Gerard Says Dry Law has Built Up 'Empire of Crime'

New York, March 16.—(AP.)—Referring specifically to the Lindbergh kidnapping case, James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany and treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, charged today that prohibition had "built up an invisible empire of crime."

"It is so highly organized," he said in a speech before the anti-prohibition institute, "that when a lovely child is torn from its home, its parents must employ as their emissaries the ambassadors of the underworld."

Gerard said he believed the sentiment of the country was being aroused for action on prohibition, but he concluded:

"If ever we get rid of prohibition, it will be years before our youth learn to drink good wines and beer and lose their taste for bathtub gin."