

A DRUG TRAFFICKER GIVEN A STIFF SENTENCE AT MONTREAL, JUDGE'S CAUSTIC COMMENT

Montreal, Oct. 20—"The traffic in deadly narcotics must be stopped. Hopeless as it may seem, there is one way at least to aid in the process, and that is, and I know of no other, to put you and the pestilential vultures of your class beyond the reach of the drug; to put them where the helpless public cannot be corrupted or even tempted by your nefarious trade and traffic." With these words and many others all exceedingly plain and clearly defining his intention of stamping out the drug traffic, Chief Justice R. A. E. Greenshields in the Court of King's Bench this morning sentenced Harry Davis convicted drug smuggler and vendor, to serve 14 years in the penitentiary, receive 10 lashes and pay \$3,000 in fines, with alternative prison sentences.

Heavy Sentence
In all, Davis was sentenced to 16 years in addition to the term he will actually serve, making a grand total of a possible 30 years in the penitentiary. All this additional sentence, however, is concurrent with the two major seven-year terms which follow one another and three years of it are alternative to the fines already referred to.
The Chief Justice also suggested that Pincus Brecher, charged in the indictment with Davis, against whom the grand jury in New York refused to return a true bill, alleging that his offence was committed in Canada, be extradited to stand his trial here. Jake

Pollakiewitz, also mentioned in the indictment in the present case, is now in jail in New York, having been brought back from Paris by the United States Customs, and is awaiting trial on narcotic charges.
Cowardly Traffic
The drug-trafficker he told the prisoner and assembly was the most cowardly criminal in existence, leaving behind him a trail of human wreckage which never had a chance.
Davis, pale but debonair, was ushered into the dock just after His Lordship had mounted the bench, and in reply to the formal query from Jules Godin, N.P., clerk of the Court, said: "All I have to say is that I was involved in circumstances which I had no part in."

Sentence Calmly
There was a moment's pause and then the Chief Justice, clearly and distinctly pronounced sentence. Davis, standing, slightly bent forward at the rail of the dock, trim as ever in his brown suit and tie to match; his hands linked behind him; his fingers fidgeting; quiet and nervously expectant. His original sang-froid diminished as His Lordship progressed with his remarks and he bit his lips when the 10 lashes were apportioned to him. But, all in all, he took things calmly. He was led away at once, after completion of the sentence, but appeared, for a moment, as if about to say something to the judge.
In his opening remarks, Chief Jus-

tice Greenshields reviewed the prisoner's record. He is about 43 years of age and was convicted on a drug charge in 1925 or 1926 and served a short term.
"I know nothing good of you," said His Lordship. "You apparently have earned the unenviable reputation of being the 'master mind' in this illicit traffic in deadly drugs." He then summed up the charges against the prisoner, adding that he had received "a piteous and pitiful letter from your devoted sister on behalf of herself and your aged mother."
"They have my sincere sympathy," he said. "It is too bad that you did not consider them when framing your mode of life. How many mothers' and sisters' and wives' lives have been wrecked by your notorious traffic, you will never know; nor will anybody else!"

Conspiracy Proven
Continuing, His Lordship said: "The proof abundantly supports the verdict as found by the Jury. The conspiracy was proven and the carrying out of the purpose of the conspiracy was fully established. You had as your co-conspirators all classes and conditions, and, apparently, men of all nationalities. One of the most active was known as, Polakowitz, who played an active part in procuring the drugs in Paris and elsewhere. Another, no less active, was one Brecher, of New York City. Polakowitz was arrested in Paris and was convicted and served a sentence there. He has been extradited to the City of New York, where he is now awaiting trial.
"The Grand Jury of New York refused to find a Bill against Brecher, on the ground, I am informed, that his offence was committed in Canada. There is no doubt, that he did com-

mit an offence in Canada against the Canadian law, and against the law of the United States. There is always a danger of these men continuing their illegal traffic, and I draw the attention of the Canadian authorities to these facts, in order that possibly extradition proceedings might be launched with a view of bringing Brecher to trial before the Canadian Courts.

Huge Proportions
"The proportions reached in the carrying out of this conspiracy were astounding, and almost unbelievable. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were sent from Canada and the United States to buy narcotic drugs on the other side of the Atlantic. The proof shows that, with the exception of one importation which went to the United States on the ss. Majestic, and was there seized by the authorities, all other importations came to Canada.
"The proof fully justifies the statement, that prohibited drugs costing well over a quarter of a million dollars were brought to Canada during a period of three or four months in the year 1930, and probably the greater portion was sold in Canada.
"This traffic with all its resulting evils must be, if possible, stopped. The officers of the mounted police, and the officers of other departments, have done magnificent work, and I wish here to assure them and their government, that so long as I have anything to say in the direction or control of the administration of the criminal law in this province, our courts will give every possible assistance, always within the strict limits of the law, to assist them in their work.

No Hope of Cure
"The imposition of punishment upon criminals is no pleasant task. It is always, more or less, an unpleasant duty. It is a matter of sincere satisfaction that in the punishment of crime no thought of vengeance plays any part. I have no thought of vengeance in proceeding to impose punishment upon you.
"Vengeance finds no place in the law of this land, and it has no place in my thoughts at the moment. The lex talionis, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," for centuries has disappeared from the English law. Punishment for crime has two purposes: Remedial and the protection of society.
"Do not think that I hope, or even expect any remedial effect so far as you are concerned. I am not speaking to you with any such hope or expectation. Better it would be, perhaps, that I should save my breath to cool my coffee.
"It is to your ilk; to those of your kind who are still at large I speak, that they may well know what to expect and what awaits them when and if they find themselves where you now are and in a like condition. The arm of the law is far-reaching. It may be the mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind with much certainty and exceedingly small. You and your kind are entitled to no consideration whatever.
Hasting to be rich you care not at all how little you are innocent. The burglar is a brave man compared with you. He takes at least his own life in his hands. The victim of the murderer as a rule has some fighting chance, but your victims have none.
Pathway Strewn with Human Wreckage.
"Your pathway is strewn with human wreckage. Ruined in body; weakened in mind, they are helpless against your constant attacks. I am convinced from my experience, that a large proportion, and a very considerable alarming proportion of the younger men who have stood, and daily stand in the dock where you stand are brought there directly through your traffic and the traffic of your kind.
"Acquiring the deadly habit they will commit any offence to secure money with which to secure the longed-for drug. Holdups, robbery, theft and even murder, is chargeable to your traffic. It was one of the drug addicts that, in a lucid moment, as death drew nigh, prayed that awful prayer: "Oh God, if there be any God, save my soul, if I have any soul."
"I still believe however that in our country at least, punishment has a deterring effect.
"The traffic in deadly narcotics must be stopped. Hopeless as it may seem, there is one way at least to aid in the process, and that is, and I know of no other, to put you and the pestilential vultures of your class beyond the reach of the drug; to put them where the helpless public cannot be corrupted or even tempted by your nefarious trade and traffic.

POLICE TO ESCORT FLOCK OF GEESE SMUGGLER GETS FOURTEEN YEARS

Mansfield, Mass., Oct. 20—Elaborate preparations were completed today for the safe conduct of a flock of 1,400 geese along a three-mile stretch of the main highway through Mansfield.
The flock, marked for killing for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, is expected on the morning of their journey—from the freight yards to the Austin goose farm—under their own power, to save carrying charges.
An escort of police has been assigned to patrol the three-mile stretch of highway while the geese amble along, and eight attendants will attempt to keep them in line.

Mr. Spindel—"No. Fido. Your mistress is not dead. She's joined a bridge club."

Montreal, Oct. 20—Ten lashes and 14 years in penitentiary—believed one of the heaviest sentences ever imposed by a Canadian court in a narcotic case—was the sentence imposed today by Mr. Justice R. A. E. Greenshields on Harry Davis, Montreal, convicted of smuggling narcotics valued at \$200,000 into Canada. In addition, Davis was required to pay a fine of \$3,000.
Arrest and conviction of Davis was said by police to mean the disruption of a powerful drug ring, operating in three countries. The slight, dark, 30-year-old Montrealese, a former nightclub proprietor, was indicted for conducting the three-mile stretch of spiriting with Pincus Brecher. New York City, and Jake Pollakiewitz, Paris, to import illicit drugs. The latter is awaiting trial in New York.

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