

NATIONS CLEVEREST DRY AGENT

Youth by Two Years' Daring Detective Work, Smashes Big Rum Ring



Alfred H. Hubbard
Dry agent

A PICTURE STORY THAT WOULD MAKE A THRILLING NOVEL

By NEA Service

SEATTLE, May 23.—To a young man of 23 years, who only a few years ago had visions of becoming a great inventor, goes the credit for one of the most daring and clever pieces of detective work in the history of prohibition enforcement.

For Alfred H. Hubbard, almost single-handed, has smashed the great rum running ring of the Pacific northwest.

He emerges from the maze and intricacies of this gigantic conspiracy with a tale so thrilling that it rivals the fictionist. Not even Sherlock Holmes was ever called upon to enact a more ingenious role, and the derring-do of D'Arctagnan is matched in this story of a mere boy who pitted his wits and his nerve against a band of super-criminals such as are

known to only one craft—boot-legging.

Joins Rum Ring

And here is what Hubbard did: More than two years ago he went to Washington with a "mystery motor" that he believed would extract energy from the sun's rays.

A short time later he appeared in the northwest. His knowledge of radio caused Roy Olmsted, convicted leader of the rum runners, to employ him to build a radio broadcasting station.

Hubbard soon won the confidence of Olmsted that he was made his first lieutenant in the daring game of smuggling liquor down the coast from foreign ships anchored near the Canadian coast.

Hubbard won this position by his bravery, because he volunteered for the most dangerous trips

of the rum runners.

He delivered large quantities of liquor by truck and boat. More than once he was chased by other federal and state agents, unaware of his identity. Shots from their rifles came mighty close to him several times.

Hubbard's next move was to induce Olmsted to allow him to keep the books of the rum runners. Secretly, he kept a duplicate set for the government and learned of money passing to corrupt officials.

Threetimes he was arrested and stayed in jail for several days. For nearly two years he carried his life in his hands and then he sprang his coup.

No one was more surprised than state and federal agents who had been working on the same case.

And now more than 350 people have been indicted as the result of Hubbard's daring work, including police officials, sheriffs, coast guard officers, a naval aviator, steamer captains, business men and speed boat skippers.

It was Hubbard's knowledge of science that really enabled him to work into the inner circles of the rum ring. Radio broadcasting station KFQX at Seattle, which he built for Olmsted, was one of the best known stations in the northwest. The story is told—though never proved—that through this station Mrs. Elsie Olmsted, wife of the rum king, broadcast code signals to rum boats in the Puget Sound region.

She told bedtime stories to "Aunt Vivien" to an appreciative audience of children, and it was whispered, to dare-devil men showing speedboats south from Canada.

Repaired Rum Ship

In Olmsted's palatial home Hubbard lived and worked—for the federal prohibition department. As an engineer, he was called in at first to put rum boat engines in repair when they ceased to function.

And now Olmsted, dubbed the king of Rum-ania, has drawn a four-year sentence and a \$10,000 fine. He has appealed.

And in a Seattle hotel room, with two six-guns and a bandoleer handy, sits Hubbard, guarded by federal men, for his life would not be worth a nickel were he to run afoul of one of the ring's plug-uglies.

Two years he has carried his life at his finger tips. They haven't got him—not yet. And he is not afraid that they will. Moral: If you want action, join Uncle Sam's dry forces.

GOOD MEMORY AIDS DISABLED WAR VET

CAMAS, Wash., (UP)—Memory proved to be a wonderful thing for Elmer S. Murray, disabled veteran of the world war who drifted down here from Alaska and became paralyzed.

Hospital papers lost, discharge missing, and with a total lack of official documents, the way was apparently barred for Murray's entrance into the veterans bureau hospital. But memory came to his aid.

J. D. Currie, local attorney, heard of the case so visited Murray and demanded: "What are your general orders?"

"To walk to my post in a military manner, and to observe all that takes place within sight or hearing," Murray began. By the time he got down to "salute all colors and standards not cased" Currie was convinced and immediately took steps that placed Murray in the veterans hospital in Portland.

Hospital authorities, after receiving the patient, telegraphed to Washington for his war record.

Judge Stands Up For Modern Girl

JUDGE STANDS—17—SEATTLE, (UP)—Superior Judge H. Stevenson, in an address at a local women's meeting.

When it comes to a choice between sane, sensible and safe short skirts and hoop skirts and bustles, Judge Stevenson said he will choose the knee-length garment every time.

The judge granted that a girl should not smoke but said he sees no harm in the fact that some of them do. "Remember the corn cob pipes many of their grandmothers smoked," he reminded.

"They didn't go to perdition because of cut plug consumption, and neither will fog smokers of today."

Diamond Lake hatcheries shipped more than 5,000,000 trout eggs during May.

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Woman Graduates Are In Majority

EUGENE, Ore., (UP)—That women of Oregon are taking equal rights seriously is evidenced by the approximate 50-50 ratio of the University of Oregon graduating class for this year.

Four hundred and seventy-five seniors received diplomas here at the commencement exercises June 13, and of this number there were 17 more women than men. Not content with leading in numbers, the girls also have a big margin on their sterner brothers in scholarships.

In states, California lead all others outside of Oregon.

It Sounded Like Real German Raid

LONDON, (UP)—So deeply impressed was the English consciousness by the wartime air raids that it is still possible to hear folks say, in commenting upon a bright, clear evening with an early moon, "They'll be over tonight."

Robert Coleman, a baker, had just made such an observation to his wife in their front bedroom when there was a tremendous crash, and the house appeared to be tumbling down. Dense smoke filled the rooms and there was every indication of an air raid.

Investigation proved that there had been. An airplane, flying in formation from Kenley military aerodrome on a practice bombing raid, had lost one of its smoke bombs. It had crashed through the Coleman roof, knocked a hole through the second landing floor, and bounded about in the living room. The Colemans were uninjured.

Giant Sea Walls Have Been Built

SANTA BARBARA, Two gigantic sea-walls, said to be the largest in the United States, have been constructed under direction of the state highway commission between Ventura and Santa Barbara.

The walls replace wooden causeways, and were completed after 15 months of work.

The Ventura-Santa Barbara coast highway will be closed to traffic in the fall, while it is resurfaced. Traffic during the period of reconstruction will be diverted over Castita Pass.

The sea-walls are 4,337 and 1,294 feet in length.

Ranchers Revive Old Cattle Days

MATFIELD GREEN, Kans., (UP)—Harking back to former days when fences were unknown in these parts and when cowboys abounded the large ranches, cattlemen of the Flint Hills section of Kansas have found trailing cattle a more economical method of moving them than shipping by rail.

Long trails of dust laden clouds were seen near here this spring when Crocker Brothers, extensive cattle raisers of this country, moved a herd of more than 2,500 head by trailing from the Osage country in Oklahoma to Chase and Butler counties of Kansas. The cattle had been wintered on pastures in the Osage country.

The greater part of the herd was rounded up in the vicinity of Koroaker, Okla., and driven to the south part of Chase county, Kans. According to the owners, the drive required ten days.

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Clare Dux, the opera singer, is going to marry a millionaire, showing Chicago has some smart Dux.

Getting so when you see a picture of a knock-kneed person you think it is someone dancing.

Just because a woman says she needs a new hat, that's no sign she doesn't.

Babe Ruth got arrested for fishing out of season, so maybe he had to fish out of his pocket then.

Moderator For Oregon is Named

ROSEVILLE, Cal., June 23.—Elder T. E. Griffith of Springfield, Oregon, was elected moderator of the Eastern Baptist association of California and Oregon, which Monday closed a four-day session here.

Astoria—Work begins during July on \$200,000 Lutheran Hospital.

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