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BOOTLEG GAS BASE TRACED TO INDIANA

Ring Reaps Millions Out of Product Trucked From State, Check Shows.

ILLINOIS HEAVY LOSER

Other States Start Drive to Smash 'Industry' on Giant Scale.

Indiana is named as the fountain-head of a gigantic bootleg gasoline conspiracy, flooding Illinois and surrounding states, in a survey completed from Chicago today by the United Press.

Although Floyd E. Williamson, state auditor, contends that little bootleg gasoline is being peddled in this state, it is the supply base for surrounding territory, the survey indicates. No tax is levied here on gasoline to be sold elsewhere, it is pointed out.

Day and night, caravans of trucks filled with bootleg gasoline rumble over the state line from Indiana into Illinois, some fleets making four round trips in twenty-four hours, the survey disclosed.

'Bootleggers' Grow Rich

Fly-by-night companies, with dummy directorates, grow rich from the 3 cents a gallon they pocket instead of paying tax. When official scrutiny is turned their way, they change the names of their firms, repaint their trucks another color, and the illicit traffic rumbles on.

Few thrills befall drivers. One questioned at Danville, Ill., said: "It's as tame as delivering a load of coal, only cleaner. I know. I go to Hammond, Ind., and get a load every night."

Illinois loses at least \$1,000,000 monthly to gasoline bootleggers, according to semi-official estimates.

United States District Attorney E. O. Johnson of Chicago said: "It appears that a condition is being created similar to that of bootleggers in the liquor conspiracies, inevitably breeding gangs and lawlessness."

Widespread Violation Shown

Governor Emmerson, Mayor Cermak, Attorney-General, Carlsom and the "secret six" of the Chicago Association of Commerce are among individuals and groups aligned against the gasoline smuggler.

The survey records violations of state motor fuel tax laws from Maryland to Nebraska.

In Pennsylvania, armed land and water forces are waging war on gasoline bootleggers on a 1,200-mile front. A special unit of state highway patrolmen guards the land boundaries. An armed cutter cruises waters of the Schuylkill and Delaware rivers.

Results of the drive already are apparent, said A. P. Delahunt, commissioner of the Pennsylvania Liquor Tax Bureau.

Gasoline bootleggers stole tax on 10,000,000 gallons yearly until this drive started," he said. "They robbed the state of millions of dollars. Now collections are increasing at the rate of approximately \$500,000 a month."

Nebraska's problem is different. Grain growers and large scale farmers attempted to obtain gasoline for their tractors tax free under terms of the original package law.

Excise Tax Imposed

This interstate regulation prohibits taxing gasoline shipped into a state if delivered in the "original package" and used by the purchaser.

To prevent this enormous leak in state revenues, the legislature placed a 4-cent excise tax on all gasoline in Texas, with a tax of 4 cents a gallon, also has felt the greed of the tax evader. Six inspectors now are touring the state searching for evaders. Their task was simplified when a law was passed applying the tax at the refineries.

Approximately 200 suits have been filed by the attorney-general of Texas for recovery of tax. It is estimated that the new law will save about \$2,000,000 a year for the state.

A secret investigation of gasoline tax evasion is under way in Michigan. It is known that dilution and bootlegging of gasoline are practiced. The inquiry will determine to what extent.

Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and Ohio reported little or no gasoline bootlegging.

'FASTEST SPEEDER' IS PLACED ON PROBATION

Judge Also Fines Him \$40 For Driving at 85-Mile Clip.

The privilege of driving eighty-five miles an hour may cost Delbert Rose, 1523 West New York street, heavily next time.

Branded by Jacob Hudgins, motorcycle policeman, who could not pass him on East New York street between Sherman drive and Emerson avenue, as "the city's fastest driver," Rose was fined \$40 and costs, but placed on probation by Municipal Judge William H. Sheaffer Tuesday.

Hudgins' speedometer clocked Rose at eighty-five during a chase that ended only when Rose slowed down after spying the officer in his mirror.

RAIN HALTS AIR SHOW

Downpour Forces Cancellation of Day's Events at Cleveland.

By United Press

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 2.—Rain today forced a cancellation of the day's program of the national air races, which were to have included several major speed events. Officials announced that double events will be held Thursday.

DOOLITTLE TRAINS HARD FOR THOMPSON TROPHY

Famous Flier Is in 'Pink of Condition' for Assault on Speed Record

By ARNOLD MALMQUIST

NEA Service Writer

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 2.—Jimmy Doolittle is in the pink for the speed classic of the national air races here—the Thompson trophy race—on Labor day, when 300 miles an hour may be reached and a new world record for land planes.

And when Major James H. Doolittle, one of the nation's greatest fliers, is said to be in the pink, he is actually in the pink.

He has been training for the big race as diligently as a champion boxer for a bout. His neck is now ready to withstand that ninety pounds of pressure on his head as he flashes around the pylons.

His muscles are resilient and supple. Co-ordination with his quick mind is perfect.

For, says Jimmy, there is far

more to racing a plane than piloting it. The pilot must be ready for a test of human endurance. His nerves must be steely.

For six weeks Jimmy has been punching the bag, wrestling, shadow boxing and pulling the rowing machine. He has eaten a selected diet. And has slept eight hours out of every twenty-four.

Tobacco and stimulants have been taboo.

He knows that he must be in the very best shape if he is to pilot his quadrangular course in the speedy 100-mile race.

SPEED flying is an old song with him. He won the Schneider cup race for the United States several years ago, averaging 245 miles an hour. The physical strain was terrific.

The value of keen physical condition has been impressed on him for years. He has trained all his life. In college—University of California—he was an amateur pugilist.

In the speed classic this year, the strain on human machine will be far greater than on the airplanes, Jimmy believes. More high speed planes than ever before will compete.

Training for the race is not a matter of exercising alone. Jimmy perfects his flying by flying. Last year he averaged 22,000 miles a month. He is the first pilot to take off, fly and land a ship "blind"—that is, solely with instruments, and is the first American to fly over the Andes Mountains in South America. At Santiago, Chile, he made a successful flight with both legs broken.

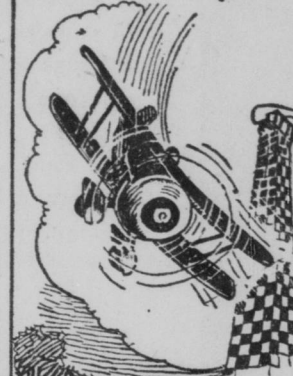
BUT with all this flying, you will find him in the morning wallowing a punching bag—or even boxing with Jimmy Jr.

Quick thinking has saved his life twice. He flew the wings off two airplanes, and is twice eligible to the Caterpillar Club.

The second time, he was only about one hundred feet above ground when his ailerons broke off. He pulled his ship up to 400 feet, tipped it over on its back, unbuckled his safety belt, dropped out and landed safely with his parachute.

Doolittle thinks with the rapidity of a machine gun. Dynamic, staccato—that's his personality, but the background of it is being trained to the pink.

LEARNED SPEED FLYING BY SPEED FLYING!



TRAINS LIKE AN ATHLETE FOR BIG SPEED RACE



Major "Jimmy" Doolittle

CHARGE DYING ARE 'DUMPED' ON POOR FARM

City Hospital Accused by County of 'Mistreating' Its Incurables.

WOMAN'S CASE PROBED

Sent to Institution Without Daughter's Permission, Lawyer Says.

BY SHELDON KEY

Charges that city hospital authorities are committing elderly, incurable patients to the county poor farm where they suffer for lack of medical treatment, were hurled today by county commissioners.

County officials said the hospital is using the "poor farm as dumping ground for incurables."

Simultaneously, city and county authorities reopened an investigation into the case of Mrs. Billye Thacker, 62, sent to the poor farm from the hospital last Wednesday.

Allegation that Mrs. Thacker was removed without permission of her daughter, Miss May Lewis, 926 North New Jersey street, were presented to Charles L. Pope, attorney, by Miss Lewis.

Already Had Gone

Mrs. Thacker, who is suffering from partial paralysis and eye trouble, had been in the city hospital several months.

According to the daughter's charges, social service workers at the city hospital called her, asking permission to take the woman to the poor farm.

Miss Lewis said she asked them to wait until she reached the hospital, but when she went there found an ambulance already had taken her mother to the county institution.

Miss Lewis said her mother is not being cared for properly at the poor farm. Pope said, Miss Lewis told the attorney she found her mother lying on a straw tick and that she was not being given medical attention. The girl said institution heads refused to permit her to bring blankets to her mother.

Accuses City Hospital

"The city hospital sends us a lot of cases," Mrs. Byron Carter said today. "We have refused some of them. They bring patients who are half-dead out here and expect us to take care of them."

Mrs. Carter denied charges of Miss Lewis that Mrs. Thacker was forced to get into a wheel chair and go to the dining room for meals. She also denied that Mrs. Thacker told Miss Lewis her mother would have to "eat what the rest of us do as long as she's out here."

"Mrs. Thacker doesn't belong here," Mrs. Carter said. "We have no place to care for her."

The county institution, housing 500 patients, all elderly and without financial support, has only two nurses and a doctor.

Already Is Overcrowded

"We can't provide hospitalization at the poor farm," Commissioner George Snider said. "The place already is overcrowded."

Pope said John Carter, superintendent of the poor farm, told him sick patients "are put in a room and we let the other inmates care for them, giving what medical attention is available."

And Commissioner John Shearer declared the county does not provide more medical aid at the institution "because we would get many more such cases from the hospital if we did this."

However, Dr. Charles Myers, superintendent of the city hospital, said his investigation of the case revealed that social service workers had probed the case and none of Mrs. Thacker's relatives would accept her in their homes.

Myers Denies Charges

He said hospital attaches obtained permission from a grandson of Mrs. Thacker for her removal to the county institution.

Myers also denied city hospital aids had sought her removal from the institution because she was "too much trouble."

Myers declined to reply to the county commissioners' charges that the city hospital "dumped" incurable paupers at the poor farm to die.

At the city hospital it also was said Mrs. Thacker is not bedfast and can make her way around.

MRS. RUDY GOES WEST

Vallee Scoffs at Kidnap Threat as Wife Leaves to Visit Parents.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Rudy Vallee and his bride have parted—for six weeks while Mrs. Fay Webb Vallee visits her parents.

Rudy's wife left for Santa Monica, Cal., where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Webb live. She expects to be gone six weeks.

Mrs. Vallee refused a special bodyguard on the train even though she and her husband were reportedly threatened with kidnaping. Rudy said he regarded the threat of no consequence.

POLE SUB FEARED LOST

Nautilus Unreported in Arctic Wastes for Four Days.

By United Press

OSLO, Norway, Sept. 2.—Concern for the safety of Sir Hubert Wilkins' submarine Nautilus was felt today.

The last radio message from the Nautilus was received Aug. 29, despite nightly calls to the submarine from Bergen.

Killer Has Vulture Face



This remarkable closeup photograph clearly shows the hypnotic eyes and the vulture-like features of Harry Powers, modern Bluebeard, who lured love-seeking women to their doom, hanged them, and dropped their bodies into a subterranean chamber.

3,000 MAY BE GIVEN STATE ROAD JOBS

Highway Surplus Fund Use to Provide Work Studied by Commission.

Use of a maintenance fund surplus of the state highway commission, expected to total nearly \$1,000,000 this month, to put from 3,000 to 5,000 men at work on state highways as a job relief measure was considered today by the commission.

The proposal, for which Albert Wedekind of Dale, commission chairman, said he "would take the responsibility," is for the state to take over an additional 250 miles of highways in Indiana.

The funds are a surplus from maintenance appropriations not used last winter and additional money that has piled up in the commission's treasury during the fiscal year, Wedekind said.

With the money being placed in unemployment relief, it was indicated that the commission will buy feed, if any, of the 110 trucks, purchase of which was to be acted on today.

Thirty-nine truck companies have presented bids that would have called for expenditure of \$600,000 in the commission's new truck program.

The relief program will be handled in a manner agreeable to the national unemployment relief agencies to be established throughout the nation by President Hoover this fall. Warren C. Fairbanks, publisher, is the Indiana advisory member of the commission for relief.

Following the commission meeting, it was learned that Governor Harry G. Leslie was at the Claypool Tuesday night in conference with Henry Marshall, Lafayette publisher and Leslie's advisor.

Hundreds Would Get Work

From reliable sources it was learned that the unemployment plan had been outlined either at this conference or at one between Senator James E. Watson and Wedekind, also held Tuesday night.

It has been estimated that 100,000 working days could be provided for from 3,000 to 5,000 men under the proposed plan, which probably would bring expenditure of about \$750,000 of the commission's funds this fall.

According to Wedekind, the plan could be placed in operation in two weeks, the largest amounts to be concentrated in Indiana counties hardest hit by economic reversals.

QUEEN MARIE IS ILL

Immediate Operation to Be Necessary, Report.

By United Press

VIENNA, Sept. 2.—Dowager Queen Marie of Rumania is seriously ill and must be operated on as soon as possible, the Telokomp News Agency reported today in a dispatch from Bucharest.

The book was found in a pile of partially burned rubbish eight feet from where the five bodies were found. Although the covers had been torn off, apparently so it would burn better, the contents were intact.

The addresses include those of both men and women. Names of (Turn to Page 8)

CRIPPLE NEAR SUCCESS

Man With Paralyzed Legs Swims 20 Miles of 22-Mile Course.

By United Press

MILFORD, Conn., Sept. 2.—William O'Keefe, 17, whose legs have been paralyzed by infantile paralysis since he was 3 years old, said today he felt no worse for his attempt to swim twenty-two miles across Long Island sound to Port Jefferson, L. I.

He left the water Tuesday night, when only two miles from his goal, after battling a choppy sea and cross currents for fourteen hours.

Thirteen passengers made the trip, the second time that the ship has crossed the strait.

Residents of Pernambuco climbed on top of houses and buildings to welcome the Zeppelin, which dipped her nose in salute over the business district.

Commander Hugo Eckener reported an excellent trip, with the only inclement weather encountered near Fernando Noronha Island, off the Brazilian coast.

CHURCH USHER ADMITS HUGE BANK THEFTS

Used Securities for Stock Deal Margins; Loss May Reach \$2,500,000.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—An officer holding a responsible position in the fourth largest bank in America today told officials of the Continental-Illinois Bank and Trust Company how he embezzled between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000.

Walker E. Wolf, 42, church usher, "model citizen," trusted and respected until his confession of peculations at first estimated at \$1,500,000, was taken today from the loop hotel where he had been under guard for questioning at the bank.

Granted a brief respite, he lamented his deed, clasping and unclasping his hands.

"I would give anything in the world to undo what I did," he said. "If I could only live the last ten years over again."

Promises to Help

"But I can't. But I shall do everything in my power to help officials of the bank recover as much of the money as possible. I regret the occurrence more than words can say."

Wolf was then taken back into a conference room to assist auditors check over his accounts.

Associates and neighbors of Wolf knew him as a respectable, upright citizen. He hurried to his attractive home evenings to tend his garden or water the lawn. Evening he sometimes took his wife and 13-year-old daughter Marjorie to a movie, or went with Mrs. Wolf to a bridge party. He neither drank nor frequented night resorts, friends insisted.

That fact supported Wolf's statement that he lost the money speculating in stock and grain markets. Margins to brokers ate away all he could abstract from the bank, he confessed.

Had 50 Under Him

Until the arrest, Wolf was manager of the coupon department of the bank. It was a comparatively minor, but important position. He had fifty men working under him. He had worked for the bank for twenty years.

Officials of the bank said the insurance was fully protected by Wolf's defalcations. They said he made a complete confession.

Wolf, the officials said, stole securities and put them up with brokers as margin for speculation in stock and grain markets.

His method, they said, was to take securities after properly giving the customer his receipt and to conceal the theft by also abstracting the records relating to the bond. When it was necessary to replace the securities, he took others to keep good his margins with the brokers.

CIGARETTES BOOTLEGGED

2-cent Ohio Tax Evaded by Purchases in Pennsylvania.

By United Press

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Sept. 2.—Bootlegging in a new form was reported in Ohio today.

With the advent of the 2-cent state tax on cigarettes, bootleggers were reported making heavy purchases in Sharon and Newcastle, Pa., and bringing them for sale, miles to Youngstown for the few.

Whereas popular brands of cigarettes were selling locally at from \$1.49 to \$1.92 a carton, Sharon and Newcastle tobacco sellers were putting on sales 24 and 27 cents below the local quotations.

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Did Will Wood Eat Oyster or Just a Clam?

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—The first oyster to fly this season arrived by airplane from Long Island, N. Y., and was devoured by Representative Will Wood (Rep., Ind.), in a ceremony designed to inaugurate the oyster-eating months.

Dr. Lewis Radcliffe, acting commissioner of fisheries, showed the oyster.

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