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Its Product Was Less Dangerous
Than That of the Speakeasy

To the Editor of The Courant:

I deeply appreciate the courtesy of your columns for my letter on the open saloon. My reference to President Hoover’s remarks, wherein he referred to “all the evil and sinister political affiliation” of the old time saloon was intended to demonstrate that the President did not know what he was talking about. I repeat that.

My point is this, that while the “old time saloon” may have developed, and matured some clever politicians, the system in vogue before prohibition could not by any stretch of the imagination be compared with the system of the present era, which in a large sense has intermingled with rum-running, gangdom, racketeering and graft on a larger scale than the old time saloon politician ever dreamed of.

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New Britain, August 23, 1932.

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