in history and will be broadcast. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover will attend.

Barring botanical miracles, the Japanese cherry trees will not be in bloom, and thousands of out-of-town visitors will be disappointed in their chief reason for coming here.

Daily for some time past, department of agriculture experts have been visiting the mall, fondling the buds on the trees and offering prayers and predictions regarding the probable time of blooming.

Up to a few days ago it confidently was predicted all would be well along the Potomac. Washington would have a pink Easter, and there would be no reason for any one from Kankakee or Dubuque to go home fearing cheated.

Now, however, it appears that the week of low temperatures, accompanied by chill rains, has discouraged the buds, and they won't open for several days.

Word of their good fortune was received in this city by John Gorman, 916 De Quincey street, Mrs. Lucid's brother.

"I don't imagine it will make much difference in their manner of living. They are conservative people and will invest it carefully," Gorman said today.

Lucid is a telegraph operator on the Great Northern railroad. He was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company when he lived in this city.

EX-CITY COUPLE WINS \$26,000

Dollar Ticket on English Race Reaps Fortune.

Two former residents of Indianapolis won \$26,000 on a one-dollar ticket held on Grable, steeplechase victor of the Veterans' Sweepstakes

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SOLDIER BONUS SPENT ON CARS

Veterans' Purchases Bring Auto Trade Pickup.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Purchase of automobiles by ex-soldiers with their bonus loans has contributed to a very noticeable pickup in the automobile industry recently, which some experts interpret as the first signs of general business improvement.

Reports here from various part of the country indicate that many veterans have used their bonus loans to buy automobiles, either new or second-hand.

A greater proportion of the money being paid out to veterans, which administrator Hines of the veterans' bureau, figured would reach a billion dollars eventually, is going for the purchase of automobiles than for any other one article on the market, it is believed.

Automobile sales for March were expected to show a very decided increase. While official figures have not yet been tabulated, this increase is likely to be as high as 20 per cent above sales for last March, perhaps more. The trade generally is very optimistic.

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