

### LARGEST STILL ON RECORD IS SEIZED

Plan with 103,000 Gallon Capacity Captured by Prohibition Agents in Heart of New York City. Building Well Equipped.

New York.—In the left of a Sutton Place garage where many of the city's socially elite keep their cars, Federal agents Friday raided a still they described as the largest ever seized in America. It had a capacity of 103,000 gallons; with it were found approximately 20,000 gallons of alcohol and 80,000 gallons of molasses mash.

A squad of Department of Justice officers led by J. A. Frayne, forced their way into the three-story building. It was the old Consumers Brewery Company plant, in East 54th Street at Sutton Place, which is in the heart of a new and ultra-fashionable colony on the East River front.

Some of the tanks they found were 25 feet long by 20 feet wide.

Two prisoners were taken. The raid was accomplished before most of the residents in nearby homes and apartment houses had arisen and was attended by no disturbance.

Operators of the distillery, it was discovered, had erected a movable brick wall at the rear for entrance and egress of trucks and employees.

In the raid, the agents spent four hours working their way through a maze of passageways uncovering carefully concealed push buttons for signal alarm devices, traps and disappearing walls until they finally arrived in the sub-basement where they found the stills.

The agents said the plant was capable of turning out 28,500 gallons of alcohol every 24 hours. They said it required about six months to assemble and cost about \$750,000.

The brewery, a seven-story structure, occupies a whole block in Sutton Place. Ten agents under Joseph A. Frayne, special agent in charge of the New York district of the Department of Justice, walked into a garage on the ground floor of the building and found an attendant and a chauffeur who was about to take out a new ten-ton truck containing 55 drums of alcohol. They arrested the men, seized the truck and another empty truck.

The agents said the garage was operated as a "blind for the alcohol plant."

### Community Wood Yard Served Double Purpose

Last winter in Asheville where an employment was a serious civic matter, between 400 and 500 men and their families were supported through the winter through the operation of a community wood yard and the people were taught the value of wood as a fuel.

"This wood yard was operated under the capable management of H. E. Graeber and aside from giving relief to unemployed persons, it furnished a good example of community co-operation and established wood as a fuel in that section," says H. W. Graeber, extension forester at State College. "The Federal Government donated wood from a nearby National Forest, the county and city furnished trucks for hauling it in, and the cutting was done in the forest by the unemployed, working under the supervision of a trained forester. The citizens of Asheville co-operated by buying the wood for home use. In this way Asheville avoided the soup kitchen."

Mr. Graeber says that many persons are drifting away from the idea of wood as a fuel and are sending much money out of their home communities to buy coal, gas and oil. They have been told that these imported fuels are cheaper and more convenient to burn. Yet, Dale Thrash, county agent of Buncombe, reports to Mr. Graeber that many men told him they were surprised to learn that wood could be used efficiently in coal furnaces.

Favorable reports were had from many persons who burned this wood, despite the fact that it was sold in a comparatively green state. Had there been time for the wood to dry it would have been given still better results as a fuel. Mr. Graeber says that recent tests show that air dry hickory, long leaf pine with twenty per cent resin, oak, beech, birch, and maple have a better fuel value, ton for ton, than coal. Other woods are nearly as good.

### Heavy Hailstorm Does Damage in Lenoir Area

Lenoir, N. C.—Hailstones, larger than partridge eggs, fell in Lenoir for more than half an hour Friday afternoon, tearing large holes in automobile tops, wrecking electric and telephone lines and garden crops. The hailstones were said by older residents of the city to have surpassed in size any hailstones in the history of this section.

Skylights were broken, causing several business houses to be flooded with water. Rainfall was extremely heavy and the city's streets were temporarily flooded. Traffic was at a standstill.

Electric lines on the Morganton and Whitnel roads were down in several places. Long distance telephone communication was unhampered, although the telephone company reported considerable local trouble.

## FIRST INDICTMENTS IN ALLEGED COUNTY ELECTION FRAUD ARE REPORTED FROM 4 TOWNSHIPS TO JUDGE HAYES' COURT

Forty-three Republicans and Three Democrats Summoned Before Federal Grand Jury in Wilkesboro Last Week. Case Postponed on Account of Absence of Several Material Witnesses.

### Hearing May Come Off At Greensboro in June

Watauga Politicians of Opinion That Case May Have Bearing on Pritchard-Bailey Contest. W. Hayes Foster, Field Worker for Duncan, Said to Be Active in Preliminary Work. Outcome Awaited With Interest.

The following news story, written by L. J. Hampton and published in the Winston-Salem Journal of May 21, gives a resume of the Federal grand jury hearing into alleged election frauds in three precincts of Watauga County last November. A later dispatch from Wilkesboro states that due to the absence of four material witnesses the hearing was postponed, and the case will probably be moved to Greensboro for trial in June. Unofficially it is understood four bills were drawn in regard to the alleged fraud and illegal equipment of citizens exercising the franchise.

Wilkesboro, N. C.—First indictments of alleged frauds in the general election in November, 1920, to be drawn and presented to a grand jury in the Federal courts of North Carolina were understood to be the objects of inquiry by that body in Judge Johnson J. Hayes' court in the Middle District here today (Wednesday) and are understood to have come from four townships in Watauga County.

When it became known that some forty-five Watauga citizens had been summoned here today to appear before the grand jury, 43 of them Republicans and three Democrats, inquiry disclosed that a grand jury investigation into the Watauga election was under way. It is said that the indictments allege fraud and invasion of the civil rights of certain voters in the precincts named, these being Boone, Cove Creek, Laurel Creek and Stony Fork, in that they were prevented from voting.

Federal officials, it was removed, had been informed that some "sensational evidence" would be disclosed before the grand jury. It will be recalled that in the November voting in certain precincts in Watauga excitement ran high and at one box there was fist fighting while at another some arrests were made.

Democrats Think It "Fiasco" The court hearing now hinges upon the action of the grand jury. Democrats here today from Watauga were of the opinion that the investigation will prove a "fiasco in the pan" for the reason, they assert, that nothing illegal was done. It was just a plain dubbing of the radicals, they say, and nothing more, and they expect the grand jury investigation, the court hearing, in the event a bill is found, to set somewhat in the nature of a boomerang. It is pointed out that for nearly 30 years the Democrats took a beating every two years without going into the courts about it.

From some it was heard that "level" Republican heads, many of them occupying high official positions, had advised against too much "belly-aching" or a resort to the courts. However, rank bitterness, engendered, the Republicans assert, by reason of the fact that they didn't get a "fair deal," only increased the determination to carry the fight to the courts and there let both sides be heard.

It was regarded as significant here that W. Hayes Foster, field man from Republican headquarters at Greensboro, and considered the personal representative of State Chairman James S. Duncan, was on hand here today when assistant district attorneys began the introduction of testimony before the grand jury. It will be recalled that deputies marshal were sent to Watauga on election day last November in response to S. O. S. calls from Republicans there, and were then put out in the townships, one to each box.

Interest out in the State is expected to be attracted to the grand jury investigation into the Watauga election. The fact that the inquiry is being conducted in a department of the Federal court is also considered a significant development and apparently the result of deeply-laid strategy which likely contemplates an investigation of fine-tooth-comb character.

Recently, three Federal judges in North Carolina vacated the order impounding the ballot boxes in this State after Senator J. W. Bailey, whose seat is being contested by former Congressman George M. Pritchard, entered a formal protest. A bill was passed by the General Assembly authorizing the seizure of the boxes.

Whether the Watauga matter now under investigation is in line with the "strategy" of the Pritchard forces in the contest over Senator Bailey's seat is not definitely known but is strongly inferred, it is declared. This phase attaches new importance to the inquiry which got under way here today and is expected to be concluded tomorrow.

### Visits White House



Bryan Unnede, the Colorado hero, walks right into the President's home for a regular all-night visit.

### Twelve Girls Sentenced For Fire at Samarcand

Carthage, N. C.—Twelve girls of high school age, who pleaded guilty to attempted arson in the burning of two dormitories at Samarcand, state institution for delinquents, were sentenced on last Wednesday to serve 18 months to five years in the State penitentiary at Raleigh.

Two others, who made similar pleas, were freed under conditional sentences.

In the case of Rosa Mull, 13, of Rutherfordton, the youngest of the group, Judge Michael Schenck continued prayer for judgment for five years on condition of good behavior.

Margaret Pridgen, 15, of Wilmington, was given a suspended sentence of 12 months to three years and five-year good behaviour clause was added to her sentence.

As the jurist pronounced sentence the girls burst into tears. There was no other demonstration in the courtroom.

Sixteen girls were indicted for first degree arson, a capital offense in North Carolina, as a result of the burning of the dormitories.

Solicitor Den Phillips decided not to prosecute two of the girls and accepted pleas of guilty to attempted arson by the others.

### Pullets Need Range For Egg Production

A sanitary ranging ground with a plentiful supply of green feed and some kind of shelter is needed for pullets to grow into well developed hens that lay well in early fall.

"After removing the cockerels from the flock as soon as the sex can be determined, the pullets should be placed on a good range," advises N. W. Williams, poultryman at North Carolina State College. Usually the growing birds should be placed on this range when from ten to twelve weeks of age. Not over 300 birds should be placed on one acre of land. A good shelter is needed as birds suffer from heat more than most poultrymen realize. The most economical house or shelter that can be built is a frame structure with an even span top. This provides good ventilation, furnishes a shade and protects the birds from heavy rains and other unfavorable weather conditions.

Mr. Williams says the birds will not forage very far from their shelter if conditions on the range are favorable. This means that the shelter should be built so that it might be moved from time to time onto fresh ground and pasture. If there is not some natural shade in the range, this might be provided by a frame covered with tow bags to shield the birds from the mid-day sun.

Do not feed the birds with a heavy protein ration so as to force them into lay before the body has been fully developed under range conditions, cautions Mr. Williams. Small, underdeveloped pullets do not have the reserve body strength that the large well grown mature pullets have, he says, and therefore are not as good breeders and layers. He also suggests keeping the mash before the birds at all times and a good grain feeding at night. Water is also important to range stock. When the weather is warm the birds consume great quantities.

The Forsyth Rabbit Growers Association held a banquet recently at which meat from the domestic rabbit was served. The members plan to expand their business.

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### Marine General Buried Alive in Huge Landslide

Tours, France.—Police and volunteers directed by army engineers, Thursday recovered the body of General Robert H. Dunlap, U. S. M. C., from the ruins of a barn adjoining the Chateau Cine-Mars, where he was buried under a landslide the day previous.

They also brought out the body of Denis Briant, a farmer on the estate, and rescuer Mme. Briant, alive but badly injured.

Her leg was amputated by a surgeon who had remained at the place all night in the hope that all three might still be living when the debris was cleared away. She was taken to a hospital in a critical condition. A large rock wedged between two stone care over which the barn was another wall fell in upon her, crushing the rescuers heard her cries they managed to run down a tube through which they fed her some milk.

It appeared that the general and Mme. Briant had been crushed to death, but as they rushed into the barn to save them.

The North Carolina Forestry Association will meet in a joint order with the American Forestry Association. The general and Mme. Briant had been crushed to death, but as they rushed into the barn to save them.

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