

DEADLOCK THREATENS IRISH PEACE

DESCRIBES HOW LARGEST STILL WAS CAPTURED

Lane Moloney, Prohibition Chief, Tells Details of Golden Valley Case

BIGGEST HE EVER FOUND

Officer Declares Still Largest Unregistered Still Captured in United States

Tucked away among the buttes of the Bad Lands of western North Dakota, 25 miles from a railroad, federal officers have found and destroyed the largest illicit still ever captured in the United States, according to Lane Moloney, North Dakota chief for the prohibition forces. Mr. Moloney, in Bismarck told details of the seizure.

The still—of 345 gallon capacity—was operated by a Kentuckian, assisted by a French-Canadian. All the equipment of a distillery, including a gauge to test the alcoholic content of the liquor, was found, according to Mr. Moloney.

"I claim this is not only the largest still seized in the Northwest since national prohibition became effective but also the largest unregistered still ever seized by government agents in the United States or its possessions," said Mr. Moloney, "and I believe the records of the internal revenue department will bear me out in the statement."

One of the largest stills seized heretofore was found in George, 25 miles from the city of Atlanta, according to the dry chief. This was of about 250 gallon capacity and was seized by Mr. Moloney and other agents.

Wanted to Pay Mortgage.

The ferreting out of the hiding place of the still by the federal agents cut short the hope of Lee Williams of paying off a mortgage on his 900-acre ranch in the northwestern corner of Golden Valley county, a half mile from the Montana line, according to the story he is said to have told Moloney.

Williams, 39, came to North Dakota from Kentucky 18 years ago and acquired the ranch. He has 100 head of cattle and 100 horses, but had been unable to lift a mortgage from his place.

Last fall he conceived his scheme of making liquor on a large scale, and when he decided to build a new house on the edge of a coulee on his lonely ranch he made plans to put in the big still, the agent said. When the foundation of the house was completed the still was installed—it was so large it could not have been put in after the house was finished. On two sides of the basement, built into the wall, were four vats, each of 300 gallon capacity. The best copper coils made were used and other necessary appliances were of good quality. The big still was operated from 6 A. M. until midnight when working at full capacity, and this necessitated Williams and his French-Canadian assistant working in shifts. However, when they did not desire to operate the big still they had another double-strength copper still of 100 gallon capacity.

Worked Two Shifts.

Federal officers refuse to give details on the amount of liquor which might be manufactured in the big still in a day, but as an indication of the extensive scale on which the manufacturing was carried on permitted it to be known that they learned Williams had bought a carload of corn for use in liquor-making, had it shipped to Beach and hauled it overland 25 miles to his ranch. They found the vats full at the time of the seizure, containing 1,200 gallons of mash. They confiscated eleven 50-gallon barrels full of moonshine whiskey and also found a few gallons in a keg which was used in catching fluid as it escaped from the still, which was in operation at the time of the seizure.

An incident of the operation was told the officers by Williams. During a cloudburst in the Bad Lands, when the coulee filled up with rushing water from the hills, two 50-gallon barrels of whiskey cached in the path of the waters, were being carried away. In attempting to recover them with a horse the horse was drowned and Williams had a narrow escape from drowning.

When the officers began to demolish the still they found they could not take it out of the house intact. They chopped it into sections, and removed the connections. Williams is a married man, but his wife was away visiting at the time of the raid. He was taken before United States Commissioner Halliday at Beach and released on bond of \$2,000 pending the serving of a warrant for his arrest by the United States marshal. The French-Canadian was released on bond of \$1,000. Williams did not tell the officers of having had any previous experience in moonshine-making in Kentucky, but the officers say he was very familiar with the process of manufacturing liquor.

Other Captures.

Moloney said that in his prohibition enforcement work in the Northwest he had found one or two cases where many stills were operated but the combined capacity was not as large. He said that he raided a Finlander in the swamps on the upper Crow Wing river in Minnesota who operated 18 stills, but that all of them did not have one-third the capacity of Williams' big still. He said that (Continued on Page 3)

FATHER OF PRESIDENT AND HIS BRIDE



THESE PICTURES OF DR. GEORGE T. AND MRS. HARDING WERE POSED ESPECIALLY FOR THE NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION ON THEIR RETURN TO THEIR HOME IN MARION, O.

COUPLE TO LIVE IN MARION

Marriage Follows Old-Fashioned Courtship With Buggy and Sorrel

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Marion, Ohio, Aug. 15.—It was an old-fashioned romance that led to the marriage of Marion's happiest couple, Dr. and Mrs. George T. Harding.

For instance, the doctor did his courting with horse and buggy. When the father of the president of the United States went calling, he—

But let the bride and groom speak for themselves.

"Well," begins the doctor, "our little romance—that's what they call it, isn't it?—is probably the result of being so long acquainted."

"You see," explains his bride, "we've known each other for twenty-five years."

"Folks get pretty well acquainted in that length of time," says the doctor. "Doctor's Helper."

"But, George," interrupts Mrs. Harding, "it only has been during the past three years that we have been what you might call close friends. I've been in the doctor's office for that length of time as a sort of helper. I saw Dr. Harding every day."

"Every day including Sunday," emphasized the doctor. "Alice has lived only a few doors down the street from me. She roomed at Fred Zuchman's home, you know."

"Rooming is a more or less lonely existence," comments Mrs. Harding. "I pity anyone who must room forever."

"When Sundays rolled around," continues the doctor, "I just got in the habit of hitching up the horse and taking a little drive. I don't banker much for automobiles, you know; the old sorrel is swift enough for me."

"I do love a horse," says the bride. "Just Room For Two."

"And there's just room for one more in my buggy," the doctor smiles. "So I'd stop for Alice. Our favorite drive—Well, I can't say there was any particular one. We have a lot of good roads around Marion."

"And then when we didn't get driving George would just come over and sit on the front porch," puts in Mrs. Harding. "And once in awhile we would dine out together."

"Our marriage was quite sudden," confesses the doctor. "Very!" says his bride.

"Nobody expected it. In fact, we didn't expect it ourselves—that is, not exactly. I just happened to be going to Detroit for the day and I suggested to Alice that she might like to take the trip with me. Then, I popped:

"While we're up there we can run over to Canada and get married."

"She was so completely surprised she simply couldn't object. And away we went without waiting to do any fancy."

Change in Plans. "The only thing we changed was our plans," exclaimed Mrs. Harding. "We finally were married in Monroe, Mich., instead of in Canada."

"That's all there is to our little romance," concludes the doctor. "Honey-moon to Washington and the White House?"

"Not right away. 'But Warren may run down here before long," says the doctor, "though he has a pretty big job and works at it pretty hard."

Dr. Harding is 76; his bride is 52.

MORE PAVING AT FORKS. Grand Forks, N. D., Aug. 15.—Petition for more paving here to connect two avenues has been granted by the city commission. Bids will be advertised for work. Bids for the sale of \$16,000 worth of auditorium bonds have been advertised for.

RUSH OF BOOZE THROUGH STATE IS THREATENED

Federal Dry Chief For Northwest Worried Over Canadian Courts Decision

CANADA NOT TO INTERFERE

Courts Decide Customs Officials Have No Right to Stop Liquor Shipments

A booze rush from Canada is expected by federal prohibition officers. North Dakota is one of the states through which the rush is expected to be made before cold weather sets in.

Federal agents may not be able to curb the traffic, according to a Minneapolis newspaper which quoted an admission of Emerson E. Hunt, prohibition director for the Northwest, on receipt of dispatches that the Canadian courts have ruled customs men on the other side of the northern border have no right to interfere with shipments of liquor into the United States. The Minneapolis News, telling of the situation, said:

Boundary Pled High. The boundary line from east to west is admittedly piled high with cases and cases which have already diminished through large shipments into the Northwest since the decision.

At Detroit, free from interference on the Canadian side, rum runners piled back and forth across the river in launches and other craft in such numbers that federal agents were without sufficient forces to deal with the invasion, information reaching here today indicated. Later state troops were sent there to stop the rum running.

In North Dakota the situation will be especially difficult to meet, Mr. Hunt admitted.

There the runners, already familiar with the best trails, and established with the border dwellers, will be practically free from interference, but for the action of state officials.

Decision of the Canadian courts was followed by a rush of the runners for clearance papers, it was reported here. Thousands upon thousands of quarts of bonded liquors wait only for a time propitious for the move when they will be transported to cities throughout the Northwest.

In northern Minnesota, Mr. Hunt stated, so much difficulty is not expected as police of Duluth and Superior are co-operating in an attempt to stem the booze flow, thus far very effectively.

Hampers Minneapolis Drive. Coming at a time when Minneapolis police are laying plans for an offensive on the city bootleggers, the influx of Canadian liquor will make the task doubly hard, it was conceded.

The first night after the decision was rendered by Canadian courts, according to reports, 75 federal agents failed to stem the stream of whisky that crossed the Detroit river in the open.

It is pointed out that in Minneapolis, where hiding places are numerous, officers will experience much difficulty rounding up offenders.

Meanwhile, runners who had ceased operations on account of danger on the Canadian side, are again grooming the speed cars for the dash across the Dakota prairies in the quest of the cup, which in addition to cheering, has made many men rich.

Former Detective in Des Moines Says Ambrose Small is Located

HIS STORY IS DOUBTED

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 15.—Local police officials today were inclined to discredit the story given out by Frank Hearty, former assistant chief of police, now private detective, that he has found Ambrose Small, Toronto millionaire, who has been missing from his Canadian home for more than two years.

Hearty and his associates refused to tell where the man they believed to be Small is located.

Hearty has announced some definite information will be given out on the arrival of persons from Toronto late today or tomorrow whom he expects to substantiate his identification. The man Hearty has under surveillance, he says, has been in Des Moines for about six months. He says he is legless and mentally incapacitated as a result of an accident or gun-shot wound.

John Broppy, former chief of detectives here who is working on the case with Hearty, says the man they believed to be Small was brought to Des Moines more than a year ago. He intimated that he was brought here by John Doughty, Small's former secretary, who is serving a term in a Canadian prison for the theft of some of the millionaire's stock and bonds.

Hearty says the man was fairly well supplied with money and that he was left in the care of a private family which promised to keep his whereabouts a secret.

Broppy says it is impossible to engage the man in actual conversation. He says his replies are invariably "yes" or "no" and frequently meaningless.

Small cannot explain why he left Toronto in December, 1919. A reward of \$50,000 is offered for his return to Toronto.

A local theatrical man who had dealings with Small in Toronto several years ago has been taken to see the man. He says he is sure the man is Small.

BARN IS BURNED. A barn in the rear of Tom O'Connor's home, on Seventeenth street, was destroyed by fire about 8:30 o'clock this morning. The barn was ablaze when the department reached there, Chief Jager said, and he was unable to determine the cause of the fire.

SWIMMING POOL BENEFIT WILL BE ON TONIGHT

Those who know what the old swimmin' hole was are guaranteed a lot of fun and those who never enjoyed splashing in the old swimmin' hole will find out what they missed, at the Eltinge theater tonight and tomorrow night.

The swimming pool benefited performances, showing the Charles Ray picture enacting the scenes of James Whitcomb Riley's famous poem, will be given on these nights. People are urged to attend the first show, at 7:30 P. M., because of big crowds expected.

The presentation of the bathing suit made for W. A. McDonald by members of the Business and Professional Women's club will be made either tonight or tomorrow night, and it was expected the bathing suit—truly an immense creation—would be on exhibition in the lobby this evening.

Chicago Lawyer Appears as Counsel for Former Wife Accused of Murder

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 15.—Arthur C. Burch and Mrs. Madelyne Obenchain, arraigned in superior court on an indictment charged with the murder of J. B. Kennedy, asked for an extension of time in which to plead. They were granted until Aug. 22.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 15.—When Mrs. Madelyne Obenchain was taken into court today to answer to a murder charge involving the death here Aug. 5 of J. Belton Kennedy, broker, Ralph B. Obenchain, her former husband, was at the counsel's table as her attorney.

Mr. Obenchain, after a conference with the prisoner, declared himself sure of his former wife's innocence.

Rev. William A. Burch, of Evanston, Ill., was also here to be at the side of his son, Arthur V. Burch, scheduled to be arraigned on the same charge.

Mr. Obenchain said he assured his former wife of his determination to help her despite the fact that she had once turned from him to receive Kennedy's love.

Mr. Obenchain said he could take no active part in the proceedings because he has not been admitted to practice law in California.

Rev. Burch expressed absolute faith in his son's innocence.

Correspondence Published. London, Aug. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The correspondence between the British prime minister, Mr. Lloyd George and Eamonn De Valera the Irish republican leader made public by the British government this evening shows that while there is a deadlock on the question of independence for Ireland the negotiations still are open.

Great Britain's offered Ireland complete autonomy in finance and taxation, military force for home defense, her own police, and among other things control of the Irish postal services.

In his reply to Mr. Lloyd George Mr. De Valera argued for independence and offered to submit the Ulster questions to arbitration.

In his final letter Mr. Lloyd George denied Ireland's right to secession, refused foreign arbitration for Irish questions and expressed the hope that Ireland would accept the British terms which he declared were the best that could be offered.

Proposals Made July 20. The British proposals which were dated July 20 said:

"The British government is actuated by an earnest desire to end the unhappy divisions between Great Britain and Ireland which have produced so many conflicts in the past and which have once more shattered the peace and well-being of Ireland. At the present time they long with His Majesty the King in the words of his gracious speech in Ireland last month for a satisfactory solution of those age-long Irish problems which for generations embarrassed our forefathers and they now weigh heavily upon us (Continued on Page 3)

WISHEK MAN IS KILLED AS AUTO IS OVERTURNED

John Helmuth's Neck Broken in Accident Near Jamestown

Jamestown, N. D., Aug. 15.—John Helmuth, a farmer living near Wishek, was killed in an automobile accident on the Red Trail about 7 miles east of Jamestown Sunday night. His neck was broken and he died almost instantly.

Helmuth, in company with his brother-in-law, had been in Fargo for trousers repairs. The heavy parts were in a wooden box in the rear of the car. It is thought the added weight caused the automobile to turn over as Helmuth turned out to allow another car to pass. He was pinned under the machine. Helmuth leaves a wife and eight children.

FIVE KILLED IN OIL FIRE

Philadelphia, Aug. 15.—Five persons were killed or fatally injured and a score were hurt as the result of a fire which broke out in the Point Breeze oil works of the Atlantic Refining company.

DEM. CHAIRMAN ATTACKS G. O. P.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Chairman White of the Democratic National committee attacked the Republican tax revision plan declaring the program was developed to "make a false show of economy."

OHIO WOMAN SEEKS MISSING HUSBAND IN THE HARVEST FIELDS OF NO. DAKOTA

John Norris Smith is wanted at home. In a letter to the postmaster at Bismarck, Miss Shelly Smith, of West Jefferson, Ohio, who believes her husband is in North Dakota, wrote as follows:

"Will you please hand this to a newspaper reporter. I am trying to find my husband, John Norris Smith, commonly called Jack, who was operating a farm near Sedalia, Ohio, and on the evening of June 26 went to that village to secure farm help. He suddenly disappeared and has not since been heard from. Since then I (his wife) have sold out and given up the farm. I think he may have gone to discouraged and perhaps has gone to your state to the harvest fields as he often spoke of it and had been there. So I thought I would write you and see if you will please have this published. His little 6-year-old boy (Carl Norris Smith), asks every day when will papa come home. I know if Jack knew how I and his baby are worrying about him he would come back or write us. He always loved his home and family. We are now living with my father, C. O. Crabbe, West Jefferson, Ohio, rural route No. 1. We just want Jack back.

GREEKS START NEW OFFENSIVE

Smyrna, Aug. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Greeks have begun a second offensive against the Turkish Nationalists. The latter retired rapidly toward the Sakaria river without offering resistance.

WEATHER REPORT

For twenty-four hours ending at noon Aug. 15. Temperature at 7 A. M. 60 Highest yesterday 77 Lowest yesterday 57 Lowest last night 44 Precipitation None Highest wind velocity 29-SE

FORECAST

For North Dakota: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; slightly warmer tonight. The only thing we changed was our plans," exclaimed Mrs. Harding. "We finally were married in Monroe, Mich., instead of in Canada." "That's all there is to our little romance," concludes the doctor. "Honey-moon to Washington and the White House?" "Not right away. 'But Warren may run down here before long," says the doctor, "though he has a pretty big job and works at it pretty hard." Dr. Harding is 76; his bride is 52.