TRAINING PIGEONS AS WAR COURIERS

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ture of the new Army of the United States. Pigeon lofts are maintained at many of the Army camps and aviation fields throughout the country. The birds are taken over by the government before they are even old enough for raw recruits; are fed and conditioned, and then have a course of training just as has the recruit in the regular establishment.

When training is completed the pigeons go overseas. They play their part on the buttle line, are killed and wounded, and some are taken prisoners. The Committee on Public Information has prepared this account of their training:

Two of the flying centers where pigeons are specially trained are Kelly and Carruthers Fields in Texas. No fewer than seventy-five pigeons are seent overseas from Kelly Field every six weeks. They come to the Kelly lofts when about three months old, and are trained by experts over a period of six to eight weeks before they are considered fit for duty. Early morning and late evening are taken out in a trailer behind a motorcycle and liberated at distances varying from two to twenty miles from their loft.

The first period of their advanced training, comes with flock tossing,

Pigeon training has become a fea- the pigeons being liberated in this

Leads to Willett Street

House

basement apartment of the big tene-ment at 312 Henry street when the door to the apartment was crashed in by a squad of detectives from Police Headquarters. The place wes-empty of occupants, but the bubbling contents of the boilers were eiged and internal revenue agents who ex-amined the stuff later said the police had stumbled upon the biggest flicit still the revenue agents ever had seen in this part of the country.

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As the detectives got into the place a rear window slammed, so several of them hurried to the yard. Half way up the fire escape they saw a man, who refused to heed their summons to halt. Two of the detectives drew revolvers and fired. The shots brought the man to a stop quickly and he was placed under arrest, charged with operating the still. At Police Headquarters later he said he was Louis Knell, a laborer, and gave his address as 85 Wattert street.

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Without waiting to take their prisoner back to headquarters the detectives led him around to the Willett street address. There they reported finding dozens of bottles of alleged illicitly distilled whisky kimmel and other liquors which the police said were the product of the Henry street distillery. In the Willet street address they put Knell to a long period of questioning and obtained from him, they said, information that led them to go to the dingy three story building in the rear of 130 Ridge street.

The windows of the Ridge street place were covered with boards and burlap when the detectives got there, and the doors were fitted with locks on both the outside and inside.

One of the floors, the detectives charged, was fitted out elaborately as a bottling works, while the cest of the building apparently was used as a supply house, except for the upper floor, where the detectives said they found another complete still set up, but not in operation.

Between the Henry street apartment and the Ridge street building the police confiscated 600 pounds of sugar, 500 bags of corn meal and 700 cans of molasses. Thirteen barrels of mash were carted out of the tenement apartment and twelve riore barrels were found in the Ridge street still. Hundreds of bottles, some of them full and some apparently ready to be filled were found in both places.

Discovery of the Henry street still was purely accidental. Detectives Cliver Firm Hoffman and Connective and contact and cont

r, Finn, Hollman and Coope to the house hoping to fin trace of a man for whom the looking in connection with a ely different matter. Whe entered the basement hallwar heard enveral persons walkin

att in the apartment and knocked the door, mmediately the place became let. The detectives waited a few ments and when their rapping s not answered knocked again on door. Still no answer came and door was crashed in. The barsof fermenting mash stood all out and the flame in the gas jet neath the boilers apparently had st been extinguished, for the laid in the boilers still was steamed to the s

liquid in the boilers still was steaming hot.

Enell denied at first that he ever had been in the basement apartment, but the fanitor of the place teld the police he had been a tenant there for several months. Persons in the neighborhood said they thought the men who occupied the apartment, as well as those who frequented the Ridge street building, were peddlers of nuts, because pushcerts were seen by the neighbors being trundled away from the both places late at night. But the neighbors also told the police that they had seen boxes and bottles that bore no labels also placed on the pushcarts before the nuts were on their.

carts before the nuts were thrown in.

While the police were on their way out of the Willett street place with Louis Knell he set up the cry of "Thief!" and caused a big crowd to collect. In the mixup that followed several of the bottles filled with liquid which the police allege contained old of kimmel were broken and their contents spilled. As the police reached the street with their prisoner one of the men in the crowd is alleged to have interfered with the detectives and he was placed under arrest. He proved to be Briamin Knell, brother of Louis, and at its the police made a charge against him of operating the alleged fillet still. When the Federal authorities were summoned, however, they said Benjamin would be charged with the detective with interfering with the detective with interfering with the de-

New York .- Three queer looking boilers nestled snugly on top of the triple burners of a gas stove in the basement apartment of the big tene-

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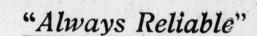


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