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BEGIN FIGHT TO **CURB DRUG TRADE**

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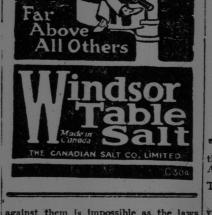
New York Police Commissioner Says International Drug Ring is Operating in

New York, March 24—Opening of a Aght to curb the traffic of an interna-

Aght to curb the traffic of an international drug ring, said to be headed by business men of Germany, Japan and England, was announced here today by Dr. Carleton Simon, special Deputy Police Commissioner.

Declaring officers of steamships plying between New York an Mediterranean and South American ports have been transporting drugs to this country, Dr. Simon said many raids are planned and developments of a startling nature are expected. The crews of six steamships now are under surveillance.

Dr. Simon says the leaders of the ring have been identified, but that action Drugs manufactured in Germany, it is charged, have been carried from that country in Switzerland by means of underground passageways, which have been identified, but that action been discovered. Through Switzerland by



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school children as "go-betweens" to supuly addicts.

Constant watch was kept on incoming ships, where alleged smugglers were resorting to all manner of tricks to "sneak" the narcotics into this country. Arrests of persons on the docks revealed drugs hidden in artificial arms and and limbs, in sausages and clothing. Once the antinarcotic forces were working systematically and arrests became frequent, the situation soon gave evidence of being cleared up.

The almost daily raids in the city reached a climax recently in Brooklyn, when agents entered an apartment, arrested several persons and seized drugs worth thousands of dollars. The great majority arrested were "curbstone" venders.

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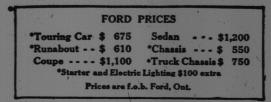
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