CHICAGO'S 'ORGY OF CRIME' LAID TO VOLSTEAD DOOR

Results of Year's Survey
Made Public.

Washington, D. C., March 24—(Special)—Chicago’s ‘ orgy of crime ’, a record of murders, bombings, hazing and sabotage, is a prominent feature of a booklet, "The Scandals of Prohibition Enforcement," made public today by the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment.

The booklet summarizes the findings of association experts in a year’s study of thegrant, corruption and brutality attributed to Volsteadism. It includes an analysis of enforcement methods and results.

The booklet emphasizes the fact that Chicago’s gang wars, the thriving corruption of Philadelphia’s police and the demoralization of federal enforcement agencies in the “dry” states are spectacular evidences of the “vicious effects of Volsteadism.”

Liquor law violations are more widespread in proportion to the number of “dry” states than in those called “wet.”

The Prohibition Records

Official records of the enforcement and internal revenue bureaus cited a report that in regions where, by reason of geographical location, sparsity of population or other deterrent conditions, the run on bootlegger and bootleg whiskey does not operate on a large scale, moonshiners flourish on every hand. Reports of the dry bureau list 73,372 “dry” southern states—Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, and Alabama—among the nine states in which a large proportion of illicit still seizures during the years 1925, 1926, and 1927 were made.

The book, "The Prohibition Records," states that in Chicago, the "corruption in official life and crimes of violence have increased and that great and enterprising city has been called at home and abroad the crime capital of the world."

Reviews Reign of Ganges

The booklet recollects that in the four years prior to 1926, 175 gangsters were murdered in Cook county, and that in the last ten months of 1926 alone were 42 killings in Chicago. Beginning with the murder of James "Big Jim" Colosimo in 1920, the book reviews the rise and fall of Johnny Torrio, Dean O’Banlon, Hymie Weiss, Al Capone, and finally the Saint Valentine’s day massacre last month when George "Bugs" Moran’s gang was virtually wiped out.

"Surfaced Al," capone, present ruler of the underworld, according to the booklet, "has established yet another branch of illegal business: he sells, for a few dollars, the gun to the gangster for organization, and his ambitious projects have included an Interests crime league.

The booklet includes evidence indicating a constant increase in alcoholism, insanity and arrests due to drunkenness, and the congestion of federal courts throughout the country with liquor cases.

"If the nation is ever to gain adequate control of the liquor problem, the power must be returned to the states which had before the 18th amendment was adopted," the booklet concludes. "They must be empowered to deal with the liquor question on their own way and devise a system of control which will be acceptable to their citizens."