

FEDERAL MEN ARE ACTIVE IN POISON CASES

Arrests and investigations in Oregon following sudden deaths in Portland of a score of men who drank denatured alcohol were preceded on a much larger scale nationally by the federal food and drug administration, reports received today by state officials revealed.

The federal campaign included action to protect the public against products falsely sold as medicinal whisky, imitations sold as genuine whisky, products clearly short in volume or mislabeled as to alcoholic content, alcoholic candy and various types of poisons.

Approximately 400 samples of whiskies from interstate shipments were collected and analyzed, a report of W. G. Campbell, chief of the food and drug administration, showed. All whiskies were tested for the ordinary denaturants and none were found. Of approximately 250 samples of products represented as medicinal whisky, more than two-thirds failed to meet rigid requirements and 29 seizures resulted, followed by proper re-labeling by manufacturers.

In addition to the actions on medicinal whisky, 49 seizures were made of products incorrectly labeled as whisky or Scotch whisky. As examples were cited articles composed of pomace and raisin brands and colored molasses spirits branded as whisky, and alleged Scotch whisky consisting of a small percentage of Scotch whisky diluted with neutral spirits and colored with caramel.

The report showed 421 seizures of medicinal preparations bearing false and fraudulent therapeutic claims were made, and 232 consignments resulted in criminal prosecution.

One form of food protection involving public health was the campaign against chocolate confections filled with alcoholic liquors containing 5 to 20 percent of alcohol. Wide distribution of such candies among school children was reported.

LOVE OF SPIRITED HORSES COST LIFE

Pettisville, O. (AP)—Paul Frey, 11, was killed because he liked lots of spirit in horses.

The boy had been sent out to one of his father's pastures for one of two horses grazing there. Though the more docile of the two was usually brought in for the chores, Paul decided to bring the wilder and almost unmanageable animal.

He threw a rope around its neck, tied the other end to his wrist, and got astraddle. Then he headed the rambunctious steed toward the house. "The horse, getting rough, bucked and dashed through a woods. As it ran, Paul was thrown off. He was dragged several yards before the rope on his wrist snapped. His father found him later and took him to the home of the boy's grandfather, Jacob Frey, nearby. There Paul died.

HIDES FROM FIRE
Conneaut, O. (AP)—While frantic relatives and firemen sought his "body" in the smoldering ashes of a barn at his parents' farm home, Donnie Riley, 5, had safely burrowed himself eight feet deep in the hay of a neighboring barn.

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Shoe In Road Leads To Hit-Skip Victim

Findlay, O. (AP)—A stray shoe on the highway, among some bits of shattered glass, led to the discovery of the body of Mrs. Myrtle Hiser, 36, mother of five children, in a ditch south of Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stroupe saw a woman's shoe on the road as they drove to the home of a relative at 7 p.m. The shoe was still on the highway when they returned at 11. Stroupe investigated and found the woman's body, apparently the victim of a hit-skip motorist.

Taylor, Tex. (AP)—Cotton crop for this year was about 50 per cent normal, it was indicated here. Up to Nov. 1, a total of 14,334 bales of cotton had been ginned here, whereas last year at the same time 27,324 bales had been ginned.

QUAKE LOOKOUT TO AID CANAL

Washington (AP)—Security of the Panama Canal is expected to be enhanced by information gathered from the earth's crust by the Huanacayo Observatory of the Carnegie Institution's Department of Terrestrial Magnetism.

The observatory is the second highest seismological station in the world. It is 11,000 feet high, in the Andes Mountains of Peru. Knowledge of earthquake movements in the earth's crust, it is believed, will prove valuable in safeguarding the Panama Canal from landslides.

The information is expected to aid also in determining the feasibility of constructing a canal across Nicaragua.

The earthquake in the basin of the Pacific coast just off the coast of Panama, on July 17, was recorded at Huanacayo. Exact determination of the center of the quake was made possible by the Observatory.

Valuable information on earthquake records is transmitted without delay to Washington by a powerful radio station, thus permitting the immediate location of the seat of a disturbance.

Elyria, O. (AP)—Gus Thomas does not like to have his ears nipped by rifle bullets. Police, to whom he protested, found a small boy living near Thomas had been practicing with a rifle and that some of his shots had come across the yard where Thomas was working. The boy was warned.

SUGAR PALM FEELS EXPERTS

New York (AP)—One of the rarest trees in the world, a sugar palm, has just played a botanical variation of the role of Lazarus, and has been "resurrected" by some mysterious force of nature.

Last summer, at the New York Botanical Garden, the 90-foot tree was thought to be dying, and problem of how to remove its huge corpse seemed imminent. But instead, flowers began to appear. One tassel was discovered in October; a second in November; and now, Dr. E. D. Merrill, director, who has seen many trees of this type in their native habitats, declares that about every month or so a new inflorescence will come out, each from the axil of the next lower leaf, until the lowest leaf is reached. Then, the tree will die.

This sugar palm might be known as the 33-year tree, because in Malaya, the land of its origin, and in the many Pacific islands where it has been introduced, it lives about 30 years, then it blossoms and dies. The natives, however, frequently give it no opportunity to live its full life span, for the tree furnishes many important products for them. From the flower-stalks sap is obtained, which is boiled into excellent sugar or fermented into a palatable wine, in the Philippines, called tuba. Other parts of the tree furnish a durable thatch for houses, fibers for ropes, caulking for boats, and other materials for brooms, baskets, raincoats, and an inferior sort of tapoca. In addition, the nuts, the pulp around which is filled with millions of microscopic needles of oxalate lime, are cooked and eaten—unless they are strewn on the paths around fish ponds to keep away barefooted poachers. The nuts also are thrown into pools to stun fish and make them easier to catch.

**Lapland War Tablet
Given To Canadians**
Toronto, Ont. (AP)—A tablet, which was placed in the old Red Star liner Lapland to commemorate the landing of the first Canadian Contingent in Britain in the fall of 1914, has been turned over to the Second Canadian Infantry Brigade association here. It was placed on the transport ship by Col. Arthur Currie, later General Sir Arthur Currie, commander-in-chief of the Canadian Expeditionary Force who died in 1933.

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