

BOY OF 7 LEADER OF BANDIT BAND ROUTED BY GIRLS

Cherub-Faced, Bobbed-Haired Lad Chieftain in 150 Bronx Hold-Ups.

TAUGHT BY MOVIES. "Black Cross Brotherhood" Ensnared When Lassies Recognize Schoolmates.

The arrest in the Bronx yesterday afternoon and last night of eight little boys, ranging in age from seven to eleven years, revealed the existence of a gang of juvenile hold-ups and burglars which was organized about nine months ago for purposes of robbery. Incomplete investigation indicates that the members have participated in probably 150 street hold-ups of little girls and numerous burglaries.

The leader of the gang was Jack Bernstein, seven, the youngest member, who wears a Buster Brown suit, has bobbed hair and the visage of a cherub. The boys called themselves the "Black Cross Brotherhood." None of them has as yet graduated from the knee pants period.

Although they operated in a territory less than a mile square and their identity was known to many of their victims, their operations were uninterrupted until a few days ago, when the Principal of Public School No. 3, at 123d Street and Brook Avenue, in which all were pupils, informed the police that two little girls had identified two of his pupils, named Tonkel and Curley, as boys who had knocked them down on the street as they were on their way home from stores and forced money from their hands.

The boys were taken to the Alexander Avenue Police Station and questioned. When told that their names had been arrested and had made confessions these two divulged the complete history of the gang, its members and parts of its operations.

The boldness of the almost infantile bandits was amazing and their methods were not without a degree of understanding of youthful human nature. When they spotted a little girl on the way home from a store with purses, she change their invariable plan of approach and to place themselves in front of her and one of the boys would assert:

"You've got my dime in your hand." "I have your dime in my hand," the little girl would reply, and nine times out of ten she would open her hand to show just what she had. The boys would then snatch the dime from her grasp and if she resisted they didn't hesitate to knock her down.

A week ago Tonkel and Curley held up ten-year-old Beatrice Maurer, who lives with her uncle, Charles Charlesworth, at No. 422 East 138th Street. At 123d Street and Brook Avenue they held up a girl named hitting her over the head with a club and forced \$4.75 from her hand. She is a strong little girl and put up a fight. The boys were afraid to touch her until she had recognized them as pupils in her school.

The same two boys held up on Monday morning, May 24, a girl named Brook Avenue, and robbed her of a dollar. The girl complained to the Principal and her identification, with that of Beatrice Maurer, led to the undoing of the Black Cross Gang. The boys, all sons of parents in comfortable circumstances, follow the custom of modern youthful offenders and attribute their delinquent acts to the influence of the movies. They are:

Harry Walsh, eleven, of No. 397 East 123d Street; Victor Zajan, eleven, of No. 322 Brook Avenue; Michael Tonkel, nine, of No. 622 East 138th Street; Joseph Curley, nine, of No. 693 East 123d Street; John Bernstein, seven, of No. 620 East 138th Street; David Silverstein, eight, of No. 515 East 138th Street; Theodore Fino, eleven, of No. 142 St. Ann's Avenue; and Eugene Sullivan, eleven, of No. 523 East 138th Street.

The boy bandits had their blood oath of loyalty. The symbol of their allegiance was a tattoo mark, made with coal dust and applied to the outer arm. The penalty for disloyalty was death. Besides clubs they had an old blunderbuss picked up on a field and a loaded brick used for smashing windows and transoms.

While they made a specialty of robbing little girls sent on errands, they are charged with at least ten twenty-three other crimes in three weeks. The most they ever got was \$100, but their spoils enabled them to make trips to Coney Island, Chinatown and the baseball games. Through smashed windows and transoms they are alleged to have taken large quantities of candy, cigarettes, toys, baseballs and such things.

MAYO ACCUSES RAILROADS.

Says They Discriminate Against U. S. in Iron and Steel Rates.

ATLANTIC CITY, June 9.—Government is discriminated against by the railroads in using classifications which bear armor plate and materials for battleships from rates under the head of iron and steel, according to the statement of C. G. Mayo, U. S. N. who addressed the convention of the Railway Accountants' Association here today as the representative of the Paymaster General of the Navy.

On all articles which go into the construction of battleships, and of which the Government is the only purchaser, the rate is lower than that for similar articles placed on the market.

By placing an exception on such articles the Government is forced to pay a higher rate than is required of commercial buyers for similar articles.

To Develop Fishing Bay.

The Sinking Fund Commission today adopted legislation favoring the development of Fishing Bay. A plan of city streets and channel dredging similar to that about to be carried out in Jamaica Bay will be drawn up soon. Dock Commissioner Hubert has been directed to make soundings with a view to establishing a bulkhead line. The Secretary of War will be asked to secure legislation providing for Federal harbor development appropriation.

GIRL VICTIM WHO HELPED CAPTURE BOY DESPERADOES



FAVORITES BEATEN IN FIRST ROUND FOR GOLF TITLE

Anderson and White Only Two to Survive in Play for Metropolitan Honors.

By William Abbott.

GARDEN CITY, June 9.—Favorites were stopped short in the first match-play round today in the Metropolitan golf championship over the Garden City club links.

Ned Sawyer, defending title holder, Jerry Travers, Oswald Kirkby, New Tain, New Jersey champion; J. S. Worthington, Westchester title holder, and Frank Dyer were all caught in the wholesale slaughter of favorites. Only two favorites survived the upheaval, John Anderson, medal winner yesterday, and Gardner White. Anderson was compelled to fight two extra holes before gaining—the decision from Young Pete Harmon.

Seldom has a golf round been so rough on stars favored to win the tournament. Reverses started early and the supposedly weaker players made a field day of the first round. Yet the old guard fought gamely to stem the tidal wave. Oswald Kirkby, after being three down, balked and forced Timpon Dean to the twenty-second green before the stalwart Princeton student made the winning shot.

The first star to go into eclipse was Jerry Travers, former national and metropolitan champion. He lost to Parker Seelye, a veteran from Brooklawn, by 5 and 2. Jerry, while not in especially good form, was up against an opponent who stroked a marvellous putter. Seelye was seldom on the fairway, but once on the green, he was deadly. On seven greens he needed only one putt. This never gave Travers an opening. On the tenth Seelye drove into woods, but halved the hole with his uncanny putting.

Frank Dyer of Upper Montclair was the next victim. He drew Grand Peacock, former Princeton star. Peacock, carefully avoiding pitfalls, shot around at a 74 gait and Dyer never had a chance.

Ned Sawyer relinquished the defense of the Metropolitan trophy when he lost to A. L. Walker, a student from Columbia. Sawyer was in good form, but Walker displayed some of the best golf of the round and won in well deserved 3 and 2 victory.

William Keokie, former Jersey State title holder; Warren K. Wood, veteran of many link battles, and Joseph McMahon of Sleepy Hollow, won their first round matches. Keokie defeated John Stearns, Nassau Club 2 and 1; Wood won from W. B. Rhett, one of the home club veterans, by 5 and 3, while McMahon took the measure of R. F. Mundy of the Hudson River Club.

The Keokie-Stearns match was in doubt until the stocky player from Upper Montclair gained the lead at the fourteenth hole and held it to the finish. Both were guilty of poor playing, but Keokie made the best recoveries from trouble and this saved him the match.

Rhett carried the hopes of the Garden City Club members, but he was no match for the smooth-working Wood, who has been swinging golf clubs many years. Rhett tossed away valuable strokes in the greens, which were fast and tricky. Wood, with always something in reserve, held the lead throughout and was never halved pressed.

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HARTFORD, June 9.—A 15 per cent. reduction in wages has been announced by the Underwood Typewriter Company here, effective June 15. Two large Connecticut plants of the company will be placed on a four-day a week schedule. Normally they employ 3,000 men, but now they are using less than 2,000. General slow business was given as the reason.

Miss Elizabeth Masters Dead.

DOMAINS EMBURY, N. Y., June 9.—Miss Elizabeth W. Masters, founder of Miss Masters School for Girls, died today at the school. She had been ill several weeks. She was seventy-five years old.

AMERICAN GOLFERS OUT OF CONTEST FOR "PRO" PRIZE

Walter Hagen, Last to Be Eliminated, Is Defeated by Renouf of Manchester.

GLENLEAGLES, June 9. (The Associated Press)—All the American entrants were eliminated from the thousand guineas professional golf tournament in the match play today. Walter Hagen of Detroit, the former American open champion, only American survivor from the first round, was defeated in the second round by T. G. Renouf of Manchester, three up and two to play.

The match was full of incidents. Hagen lofted a styxie at the third green, where he was leading. Renouf was bunkered at the fourth, but the American was beaten by a styxie and the match was squared. The next three holes were halved. Renouf led at the eighth hole, where Hagen's ball rolled down a bank. The match turned all square, Hagen sinking a long putt at the ninth.

Hagen won his match in the first round, defeating Josh Taylor, Great Britain, 4 up and 2 to play.

The match between Hagen and Taylor promised all the start to be a close one. The first five holes were divided, but after the turn the American developed fine golf, lofting a styxie at the thirteenth and holding a two-year putt at the fourteenth, finally winning by four up and two to play.

In the match between Abe Mitchell and Jock Hutchison, the former lost the first four holes, but after the turn the game changed sensationally. Hutchison went off his form and lost five successive holes. The match was squared at the eighteenth, the Britisher winning by one hole on the last green.

Emmet French led at the third hole in his match with Edward Ray, but the Englishman squared the match at the fifth. After that it went in Ray's favor. His greater power in driving from the tee to the green was appreciably in his favor in the rising wind and he won, two up and one to play.

Joseph H. Kirkwood, Australian open golf champion, defeated A. G. Havers of West Lancaster in the second round at the twentieth hole, and James Ockenden of Raynes Park defeated Edward Ray of Oxhey, holder of the American open championship, by two up and one to play.

Other matches among the British competitors resulted as follows: James Ockenden defeated Jones of Wimbledon, by two holes. T. G. Renouf of Manchester, defeated Johns of Purley, 4 up and 2 to play.

A. G. Havers defeated James Hraid by one hole.

Joseph Kirkwood defeated Harry Vardon at the nineteenth hole.

W. M. Watt defeated L. Holland at the nineteenth hole.

\$10,000 A MONTH IS TOO MUCH, SAYS PEGGY'S HUSBAND

Only Has \$2,995,188.66 and "She Has Trimmed Me Enough," He Testifies.

CHICAGO, June 9.—T. Stanley Joyce is only worth \$2,995,188.66 and cannot afford to pay his wife the \$10,000 a month alimony she demands. The third millionaire husband of Peggy Joyce, show girl, told this to Judge Joseph Sabbath when he took the stand in the case involving his domestic smash today.

Weymouth Kirkland, Peggy's attorney, questioned Joyce as to his wealth and branded him as a "don't recall" witness when he didn't remember certain of his assets.

Joyce is expected to tell the court later that Peggy, a country banker's daughter from Farmville, Va., has no right to expect \$10,000 a month. It would take much less for her to "live in the style she was accustomed to" before she met him, Joyce believed.

In answer to this, Peggy, who will probably be called into court, is expected to put on the "You made me what I am to-day" record, saying that Joyce made her extravagant and it therefore ties a lot of money for her to get by these days.

Joyce, under cross examination by Kirkland, admitted that he transferred the \$250,000 "honeymoon mansion" in Miami, Fla. "I didn't want her to rob me of any more of my property," said Joyce. "She trimmed me enough."

30,000 Honor Aviatrice Killed in Fall as Cortège Passes on Broadway



Fiance Principal Mourner at Impressive Services for Laura Bromwell—Relatives Fail to Arrive for Funeral.

Lacking the attendance of any member of her family the funeral services today of Laura Bromwell, the young aviatrice who was killed in the crash of her plane at Camp Mills last Sunday, were as impressive, as marked by the grief of the mourners, as if they had been held by her own family in a community that had known her all her life. It was a tribute by the City of New York to a girl who had achieved distinction in a line of adventurous endeavor in which women have been inconspicuous, a girl who was barely known to the public a month ago.

The services were held at the Campbell funeral chapel, 67th Street and Broadway. All morning thousands had passed through the gold room to view the body lying in state. During the services a crowd estimated by Inspector Bostler to number 30,000 stood in the surrounding streets and fully half the throng joined in the funeral cortège as it moved from the church to the Pennsylvania Station, from which the body will be taken by train to-night to Toledo, O. for burial.

The ceremony was to have begun at 10 o'clock, but there was a long delay to permit, if possible, the arrival of Mrs. Edith Spry, a sister of Miss Bromwell, from Toledo. She had wired that she would be here this morning but had not arrived at 11 o'clock. After the cortège had departed a hysterical woman who said she was a member of the family reached the church. She said she was not Mrs. Spry.

Full police honors were accorded Miss Bromwell, who was a member of the Police Aviation Reserve Corps. Commissioner Grover Whalen represented Mayor Hylan and Deputy Police Commissioner Rodman Wanamaker represented the Police Department. Others in attendance were Aldermanic President La Guardia, Col. William Ward, Commander of the Police Aviation Corps, Commissioner John H. Leo, Jeanne Herveaux, the only woman flyer present, Mrs. Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney, Francis Sullivan, the sculptor, and Miss Sullivan, Mrs. F. Worth Hastings and Miss Virgie Moore.

George Davis, who was the fiance of Miss Bromwell and who witnessed her last flight, was the chief mourner. Major Horace Keane and Lieut. William G. Brennan, of the Aviation Reserves, were a guard of honor at the casket.

The gold room, where were held the last rites over the body of Vernon Castle who met his death by a fall in an aeroplane, was jammed with persons who had known Miss Bromwell or were associated with aviation. A great mound of beautiful floral pieces, including an aeroplane made of violets and roses from the Reserve Flying Corps and a wreath from the Curtis Aviation Company, surrounded the casket.

Rev. Russell Richard Upjohn, rector of the Church of the Advent and Chaplain of the Reserve Flying Corps, read the Episcopal funeral service. During the ceremony the Police Glee Club sang "Abide With Me," "Lead Kindly Light" and "Nearer My God to Thee."

The services concluded with the sounding of "taps" by a Police Department bugler. Col. Ward and the honorary pallbearers, President La Guardia, Jeanne Herveaux, Augustus Post, Major Keane, Lieut. Brennan and Major John Garie, led the funeral cortège as it moved down Broadway.

Four cadets carrying two aeroplane propellers preceded the hearse in which rested the casket draped with American flags.

Following the hearse was an open automobile in which was the broken propeller blade of the plane in which Miss Bromwell was killed. The Police Band, the Cadets' Aviation Corps and a platoon of police made up the rest of the official cortège, although a crowd that stretched along the street for a mile followed behind.

ASKS FOR REMOVAL OF GEN. MITCHELL, AID TO AIR CHIEF

Some of His Statements About Unified Service and Naval Worth Not Liked.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Major Gen. Menoher, Chief of the Army Air Service, has asked Secretary of War Weeks to relieve Brig. Gen. William Mitchell, Assistant Chief of the service.

Repeated public statements by Gen. Mitchell urging a unified air service, made since President Harding addressed Congress in opposition to such unification, was said to have been one of the reasons prompting the request that the officer be relieved of his present assignment.

Some War Department officials also said Gen. Mitchell's statements before a Congressional committee regarding the relative worth of capital naval ships and airplanes was unfortunate and had led to complaints from naval officers.

Secretary Weeks, in announcing today the request for General Mitchell's relief, said he could not act until he had thoroughly investigated conditions in the air service. Declaring there apparently was serious friction between the administrative officers, Secretary Weeks asserted emphatically that he would "remove the friction." Whether that would necessitate the removal of any officer remains to be determined, said he.

GALBRAITH'S LAST LEGION MESSAGE

Made Public Here After Word of His Death Had Been Received.

The last statement dictated by Col. F. W. Galbraith was made public here at the headquarters of the Legion, No. 427 West 44th Street, after the news of Col. Galbraith's death had been received. The statement was on plans under way for a National campaign advocating disarmament by the United States.

Col. Galbraith characterized such a course as "foolish and dangerous." He asserts the goal of goals of the American Legion is to bring about world peace, and is making plans toward that end, working in conjunction with affiliated veterans' organizations in other countries.

The statement concludes: "World peace and world disarmament attained by international agreement are one thing and the precipitous and voluntary disarmament of an individual nation is another. Anything else would be foolish and dangerous. For the United States to disarm now or at any time before other nations likewise simultaneously disarm is a project to which the American Legion is unshakably opposed."

Bolshevik Plot in Sweden Uncovered. STOCKHOLM, June 9.—What the newspapers here today considered as a sensational and widespread plot for a Bolshevik revolution in Sweden was uncovered as a result of the arrest of a widely-known Bolshevik leader in Kiruna, in the iron mining district. It was said that a Communist organization was discovered there.

INQUIRY INTO WORK FOR WAR VETERANS

Senate to Investigate All U. S. Agencies Dealing With Former Service Men.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Investigation of all Government Agencies dealing with former service men was ordered by the Senate today in adopting a resolution by Senator Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, creating a Select Committee to conduct the inquiry. The vote was unanimous.

KRASSIN TO VISIT CANADA.

Soviet Trade Officer Will Probably Not Enter This Country.

Leonid Krassin, Trade Commissioner of the Russian Soviet Government, is expected to arrive in Canada the last of this month. He negotiated the commercial agreement between Great Britain and Russia, and will close a number of contracts for supplies already ordered.

In view of the fact that the United States Government deported Ludwig Martens, "Bolshevik Ambassador," it is not believed Krassin will attempt to enter this country, but will conduct any trade negotiations he may attempt with American concerns from Canada.

\$500,000 A YEAR LIVING EXPENSES FOR FAMILY OF 3

Widow of Millionaire Dodge Says He Spent Million, She Is Allowed Half That.

DETROIT, June 9.—Mrs. Anna Thompson Dodge, widow of Horace E. Dodge, was allowed \$500,000 for one year's living expenses in Probate Court here. The award was made by Judge Edgar O. Durfee on a petition by Mrs. Dodge.

The petition declared Mr. Dodge in the seven years preceding his death spent more than \$1,000,000 annually for the living costs of the family. There are two children, Delphine Dodge Cromwell and Horace E. Dodge Jr. Mrs. Dodge told the court she needed \$100,000 a month for her own support and to help support the son and daughter.

SOLDIER HELD AS BIGAMIST.

Private Arrested in Jersey Accused of Having Three Wives.

Private William H. Hand, stationed at Fort Monmouth, eight miles north of New Brunswick, N. J., was arrested today on a charge of bigamy and taken to Somerset to be locked in pending action of the Grand Jury.

The record of his alleged marriages in New Jersey, New York and Michigan, N. C., to Lydia Seiler, and July 7, 1920, to Camille Barlett, to Miriam Straka of Philadelphia, N. J. He and his third wife, who is alleged to have been living at No. 87 Bay Street, New Brunswick.

CHILDS DE LUXE

Another CHILDS restaurant has been opened on Fifth Avenue, New York, situated in the former Holland House, near 30th Street.

The spirit of refined hospitality which made this famous hotel the mecca of celebrities is still maintained within its historic walls.

For this new house of CHILDS is an eating place de luxe, providing the best of food in truly delightful surroundings.

Flavorful fruits, succulent vegetables, pure milk, and strictly fresh eggs.



This Is Milk Week

Milk and Cream of the Highest Quality Standard Certified Daily by Dr. Leslie, Are Used in Our

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Specials for Friday and Saturday

- CHOCOLATE COVERED NUT CARAMELS POUND BOX Elsewhere 60c
- BUTTER PEANUT BRITTLE POUND BOX Elsewhere 39c
- MILK CHOCOLATE COVERED MARASCHINO CHERRIES POUND BOX Elsewhere 75c

Our Big Week End Combination Package No. 3

This combination is made up of the following individual packages, all put up in a large cardboard container with handle attached: 1/4 lb. Box Milk Chocolate Cherries, 1 Lb. Box Peanut Brittle, 1/2 lb. Box Barley Sugar Cuts, 1 Can Cocoa, 1/2 lb. Box Chocolate Almonds, 1 Bag Milk Chocolate Wafers, 1 Package of Peppermint Lollipops. PACKAGE COMPLETE \$1.39

Milk Chocolate Covered Assorted Fresh Fruit Our regular 79c goods. 69c

Assorted Milk Chocolates POUND BOX 89c

Extra Special Chocolate Cocoanut Royals Our regular 54c goods POUND BOX 49c