

BOOTLEG KING'S IDENTITY Baffles CHICAGO POLICE

(By United News)
Chicago, July 30.—Who is the malevolent bootleg king guiding the destinies of the sinister Chicago "whiskey ring?"

Chicago police heads, the federal prohibition administration and law and order organizations were today attempting to unravel this mystery. Whoever this man is—the police believe that one genius for criminal organization is responsible—he has succeeded in creating a ring, the ramifications of which have made it possible to steal and sell more than \$2,000,000 worth of bonded liquor within the last four months. Several murders are credited to the slugs and gunmen in the employ of this man. POLICE ARE SUSPECTED

Developments today revealed that a number of minor police officials are implicated in the whiskey plot, and that at least one federal prohibition officer is suspected as being the "inside man" in the government office.

Major A. V. Dalrymple, central prohibition officer, charged that police are aiding the bootleggers; that much of the crime in the city was inspired by poisonous whiskey furnished by the ring; and that half of the saloons in the city were running wide open.

Two instances of police implication in the theft of liquor have been uncovered. TRUCK HELD UP

Fred Wolf, driver of a truck laden with \$15,000 worth of whiskey consigned to a popular cabaret, charged that he was waylaid by four policemen, held up at the point of guns, and forced to turn his load over to them. The patrons, Harry Hansen, Christopher Moran, Fred H. Krause and J. J. Pianewski, were suspended by Police Chief Garrity.

Detective Sergeant Paul Peterson was then arrested on the complaint of a saloonkeeper, who said Peterson offered to engineer a \$17,000 whiskey sale for him and to take him to the men who could furnish it. ROBBERY ALLEGED

It is then alleged that Peterson took the saloonkeeper to an office, excused himself to telephone, and that while he was gone two bandits entered and held him up for the \$17,000. Peterson was

suspended and held in \$10,000 bonds on a robbery charge.
Caesar Cal Pinos, another saloonkeeper, complained that he had paid the ring \$18,000 for a truckload of whiskey which, he said, was held up en route to his saloon. He asked a refund of the money, and declared he was told to "chase himself."

In the underground shuffling of liquor from warehouse to warehouse, from warehouses to drug stores and hospitals, and from freight yards to storage plants, more than \$2,000,000 worth of whiskey has disappeared in four months.

SIX MEN MURDERED
Six murders in two weeks were traced to the alleged clique. The victims were feared informers.

But this side of the solution of the mystery, the police and prohibition men fall short. After each robbery they are found "holding the bag."

The bootleg price slips through. Reports of whiskey ring murders and robberies continue. And, according to Major Dalrymple, the saloons continue to get liquor in unlimited quantities.

**Villa Reported to
Have Accumulated
Immense Fortune**

El Paso, Texas, July 30.—(U. P.)—Francisco Villa, erstwhile Robin Hood of Mexico, whose retirement to peace and quiet under guarantees by the de la Huerta government is indicated in messages received today at the Mexican consulate here, is believed to be enormously wealthy as the result of his 19 years of banditry.

The report of his imminent retirement to private life, still accused in many quarters here, would remove from the news spotlight one of the most picturesque figures in modern Mexican history.

Villa is said to have hidden during his bandit career millions of dollars in bullion and has only to unearth a new cache every time he exhausts one of his money hides.

The general is retiring in glory, if his surrender is bona fide. He is the idol of nearly all the peons of Chihuahua and Durango.

**Grain Fires Laid
To Wobbly Bands**

Walla Walla, Wash., July 30.—(U. P.)—J. W. W. are blamed for several mysterious grain fires in this section. Farmers are having great difficulty in securing crews.

PORTLAND LEGION DELEGATES LEAVE FOR COAST MECCA

Rallying to the support of Portland Post No. 1 of the American Legion, 23 delegates and 200 representatives, together with a number of delegates from other state posts, loaded themselves and their baggage aboard a special S. P. & S. train at the North Bank station at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon and steamed away to Astoria to attend the second annual state Legion convention Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Unlike the time these same men loaded their baggage aboard a train about three years ago to answer the call to arms, there were no fond mothers, fearful sweethearts or prideful kid brothers to bid them farewell at the station.

This time the men are off for a week-end party, a gathering of those who have worn the khaki, to meet friends of a former day, solidify the organization and keep up the good work of the American Legion.

TRENCH CAPS PURCHASED
James R. Bain, delegate to the convention, also headed the special train party, and he was there a half hour before anybody else, shaking hands with the train conductor and himself until some of his buddies appeared on the scene.

Bain took charge of sale of the new American Legion trench cap convention caps. The new headgear is a silky one, resembling the overseas cap that allowed the rain to trickle down the back of the neck so nicely. On the left front side of the cap is the American Legion emblem, beautifully done in red, white and blue.

Of the three prospective candidates for state commander, whose names have been noised around for the last week, only one—Arthur M. Geary—could be found in the train. Goodell was supposed to be in Astoria and Cassius R. Peck could not be accounted for.

"THAT REMINDS ME"
All of the 23 delegates were there wearing neat little blue arm bands and their new caps. Delegates from other points in the state joined the party and Frank Burns post 25, of Condon, was

heard from when Garland Ferguson and Pat Corrigan appeared on the scene. The Fifth Infantry band of the Oregon National Guard dragged their heels into the station about 15 minutes before the train started, not to play martial airs, to make the representatives and delegates sad, but to be sure they did not miss the train.

There was a "that reminds me" delegate in the party, but he was canned early. This particular delegate happened to remember that three years ago Thursday he boarded a train at the same station bound for Germany. He did not tell the boys that he got only to Hoboken, and that was the reason the war lasted so long, for he was silenced and packed aboard the train.

Big Pear Orchard Bought by Official, Who Pays \$23,000

Medford, July 30.—The J. D. Housley orchard of 40 acres of full bearing pear trees, one of the best properties in the valley, near the big 401 orchard, was bought by County Agricultural Agent C. C. Cate for \$23,000. Cate will continue as county agent.

The forest fire north of Jacksonville, which Wednesday broke out again, has burned over about 700 acres. It reached the edges of the Webster and Hopkins ranches.

**Violating Parole
Causes Arrest of
Man at Pendleton**

Pendleton, July 30.—Austin Mann, under sentence of from one to 10 years for theft of an automobile last summer and paroled, was arrested here, Thursday, charged with violating his parole. He left the state and failed to report regularly to Deputy Sheriff Blakeley, it is charged.

Additional men were sent from here Thursday to fight a small fire in the forest, four miles from Meacham. The blaze is not of dangerous proportions, the forest office reports.

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Byron Pettibone Found Guilty of Poisoning Wife

Manchester, Vt., July 30.—(I. N. S.)—Byron M. Pettibone was convicted of second degree murder Thursday. He was charged with poisoning his wife. The

penalty is life imprisonment. The jury was out 22 hours.

Miss Helen Irene Guillow, a nurse, with whom Pettibone is said to have fallen in love, was in her father's automobile outside the courthouse when the verdict was given. Both Pettibone and Miss Guillow took the verdict calmly.

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