

Fate Of Mussolini Loot May Be Known This Year

MIHAN, Italy (UPI) — The fate of the fabulous treasure of Mussolini, a \$100,000,000 hoard of gold, foreign currencies and jewels, may be made known later this year in a trial expected to become the biggest in Italian history.

The treasure disappeared shortly after the Italian government fled for al Dougo in northern Italy in April, 1941. Milan, the cradle of fascism, has been chosen as the scene for the trial.

About 25 per cent have been indicted by Prosecutor Paolo Giag before the Milan court. The list includes several high-ranking officers.

The exact amount of gold, jewels and hard cash with which Mussolini was fleeing the country is not known when caught he never has been tabulated. But documents of the latter-day puppet republic of northern Italy, placed the value of the treasure, which could be determined at about \$100,000,000.

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State Claims Ownership

The 26 persons named in the state's indictment are accused of being involved in the disappearance of elimination of documents which just disappeared 10 years on the list are charged with actively in the loot. Some of the loot the state's position is that the loot involved belonged to the Italian state and was never the personal property of Mussolini.

The first was received by Mussolini from Gui o Buffarini Guidi, a minister of the cabinet of Salo. The second part came from the Italian Minister Giuseppe Pelloni.

The loot part, the prosecution says, after an investigation which has lasted for four years, consisted of 66 kilo of gold, mostly

THE WORLD'S A HOLLYWOOD SET

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AROUND THE WORLD in a theater seat is becoming quite usual with more and more pictures being filmed abroad. Occupied Germany, postwar England, historic Italy and romantic North Africa offer realistic backdrops for Hollywood's traveling troupes of actors and cameramen. Capturing old castles and fortifications, Renaissance architecture and picturesque landmarks do not have to be reproduced in California. It is easy to go abroad the movie way without leaving your neighborhood theater. The movie maker does the traveling for you.



OLD REIDELBERG supplied 46 locations in the making of "I Was a Male War Bride". Here are Cary Grant and Ann Sheridan.



AN ITALIAN LAKE supplied a winter scene for Martha Eganerth and Douglas Dunahille in Columbia's film, "Her Wonderful Lie".



FRENCH MOROCCO gave Tyrone Power this realistic setting in "The Black Rose".



LONDON'S UNDERGROUND serves as a setting for this scene from MGM's "Conspirator". Here Robert Taylor as Maj. Michael Cavanaugh waits as a subway train pulls in.



THE CANALS OF VENICE served as location when Tyrone Power traveled by gondola to carry out a mission in 20th Century-Fox's "Prince of Foxes" film.

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The second portion of the treasure allegedly consisted of 600 gold sterling; 2,000 pounds sterling; 3,598,000 French francs; 525,928 Swiss francs and 21,179 Italian gold marconis.

Still Another Hoard

There is a second treasure that cannot be accounted for, the prosecution charges. This is based on the fact that various individuals in the Mussolini column heading for Switzerland were found in possession of large quantities of money, which could not be accounted for in the other two main groups.

While the total of this secondary hoard is unknown, an idea of its value can be had from the loot taken from the wife of the fascist minister, Ruggero Romano. She was caught in possession of 63,000 dollars, 17,000 Swiss francs, 15,734,000 French francs, 1,166,000 Italian lire and 1,350 gold coins.

What happened to the jewel box known to have been carried by Clara Petacci, the duce's mistress, is lost in mystery. One known fact is that two partisans, Carlo Ceresoli and Romeo Terenzi, were found to have two rings with 16-carat diamonds, believed to have belonged to Petacci.

That Mussolini's treasure disappeared among the members of the partisan crowd which caught him is indicated by other facts established by the state. These facts include the case of Angelo Foglia, a poor peasant who was arrested at Mussolini's arrest. A few months after the duce was killed, Foglia bought himself a farm, a movie house and a mine. According to Gray, Foglia got his money from the dictator's treasure.

Tucked away in the cool, dark corners of many a partisan's cellar is an earthenware crock of fruit, sugar and brandy. The mixture is known as the melange and is used for sabbages.

ONLY US 2 CHICKENS
MOBILE, Ala. (UPI) — A one-armed defendant complained to Judge Tisdale J. Tourat that he couldn't possibly be guilty of stealing five chickens.

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