

# Chiefs to Crack A Safe and Test Faurot's Skill

## Deputy Police Head to Take Finger Prints of Every Man at Convention to Detect Who Does the Job

Every resident of the United States and every immigrant entering should be fingerprinted and the records kept in a Federal identification bureau in Washington, according to Third Deputy Police Commissioner Joseph A. Faurot, who addressed 200 delegates to the first national conference of chiefs and superintendents of police yesterday.

The conference began on Tuesday at the Commodore and was continued yesterday in the east ballroom of that hotel. Commissioner Faurot spoke on "Criminal Identification, Present Conditions, Its Failures and the Remedies Thereof."

Commissioner Faurot is looked upon as the father of the finger-printing system of identification, and his address was regarded as one of the features of the convention.

The Third Deputy Commissioner announced a plan calculated to give his method of identification by finger prints a severe test. He said that if each of the 200 representatives present would submit to being fingerprinted, a steel safe would be provided for one of their number to break open. The name of the man doing the cracking would be discovered from the finger-prints, Commissioner Faurot said.

All the delegates agreed and the test probably will be held to-morrow at the Commodore. The only condition laid down by Mr. Faurot was that the safe-breaking job be accomplished without the use of gloves.

Following the morning session the delegates motored over to the Hotel Astor, where they were the luncheon guests of the Broadway Association. After the luncheon Jefferson DeMont Thompson, president of the association, introduced Commissioner of Immigration Frederick A. Wallis, who delivered an address on the most efficient methods of keeping tabs on immigrants.

Dr. Frank L. Christian, superintendent

of the New York State Reformatory, and John S. Kennedy, president of the State Prison Commission, made speeches in which they advocated closer cooperation between the police and prison authorities with a view to checking the movements of released convicts.

Special Deputy Police Commissioner John A. Harris spoke briefly on traffic regulations and said that the signal system now in use on Fifth Avenue is proving successful. He urged standardized regulations for all large cities throughout the country as one means of simplifying the driving of motor vehicles.

After the luncheon the delegates were taken on an automobile trip through the lower part of Manhattan and through parts of Brooklyn and Queens. This morning at 9 o'clock the delegates will visit Police Headquarters, where they will inspect the daily line-up of criminals. Two hours later they will visit Mayor Hylan at City Hall.

## Judge Landis Denies Rumor of Resignation

### Refuses to Say if He Is Thinking of Giving Up Seat on Bench at Future Date

CHICAGO, May 4.—Judge Kanesaw M. Landis in a formal statement to-day denied reports that he had resigned from the Federal bench to devote his time to his position as baseball commissioner.

"I have not resigned, nor have I said anything that could have been construed into a statement that I have resigned," the statement said.

The action Monday of the Senate Judiciary Committee in endorsing Senator Dial's bill making it an offense for a Federal judge to accept another position of pecuniary profit while on the bench had again aroused rumors that the judge was to relinquish his Federal position.

Judge Landis refused to say, however, whether he was thinking of resigning at some future date. He said that the present rumor about his resignation probably had arisen through conversations he had with Charles Nagl, custodian of the Federal Building.

"I told Nagl that when I left this court I wished to take some of the chairs with me, as they were cherished by me. They belong to the government and I asked him if I could purchase them," he said.

Judge Landis would not say why he had refused recently to set any cases beyond June 15, a fact which caused reports that he would resign in June.

## Dredge Bucket Scooped Up Body Of Mrs. Rankine

### Government Crew Probably Will Get \$500 Reward; Identification Completed by Dental Filling Chart

The \$500 reward offered for the return of Mrs. Annette Rankine, dead or alive, shortly after the wealthy widow disappeared April 1, may be divided among the crew of the United States government dredge Atlantic, which was at work on the East River Tuesday off Red Hook, near the foot of Thirty-ninth Street, Brooklyn. The woman's body was scooped from the bottom of the river and brought up in the bucket of the dredge.

The crew, ignorant of its identity, took the body ashore. It was removed to the morgue of the Kings County Hospital, where that night it was identified by Miss Laura Spink, who for many years kept house for Mrs. Rankine at 14 East Sixtieth Street, and by Frank Clouting, her chauffeur.

Yesterday any possible doubt was dispelled by an examination of the fillings of her teeth. Benjamin V. Nor-

ton, assistant secretary of the Fifth Avenue branch of the Guaranty Trust Company and Mrs. Rankine's brother, accompanied by operatives of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, who had been retained to search for her, went to the morgue with a chart obtained from her dentist.

The fillings as recorded on the chart were compared with the fillings in the teeth of the body. They were identical. Harry Scott, of the Pinkerton agency, said this test was conclusive. Mr. Norton, too, was satisfied that it was his sister's body.

Although the police are investigating the absence of jewelry which Mrs. Rankine is said to have worn, Mr. Norton and Mr. Scott declined yesterday to entertain any suspicion that she was murdered or robbed. The loss of the rings, Mr. Scott said, could be attributed to the action of the water.

Yesterday afternoon the body was removed to Mitchell Sons' funeral parlors at 86 Lefferts Place, Brooklyn. Funeral services will be held to-morrow at the home of Mr. Norton at Palham Manor. Burial will be at Niagara Falls, N. Y., where her husband is buried.

## Gale Sweeps City; Loss Is \$1,000,000

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or transportation after the storm began.

Coney Island suffered from the high tide and driving wind, many important shore properties were inundated and damages of a minor character were reported.

At Brighton Beach there was considerable damage to beach property and many small craft were wrecked by being driven ashore. In the Bay Ridge and Fort Hamilton districts heavy damage was done by the uprooting of trees and partial wrecking of frame buildings. Motor cars were abandoned on many roads and nearly every house entertained wayfarers who had been caught in the driving storm.

Nine persons were injured when six wooden signs blew from the front of a building at 56 Bleeker Street. They are Susie Conpi, six years old, of 229 Elizabeth Street; Nathan Goldfarb, fifteen, 408 East 101st Street; Nathan Goldfarb, same address; Peter Rockwell, sixty-five, 21 East Thirty-second Street; Edward O'Connor, twenty-four, 50 East Honston Street; Abraham Lon-

don, thirteen, 60 East Fourth Street; Irene Salvos, thirty-nine, 122 East Third Street; and Frances Welder, thirty-two, 520 East Fifth Street. The last named three were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. The others were sent to their homes.

The large number of injuries was due to the fact that a great crowd was hurrying to subway stations past the building when the signs blew down.

Captain William Tumbridge, seventy years old, proprietor of the St. George Hotel, Brooklyn, was seriously injured when a tree fell across an automobile in which he and his son, Major J. W. Tumbridge, were riding in Clinton Street, near Congress, Brooklyn. Captain Tumbridge sustained a compound fracture of two ribs. He was taken to St. Peter's Hos-

pital, where his condition was said last night to be serious.

## Priest Must Pay Her \$300

### Protestant Girl Says He Advised Catholic Not to Wed Her

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

ATCHISON, Kan., May 4.—Damages totaling \$300 were awarded Miss Ella Ramsey, of Atchison, by a jury in the District Court here yesterday against Father Lawrence Theis, a Catholic priest.

Miss Ramsey, who is a Protestant, asked \$10,000 damages alleging Father Theis told a Catholic man he should not marry her.

## Higginson Left \$2,599,564

BOSTON, May 4.—Henry L. Higginson, founder and patron of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, who died several months ago, left an estate valued at \$2,599,564, according to an inventory filed with the probate court to-day. His personal property included instruments and scores in use by the orchestra and many works of art.

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