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NOTE AND COMMENT

SEARCH AND SEIZURE—WIRE TAPPING—JUDICIAL METHOD.—Early in 1925 some 90 persons were indicted for conspiring to violate the National Prohibition Act by importing liquor from British Columbia and selling it in the state of Washington. The evidence showed that they utilized two sea-going vessels and many smaller ones, a fleet of automobiles and trucks, owned a ranch outside Seattle with a large underground cache, had caches throughout the city, maintained a regular central office, and employed scouts, transfer men, office men, salesmen, telephone operators, checkers, collectors, three bookkeepers, executives and a lawyer. They did a business of over \$2,000,000 a year. The general manager, Olmstead, had furnished \$10,000 capital and received half the profits.

The defendants filed a plea in abatement of the prosecution, alleging that the indictment had been returned by the grand jury without sufficient competent