

SEVEN QUESTIONED IN SEATTLE LIQUOR CASE

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Officials Announce That One of Men Held Has Confessed to Robbery of Customs Warehouse.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 15.—(Special)—Ed Hagen, former Seattle policeman and alleged ringleader of the men who stole 1717 bottles of liquor from the United States customs warehouse here March 25, was arrested here today, in connection with the case.

Other developments today included the announcement by federal officials that the confession secured from one of the seven men under arrest; the statement that a part of the stolen liquor had been recovered; the seizure of two automobiles, supposed to have been used in stealing the intoxicants; the issuance of warrants for other arrests; and the admission to bail of Police Sergeant Hasselblad and Tom Russell.

The seven under arrest up to a late hour today were: Ed Hagen, former policeman; Gus Hasselblad, police sergeant; Patrolman W. F. Patton; Dick Russell, a former policeman; Thomas Russell, a drayman; J. W. Lockman, a garage man; and Jimmy Morrison, an automobile mechanic.

Prisoners Are Examined. Of the 1717 bottles of liquor taken from the warehouse, a substantial portion is said to have been recovered and to have been placed back in the warehouse and federal officials are confident that they will recover the rest of the stolen property.

All day today Robert C. Saunders, the United States attorney, and Ben L. Moore, his assistant, as well as Roscoe M. Drumheller, collector of customs, were busy interviewing and examining the men under arrest and it was announced by them that one of the seven had confessed. The confession, it was said, covered the whole transaction, from the planning of the robbery to the recovery of the liquor and the arrest of the men alleged to be implicated.

The liquor recovered was found in two places, part of it in a small building on an alley between Twenty-first and Twenty-second avenues, between Yesler Way and East Fir street, the rest in a garage at the home of Tom Russell in Ballard.

Patton Denies Guilt. When questioned yesterday by the United States attorney, Patton refused to talk except to deny his guilt or connection in any way.

It is said by federal officials, however, that he was one who broke into the warehouse, admitting the others. A door on the second floor of the warehouse leads out on to the adjoining roof. Patton is accused of having gone to the roof, pried open the door of the warehouse and then went to the lower floor where he opened the doors to admit the trucks.

The first theft is alleged to have happened on Saturday night March 29, at that time two loads of liquor, carried away in two passenger cars, were taken. The following night Patton, it is said, went back to ascertain if the robbery had been discovered. Finding it was not, he called in the others and another load was taken.

While the United States attorney is reluctant about giving out the information upon which he hopes to secure conviction, it is learned that Sergeant Gus Hasselblad is charged with "protecting" Patton and others since the robbery.

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APPEAL LOST BY WIDOW

HUSBAND SHOT; COLLECTION OF INSURANCE FAILS.

Supreme Court Upholds Judge Gatens' Decision in Case of Ursula Meister.

SALEM, Or., April 15.—(Special)—When a person goes gunning for another and is shot and killed in the fight which ensues his widow cannot collect on an accident insurance policy, declared Justice Benson in a decision handed down today, affirming Circuit Judge Gatens of Multnomah county.

Ursula Meister, whose husband was shot and killed by Emil Spranger in Portland two years ago, sought to recover on a policy her deceased husband held with the General Accident, Fire & Assurance company. She contended her husband's death was accidental. Judge Gatens granted non-suit in the case.

Other opinions were: E. K. Colwell, appellant, vs. George L. Colwell, appealed from Multnomah; suit to collect amount of bank check which bank refused to cash and in which suit demurrer to complaint was sustained; opinion by Justice Blument; Circuit Judge Kavanaugh affirmed.

E. H. Hawkins et al. vs. Hilda Rice Rodgers et al.; appellants; appealed from Lane; petition for rehearing denied; opinion by Justice Benson.

Louis Hirtzel et al. vs. John H. Drake et al.; appellants; appealed from Clatsop; suit to annul deed to real property; opinion by Justice Harris; Circuit Judge Campbell affirmed.

Stanford Zuckerman, appellant, vs. the Sanitarium company, and Henry Waldo Coe; appellants from Multnomah; suit for damages because of alleged illegal commitment to insane asylum; opinion by Justice Jones; Circuit Judge Gatens affirmed.

Emma Cook, appellant, vs. Portland Railway, Light & Power company; appealed from Multnomah; action to recover damages; opinion by Justice Jones; Circuit Judge Tucker affirmed.

E. C. Schultz et al. vs. E. L. Waldrad, appellants; appealed from Multnomah; motion to dismiss appeal sustained; opinion per curiam.

Petition for rehearing was denied in Tobias vs. Matthews.

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FLEET TAKES FOOD ACROSS

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Directors of European Relief Desire Still Further Tonnage—Experts Are Sent Abroad.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—More than 1,500,000 tons of shipping has been assigned by the United States to the work of feeding the peoples of Europe threatened with starvation.

The enormous total of shipping turned over by this country to a work of charity became known today along with the fact that several experts have been sent abroad in an effort to hurry the "turn around" of American vessels and thereby compensate in some measure for the transfer of bottoms from commercial trade.

Still more tonnage is desired by directors of European relief and probably will be allocated next month. Thus far in April 549,000 tons have been added to the "mercy fleet," sailing in ports on the North sea, the Mediterranean and the Adriatic.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—Six cargoes of California wheat and one cargo of rice will be sent to the starving peoples of Armenia, according to Dr. F. V. Fisher, a member of the American committee on relief in the Near East here today.

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LUMBER FAMINE FORECAST

ROGER E. SIMMOND TELLS OF CONDITIONS OVERSEAS.

United States and Canada Facing Task of Reconstructing War-Devastated Countries.

CHICAGO, April 15.—Roger E. Simmonds, who was sent to Russia in 1917 as a member of a United States government commission to study the lumber situation in the war-devastated countries and who was taken prisoner by the bolshevik government and at one time sentenced to be shot, told the legislative commission investigating high prices of building material that the world was facing a lumber famine.

Prices of lumber, he said, are certain to rise in the next few years because of the unprecedented demand which would come from the reconstruction of the war-stricken regions of Europe. The majority portion of this lumber, he said, would have to be supplied by the United States and Canada.

Canada already has received an order from the British government for 1,000,000,000 feet of lumber, while this country has received orders for 1,000,000 feet of oak by England and 12 shiploads of lumber for Italy.

Mr. Simmonds, who spent 18 months abroad studying the subject, said Russia, which before the war exported 32 per cent of the world's lumber supply, would not be in a position to cut lumber until five years after the government had been stabilized and order restored.

Replying to questions by members of the commission regarding the future of bolshevism in Russia, Mr. Simmonds said: "Bolshevism is like a scourge, which must run its course. I believe that eventually it will fall because of its brutal injustice and immorality. It is the greatest menace to real democracy that the world has ever seen."

PREMIER AGAINST SECRECY

M. Clemenceau Denies Request for Chamber Caucus.

PARIS, April 15.—(Havas).—Premier Clemenceau has made it known that he will not grant a request to communicate to the chamber of deputies alone information on the pending questions in which the country as a whole is as greatly interested as the deputies.

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