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Clearing late this afternoon, followed by partly cloudy weather tonight and Thursday; slightly cooler tonight.

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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 fountainhead 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 directors, 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 scandals, inevitably breeding gangs and lawlessness."

Widespread Violation Shows

Governor Emmerson, Mayor Cermak, Attorney-General Carlstrom 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 Michigan to Texas and from Pennsylvania 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. Delahunt, commissioner of the Pennsylvania liquid fuels 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 tax on gasoline shipped into a state if delivered in the "original package" and used by the purchaser.

To prevent this enormous leak in revenue, the legislature placed a 4-cent excise tax on all gasoline.

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.

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 MALMQVIST
NEA Service Writer

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 2.—Jimmie Doolittle is in the pink for the speed classic of the national air races here—the Thompson trophy race—on Labor day, when 30 miles an hour may be reached and a new world record for land planes.

Again 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 bout. His neck is now ready to withstand those 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 Jimmie, there is far more to racing a plane than pilot-ing it. The pilot must be ready for a test of human endurance. His nerves must be steelied.

For six weeks Jimmie 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, Jimmie believes. More high speed planes than ever before will compete.

Training for the race is not a matter of exercising alone. Jimmie 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 ship "blind"; that is, solely with instruments, and be the first American to fly over the Andes Mountains in South America.

At Santiago, Chile, he made a successful flight with both legs broken.

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

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Killer Has Vulture Face



LOVE BROKER'S WIFE GRILLED ON MURDERS

Says She's 'Through' With
Mate; Denounces Him as
'Fiendish Wretch.'

By United Press

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Sept. 2.—

Questioned for the second time by police investigating the "Blue-beard" marriage agency activities of her husband, Harry F. Powers, Mrs. Luelia Strouther Powers today denounced him as a "fiendish wretch," but denied knowledge of his activities, police said.

Mrs. Powers, who previously had reiterated her belief in her husband's innocence, when he was arrested in connection with killing two women and three children, said today:

"I realize now he betrayed me and what a terrible creature he really is. I'm through with him forever. I wouldn't have him out of jail for 100 million dollars."

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Police Chief C. A. Duckworth went to her home and questioned her concerning alleged discrepancies between her statements and those of her husband. She denied she knew anything of Powers' one-man matrimonial bureau.

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Address Book Found

An address book, which Powers attempted to destroy, was made public today by police, as they sought to determine whether any of the persons listed might be added to the five victims already discovered.

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

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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 Telkom News Agency

reported today in a dispatch from

Bucharest.

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.

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ward islands late Tuesday. It was

reported moving northward into the

Atlantic ocean. Porto Rico and the

Virgin islands are included in the

Leeward group.

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