

PENKNIFE AND DIME SAVE 10 FROM DEATH IN VAULT AS APACHES ROB SHATTUCK HOME

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50 BUSINESS MEN OF U. S. DECLARE PROSPERITY HERE, AFTER WORLD WAR'S BLIGHT

From Every Section of the Country They Are United in Belief That Our Financial Recovery Is Unprecedented. Some States Already on a Normal Basis—Nearly All Those Interviewed Report Steady Improvement.

By Roger Batchelder.

The United States in less than four years has attained a state of prosperity which is without precedent in the history of any nation which has expended its resources in a great war. Since Armistice Day, 1918, this country has emerged from business chaos conditions and undergone unparalleled economic improvement.

This is the opinion of fifty "New Yorkers for a Day or Two," representing thirty-five States and every geographical section of the country. Each was interviewed at a New York hotel and asked:

"WHEN IS PROSPERITY COMING?"

Each was told that The Evening World wished to be informed of the actual business conditions in the section in which he lived and was asked to explain what elements, if any, were retarding an approximate return to the business situation which existed before the war.

According to the replies received, some States are already on a normal business basis; others look for pre-war conditions within six months, while the majority believe that a year, or even more, will pass before actual prosperity returns. Nearly all report steady, satisfactory improvement, and reflect an optimism which is surprising in view of the supposedly unsettled condition of the country.

The sole deterrents to pre-war prosperity are, in their general opinion, the difficulties between capital and labor, as exemplified particularly by the coal strike; the high freight rates; the troubles of the farmers in the cotton and wheat areas, caused by the ravages of the boll weevil in the first instance, and the disparity between the prices of farm products and those of farm products in the second, and especially the disastrous rates of foreign exchange, which are said to make export unprofitable. It is universally

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POLICE LEASH CARS TO KEEP THEM SAFE NOON AND MIDNIGHT

2 Abandoned Autos Shackled—Believed to Belong to Shattuck Robbers.

The police of the Mercer Street Station were not unaffected by the boldness of the Shattuck robbery. Policemen of the station found two abandoned automobiles last night, one in Minetta Lane and the other in Waverly Place, near Sixth Avenue.

When they were taken to the station and parked at the curb, the lieutenant in charge sent out for two long chains and shackled the wheels of both cars, locking the chains with enormous Police Department padlocks.

"Now," observed one of the policemen who did the job, "they're as safe at noon as at midnight."

HARDING UPSETTING CIVIL SERVICE WITH BUREAU UPHEAVALS

Senator Caraway Challenges Legality of Wholesale Dismissals.

By David Lawrence. (Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, April 3 (Copyright)—A crisis has come in the everlasting struggle between civil service and the "spoils system."

The latest sensation has developed in the Government service since the days of President Garfield.

Torn on every side by the demands of office seekers who served the Republican Party in the 1920 campaign, and who are eager to serve it even more insistently in the Congressional campaign of 1922, President Harding has yielded at last to the importunities of his political associates.

The axe fell first on the heads of twenty-five bureau chiefs and subordinate officials in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The whole Government personnel is disturbed. Hints are given that the Internal Revenue Service, the Customs Service, the Prohibition Enforcement and other bureaus which, like that of Engraving and Printing, come under the Treasury Department, are to be the victims of a political housecleaning.

Secretary Andrew Mellon laments politics. He has declined to interfere with what he considered to be an efficient personnel. Mr. H. C. Dingeldien, who is said to be in the confidence of the Treasury Department, has been conducting a relentless fight against Democratic still in office.

In this he has the hearty sympathy of Republican members of Congress, who are not overly fond of Secretary Mellon anyway; first, because of his differences with Congress over taxation, and second, because of his pronounced opposition to the Bonus Bill.

Commissioner Blair of the Internal Revenue is already at odds with Mr. Hoover over the matter of appointments. He is naturally unwilling to

Two men were found dead in bed today as a result of falling properly to close the gas jet extinguishing the light last night. They were Thomas Cole, thirty-two, No. 362 West 26th Street, and Edward Lacey, forty, No. 441 West 1st Street. The accident was in Cole's room.

1,500 GIRLS IN PANIC MANY COLLAPSE IN FIRE NEAR 5TH AV

Blaze Starts on Fifth Floor in Structure Used for Factory.

ELEVATORS KEPT GOING

Firemen Gave First Aid to Girls Who Fainted in the Excitement.

Fire in the ten-story loft building at Nos. 29-33 West 30th Street at 2:15 today threw 1,500 girls employed by the score of firms there into a panic. Smokes from the blaze, which consumed materials in the storeroom of Jacob Polinsky's plant on the fifth floor, filled the building, and its cries of "Fire!" spread from floor to floor many of the girls fainting.

The two elevator operators ran their cars to the upper stories first and made frequent trips past the blazing fifth floor. The fire-proofed stairway in front and the rear fire-proofed stairs were jammed, and only the coolness of some of those trapped prevented casualties on the way down.

The girls who had fainted at their work were carried to safety by their comrades. Other men picked up those who collapsed on the stairs.

The fire itself gave the firemen little difficulty. The men from the first apparatus to arrive devoted their efforts mainly to help the employees to escape safely and to revive those who had fainted.

The blaze was confined to the room where it started, apparently from defective wiring. The damage was estimated at \$5,000.

STATE EXPENSES REDUCED \$2,500,000

Legislature Not Parsimonious This Year, However, Declares Gov. Miller.

ALBANY, April 3.—Although the Legislature appropriated \$2,500,000 less this year than last, and cut departmental appropriations to the bone, the lawmakers were not parsimonious, Gov. Miller declared today in announcing signing of the Supplemental Appropriation Bill.

The bill carried \$1,228,142 for maintenance of the State Government and added to other appropriation bills, makes a total of \$122,744,000 available for the State's expenses. This figure, the Governor asserts, fairly represents the amount to which the regular expenses of the State Government have been reduced.

Other appropriation bills signed or to be signed by the Governor will bring the budget this year to \$124,280,000, which is \$2,500,000 under last year.

Signings of the direct tax of one-half mill to raise funds for school teachers salaries was also announced. The tax will be imposed on real estate and is \$10,000,000 less than last year's figure, which was \$20,000,000 on a tax of two mills.

PORTUGUESE FLIERS START ON 2D LEG

Leave Canary Islands for St. Vincent Island in Cape de Verde Group.

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, April 3.—The Portuguese aviators left here today on the second leg of their flight to Brazil.

They were to fly to St. Vincent Island in the Cape Verde group.

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A. R. Shattuck, Home Which Was Robbed Of \$100,000 in Gems, and One of Robbers



ALBERT R. SHATTUCK THE SHATTUCK HOME

DOG GIVES ALARM, SAVING 8 FAMILIES TRAPPED BY FIRE

Stairs Ablaze and Rungs of Fire Escape So Hot Victims Turn Back.

Teddy, a Pomeranian dog, barked and jumped on the bed of Benjamin Holand on the second floor front of the four-story apartment building, No. 1363 St. John's Place, in the fashionable Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, at 2:15 A. M. today.

Holand opened his door and saw the hall filled with fire and smoke. In the apartment were his wife, Helen, their daughter Bertha, seventeen, their son Irving, twelve, and his eleven-month-old baby.

Holand's shouts told the window-brought Policeman William Dugan, the Atlantic Avenue Station, Brooklyn, who was a fifth Avenue Lieutenant in France, sprang for the nearest alarm box, then beat the pavement with his nightstick. This brought Sgt. Edward Barry and Policemen Pollock and James Danlon.

Finding they couldn't get into the hall, the latter three policemen went to the rear fire escape and up to the roof. On the top floor rear were Frank Benham, forty-seven, and his manager; his wife, Mary, twenty-four, and their ten-month-old baby, Harriet, Catherine.

The police mother had scolded the baby and the father, and Pollock the baby's mother, to the first floor balcony and on to the adjoining house, Benham's, below.

At the same time Policeman Dugan was rescuing the Holand family from the second floor. The mother, her children and guest, the ten-year-old boy, and the dog, Teddy, were rescued on the fire escape, but the baby died on the fire escape.

Bartha, hysterical, Dugan carried her down and assisted the escape.

Then he went back up to the third floor and helped Irving, Bertha, the wife and their daughter, Irving, twenty, to the street. On the second floor front he found Thomas O'Neil, his wife and three-year-old baby, carrying the baby down, told the police to follow.

The other policeman (John Smith) rescued rear third floor Patrick Smith, his wife, his wife Margaret, and six-month-old son John, who was the trip down the escape with the aid of the police.

THE WORLD TRAVEL BUREAU, 400 Broadway, New York, N. Y., has a list of 4000 Check routes for baggage and travel. Write for free literature. (Bowle Entries, Selections and Scratches on Page 11.)

PREMIER DEMANDS COMMONS APPROVE GENOA CONFERENCE

Lloyd George Asks a Vote of Confidence, Explaining Need of Parley.

LONDON, April 3 (Associated Press).—Prime Minister Lloyd George appeared in the House of Commons today for the first time since Feb. 28 to ask from the House an expression of confidence in the policy of the Government toward the Genoa Economic Conference. The House was crowded.

Mr. Lloyd George said his resolution gave the House an opportunity of approving the objects of the Genoa Conference and the making up of the Genoa delegation, and that if the resolution were defeated it would be equivalent to a vote of no confidence in the Government.

The Prime Minister said the cabinet's position, and the cabinet's position, was the object of the resolution. He said he did not believe in the Genoa Conference being properly conducted, the economic system being treated as in the event that it was desirable.

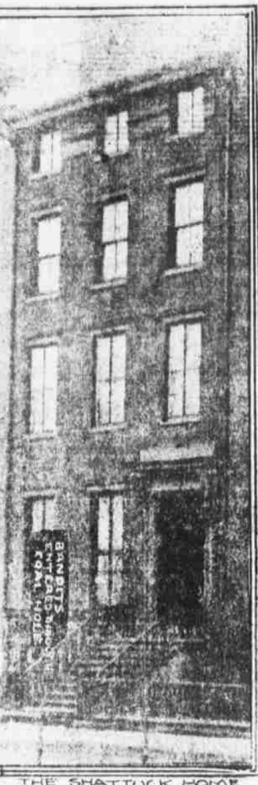
The trouble in Europe had been averted by the intervention of the United States, but the trouble in Europe had not been averted by the intervention of the United States.

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THE SHATTUCK HOME

\$50,000 BAIL FIXED FOR HAVING PISTOL

Same Amount for Man With Blackjack Watchful Cop Praised.

The highest bail ever imposed for a similar offense was set today by Magistrate Simpson in the Morrisania Court when he held Arthur Selya, twenty-three, a machinist, of No. 109 West 140th Street, and Albert Brooks, twenty-two, a machinist's helper, of No. 108 West 140th Street in \$50,000 each for violation of the Sullivan law.

The bail was equal to that fixed by Police Commissioner Taylor for Jerome Avenue and South Street. Brooks had a revolver and Selya a blackjack and a national game.

The Magistrate complimented the policeman, saying the case to prevent crime was by his arrest and set the example for the rest of the police.

800,000 FOR CITY SCHOOLS.

The Committee of the Whole of the Board of Estimate today recommended that \$800,000 be appropriated for the purchase of new desks for the City School Department.

MOVIE THEATRE INSPECTION NOW LAW IN NEW YORK

McGinnis Bill Designed to Prevent Disasters, Signed by Governor.

ALBANY, April 3.—The enactment of a law which will prevent the occurrence of movie theatre disasters when the Governor signed the McGinnis Bill. The bill includes not only movie theatre disasters, but all places of public assembly, and is designed to prevent a disaster similar to the Knickerbocker Theatre crash in Washington, D. C.

At 10 o'clock of this day all places of public assembly must display an inspection certificate from the State Fire Marshal.

The conditions necessary to make the places conform to the State standard of public safety are to be drawn by the Industrial Commission and may be strengthened by local ordinances.

TEN ESCAPE DEATH IN VAULT BY PICKING LOCK WITH KNIFE AND DIME AS ROBBERS WORK

Apaches Overpower Shattuck Household in Midday and Rob Mansion of \$100,000 in Gems—One Is Captured.

A true tale of sinking criminal cunning and reckless audacity such as has seldom been written in the criminal annals of New York City has been pieced together today by The Evening World—in spite of Police Department secrecy—in the story of the robbery in the full sunlight of yesterday afternoon of the home of Alfred R. Shattuck, retired banker, No. 19 Washington Square, North.

The robbers were a band who used the wickedly finished technique of the Apaches of Paris—which some of them, at least, knew well.

A new and thrilling incident in the narrative, which could only be completed after the confusion, exhaustion and fright immediately following the robbery had died down, was the part played by Mr. Shattuck himself, working nearly all the time in black darkness of an air-tight, soundproof basement wine vault, with a penknife and a dime as his only tools until he had saved from certain suffocation his wife and eight servants who had been imprisoned with him by the thieves.

It is marked as well by the action of Mrs. Shattuck, surprised in her parlor by a masked man with a revolver, who had her by the throat, shrugging her shoulders when he growled: "Where is your jewelry?" and replying: "Go find it!"

MR. SHATTUCK ANGRY AT POLICE.

Mr. Shattuck, a son-in-law of former Mayor William F. Strong, angry to his finger tips, went to the City Hall today and from the City Hall to Police Headquarters before returning to the bedside of his wife, who has been thrown into nervous prostration. On his return home he said:

"It seems impossible! Has it become mere commonplace, ordinary matter in this city that ten people may be locked in a vault to suffer slow death by suffocation while thieves plunder their home at leisure—a house whose windows look out on a park in which more than 2,000 persons are enjoying the Sunday afternoon sunlight—and escape without trace?"

The one member of the gang who was captured, Eugenio Diaset, sailor and international criminal, had \$20,000 worth of Shattuck jewelry in the pocket of an overcoat which he attempted to throw away in flight. But Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck, still shaken today by their hour of fright and the horror of facing slow death, are sure that the four robbers, including the chief of the band, a former servant of the Shattucks, carried away with them \$75,000 worth more of jewelry and plate.

Diaset, who, according to the police, has made a full confession, giving the names of his companions, says the leader prepared his plans with the tactical detail of the commander of a trench raid.

The members of the party were recruited from park benches, from Madison Square south. Diaset said he was approached by a man who said he was Henry Boland and described himself as former "second man" in the Shattuck house.

According to the police records, a man of that name, employed by the Shattucks five years ago, left them without warning Dec. 8, 1917, and the police have not heard from him since, though he was sought far and wide on account of \$12,000 in money and jewelry which was missed fifteen minutes after he had gone.

ROBBERS PLANNED ON TABLECLOTH OF RESTAURANT

Diaset said that the man calling himself "Henry" introduced him to three others, all of whom spoke French and were willing to join in a desperate adventure for large spoils. The prisoner tells of hours of painstaking drilling of the four over restaurant tables with lines imbedded in the tablecloth by the leader's thumb nail, showing the plans of the interior of the Shattuck house and its surroundings as the "battle maps."

The leader ordered the four to gather in the park and on the sidewalk before the Shattuck home at half past 8 o'clock yesterday morning. When they heard three sharp raps on the iron lid of the coal hole in the front of the house they were to walk in, one by one, keeping a sharp lookout among the shadows of early morning for policemen.

Henri had explained Diaset said, that he himself would go to the house at 4:30 o'clock and work his way into the coal hole; whether