

TRAIL DOPE GANG WOMAN EXPOSED

Federal Officers Hint Early Round-up of Drug Syndicate Here

"CHAS. McCANN INVOLVED"

Pretty Young Victim Collapses on Trolley Car in Elizabeth, N. J.

Federal officials in this city are making a rigid and widespread investigation of the alleged dope syndicate, with headquarters in Philadelphia, uncovered by the collapse of a pretty young woman on a trolley car in Elizabeth, N. J. She was suffering from an overdose of morphine, which she had purchased from a "drug ring" in this city and delivered to her by parcel post.

Chief Postal Inspector James T. Cortel, who communicated by telephone with Inspector W. J. Opydke, of Elizabeth, and learned he said, that the young woman purchased on an average of two ounces of morphine weekly from "Charles McCann," alleged leader of the syndicate in this city.

ROUND-UP EXPECTED

Mr. Cortel intimated that the ring-leader known to local authorities and that he could be taken in custody on short notice. Those of the syndicate could be presented on two charges, it was said—selling poison through the mails and for violation of the Harrison act.

Deputy Internal Revenue Collector Joseph P. McDevitt, started the wheels of the machinery of the department going to work in an effort to round up the men involved.

The leaders of the dope ring are said to be Philadelphians, who, by the use of many agents in other eastern cities, keep in constant touch with the dope situation, and always are ready at short notice to send narcotic drugs by mail. Several arrests will be made in short order, it was said.

The woman, Mrs. Harry Miller, of Chrome, N. J., was hurried to a hospital. She formerly was Miss Grace Delmar, of Pittsburg, and is said to have been a social boud in that city. She was married in Philadelphia, she said.

Her condition is critical. Local officials said that two ounces of morphine a week was an unusually large amount to use. In her moments of ravings, inspectors said, the woman moans about Philadelphia and of having paid \$7 an ounce for the drug. She is said to have lived on Twelfth street in this city.

MORPHINE NOTE FOUND

The collapse of the young woman was accidental. She entered the car in a highly excited state and her actions and pailor was remarked. As the car rounded a curve she fell from her seat, and when several men rushed to her assistance it was found that she was unconscious. A note was found clutched in her hand, saying that she had taken an overdose of morphine, detectives noted.

At St. Elizabeth's Hospital the young woman was found to have a small gold-plated hypodermic needle concealed in a garter attachment. Her body was covered with scars, caused, the physicians said, by injections of the opiate.

When somewhat revived the young woman was questioned by Detective Daniel McCarthy, and he said she informed him she had obtained the drug from a dope syndicate, with headquarters in Philadelphia.

TELEPHONE CALLS
Two mysterious telephone inquiries as to her condition were received at the hospital. Efforts to trace these calls failed. They were made by a man who refused to give his name or address.

The young woman became addicted to the habit, according to the police, when a friend of hers told her of getting the drug by mail from this city.

The police say she told of receiving numerous orders of morphine in small quantities from Philadelphia by mail. Syndicate agents who called on her said that it was difficult to get drugs on account of the Harrison act, and that Philadelphia was the best source, as large quantities could be secured here by a few men who had a monopoly of the illegal trade. They explained to her that the price of dope had increased on account of the war.

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107 DIVORCE PLEAS FILED; 27 DECREES GRANTED

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Superior Court Decisions

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