

\$21,000 Express Loot Recovered; Employee Held Helper to Driver Who Was Chloroformed Said by Police to Have Confessed; Booty Found in Stable

Ninety-four parcels valued at \$21,000, which were stolen from an American Railway Express wagon Wednesday night, when the driver, Maurice Griffin, was beaten and chloroformed, were recovered yesterday in the basement of a stable at 512 West Forty-eighth Street, after a confession, according to the police, by Harry J. McEwen, Griffin's helper.

McEwen Describes Hold-Up - McEwen told the police and Griffin left their station at 412 West Forty-eighth Street early Wednesday night with the load of parcels, bound for the Atlantic City Express, according to the police, two men dashed out and seized the horses by the bridle. Griffin was ordered to leave the wagon, and when he began to offer resistance two other men came up from the rear. One struck him on the head with a bottle and the other held a bottle of chloroform to his nose.

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Only 32,000 Troops Left in France at End of This Month These Will Be Returned to United States Possibly in September, Secretary of War Baker Announces

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Emergency men in the American expeditionary force, which includes national guardsmen, National Army members and those who enlisted for the period of the war, are to be returned to this country as quickly as "their services can be spared and transportation becomes available," the War Department announced today.

By the end of August only 7,000 combatant troops, forming the American army of occupation, and 25,000 service of supply troops, will be the only United States force remaining in Europe, and these will be returned just as soon as need for their retention in France and Germany terminates, Secretary Baker said.

The fact that practically all of the large stores and bases of supply, including the food and clothing, are being disposed of by the Parker commission, Mr. Baker said, would indicate that the "behind the lines" soldiers may return in September.

Because of rumors that American forces were to remain indefinitely in Europe, the War Department today issued the following statement which members of the American expeditionary forces are still in France: "Considerable anxiety has been noted by families of members of the A. E. F. still in France, and the reason for the retention of these men."

"General Pershing, under date of August 11, called the War Department, stating that he had requested that emergency men be enlisted for the United States as soon as their services can be spared and transportation becomes available.

"It is understood that by September 1 there will be about 7,000 combatant troops and 25,000 troops in the service of supplies. The duties of the latter will be guarding and escorting prisoners of war, guarding United States property and camps, cooking and baking, the postal service, clearing the battlefields, salvage, care of the sick in hospitals, and the maintenance of military police, motor transportation and repair, fire protection, commissary sales, telegraph and telephone service, food and equipment generally to all members thus engaged.

"The sick from any cause and men in confinement form a very small portion of the emergency men. With the well-known fact that the A. E. F. is being disbanded, it is urged that they be seriously and promptly returned to their homes."

Erlander and Ellert Explain Coat Episode Both Say It Was Christmas Present and Had Nothing to Do With Promotion Harry Erlander, of 600 Riverside Drive, United States navy cadet, who is on trial by court martial at the navy yard, charged with conspiring with Lieutenant J. F. Ellert to obtain promotion, testified yesterday that he was not for that purpose he gave Ellert \$300, but to get him a fur coat for Christmas.

Erlander said that he had been charged with a similar charge, corroborated him. "Erlander was a personal friend of mine," said Ellert. "I told him I did not think it was proper to take the present, but he insisted that I should present for Mrs. Ellert, and realizing it was a holiday season, I accepted it."

The subject of the coat episode, Erlander said, while the Ellerts were calling at his home. "During the evening Mrs. Ellert admitted to me that she had seen the coat," he said, "and naturally we spoke of the matter throughout the night. Never was the subject of promotion broached. I had no idea of the money Ellert took from me, and I had no idea of the subject in his wife's hand. He said it would be impossible to buy one, and I did not have the money. He asked me not to mention the matter to anyone but his wife."

"I said: 'Never mind, I'll take care of it.' I put the idea into her head and she said: 'I'll make you a wife a present.' I offered him \$300, but he refused to take it. I told him it was merely a matter of friendship and that if he would just take it I would give it to his wife."

Governor Pardons "Lifer" Sing Sings Dentist To Be Released Next Month ALBANY, Aug. 21.—Governor Smith today pardoned Frederick M. Cushing, of New York City, who in 1909 was sentenced to Sing Sing for life for the murder of his wife. He will be released by the parole board in September.

Prisoner Kills Himself ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 21.—Respondent because of his inability to escape from Auburn, a prisoner who had been sentenced to serve a term for burglary from Monroe County, committed suicide today by drinking whisky. Kraus, who had been working in a road camp, but was recaptured within a few hours.

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Submarine Chaser Fleet Boasts Fighting Record 26 Taking Rest in North River After Strenuous Year on the Adriatic

Riding at anchor in the North River, and the command of Captain C. P. Nelson, arrived Tuesday from Bermuda. Six of the boats were chosen to race, and No. 131 sailed into New York harbor breaking the record for gasoline-driven vessels.

All of the 110-foot S. C. boats proved their worth as fighting ships during the war, and were commended by both the Italian and British navies for their activities in the Adriatic, especially for their work in the destruction of Durazzo, the Austrian naval base.

Some of the chasers are still in the North Sea owing to mine sweepers and exploding or sinking mines by fire or gunfire.

Newburger Men Turn to Ancient Rome for Emblem Independent Judiciary Committee Adopts Fases, and Files Petition for Justice Whom I am Spurred

Tammany's defence, now in circulation among the rank and file, for its refusal to designate Supreme Court Justice Joseph E. Newburger to succeed himself is that he is in such frail health that he will never do another hard day's work on or off the bench, and this word is going "down the line" among the faithful as an answer to Republican and independent arguments in favor of the judge.

It was said yesterday by those who tried to defend the action of Charles F. Murphy and his associates that Justice Newburger knew two months ago that he was slated for retirement, and that he at that time made no demonstration of the desire of the leaders to shove him, giving him as a consolation prize appointment as official referee of the Supreme Court at \$100,000 a year.

The four associations of lawyers supporting the nomination of Murphy to the bench, and the six delegates for each of the sixty-two assembly districts in the city, and one additional delegate for each 100 paying members of the Labor party, in such assembly district.

There is no affiliation with the old parties. The rules of the party provide that "no candidate of the Labor party shall accept endorsement of either the Democratic or the Republican party, nor shall the party stand for private ownership of public utilities; nor shall the Labor party endorse any of the candidates of the above mentioned parties."

The new party platform, but calls for a "league of the workers of all nations, pledged and organized to enforce the destruction of autocracy, militarism, imperialism, feudalism, and the world, and to establish an international labor standard to bring about world-wide disarmament and open diplomacy, to the end that there shall be no more kings and no more wars."

U. S. and Canadian Aces Ready for Toronto Race Famous Fighting Pilots to Start at Mitchel Field and Can. City Monday at 10 A. M.

The leading ace of the United States and Canada will pilot machines in the international aerial handicap race, New York to Toronto and return, which starts at Mitchel Field, L. I., at 10 o'clock Monday morning. It is the first of a series of races between the United States and Canada, which are being conducted by the American Flying Club, of 11 East Thirty-eighth Street, under whose auspices the \$10,000 race is being held.

Among the United States aces who will fly in the race are Major Read Chambers, former commander of the famous 96th Squadron, Captain H. W. Cook, who will fly a German Fokker; Lawrence Callahan, Colonel Archie Miller, holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor, will also pilot one of the machines.

Dr. J. A. Robertson Sued for Divorce; Nurse Is Accused Woman Who Lost \$100,000 in Stock Market Few Years Ago Brings Action Against Hotel Physician

Mrs. Sarah L. Robertson, who lost about \$100,000 in the stock market a few years ago, yesterday filed a suit for divorce in the Supreme Court against Dr. Joseph Archibald Robertson. The couple have been long living apart, she wife at the Hotel Webster and the husband at the Hotel Albemarle, in West Fifty-fourth Street, where he is a hotel physician.

They were married in 1911 in San Antonio, Tex. Mrs. Robertson was the widow of Charles C. Miller, a Pittsburgh rubber merchant. She mentions Miss Maod Davis, a trained nurse, as correspondent. It was thought the strategy of several detectives, headed by Andrew Garrod, that Mrs. Robertson was able, she says, to verify the situation, and her husband, Garrod, had been entertained by her for some time.

One of the detectives in the employ of Mrs. Robertson took a room at the Hotel Albemarle, and on August 3 'clock in the morning the detective ran to the office of the hotel (and excitedly announced that his "wife" (expected employed for the occasion) was in the room and needed immediate medical aid. The clerk telephoned to Dr. Robertson. By the time he was ready to treat the supposed sick woman had opened the door of his room and John Conville, her attorney, who were within call, were outside the room.

The raiding party rushed in. There, it is said, they found a man, Garrod, in tears. "Don't cry, nobody will harm you," she was assured. "That's Maod Davis," said Mrs. Robertson. Dr. Robertson showed light but was greatly outmanned by the police.