#### Tuesday, July 22, 1919

# REVENUE MEN FAIL TO STOP MOONSHINERS

Traffic in Illicit Whisky Continues Unabated.

### **EVERY APPROACH IS WATCHED**

pokouts Prepared to Shoot First and Ask Questions Afterward-Desperate Men of Hills Spend Day in Villages, Make "Mountain Dew" at shine Country.

and Tennessee continues unabated, de- sleep in one room. A man will think spite the efforts of the government to nothing of drinking a quart of whisky put an end to the illicit distillation of liquor. In some quarters the volume for newspapers, magazines or books, of business done by the moonshiners and pay little attention to what is gohas even increased. Their output has ing on outside their mountains. been supplying thousands of people with "booze" in an otherwise "dry" territory.

and skilled marksmen. succeeded in concenling their stills in the forbidding mountains of the South, and their friends and neighbors are taineers assert it is impossible to ship banded together to protect the industry. Lookouts stationed in the wooded valleys and in the shadowy recesses scan every approach and are prepared to shoot first and ask questions afterward. It is for these reasons that officers of the internal revenue depart- ment keep the "revenuers" away. ment, familiarly known to the moonshiners as "revenuers," have failed to stop the industry. Many government officers have met death in their unsuccessful efforts to locate the mountain it is because of these precautions that stills and to arrest the moonshiners.

Prohibition Aids Moonshiners, The moonshine business has been made an unusually flourishing busi- ous districts of the South. ness recently because of the numerous localities that have gone "dry" as a result of local option laws. Despite the heavy penalties for operating a still, there have been few convictions.

The center of the moonshine district is in Kentucky and comprises Clay, Laurel, Leslie, Knox and Jackson counties. These neighboring counties are in the southeastern part of the state, and but a short distance from the Tennessee line. It has been estimated that there are at least 20 moonshine stills in Clay county.

In Clay county, home of feudists, where for years good marksmanship has been the only price of safety to members of the lighting families, the moonshiners and their associates are said to be more numerous than in any other part of the state. London, in Laurel county, is the nearest railroad point to the heart of the moonshine listrict.

Travelers are not welcomed in the moonshine country. A stranger touring the mountains can expect at any moment to see a rifle barrel gleam from out of the underbrush and at the same time receive a warning to leave. Should the visitor, however, be vouched for by mountaineers who can guarantee that he is not a "revenuer," a curious stranger or a possible enemy to the moonshine industry, he is free

seek to destroy the copper coll in which the vapor is condensed. These coils are difficult to replace, as they have to be brought from Ohio, which is nearly 200 miles from the moonshine district

City dealers will not always sell coils to mountaincers, and as a result the moonshipers often have been forced employ a confederate to make the purchase for them. When the coll finally has been secured, the moonshiner has the difficult task of taking it home unobserved Arriving at London Simple to Do, and Few Things Add he has to conceal it in a bag of meal or in a barrel of oil. The moonshiner will then throw the bag over the back of a mule and proceed on his way to

the still, high in the mountains. The whisky makers of the Kentucky and Tennessee mountains do not seek to be interrupted in their chosen vocation of making "mountain dew," nor do they desire the society of the "blue Night, and Go to Church on Sunday grass" section to come near them, fear--Travelers Not Welcome in Moon- ing that they will suffer ignominy in comparison. The mountaineers live the lives they please, regardless of what

The traffic in moonshine whisky in the outside world has prescribed as the mountain fastnesses of Kentucky conventional. A whole family will Defend Moonshine Industry.

#### The moonshiners have failed to un-

derstand why the government should The moonshiners are desperate men interfere with their business. They They have maintain that they raise their own corn in land they own. Because of the lack of railroad facilities, the mounthe grain to the cities. The roads are too hilly and rocky to haul the corn to the villages, and, in order to make a living for their family, are forced to manufacture whisky. All the moonshiner asks is that the govern-The crafty maker of moonshine al-

ways is prepared to back up his logic by engaging in gun play with any stranger who disagrees with him, and the government has found it difficult to put an end to the illicit manufacture of liquor in the rough mountain-

#### NOT WORST PROSPECTS

#### United States Troops in Germany Objects of Envy to Britishers.

The following are extracts from the Watch on the Rhine, a paper published for the benefit of the troops in the American army of occupation :

"The prospects for the soldier in the American army of occupation are not the worst in the world, according to a group of Tommles from Cologne whe visited Andernach one Sunday recently. The Tommies say they would be 'bally well delighted' if they had the prospects of going home that the Americans have. They said that, although they will soon finish their duties in Germany, they must then go to India for service.

"The British soldiers were also greatly pleased with the Enlisted Men's club on the Rhine and the cafeteria in Andernach. In most of the towns where the British are billeted, they said, it was impossible to even buy cigarettes. The big event for the Tommles stationed near Cologne is a boat trip to Andersuch or Coblenz once a week.

#### Daily Thought.

its system and wants to play the great To receive honestly is the best game of the people, for the people and to enter the danger zone. Very few thanks for a good thing .- George Macby the people.

# HAD TO SEE HUSBAND Woman Who Was Refused a Ship Pas-

More to the Appearance of

a House.

ter hardy dwarf evergreens, such as

boxwood, young pines, spruce, arbor-

vitae and junipers may be used in the

body of the box with English ivy to

English daisles or pansies may also be

used. There is, of course, no difficul-

ty whatever in obtaining plants to oc-

that are suitable for window and

may be found those that will thrive

in sunny, shaded or partly shaded

places. Plants for window boxes can be

roughly grouped in three divisions-

fast about these divisions. In small

boxes it is advisable to dispense with

the taller kinds, and sometimes an ex-

cellent effect can be obtained by us-

petunias by themselves, because of

their strong growth and sprawly hab-

It, furnish adequate height and at the

same time trail sufficiently to hide the

FRUIT TREES IN THE CITY

Suggestion That Would Seem to Be

Worthy of Serious Consideration

by Authorities.

I have often asked why we could

not have in parks, along our boule-

vards and along our streets apple,

peach and cherry trees. The answer

given was that boys would climb the

trees and eat the fruit. The robins,

When a boy I gathered hazelnuts on

land now included in Lincoln park and

they tasted fine to a boy with a torn

straw hat, one suspender and not

much else for clothing, writes a corre-

spondent of the Chicago Daily News.

But park commissioners rarely give

used for elms and sickly shrubbery.

Consider the amount of fruit and

nuts the children might have at no.

greater expense than we now have

just to raise a few leaves and see them

Here is a field for the boy scouts.

And a field that is worthy of any or-ganization that has American blood in

enjoy their shade.

blown awny!

too, would eat the cherries.

front of the box.

cupy the boxes during the summer. There is a large number of plants

furnished

sage Stowed Away. tion of Mrs. Mary Joy, stowaway wife | ton, Oregon of a machinist working at the Union Iron works in San Francisco, to Purser George F. Roberts of the Matson Nav-KEEP BOXES AT WINDOWS Igation company's liner Lurline, which

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arrived there after a 7½-day trip from Honolulu. "I went to the Pacific Mail company office in Honolulu, and they told me

they were booked solid for a year, and These who can afford to spend the the Matson office told me they were time and money need experience no booked six months ahead, so I just difficulty in having window boxes well left," she declared. with . handsome plants

Six hours out she was found under a bed by Roberts. At first she thought throughout the entire year. In winthat the ship's officers were going to make her work her way or put her in irons, but she offered Roberts \$86, the price of the passage, which he accepttrail over the edge. In early spring ed, and led her to a cabin which hapvarious bulbous plants-tulips, crocus and daffodils-are available. Double pened to be vacant.

Her hushand, Al B. Joy, a former machinist in the navy from whom she has been absent one month, met her when the vessel docked at pier 32.

#### Man Weighs 744 Pounds.

David McGuire, seventy-four years old, of Silver Lake, Wis., has the repuporch box gardening. Among them tation of being the world's largest man, He weighs 744 pounds and stands six feet seven inches in height. It is not very often that he stands or trailers, plants of medium size for the walks, however, as the giant has too second row and taller ones for the much weight for his limbs to hear with back row. There is nothing hard and comfort.

Recently a specially fitted wagon drawn by a single horse broke down under his weight. Five farm hands strained their muscles to assist the ing one variety alone. Some of the giant back in the wagon.

Agents for circuses have made many efforts to secure the services of the fat man. But he has turned down their fabulous salaries, preferring to live quietly on his big farm.

France Has 550,000 Ruined Buildings. There are 550,000 buildings to be reconstructed in the devastated districts of northern France, according to statistics given to the chamber of deputies. Three hundred thousand buildings were destroyed and 250,000 were partly demolished.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (Not Coal Land)

Department of the Interior, U. S. and Office at La Grande, Oregon, June 5, 1919.

Notice is hereby given that Cliff O. Dewey, of Pendleton, Oregon, that kind of boy a thought nor the use who on April 20, 1915, made Homethat could be made of the space now stead Entry, No. 014596, for Lots 1 What tree more beautiful than an and 2, S1/2 NE1/4, SE1/4, Section 4, apple, peach or cherry abloom? Wal- Township 1 south, range 29 east, nuts, hickory nuts and others are 100 Willamette Meridian, has filed noper cent American and would tend to tice of intention to make three-year make 100 per cent Americans of every proof, to establish claim to the land hoy and girl who eat of their fruit or

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"I just had to see my husband, and Guy French. Paul Kessler, Clara notice of intention to make threeso I stowed away," was the explana- Card. George Parrot, all of Pendle- year proof to establish claim to the

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Notice is hereby given that Fran- ane, Oregon. is A. Gilliland, of Pilot Rock ,Ore-

above described before R. T. Brown, on, who on July 6, 1914, made Clerk of County Court, at Pendleton, Homestead Entry, No. 013559, for Oregon, on the 12th day of August, S12 SE14 Sec. 1; W12 NE14, Sec 12, Township 3 south, range 25 Claimant names as witnesses; east, Willamette meridian, has filed land above described, before I. M. C. S. DUNN, Register. Schannep, U. S. Commissioner, at Pilot Rock, Oregon, on the 4th day

of August, 1919. Claimant names as witnesses:

George W. Bacon, Pendleton, Ore-Department of the Interion, U. S. gon, James W. Bowers, Portland, Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, Oregon, George F. Jones, Pilot Rock, Oregon, and David Wymore, Gurd-

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strangers, however, can secure this Donald personal guarantee of safety.

#### Raise Their Own Corn.

The moonshiners raise their own corn to be used in the manufacture of While the mountaineers whisky. maintain that the corn is raised for commercial purposes and for fodder, very little of the grain is devoted to these ends.

The moonshipe business thrives in the autumn after the crops have been harvested. In the spring and summer the stills are not operated extensively. owing to the fact that the moonshiner are busily engaged in taking care of their grain and garden truck. During the day the men spend most of their time in the little mountain villages. After nightfall, however, they gather around the stills. When darkness comes the smoke from the fires is not visible and as a result detection is not ensy.

The mountaineers of the moonshine districts are simple-minded, but hospitable. They will take the stranget in, feed him and keep him overnight, He is watched continually, however The houses are mostly one-story log cabins. There are no carpets and the planks in the floors have wide cracks between them. Despite their filicit business, the moonshiners are devout hurchgoers. Every Sunday they go to the nearest church. Sometimes noonshiner may meet an enemy in church. They will leave the service and shoot at each other with big-callher revolvers. If one of the mountaineers is lucky enough to survive the shooting affair, he may return to hurch and hear the rest of the ser-

Lawsuits Popular in Mountains. The moonshiners take great pleasure in going to court. They will bring a tawault against a neighbor on the slightest pretense. The man who loses will likely secure revenge by shooting the winner.

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