

## COURT APPOINTS PRATT GUARDIANS

Names Wife and Two Sons  
of Former Standard Oil  
Director Found Incompetent.

New York, May 21.—Justice Callaghan of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn, has confirmed the findings of a special Sheriff's jury that found Charles M. Pratt, former Director and an officer in the Standard Oil Company, unable longer to conduct his extensive business interests. He appointed Mr. Pratt's wife and Richardson and Theodore Pratt, sons, as a committee of his

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person and the Brooklyn Trust Company as a committee of the estate. Inquiry into the mental condition of Mr. Pratt who is 68 years old, was conducted very quietly. The testimony

was taken in the office of Hunter L. Delatour, in the Mechanics Bank Building, 215 Montague Street, Brooklyn. Mr. Delatour, Almet Reed Latson and Dr. M. Mortimer Sherman were the commissioners appointed by Justice Callaghan for the purpose.

The jury listened to the testimony of Dr. Edward E. Hicks and Dr. Glenworth R. Butler. Dr. Hicks made an affidavit in which he said that Mr. Pratt was suspicious of the people with whom he came into contact, was easily excited and irritable and did not recognize his own family. It was the opinion of Dr. Hicks that the serving of papers on Mr. Pratt would cause him to suffer extreme excitement.

The jury found that Mr. Pratt's mind was clouded and that he did not appear to have lucid moments. "By reason of such infirmity," the jury found, "he is incapable of governing himself or managing his affairs. Such infirmities have manifested itself in senile dementia, weakness of mind, loss of memory \* \* \* and such infirmity has manifested itself and was in existence since May, 1922, and still continues, and there is no reasonable hope of recovery."

The jury estimated that Mr. Pratt's fortune is more than \$3,000,000 and that he has an income of \$500,000 a year. His home at 241 Clinton Street, Brooklyn, was appraised at \$75,000 and his summer home and estate at Glen Cove, Long Island, at \$125,000.

### SOUTH ONTARIO LIBERALS FOR RADICAL CHANGE

Whitby, Ont., May 21.—South Ontario Liberals yesterday endorsed the plea of their provincial leader, F. W. Hay, for a business administration in Ontario during the coming four years. The doubling of provincial debt charges in the last few years, he declared, was partly due to the lack of business experience of those in office, and the situation generally demanded a radical change in administrative methods. Without a dissenting voice, W. E. N. Sinclair, K. C., the late member for the riding, was again chosen as the Liberal candidate.

### IS BLOWN SIX FEET AS TIRE EXPLODES

Rochester, N. H., May 21.—Clarence Morrill, driver of the chemical truck at the central fire station, narrowly escaped serious injuries while he was at work on his automobile in the garage in the rear of his home. He was bending over, adjusting a tire, when it exploded, blowing him about six feet across the garage against the wall. He suffered a fractured nose, a deep gash in his cheek and multiple bruises.

## ONCE FAMOUS YANKTON NOW A RUM RUNNER

Capture of Former Naval  
Craft Exposes a Big  
Liquor Ring

Warrants Obtained for Eight  
Suspects — Alcohol from  
Cuba, Scotch Whiskey,  
Among Smuggled Goods.

New York, May 21.—Once proudly floating the American flag during a world-wide cruise of the United States navy and with a brilliant world war service record, the former navy dispatch boat Yankton was revealed on Wednesday as the rum-runner Yankton under British registry. As a result of her capture federal warrants were issued for eight men, alleged heads of a nation-wide rum ring, on charges of conspiring to violate the Volstead act and defraud the Government of custom duties.

The warrants were issued for Jacob A. Kirch of New York, Nathan Scherlin and Abraham Scharin of Chicago, alleged "master minds" of the syndicate; Charles W. Johnston of Philadelphia, said to be a member of the brewing firm of Johnson & Co. of Uniontown, Pa.; Harry L. Marks of New York; Edward Flanagan of Washington and Chicago; Charles T. Cox, Brooklyn tugboat captain, and Alfred Ernest, Curator of Uniontown, Pa.

Kirch, a former importer, was acquitted several weeks ago on a charge of conspiring to import liquor unlawfully into the country on the steamer Javary. Marks, who was named in Wednesday's complaint, also was indicted in the Javary case, but never was apprehended.

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The Yankton, custom officials said, accompanied the American fleet in the round-the-world cruise of Admiral "Fighting Bob" Evans, in 1907-08, and later served in the Atlantic fleet and as a convoy craft in the Mediterranean during the world war. The craft was sold from the Brooklyn navy yard in 1921 to private parties. Assistant Federal Attorney Falk said he had a mass of letters and cables

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grams showing connection of the ring with agents in Cuba and Scotland.

In the complaint, which formally charges the eight men with "conspiracy to commit an offence against the United States Government," it is alleged that Kirch on January 15 sent a cable addressed "Cordovan, Havana, Cuba," regarding shipment of 50,000 gallons of grain alcohol by the steamer Yankton to points along the United States coast.

Other messages and cablegrams, the nature of which were not revealed, were believed to cover previous transactions, as it was said the Yankton had made more than one trip to rum row.

### WINS \$10,000 VERDICT FROM STANDARD OIL

Dorchester, Mass. Father Sued for Death of Son Killed by Truck.

Boston, May 21.—John E. Johnson of 21 Corbett street, Dorchester, was awarded a verdict of \$10,000 by a jury in the United States district court here in his suit for \$25,000 damages against

the Standard Oil Company of New York for the death of his son Ivar, age 14.

According to evidence in the case the boy was run over by a Standard Oil Company truck on Norfolk street, Dorchester, April 13, 1921, and died two days later. The claim for damages included death and conscious suffering.

Andrew Hayden, of Ottawa, is in the city registered at the Royal. Mr. Hayden said last night that his visit had no political significance. He was here, he added, on legal business.

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