

Leutenant Fladeland Wants To Hunt Rum Runners In His Airplane

Bottineau, N. D., Dec. 16.—Sheriff Tom Hennesey of machine gun fame, through his activities in curbing the progress of whisky runners in the county, is in receipt of a proposition from Lieut. J. Earl Fladeland, well known North Dakota aviator, offering his services and Curtiss bi-plane for use in "spotting" rum runners, and locating liquor "plants" and stills in some of the almost inaccessible reaches of the Turtle mountains.

Lieutenant Fladeland suggests equipping his plane with a 220 h. p. Hispano-Suiza motor for high altitude work and fast flying, and with Martin synchronized and Lewis traversable machine guns. It is his belief that a sufficient number of runners can be corraled to make the enterprise more than support itself. Mr. Fladeland also asserts that such a plane would encounter little difficulty in overtaking aircraft of the type used in liquor traffic, and he says, "you could deputize me and we can put it over in good old army style, besides it will be real sport."