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LIQUOR SOLD AT SHIP BAR IN U.S. PORT

Officers From Royal Mail Liner Testify That Seals Were Broken and Bootleggers Supplied

SEVEN OF BOAT CREW HAVE PLEADED GUILTY

Revenue Agent Making Arrest Identified as One of Good Customers

NEW YORK, March 14.—Trial of the government's suit for confiscation of the Royal Mail liner Ordruna, seized Wednesday as a smuggler, began today with witnesses testifying that narcotics and liquor were sold freely each time the vessel reached this port, and that her owners shared the proceeds.

Champagne, whiskey, benedictine, rum, beer, gin and drugs were dispensed to bootleggers by officers and crew of the Ordruna, according to the testimony.

Bar Never Closed

The witnesses, including federal agents and members of the crew, declared the Ordruna's bar never was closed in port.

At the outset of the proceedings E. J. Berwind, American and British coal operator and financier, posted a \$1,000,000 bond so the Ordruna might continue in trans-Atlantic passenger service. She is scheduled to sail for Hamburg tomorrow with 144 passengers.

Charles Dawe, the ship's storekeeper and one of the seven members of her crew to plead guilty of illegally importing liquor, was the government's principal witness. He testified that in his three years on the Ordruna liquor had been sold aboard her every time she reached the port of New York. He declared the liquor was brought in under seal, the seals were broken when the vessel docked, the liquor disposed of to bootleggers and the storeroom re-sealed.

Dawe identified Joseph Smith, one of the revenue agents who raided the ship and one of the government's chief witnesses today as a bootlegger who often had purchased liquor on the Ordruna.

Smith, preceding Dawe on the stand, said he was a truck driver until he became a federal liquor agent last January. While still driving trucks he had seen bootleggers laden with liquor leave the Ordruna on 20 or 30 occasions, he said.

He told of joining the government service, of boarding the Ordruna with a fellow agent two voyages ago, and of buying rye whiskey at \$23 a case and gin at \$3 a bottle. They also drank good beer over the ship's bar at Dawe's invitation, said the witness.

Smith's next visit to the Ordruna was when she reached port in February. Ralph Oyer, a federal narcotic agent, accompanied him. Smith testified he bought 50 cases of whiskey at \$35 a case from Storekeeper Dawe and his linenman, and that Oyer bought several ounces of a narcotic drug.

Smith also testified that he and Oyer last Tuesday arranged with Dawe to buy all the champagne, gin, rye and benedictine in the ship's storeroom, and a considerable supply of narcotics. It was on the pretense of taking off these purchases the next day that a squad of federal men raided the ship.

Company Gets Money

Curiosity prompted him, said the witness, to ask Dawe what he did about "the people who run the boat." Dawe's answer was, according to Smith:

"We turn the money into the company. They don't care what we do with the liquor as long as we get the money."

Oyer followed Smith on the stand and quoted Dawe as having explained further:

"The company makes more out

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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled with occasional rain Saturday; moderate northwesterly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER (Friday)

Maximum temperature, 52. Minimum temperature, 43. Rainfall, none.

River, 1.6 feet.

Atmosphere, clear. Wind, west.

10 SURVIVORS OF FREIGHTER REACH HARBOR

Twenty-Five of Crew Lost During Storm Off Hatteras Tuesday Night

BALTIMORE, March 14.—Ten stolid, beary-eyed sailormen, clad in nondescript clothing, filled down the gang plank of the Norwegian steamer Gissy, which docked here today.

They are the only known survivors of the crew of 35 of the big Ward line freighter Santiago, sunk in the blizzard off Hatteras Tuesday night.

They brought a tale of ship battered by storms for three days, suddenly turning over and going down with her captain lashed to the bridge, her engineer and his assistant down in the hull, and others of the crew scrambling for boats.

Ten stokers were trapped in the fireroom.

The Gissy picked up the ten survivors Wednesday afternoon after they had clung to their capsized lifeboat for hours. When they left the Santiago there were 11, but when the boat overturned, one was washed away.

Two boats were launched but only one succeeded in getting away.

BENJAMIN MAY RUN FOR J. P.

Local Attorney Expected to File His Statement in Near Future

Joseph A. Benjamin, local attorney, is being urged strongly to become a candidate for justice of the peace for the Salem district, and it is believed he will shortly file his statement as a candidate for the Republican nomination for that office. As far as known at the present the only other candidate will be P. J. Kuntz, who occupies the office at the present time.

Mr. Benjamin was formerly assistant attorney general.

BONUS MEASURE UP FOR VOTE TUESDAY

Debate Limited and Amendments Prohibited by House Agreement

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Protected by rules prohibiting amendments and limiting debate, the soldiers' bonus will be brought before the house for a vote next Tuesday.

Under this arrangement, agreed upon in the house today, a two-thirds vote will be necessary for passage, but proponents of the measure tonight predicted its approval. Advocates of a full cash payment or after the principal opposition to the bill as now drawn, but after a protest on the floor today against consideration of the measure under limiting rules, this group said no organized effort to obstruct the measure was to be expected.

The bill provides for paid-up 20-year endowment life insurance policies, and cash payments to veterans entitled to not more than \$50.

WINDSTORM ROCKS COLUMBIA DISTRICT

Pavement on Highway Loosened in Many Cases by Force of Storm

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 14.—Houses and trees of the Mid-Columbia district were rocked today by a heavy windstorm. The weaving of the big trees so loosened the roots that many fell, carrying masses of earth and rocks with them.

In many sections the pavement on the Columbia River highway was damaged.

Many wireless aerials were blown down and limbs of trees and signboards were plentifully scattered over the countryside.

MEANS ADMITS HE COLLECTED FOR SMITH

Former Investigator for Department of Justice Was Money Carrier in Various "Deals"

PERSONS NOT NAMED IN WITNESS' TESTIMONY

Will Be Pressed for Details Next Time on Stand—Time Yet Uncertain

WASHINGTON, March 14.—More sensations—the most lurid of the lot yet developed—tumbled today into the record of the senate committee investigating Attorney General Daugherty.

Gaston B. Means, former investigator for the department of justice, and man of many adventures, who described his present business as "answering indictments," testified that he was the "money carrier" for Jess W. Smith in various deals implying corruption.

He told a startling tale of collections of money for Smith in sums ranging from \$5,000 to \$100,000, and before he finished had brought Secretary Mellon's name into a story about permits for whiskey withdrawals, and said he had even once investigated Attorney General Daugherty himself for the late President Harding.

Charges Unfounded

Means was careful to say that the charges against the attorney general which he investigated then, he found to be without any foundation in fact. He also disclaimed that in his testimony today about Smith's alleged money collections, he had any knowledge of the attorney general being involved, or receiving any of the money collected for Smith or one W. T. Underwood, whom he named in that connection.

At no time, in his story of money collections, did Means identify the people he said he got it from.

Specifically, Means testified that in February, 1922, at Smith's direction, at the old Bellevue hotel in Washington he collected \$100,000 in thousand-dollar bills from an unnamed Japanese representing Mitsui & Co., Japanese bankers, who brought it on behalf of the Standard Aircraft corporation to halt government action toward recovery of over-payments aggregating \$6,000,000 on war contracts. The witness said that Smith came in the night and took the money from him.

Means further testified that at other times he collected from persons he did not name, sums totaling about \$50,000 which he said were for Smith and his associates, who in turn, he said, were protecting the owners of the Carpenter-Dempsey fight films from prosecution when they transported and exhibited them in interstate commerce. The owners of the fight films, Means testified, were Smith, "Jap" Mums, New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer, Will Orr, former private secretary to former Governor Whitman of New York, and one Howard Mannington.

Other collections, Means said, were made by him for Smith on account of whiskey withdrawal permits, and turned over to Smith, but he had not named the amounts nor given specifications when the committee adjourned until tomorrow.

When he returns to the stand Means is to be pressed for details. Senator Wheeler was uncertain tonight whether Means would resume the stand tomorrow or whether Roxie Stinson, divorced wife of Smith, for whom Means was substituted today because Miss Stinson was ill, would continue her testimony.

STATE TREASURER SERIOUSLY ILL

O. P. Hoff's Condition Takes Turn for Worse Is Portland Report

PORTLAND, Or., March 14.—The illness of O. P. Hoff, state treasurer of Oregon, who has been undergoing treatment at a hospital here for some time past, took a grave turn today, according to attending physicians. Resort to blood transfusion was being considered, they said.

WOULD FREE THAW

PHILADELPHIA, March 14.—Common pleas court No. 5 late today granted a petition for a jury trial to determine the sanity of Harry K. Thaw. Ten days' notice must be given to his mother who is "committee of his person" and to the trustees of his estate before the case can proceed.

WALSH IS ILL; OIL COMMITTEE TAKES RECESS

Chief Prosecutor Suffers With Bad Cold—Condition Not Serious

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The oil committee took a sudden recess today until next Tuesday because of the illness of Senator Walsh of Montana, its chief prosecutor.

A cold from which the senator has suffered for some time developed into a slight bronchial trouble and his physician advised him to rest. It was stated that his condition was not serious and that he should be able to resume his duties next week.

Until Senator Walsh returns the order of procedure in the inquiry will be undetermined. There are several phases remaining, including the report of auditors who examined the books of stock brokerage firms; examination of witnesses relating to the story of Leonard Wood, Jr., regarding alleged attempts at "oil deals" during the republican convention at Chicago in 1920; and the question of Harry F. Sinclair.

During the day President Coolidge transmitted to the senate copies of diplomatic correspondence passing between the American and Colombian governments regarding the Colombian treaty, but there was nothing to show that Albert B. Fall, as secretary of the interior, had influenced the administration's course in urging prompt ratification of the long pending convention in 1921.

MABEL GORDOVA IS IN PRISON

Woman Money Order Forger Arrives in Salem From Los Angeles County

"Well, I wanted to quit anyhow and now is a good time," remarked Mrs. Mabel Gordova to Deputy Warden J. W. Lillie as the latter took from the little female prisoner a package of cigarettes upon her arrival at the prison. Deputy Warden Lillie, after relieving the prisoner of other personal property, jokingly asked for her cigarettes and was surprised when his request was granted.

Mrs. Gordova is a federal prisoner, received from Los Angeles county, California, to serve two years and six months for forgery of postoffice money orders. She was indicted on six counts, received the same sentence on each, though the sentences will run concurrently. She is of Spanish descent.

With the arrival of Mrs. Gordova the female population at the prison is increased to seven. The state, in the capacity of boarding-house keeper receives \$40 a month for the keep of each prisoner. Federal prisoners are sent here because of lack of women's accommodations at the federal prisons on the Pacific coast.

WORK PROGRESSES ON RAIL CUT OFF

Eugene-Klamath Line Completed Distance of More Than 30 Miles

PORTLAND, Or., March 14.—Laying of rails on the Eugene-Klamath Falls line of the Southern Pacific railroad has been completed to a total distance of 37½ miles, according to announcement made today by William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific company who is visiting in Portland.

Railroad rails have been laid a distance of 6½ miles beyond Oak Ridge on the North end of the so-called Natron cutoff, according to Mr. Sproule, and for a distance of 31 miles north of Kirk at the south end of the new improvement. This leaves 81 miles to be completed. Contracts for the clearing and grading have been let from both ends of the rail head. At the present time 1,000 men are employed in the work, Mr. Sproule said.

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UNITED ACTION IN IRRIGATION IS TO BE AIM

Future Program for State to Be Based Upon Report of Commission

PORTLAND, Or., March 14.—The future program of irrigation and reclamation in Oregon will be based upon the findings and recommendations of a commission to be appointed jointly by the Portland and state chambers of commerce and given the unrepealed support and cooperation of all irrigation districts of the state seeking federal aid. It was agreed at a meeting today attended by representatives of the Baker, Umatilla, Owyhee, Warm Springs, Harney Valley and Deschutes projects, the Portland chamber and the state body.

The meeting sounded a new note of harmony in the reclamation affairs of Oregon. Throughout the day the committee and individuals progressed step by step until late in the afternoon by unanimous vote the report of the advisory body, which had been asked by the two chamber organizations, was adopted by the districts.

This agreement provided for elimination of contention among the districts, one against the other, and for united action by all in support of the program to be laid down by the commission which is to be created.

WOMEN PRISONERS ARE RESTRICTED

Females at Penitentiary to Be Put On Equal Basis With the Men

Women prisoners at the state prison are being put on the same basis as the men prisoners and will soon be equipped with uniform clothing, probably of calico or some other cheap cloth, according to plans being worked out by J. W. Lillie, deputy warden, who has received permission from Warden A. M. Dalrymple to proceed along the line he has in mind.

"So far the women prisoners, all of them federal prisoners, have hardly known they were in prison," Deputy Warden Lillie said yesterday. "They have dressed as they saw fit. This was not so bad as long as we had only one or two, but now that we have seven women and prospects of one or two more soon, there is going to be a change."

Some time ago the practice of relieving women prisoners of all jewelry, including rings, was adopted. Gradually the restrictions are being placed upon them until they will enjoy no more privileges than are accorded the male inmates of the institution. The men are permitted to spend \$2.50 monthly for luxuries and to place their orders once a month. Mrs. T. E. Cornelius, matron, has been obliging and has gone down town for purchases requested by her charges. These are getting too numerous, according to Deputy Warden Lillie, and it is time to call a halt. In the future the women will be required to use prison stationery and write on one side of the paper only instead of using both sides.

There is little work for the women at the prison and they are occupied by scrubbing and keeping their own quarters in shape. Exercise is obtained by short walks in charge of Mrs. Cornelius. When one or two are taken at a time she is unaccompanied, but when several of the women are exercised at the same time she is generally accompanied by a guard. The women have individual rooms, with heavy metal screens instead of bars. They are securely locked for the night at 8:30 o'clock. With the male prisoners, though they sit in a body by themselves, they are permitted to attend the weekly shows in the prison auditorium.

BAKER HAS SNOW WITH STIFF WIND

BAKER, Or., March 14.—After weeks of warm spring weather, Baker tonight has a blanket of white, and snow falling steadily. With the sun shining brightly until noon today, a stiff wind sprang up bringing clouds and snow flurries of almost unprecedented intensity. The snow is expected to be very heavy in the mountains, thus offsetting, in a measure the water shortage fear for the coming summer.

FRIDAY IN WASHINGTON

The house decided to vote next Wednesday on the soldiers' bonus bill.

Secretary Work proposed legislation to encourage new reclamation projects.

Inquiry into operations of the bureau of internal revenue was begun before a senate committee.

Western livestock producers asked the interstate commerce commission for lower freight rates.

The senate adopted a resolution broadening the powers of the Daugherty investigating committee.

The senate oil committee postponed its hearings until next Tuesday on account of the illness of Senator Walsh.

Curtis N. Wilbur of California was nominated to be secretary of the navy and Hugh Gibson to be minister to Switzerland.

Senator Shipstead, farmer-labor, Minnesota, introduced a resolution asking what the state department knows of the new French loan.

Gaston B. Means told the Daugherty investigating committee a startling tale of corruption which he said had existed in the department of justice.

An agreement was announced between the Washington and Ottawa governments for appointment of national commissions to assist the joint engineering board in planning for the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes deeper waterways project.

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"On several occasions," he continued, "it has been intimated by persons ostensibly acting for Miss Roxie Stinson that for a consideration her silence could be purchased and any documents in her possession could be delivered, all of which deliberate and serious attempts at blackmail—have been absolutely and unconditionally rejected."

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The letter follows:

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"Because of the methods adopted by those who were interested in the interstate movement of this film, speaking generally there was no occasion for the United States attorneys to communicate with the department with respect thereto. For this reason it is deemed not improbable that there are other cases in which lines have been imposed of which the department has no record. The method of these people was for some one to approach the United States attorney and make known to him that he had such a film and ask about exhibiting it. When told that there had been a violation of law in taking the film from one state to another, some person would offer to plead guilty. As a general rule the department did not hear of the cases until after they had been disposed of in court. But, owing to the similarity of procedure followed by those interested in the enterprises the department became convinced that it was the result of a concerted action."

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DAUGHERTY MAKES DENIAL OF TESTIMONY

Says Miss Stinson Is Disappointed Woman Who Blames Him Because She Did Not Get Money

LETTER TO WHEELER GIVEN OUT BY DAVIS

Assistant Attorney General Gave Senator Information of Fight Films

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Attorney General Daugherty tonight made a general public denial of the insinuations against him made in testimony before the senate investigating committee. "Any inference, direct or indirect," he said, "that I ever participated in any way with the late Jess Smith or any one else, for a consideration, either monetary, political or social, in any dishonorable way in connection with the administration of the liquor laws, or any other laws is false and untrue."

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WEST OREGON TEAMS LEADING HOOP TOURNEY

Eugene and Medford are Forecast as Contestants for State Total in Final Game Tonight

REMARKABLE SHOW OF SPIRIT FROM BEND

Telegrams Deluge Team—Medford-La Grande Mix Is Fierce and Fast

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

McMinnville 32; North Bend 24. Eugene 33; St. Helens 18. Medford 35; La Grande 20. Independence 25; Bend 10.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE TODAY

Afternoon—Semi Finals.

2:00—Eugene vs. McMinnville.

3:00—Medford vs. Independence.

Evening—Final

8:00—Winner Eugene-McMinnville vs. winner Medford-Independence.

McMinnville, Eugene, Medford, and Independence were returned winners in the second round of the elimination preliminaries last night. By virtue of their victories they will enter the semi-finals of the state basketball tournament in a neck and neck race for the privilege of playing in the finals. On the basis of performance thus far Eugene and Medford appear sure to contest for the championship tonight.

Telegrams Deluge Salem.

Interest in all the games of the tournament has been running high. The Willamette gymnasium has been filled to capacity with interested and enthusiastic spectators crowding the playing floor to get a glimpse of the games. McMinnville, Eugene, St. Helens, and Medford were represented by delegations of close to a hundred rooters each while Independence was backed by half the town. Telegrams encouraging teams arrived all day. The most remarkable show of local spirit was exhibited by the townspeople of Bend who flooded their representatives with 93 telegrams by actual count at the Western Union office.

With five teams—Pilot Rock, St. Helens, Bend, North Bend and La Grande—eliminated from the running the race has narrowed down to a contest between the four best teams in the state. Exciting contests are predicted in the semi-finals which will be played off this afternoon.

McMinnville Repeats.

In the first game yesterday afternoon the McMinnville boys repeated their feat of a few nights ago by coming from behind in the last few minutes of play and overwhelming the surprised North Bend aggregation by a score of 32 to 24. North Bend led off strong and secured a lead of nine points during the first quarter which appeared sufficient to carry them to certain victory. The slow-starting Yamhill lads soon warmed up to their fast passing offensive and were dropping counters in regularly as they sifted through the weakening North Bend defense for short tries at the basket.

Eugene found St. Helens an easy victim in the second game of the day and defeated them by a score of 33 to 18. The game was rough from beginning to end with personal fouls called regularly.

Eugene Team Strong

Referee Edlunds was roasted warmly by the partisan Salem crowd when he banished Rubens

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Owing to the Increased Volume of CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING Being Carried in The Oregon Statesman 7 o'Clock Saturday Evening is now the CLOSING HOUR for accepting Want-Ads for Sunday's Statesman Ads received after this time will be run under heading Too Late to Classify.

FEDERATION HAS YEAR'S PROGRAM

Community Organization to Meet Monthly—Annual Session Here

A tentative program for the coming year has been outlined by the Marion County Community federation, according to an announcement made by A. N. Fulkerson, president. Plans include monthly meetings until July, with the first fall meeting being held in October. The annual meeting, in January, will be held in Salem as usual under the auspices of the Salem Chamber of Commerce. An economic conference will also be held here for two days, early in December, under the direction of Paul Maris, of Oregon Agricultural college. The program for the remainder of the year is as follows:

April—At Silverton. W. B. D. Dodson, manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and Miss Marjorie Smith, of the domestic science department, OAC, as the principal speakers. Mrs. Lyda King, Marion county health nurse, will also have a prominent part in the meeting.

May—At Marion. N. C. Jameson and W. L. Kaddery, both of OAC, principal speakers. Mrs. Lyda King, county health nurse also to speak.

June—Annual field day demonstration at OAC. This event was attended by a large number of Marion county people last year and a great amount of interest was shown.

July, August and September.—No meetings will be held by the federation.

October—At Stayton. E. E. Faville of Portland and E. R. Jackson of OAC will be the principal speakers.

November—A. S. Dudley, manager of the State Chamber of Commerce, of Portland and C. L. Loag, of OAC, will occupy the chief portion of the meeting.

December—At Central Howell. Deacon E. C. Robbins, University of Oregon, and R. S. Beese, of OAC. The latter will discuss farm management.

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