POLICE TRAP THREE MEN SUSPECTED OF RUNNING LIQUOR INTO HARTFORD

ACCUSED. RELEASED IN BONDS, THOUGHT TO BE GANG CHIEFS

"Gin," Seized at Main Street Rooming House, Said to Have Been Stored on Newington Farm.

OTHER ARRESTS EXPECTED SOON

First Tip Secured by Authorities Months Ago Through Checks Rendered as Payment For Orders.

Three men said by the police to be the leaders of a gang of whiskey runners which has been transporting liquor into Hartford from western Connecticut and New York state were arrested early yesterday morning by Sergeant Isaac Krupskie and Plain Clothes Police-man Michael J. Godfrey of the prohibition enforcement squad and Acting Detective Sergeant James H. Moriarty of the vice squad. The arrested men fell into a trap set for them by the police three weeks ago.

The prisoners are Louis Silverman, 29 years old, of No. 56 Seymour street, a restaurant proprietor; Samuel Weiss, 33 years old, a stock broker’s clerk, and Samuel Chestler, a candy salesman of No. 1257 Main street. Silverman was released under bonds of $2,500 and the others under bonds of $2,000 each by Lieutenant William Woltman yesterday afternoon.

Transporters of gin.

The gang to which the men are said to belong has been transporting Old English gin and Gordon gin into Hartford for several months. Among their haunts already revealed to the police are a farm in Newington, a North Main street hotel and two local rooming houses.

Following their arrest the prisoners were taken to police headquarters where Prosecuting Attorney Day was announced for eight hours they were subjected to a severe grilling and then locked up until they secured bonds. At the conclusion of the questioning it was announced that the men had failed to "come through clean," but that enough information had been obtained from them. In addition to the evidence already in the possession of the police, to convict those already arrested.

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Having obtained information from a man arrested for operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor that he had secured his liquor from them and that the firm would operate on New Year’s eve, the enforcement squad, accompanied by Acting Detective Sergeant Morality, secured information regarding a “store house” in a North Main street boarding house, where some of the liquor was supposed to have been hidden. Within a few minutes the policeman made a noisy entrance and seized the liquor. Segal, who was in the place at the time, was arrested.

Two More Arrested.
One of the raiders discreetly remained in the background. Within a few minutes after his companions entered the boarding house, he saw two men hurry out with traveling bags, enter an automobile and drive away. He trailed them in the detective’s automobile until they stopped at another boarding house and entered, with the bags. He then telephoned to police headquarters and a second raid was made, with the result that Silverman and Chestler were arrested and more liquor seized.

The police secured information that the liquor was originally obtained in New York and taken to the farm in Newington, where it was diluted and stored until orders were received for it.

It was Segal’s job to hang around a hotel and boarding houses on North Main Street and secure customers for the stuff, it was said, and then name a date and place for the delivery of the liquor. Checks were sometimes accepted, in payment for it, and it was through this medium that the first tip regarding the business was obtained months ago.

Once an order was obtained, Segal communicated with members of the gang and arrangements were made to transport the required amount of liquor from the farm to Hartford. It was alleged, and delivery was made when the money was received. If the order was unusually large its delivery was postponed until a sufficient amount could be secured to replenish the supply on the farm.

Merely Adulterated Alcohol.

Upon examination the police found that in some instances the only difference between the contents of the bottles supposed to contain Old English gin or Gordon gin was the labels on the bottles. Some of the stuff seized for which the bootleggers are alleged to have received high prices is little better than adulterated alcohol.

Although no further information could be obtained from the police, it is expected that other arrests will soon be made as some of the hooch ends of the evidence can be checked up and investigation made.