

AUTO BANDIT GANG BETRAYED BY CHIEF

Three Groups of Robbers Under Leadership of Young Man of Good Family, Who Calmly Tells of Crimes.

CHAUFFEURS AIDED RAIDS

Five Have Pleaded Guilty to Series of Daring Hold-ups in Shops and Saloons—Dollies and a Fish Sandwich Sole Loot of One 'Job.'

With five of the men arrested for recent automobile raids on shops and saloons pleading guilty and the chief of the bandits, a young man of good family gone wrong through drugs, baring the innermost secrets of the raiders, the District Attorney was confident yesterday that the automobile bandits of New York had suffered a reverse which would curb such practices.

The five who pleaded guilty before Judge Foster in General Sessions yesterday are Joseph Taylor, Charles Lober, Joseph R. O'Connell, Benjamin Gold and Frank Jerrie. Taylor and Lober pleaded guilty to robbery in the second degree, O'Connell to assault in the first degree and Gold and Jerrie to attempted assault in the second degree.

Four more, Patrick Bolger, George McVetty, Robert McVetty and Charles C. Clark, will go on trial to-day charged with robbery in the first degree.

The most interesting figure in the gang is Joseph Taylor, whose real name is said to be Joseph Young. For the last eighteen months, he admitted, he has been the chief auto bandit in this city. He has told his history—a story which occupies almost fifty typewritten pages—to Charles F. Bostwick, of District Attorney Whitman's staff.

As a result of Taylor's story and of statements made by some of the others who pleaded guilty, there may be half a dozen more arrests and a general "cleaning up," either official or unofficial, among the chauffeurs of New York.

Bandit a Model Boy.

Taylor is thirty-three years old and was married six months ago. His upbringing was that of a model boy. When he went to school a maid accompanied him and brought him home. He sang in the choir of St. Francis Xavier Church, and was noted for his soprano voice. He is a college graduate. His father and wife are living. His mother died several years ago, leaving him some money.

He began to spend the legacy in a young man's follies. His mode of life became wild. One night six years ago he regained consciousness on a North River pier. "Knockout drops" had been put in his whiskey in a West Side saloon. He was dazed when he opened his eyes and could not remember his own name. He wandered through the West Side streets and finally registered at a house as one to which a friend had taken him months before.

He went in and found the woman whom he had met on that occasion still lived there. She took him in and recommended "hop" for his troubles. Under her direction he took up opium smoking. It lulled his faculties and he decided he would stay there. He lived with the woman until six months ago, when he married. In the mean time he had been introduced to the delights of morphine. He told Mr. Bostwick yesterday he now had to have twenty-two grains as a daily allowance.

BULLETS FLY IN BUFFALO STRIKE

Troops Fire on Unruly Crowd and Fatally Wound a Woman—Man and Boy Hurt.

ALL CAR SERVICE STOPPED

Three Thousand Soldiers on Duty Unable to Prevent Rioting and More Likely to Be Called—Company Makes Arbitration Offer.

Buffalo, April 9.—Troops with fixed bayonets held no terror for the striking carmen of the International Railway Company and their sympathizers to-day, and the riotous scenes which marked the opening days of the strike were not only as numerous, but were of a more serious nature. All efforts to resume traffic were blocked and all the cars were withdrawn from service at nightfall, after an intermittent operation of less than four hours.

Once in the afternoon the troops used their rifles. A woman and a man were wounded and a boy received a thrust from a bayonet. The woman will probably die.

E. G. Connette, president of the International Railway Company, conferred with the Mayor, but neither official would divulge what passed between them.

Mayor Fuhrmann held a conference late to-night with President William D. Mahon and other representatives of the striking carmen, at which, it was said, he laid before them terms on which the railway would submit to arbitration. The company's offer will be considered by the executive committee of the strikers to-morrow. It is understood the company is willing to reinstate all the strikers and submit their demands to arbitration, but will not recognize the union.

May Call More Troops. The fact that the calling of more troops was under serious consideration to-night by both civil and military officials was taken as an indication that a peaceful settlement was still a remote possibility. With over 300 miles of streetcar tracks to patrol, the 3,000 men now here, under command of Brigadier General Samuel M. Welch, had to be spread out too thin to make an effective policing force.

General Welch has ordered out all the men under his command, and if more troops are to be brought here the order must be issued by Governor Sulzer.

Major General O'Ryan, who had intended to return to Albany this morning, remained here to keep in close touch with the situation. It is understood that a report covering the existing conditions will be sent to Governor Sulzer at once by General Welch. This report will undoubtedly be accompanied by recommendations from General O'Ryan, commanding officer of the State National Guard.

General O'Ryan will not admit that any orders have been issued to other regiments of the state guard to be in readiness, contending that the organizations are always prepared.

The general saw service in Buffalo strikes years ago and he appreciates the danger. He has been in telephone communication with cities to the east and with New York, and it is presumed he is issuing informal warnings to commanders of troops to be ready.

INCIDENTS IN THE BUFFALO CAR STRIKE

Block in Main street due to green motorman running a car into an automobile. Strike sympathizers jeering the strike breakers.



(Photographs by The American Press Association.)

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CHAUFFEUR IS CONVICTED

First Degree Manslaughter for Killing Mrs. J. T. Belford.

Frederick Lewis, a chauffeur, who operated the automobile which ran down and killed Mrs. John H. Belford, sixty years old, at St. John's Place and Seventh avenue, Brooklyn, on the night of February 9, was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree yesterday by a jury before Justice Garretson, in the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Belford was on her way home from church with her husband when the machine struck her, and she was instantly killed. Her husband barely escaped a similar fate. He testified at the trial yesterday that the automobile was running at the rate of thirty miles an hour.

Mr. Belford is a step-brother of the Rev. John L. Belford, pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of the Nativity, in Brooklyn.

WOMAN LEADS BAND OF SAFE BREAKERS

Dental Offices in Avenue A Robbed of More than \$3,000—Police Seek Flashily Dressed Blonde.

DOOR BLOWN OFF SAFE

Mysterious Woman with Changeable Hair Paid Several Visits to Dentist, Each Time Accompanied by a Different Man.

George S. Dougherty, Second Deputy Police Commissioner; Captain Faurot, the finger print expert, and half a dozen men from the Detective Bureau are trying to solve the mystery surrounding a bold burglary perpetrated some time between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday morning, when the dental offices of Dr. Charles Schmer, at No. 25 Avenue A, were entered and jewelry and other valuables valued at more than \$3,000 were taken.

The burglars, according to a story told to the police by Dr. Adolph Arnstein, Dr. Schmer's assistant, were aided in their work by a mysterious blond woman of striking appearance. This woman, flashily dressed, first called at the dental parlors about three weeks ago, accompanied by a young man.

Woman Leads Burglar Band.

A week later she again called at Dr. Schmer's offices, but this time her hair was dark and she had with her another young man. For the third time, about a week ago, the woman came to the office to have her teeth attended. A third man was with her this time, and her hair was still of the brunette type. The police are now inclined to believe this woman of the changeable hair may be responsible for the series of robberies recently in the lower East Side. They believe, also, that when they find her, she will be able to put them on the trail of the gang that has been burglarizing pawnshops and cigar stores.

"Cherchez la femme!" is the cry. The burglary was not discovered until 9 o'clock yesterday morning, when Dr. Arnstein arrived to open the office, which is on the second floor. As soon as he went to open the street door Dr. Arnstein knew the lock had been tampered with.

The door to the office on the second floor had also been forced. The heavy safe, usually standing by the windows in the front, or operating office, had been dragged to the rear of the reception room.

The door of the safe had been blown from its hinges by nitro-glycerine and the inner compartments pried open and rifled.

Safe Blown and Rifled.

To Jaden the noise of the explosion the burglars had wrapped one of the office carpets about the safe. The third room of the suite was also in disorder. The burglars evidently having taken all the time they needed to make a thorough search of the place.

On both the Avenue A and the 2d street side, the dental offices have large plate glass windows. There are shades for these windows, but these were not in use, giving a free view to the offices for anybody passing on the opposite side of the street. As if this would not be enough to scare off any ordinary band of burglars, two electric lamps of sixteen candlepower each were burning. One of these was directly over the safe.

Dr. Arnstein made a hurried inventory of the damage done by the burglars and then he called up the police of the 5th street station. Lieutenant Allen, one of the finger print experts, was sent around. He made a careful examination of the safe, as the result of which he said the burglars had probably worked with gloved hands.

Much Gold Leaf in Safe.

There were jewelry, gold leaf and other valuables to the amount of \$10,000 in the safe. The greater part of this was overlooked by the burglars, or else they could not open one of the inner compartments.

Dr. Arnstein said that upon the occasion of the young woman's first visit she asked to have her teeth repaired. He examined them and said they were in excellent condition. She then asked to have them cleaned, and this was done.

When she appeared the second time, Dr. Arnstein was surprised at the decided change in the color of the woman's hair, but said nothing. Upon this occasion, he said, he noticed the man who accompanied the woman walking about the office, as though making an inspection. He paid particular attention to the safe, and when Dr. Arnstein asked him what he was doing the man said he was a dental student and therefore interested in things about the office.

The rooms of B. Templebers, a tailor, on the second floor, and those of James Fisher, an architect, and J. Cantor, who conducts a dental laboratory, on the third floor, were also entered and rifled.

EAGER FOR INDEPENDENCE

Wilson Promises Filipinos Early Consideration of Subject.

"SLIPPER SNATCHER" AGAIN

Youth Steals Girl's Shoe as She Ascends Subway Steps.

Selma Graf, fifteen years old, of No. 887 Kelly street, The Bronx, was ascending the subway stairs at the 14th street station yesterday when she felt a tug at her foot and realized that her shoe had been stolen. She turned and saw a young fellow hurrying down the stairs and stuffing her slipper in his pocket. She shouted to those below to catch the man, but he escaped.

Detectives were assigned to catch the man, who, Miss Graf said, was about twenty-four years old and wore a dark gray overcoat, gray suit and black derby. Miss Graf is the second victim of this "slipper snatcher" to report to the police in forty-eight hours.

TO FOOL COCAINE FIENDS

Attempt to Sell Them Sugar for Drug Revealed.

San Francisco, April 9.—Eight hundred pounds of white crystals in four trunks, seized last night in a hotel here and supposed to be cocaine, proved under analysis to-day to be crystallized sugar cane.

All the sugar was put up in drug-gists' bottles, bearing the name of a Montreal manufacturing chemist, and labeled "Cocaine hydrochloride, large crystals, highest quality."

The owner evidently planned to improve on the cravings of drug users, Edward Arlington, who is under arrest, admits having stored the trunks where they were found, but denies he is the owner.

SENATE AGAINST COCAINE

Bill to Restrict Traffic Advanced After Debate.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Albany, April 9.—After a brisk discussion the Boylan bill, intended to limit the traffic in cocaine, morphine and other habit forming drugs, was advanced to the order of final passage in the Senate to-night. This bill, which was drafted by Charles R. Towns of New York, provides for an elaborate system of prescription blanks to be used by physicians, and an equally elaborate system of records of prescriptions filled and drugs sold by the druggists.

The bill was opposed by Senator Whitney, a druggist, and other Senators. Mr. Whitney said it was impractical and that its provisions would never be enforced. Senator Herlick thought it should apply to heroin and similar derivations, as well as to cocaine and morphine. It was finally advanced by the Committee of the Whole, with the understanding that its provisions would be fought over thoroughly on the order of final passage.

The Boylan bill is one of the measures introduced as a result of the Tribune's crusade against the uncontrolled traffic in cocaine and other habit forming dangerous drugs.

IN "FATHER'S" FOOTSTEPS

George Washington Admits He "Done It" and Is Fined.

George Washington, who looked quite unlike the illustrious one, a man about fourscore years, who gave his address as No. 106 Third avenue, was arraigned in Essex Market court yesterday afternoon on a charge of scattering refuse from ash and garbage cans. Magistrate Harris imposed a fine of \$1, which the man paid.

George pleaded guilty, following in the footsteps of his immortal namesake by saying: "I can't tell a lie, judge. I done it, but, yer honor, judge, I didn't know it was wrong."

WILL PUTS SURROGATE IN EMBARRASSING FIX

Lawyer Would Prevent Miss Bigelow, Tubercular Sufferer, from Drawing Income.

Surrogate Cohalan will be called upon to-morrow to decide between the exigencies of the law that covers the testamentary disposition of Mrs. Ellen M. Hennessy, who died in 1909 leaving an estate valued at \$1,104,374, and the welfare of Katherine B. Bigelow, a granddaughter of Mrs. Hennessy, who is suffering from a tubercular affliction.

The application is made by Mrs. Ellen Mary Parker, a daughter of Mrs. Hennessy, and an executrix under her will, to resist the alleged claim of her brother, Forbes J. Hennessy, a lawyer and formerly an Assistant District Attorney, that the accumulated net income of one-third of the residuary estate should be paid to him instead of to Miss Bigelow, his niece.

Miss Bigelow's mother is dead and her father, Captain Mortimer O. Bigelow, U. S. A., is stationed in the Philippine Islands. Miss Bigelow's share of the residuary estate is \$303,128. The income to be paid to her, according to the will of her grandmother, while she remains under the control and supervision of the executors, of whom her uncle, Forbes J. Hennessy, is one. Miss Bigelow is now with her aunt, Mrs. Allene B. Neff, a sister of her father and wife of Dr. Irwin H. Neff, superintendent of the Foxborough State Hospital for Inebriates. Mrs. Parker has received a letter from her brother, Hennessy, in which he claims one-half of the income set aside by her mother for her grandchild hereafter belongs to him under his mother's will, because it was so provided in case Miss Bigelow passed out of his control and jurisdiction, and he held that she now is out of his control while with her aunt in Foxborough, Mass. Hennessy said he would hold his sister responsible for any payments of this income for Miss Bigelow.

The papers show that the girl is suffering from latent tuberculosis and that she needs constant medical care. It was also said that the country would do her much more good than the city.

Howard S. Bowns, general guardian of Miss Bigelow, has written a letter to the executors referring to the non-payment of her income and adding that the physicians have announced that the only hope the girl has of overcoming her tubercular affliction is by leading an outdoor life and following the advice of her physicians. Bowns wrote: "Surely those of you who are her blood relatives and who in the event of her death would inherit her estate cannot possibly contemplate any act which would shorten her days and thereby make you the beneficiaries by her death. I shudder at the very thought of attributing such motives to you. Yet, if you persist in withholding from this child the income to which she is entitled the inference, however absurd, will be made."

The other executor, besides Hennessy and Mrs. Parker, is Michael Coleman, who with Mrs. Parker does not favor the cutting off of the income of Miss Bigelow.

ESPIONAGE BY WIRELESS

Eiffel Tower Communicates with Upper Alsatian Capital.

Berlin, April 10.—A Strassburg dispatch to the "Vossische Zeitung" says that wireless communication between Eifel Tower, in Paris, and private houses in Colmar, capital of Upper Alsace, has been discovered.

It is believed that a system of espionage has been established by this means.

CUP DEFENDER CRIPPLED

The Old Pilgrim in Collision with a Lightship.

Norfolk, Va., April 9.—The sloop yacht Pilgrim, owned by John A. Royal, of Boston, and built originally as an America's Cup defender, was towed into Norfolk to-day, crippled by a collision with the Tail-of-the-Horse shoe lightship.

Only for the prompt arrival of the motor tug Solicitor, the Pilgrim, Captain Spurling said to-day, might have sunk with her crew of twenty men. The Pilgrim was bound from Portland, Me., to Beaufort, N. C.

UNHURT BY LEAP OFF FLYER

Sudden "Blind Baggage" Wakening Makes Hobo Jump.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Sharon, Penn., April 9.—Aroused suddenly from his sleep, Charles Johnson leaped from a Pennsylvania passenger train running forty miles an hour last night, and rolled to the bottom of a seventy-five-foot embankment uninjured, except for a slight cut on the head.

Johnson, who comes from Beaver Falls, and James Garty were stealing a ride on the "blind baggage." Johnson fell asleep. A jerk of the train awoke him and before Garty could prevent him he jumped. Garty informed the conductor, the train was stopped and Johnson was picked up.

GLORY COY TO GOETHALS

His Portrait All but Went on Panama Bonds.

Washington, April 9.—New Democratic officials of the Treasury Department almost succeeded to-day in conferring the first governmental honor accorded to Colonel George W. Goethals in recognition of his success in building the Panama Canal.

They had decided to order the engraving of his portrait upon Panama Canal bonds, when in the nick of time it was discovered that the law forbids placing the picture of any living person on the currency or government bonds.

The portrait was to have been placed upon new \$10,000 registered Panama Canal bonds of 1901, a denomination which the Treasury Department decided to-day to issue for the sake of convenience. Previously the denominations have been only \$1,000 or less.

MAY OPERATE ON DUCHESS

Physicians Advise Lancet for First Lady of Canada.

London, April 9.—The Duchess of Connaught, who, with the Duke of Connaught, Governor General of Canada, arrived in London on March 30, has been advised by her physicians to undergo an operation to prevent recurrence of the acute attacks from which she suffered in Canada.

The duchess was stricken with peritonitis on January 8 at Ottawa, and was removed to Montreal. After her convalescence she came to London to receive treatment from specialists.

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