



# Who is your Bootlegger?

**A Nation-Wide Exposé of the Bootlegging Industry by the Public Ledger in a Series of Articles, by Frederic William Wile, Will Show You That Murder, Bribery, Forgery and Perjury Are the Everyday Weapons of the "Bootlegging Kings."**

The President of the United States in his Marion address on the Fourth of July said:—

"There is no more serious issue before the American people of today than the sustaining of the Eighteenth Amendment. The principle involved is not merely a wet or a dry proposition. It does not revolve around a question merely of light wines and beer. The issue is squarely Constitutionalism or lawlessness."

The President intimated that contempt for the law in the United States is on a scale that threatens to undermine our very foundations.

Mr. Wile, through personal investigation, has uncovered figures and facts to show that bootlegging is an industry of great proportions. That it exists through the active or passive co-operation not only of America's average citizen, but some of the country's leading citizens, in spite of the systematic warfare against it waged by Major Roy A. Haynes, Federal Prohibition Commissioner, assisted by his nation-wide corps of Federal prohibition enforcement agents.

As far back as last year, there were listed in the Federal Courts alone approximately 30,000 cases arising under prohibition statutes.

James M. Beck, Solicitor General of the United States, told the American Bar Association that the estimated annual profits from prohibition violations reached \$300,000,000, and that respect for law among all classes steadily diminishes as our people become tolerant of such wholesale criminality.

In club rooms, at formal and informal dinners, in drawing rooms, in

the corner grocery everywhere, in homes and shop, bootlegging is the incessant topic of conversation. The weather and the condition of your health have ceased to be topics of small, or routine, talk.

Liquor smuggling out of Bond is rampant. Liquor is streaming across all our seaboards and frontiers and is being made in American homes and in thousands of illicit stills right here in our own country, principally in the cities.

"Moonshine" is no longer confined to the mountain fastnesses and isolated caves of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia or the Carolinas. It is quite possible that there is a moonshine still within a square of where you are reading this word.

This series of articles from the pen of Mr. Wile will begin in the Morning Public Ledger on next Sunday, August 13th.

Bribery, perjury, forgery, even organized murder itself, are the means by which the public is able to purchase bootleggers' liquor, OF WHICH ONLY TWO PER CENT IS PURE, while 98 per cent is poisonous in varying degrees.

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