

Rum Smugglers Using Fast Type of Automobiles

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And the activities of the revenue agents are not confined to counter attack alone. In fact, it is by conducting an offensive rather than a defensive that the officers of the law have been most successful in frustrating the plans of the liquor traffickers.

The general plan of offensive followed by the law enforces in Ontario, especially along the Essex border, is well illustrated by the nightly activities of the famous Hallam Strong-Arm squad. This squad of five "heroes," captained by Rev. J. O. Spracklin, the two-fisted parson of Sandwich, Ont., is giving the liquor outlaws a real run for their money, or, as more accurately expressed, a real run for their liquor. The adventures of the Strong-Arm squad read like a story from the pages of fiction.

In the dead of the night the squad's big six touring car, a powerful Paige Lakewood, purchased by the government especially for this work, capable of traveling 75 miles per hour, stands poised at the side of an apparently deserted road, ready for action. In it sit the five strong-arm men of the law, ostensibly at ease, but actually with every sense alert. The car's lights are out. The man at the wheel, S. M. Hallam, a husky six-footer, is an expert in the handling of a motor car. He is, in fact, an automobile racing driver. All five are powerful men—men of great physical strength, and hence men who know no fear.

A throb of a distant engine filters through the heavy night air. A car is approaching from the rear at high speed. The strong-arm squad prepares for action. Automatics are shifted for convenient positions, ready for the attack when the proper moment arrives.

The approaching rum-runners are within two hundred feet of the way-layers when suddenly the road is illuminated by the headlights of the car lying in wait. The driver of the rum-running car sets his teeth, pushes the accelerator to the floor board and runs the gauntlet of the light barrage. Shots directed at the way-layers, ring out as the outlaw car whizzes past. Return shots ring out, aimed at the tires of the passing car. The big Paige is in motion the moment the outlaw gives evidence that he will chance the passage of the light barrier. The chase is on.

Away goes the outlaw at his top-most speed. Sixty miles an hour is nothing—for a risk of death is better than a certainty of prison. But behind comes a car which is gradually speeding up to 75. The dividing distance slowly diminishes.

Revolvers crack ominously, but finally cease. The outlaw's ammunition is exhausted—but still the cars race on. Now they are abreast. An officer of the pursuing car climbs out on the running-board and then changes cars with a deft leap. The battle of automobile is won.

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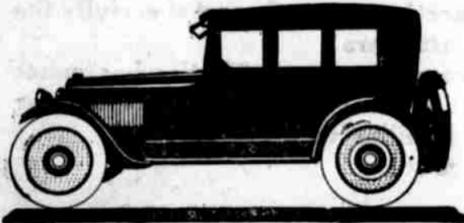
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