

USURERS MATCH WITS WITH WHITMAN AIDS

Schemes Without End to Beat Law Hatched by Fertile Loan Sharks.

200 PER CENT. IN ONE CASE

Stocks and Gems Sold to Borrowers on Time Are Taken as Security.

The continual battle of wits between the District Attorney's office and the loan sharks, one trying to enforce the anti-usury law and the other to evade it, reached an interesting point yesterday when preparations were made to foil the newest plan on the part of the money lenders in the case against two men and a woman arrested on Monday.

Their scheme was to make a loan on securities. The man who came to them wanted \$17. The loan broker explained that his practice was merely to lend money on collateral and he was afraid he could not give the man the money. He wanted to know if the man could deposit some stocks or bonds as security. As the fellow was about to go away downhearted the broker suggested that he might call at another address and see if he could not arrange to get some stocks there.

Says Interest Was 200 Per Cent.

The man went to the address given and two shares of International Steam Pump bought about \$21. The stock was worth that day about \$10 a share. He did not have the money to pay for it, but signed an agreement to pay it in three installments over twelve weeks. Then he took the shares back to the loan broker and got \$17 cash on the understanding that he could have his stock back any time within ten days if he repaid the \$17. According to the District Attorney's office, the man really called for interest at the rate of nearly 200 per cent. a year.

This is only one scheme of the sharks to beat the law that makes any interest over 6 per cent. unlawful. Another arrangement was made at the District Attorney's court last week when Daniel H. Tolman, known as "king of the loan sharks," and who is now under a three years suspended sentence in Jersey, was held for trial in Special Sessions for charging an illegal interest rate on the "American Catholic" plan.

This scheme, according to members of the Attorney's staff, is a simple one. When a man comes to get a loan, he is told the shark will buy a note from him but cannot lend him money direct. He is given a printed note and instructed to find a friend who will sign it. The note promises to pay a certain sum of money with 6 per cent. interest.

The man who signs the money is informed he can get a friend to sign the note by explaining to him that it is merely a matter of form and that he, the borrower, will pay it. The man is generally in the loan office, makes an investigation and asks the man who signed the note if he would be willing to pay the money if his friend did not. He generally says he would and the note is then "discounted," the borrower indorsing the note and getting considerably less than the face value.

Diamonds as Collateral.

Then there are cases now under consideration in the District Attorney's office where the loan sharks first sold the borrower diamonds for a high price and then took the jewels back as security for the loan.

In a case which Assistant District Attorney Rubin handled recently, a "lawyer" in the employ of a loan shark proved to be a professional gambler. When an applicant for a loan came in he was referred to the firm's lawyer, who drew up the papers and then charged the applicant a fee for his legal attentions. Mr. Rubin got the lawyer to confess that he was a professional gambler and that he had been in another State. But the courts here held that the local broker aided and abetted in the crime of usury and was therefore punishable.

Sharks More Active Than Ever.

Despite the constant publicity and numerous complaints against the loan brokers they are still active. A man who has watched the prosecutions said yesterday that the loan sharks are more active now than ever before, and even more secure from successful prosecution. A representative of the Legal Aid Society said that he did not believe there were more sharks than before, but his opinion was that the business was still very active in New York, although the loan sharks are more careful of their methods than before.

New Places Have Opened, he said, near the centers where the city employees gather. There is a place on Whitehall street which masquerades under the appearance of a haberdashery store, he said, for the particular purpose of getting money from the employees of the municipal ferry.

The sharks who have adopted the stock deposit scheme have been found in various places to deal with. An instance is cited by the Legal Aid Society:

A man with ten children living in Brooklyn was being employed by a well known title and trust company of Brooklyn for some time as secretary and time was spent through sickness and misfortune in his family needed money. He applied to a loan broker in this city and obtained a loan of \$100 upon usurious interest.

In order to repay this loan he was forced to sell to other loan sharks from whom he obtained various loans, also upon exorbitant interest. He endeavored to meet these obligations by applying again to the loan brokers, until finally being hard pressed he defaulted with five of the contracts which he had last obtained. The total amount of the money actually obtained by this man of large family was \$170.75, for which he had obligated himself to pay back \$223.02 in weekly payments.

He is now being pressed by the loan sharks to pay the balance of his position on the amounts man finally applied to the Russell Sage Foundation for help, which referred

him to the Legal Aid Society. After investigating his story the society took up his case. The Russell Sage Foundation was communicated with, and agreed to loan the man a sum sufficient to pay off a substantial part of his obligations if the entire transaction with the loan sharks could be closed thereby.

In pursuance of this agreement the Legal Aid Society made a proposition to the five money loan brokers to have the exact amount of the loan advanced on a time repaid with 8 per cent. interest. On the loans were made to the date of settlement. This proposition was accepted by four of the loan brokers, but the fifth declined and said he would press his claim through the courts. He was a broker who had adopted the new "collateral" scheme.

BOYS TELL OF HOLDUP.

Three Arrested After Trying to Rob Miss Bergen.

Three boys arrested at Bath Beach yesterday on charges of assault and attempted robbery confessed to having held up four young women within the last two weeks. The police say they were concerned in other holdups.

The boys are Walter Schutter, 17 years old, of 150th Street, Charles, 15 years old, of 150th Street, and Herbert Mackie, 15 years, of 151st Street. They were arrested after they tried to rob Miss Ottilie Bergen, member of a family which was one of the first to settle in Brooklyn and after which Bergen Beach and Bergen Street were named. Miss Bergen lives at Seventy-sixth Street and Shore Road, Bay Ridge. She is twenty-five years old and athletic.

Miss Bergen was going home from a shopping trip late in the afternoon. At Seventy-third Street and Second Avenue she saw four boys standing at a corner. Two of them followed her to the middle of the block, pounced upon her and tried to force her into a car which contained \$150. There are no houses on the street.

Miss Bergen fought, screaming all the time. A man went to her rescue and the boys ran and were followed by the others. The man thought the latter were going to help her, but they attempted to drag her and he stopped his pursuit. Miss Bergen went home and telephoned the police.

Half an hour later Detectives Henne and Dwyer, who got descriptions of the boys from the woman, traced them to a fugitive along Third Avenue, where the detectives got to Fifty-eighth Street they saw four boys running away. The detectives grabbed them.

CHURCH NAME FIGHT GROWS LESS BITTER

Change From "Episcopal" to "American Catholic" Is Advocated.

The controversy in the Episcopal Church over a change of its name suddenly has become less bitter. Confronted with the fact that adoption of the name "American Catholic" at this time would split the Church into two parts, it is not into three, those who advocated the change took warning and stopped. They said they meant no more than that their church must be educated up to the name, and not until then must it be legally adopted.

Bishop Greer of this city, Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts, Bishop Anderson of Chicago, Bishop Spaulding of Utah, the Rev. Dr. William T. Manning of this city, the Rev. Dr. John Henry Hopkins of Chicago and others have helped matters a good deal lately. They said a third or a half of the eighteen days of the convention should not be spent in fighting over the name.

Nobody knows in how many forms the question of change of name was considered before the General Convention when it meets in the city on October 8. It may come up in half a dozen forms. The Diocese of California has asked the Convention that it authorize the dropping of the word "Protestant" from the title of the prayer book.

Three years ago, when the General Convention met a committee made up of representatives of all sides prepared a statement in two parts. One proposed the same thing that the Diocese of California now proposes and the other proposed the name "American Catholic." But by an oversight the other part was separated, and never was considered. It was a statement of the position of the Episcopal Church toward the Reformation churches and a declaration that in striking down the word "Protestant" from the prayer book it was not abandoning the ground gained in the Reformation.

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NEVER SAW BARR, SAYS KEELEY.

Chicago Publisher Denies He Was in Voting Machine Deal.

James Keeley, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, was a passenger on the Hamburg-American Line steamship America, which arrived here yesterday. He had learned of an affidavit made by Edward E. Marriott, a reporter on the Chicago Examiner, connecting Mr. Keeley's name with the Chicago voting machine scandal and he was yesterday in a city reporter concerning the charges. Marriott's affidavit, as reported in the newspapers last Friday, contained the statement that H. W. Parr, agent of the Empire Voting Machine Company, told Marriott that he "paid big money to get the contracts, but that the mistake he made was not to give \$50,000 to Jim Keeley."

Mr. Keeley said: "I know I never have laid eyes on Barr, although it is possible that I may have met him casually. I never talked with him or anybody else about the contracts, but the only thing I did was to fight the deal in the Tribune, and we'll continue to fight it."

5 HURT IN SIGHTSEEING CAR.

Automobile Hits Paving Block and Trip to Coney Is Delayed.

A sightseeing touring car with nineteen passengers bound for Coney Island struck a paving block as it was turning right in Bloomingdale Park yesterday last night and crashed into the subway kiosk on the southwest corner. Five persons were hurt.

George Dodson of Leonia, N. J., who was driving the car, was thrown to the pavement. Miss Della Stromberg of the Hotel Martingale had her left hand sprained. C. S. Smith of 361 Broadway received a cut in the leg. H. J. Lottman of the Athenaeum Hotel, Broadway and Forty-third street, had a knee cut. Muller, the chauffeur, received a sprained hand.

Another car took the passengers on to Coney Island.

EDWARD J. HALL III, IS REPORT.

Telephone Official on Special Car to Morris Plains Home.

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 16.—Edward J. Hall, vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, who lives in Morris Plains, N. J., was placed on a special car attached to the 1 o'clock train for New York. He is reported to be ill, but it is believed that his condition is serious.

He was brought here on his steam yacht, Latona, from Morris Plains.

SEA GIRL SLAIN IN WILLIAM F. THOMPSON

Victim of Mysterious Murder Once Rich Manufacturer in New York.

IDENTIFIED BY A. E. LOGAN

Thompson May Have Gambled With Last Dollar, Won and Been Killed by Losers.

MANASSAS, N. J., Aug. 16.—A story of a dual life amazing in some of its details was unfolded here to-day when Albert E. Logan of New York came to Manassas and identified the body of the man who was murdered at Sea Girl three weeks ago as that of William F. Thompson, at one time a wealthy glass manufacturer of New York. Although the description Logan gave tallied in every respect with that of the dead man, the authorities ordered the body exhumed to make the identity complete.

The case presents a striking picture of a man once wealthy who squandered a fortune, lost his home, was divorced by his wife, deserted by his children, and who subsisted at the last upon the money of a friend.

The identity of the body and Logan's knowledge of the man's past do not by any means clear up the mystery of the murder.

Thompson was found dead in a lonely spot at Sea Girl with bullet wounds in the hand, his knee, and his chest. Nothing relevant was found upon him but a tiny slip of paper upon which was written "George F. Harris, Robinson House, Spring Lake, N. J." Near by lay his pocketbook, rifled.

A week's work failed to uncover any trail of the man's murderer. The coroner's inquest led to a verdict accusing "parties unknown." He was buried in the potter's field.

SUPFRAGETTE WIFE HAS RUPP IN COURT AGAIN

Judge Paroles Him After Lawyer Pictures Him as Henpecked Husband.

Lawrence Rupp, who has been in a peck of mail ever since his demonstration against the militant suffragette address of his wife, Martha Rupp, to an East New York gathering, yesterday voluntarily appeared with his counsel in the Domestic Relations court in Brooklyn to answer her complaint for divorce from his husband. After he had lost his money. How the fortune was lost Logan would not say; neither would he tell anything about the dead man's son and daughter, who he said were now in the hands of a woman.

The warrant for his arrest had been issued on Thursday. His lawyer told the court that Rupp was unalterably opposed to the suffragette ideas of his wife.

She openly announced, the lawyer said, that she would enter the marriage to obey their husbands; she said she was a suffragette, and the emancipation of woman was more important than standing over a kitchen stove. Look at this poor henpecked husband, your Honor. For six months she has been driving me, she said, thin and emaciated he is for lack of food. Doesn't your Honor believe that this poor man is entitled to the sympathies of the court?

"Stop! Stop!" said Magistrate Fitch. "I've heard enough. I will parole him in your custody until August 22."

The judge is a man of understanding. They came from the same family. When Rupp went home for dinner last night his wife would not receive him until he had put on his shoes, she went to the corner to get a policeman.

She displayed the warrant for Rupp's arrest to Policeman Neary and demanded that he take her to the station. She said that he had just been paroled, but that didn't avail. Neither could he persuade the lieutenant at the Miller Avenue station that Judge Fitch had paroled him.

Rupp was released finally when the lieutenant heard from the clerk of the Domestic Relations Court that Rupp really had been paroled. Rupp went away unhappy. He said he gives \$2 a week for the support of his home and then doesn't have any.

NO HOPE FOR McGRATH'S EYE.

Bruck, Butler, Who Struck Him Is Held in \$1,000 Bail.

There is no doubt that Matt McGrath, the League man, who was struck in the eye by a brick thrown by a former policeman, will lose the sight of his right eye as the result of an interference fight before last in the New York Theatre. McGrath was struck in the eye by a brick thrown by a former policeman, who was held in \$1,000 bail.

MISS CARROLL STILL ENGAGED?

Baltimore Society Surprised at Re-appearance of Major Hill.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 16.—Society accepted here yesterday the report that the engagement of Major John Philip Hill and Miss Suzanne Carroll of Newport had been broken. The principals would not deny the break, which was subsequently confirmed by friends of the Carroll family.

Miss Carroll and her mother, Mrs. J. Howell Carroll, went to Buena Vista Springs, where they now are, and he remained at the Springs until several days ago, when he suddenly departed.

Later the announcement was made that the marriage had been indefinitely postponed, and that in a position to know he believed then that the wedding would never take place.

MAYOR PLEASES SUFFRAGETTES.

Mr. Gaynor Will Visit Their Tent at Empire City.

Mayor Gaynor has promised to visit the suffrage tent at the Empire City Park Fair. This letter was received from him yesterday by Mrs. Suffren, one of those in charge of the arrangements. "Dear Mrs. Suffren: I thank you for your invitation to visit the suffrage tent when I attend the athletic exhibit at the Empire City Park Fair, and shall be most glad to do so. Very truly yours, "W. J. GAYNOR, Mayor."

The suffragettes are planning a demonstration in the Mayor's honor when he arrives.

GIRL, 13, DIES AFTER ASSAULT.

Newburgh Police Seek Young Summer Boarder Missing Since Crime.

NEWBURGH, Aug. 16.—One of the most heinous assaults committed in Orange county was brought to light to-day when Bertha A. George, a thirteen-year-old girl, died in St. Luke's Hospital.

Bertha and two little companions were assaulted by a man named Brooks, fifteen miles from here, when a man approached and induced the older girl to go with him to a place where the fishing was better. The assault took place soon after.

While nothing of the attack to her mother and it was only on Monday when the child's condition became serious that the mother learned the facts and summoned a physician. The police knew nothing of the case until the dying girl was taken to the hospital.

The District Attorney and county officials will offer a reward for the arrest of a man named Brooks, who is presumed to be a summer boarder at Maybrook, about 19 years of age and who has disappeared.

The victim was the daughter of William George of 44 1/2 Cottage street, Jersey home, but has been long visit at the home of her uncle in Maybrook.

SHOT WHILE TAKING GIRL HOME.

Rival in Love Blamed for Attack Which May End Fatally.

Thomas Ryan, a salesman, aged 19 years, of 1432 Coy avenue, Woodhaven, was shot twice by an unidentified man last night while taking a girl home. He is believed to be a rival in love. The police are looking for him.

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The police say that Down's assailant is Benjamin Wolf, who runs a billiard room at 102d Street and Madison Avenue. Wolf was locked up in the East 104th Street station on a charge of felonious assault after Detectives Cruise and Dondero had followed two revolvers, one of which had three exploded shells; a blackjack and four gold watches in the billiard room.

The shooting is believed to have occurred in Wolf's place. Detectives who investigated the case learned that there had been a row in Wolf's billiard parlor in the afternoon and that four or five men had gone back to Wolf's place to cause trouble. The shooting is said to have resulted.

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After the shots were fired two men were seen running from the park. Patrolman Wobert of the East 104th Street station caught one of the men, who was identified as Francis Guarino of 291 East 103d Street, was locked up in the Arsenal station on the charge of felonious assault.

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NAMES MEN SOUGHT FOR MARTIN MURDER

Dougherty on Trail of Mike Sirocco and Harry Schaefer.

A NEW "BADGER GAME"

Slayers Lured Toronto Milliner to Place Where He Met His Death.

Deputy Commissioner Dougherty announced yesterday that he has solved the mystery surrounding the death of William G. Martin, the Toronto milliner, who was found strangled in a furnished room at 435 West Fifty-seventh Street last Tuesday night. Dougherty said that he is looking for two men, Harry Schaefer and Mike Sirocco, and intends to charge them with murder. He added that his case against the men is so strong that it will not be based on circumstantial evidence.

A circular has been sent out to the police of all the important cities of the United States. It carries a complete description of both men and leaves little to the imagination in regard to their habits.

Schaefer is also known as Murray. He was a "tough" youth, and was raised in the neighborhood of Fifty-fifth Street and Fifth Avenue. He worked as a painter and then held jobs tending bar in clubs. Lately he has made his living by joining with Sirocco in luring men to secluded places and robbing them.

Dresses Like Chorus Man. He is described as good looking and fairly well dressed, in the chorus man style. He seldom drinks, but smokes cigarettes. He is 20 years old, 5 feet 7 1/2 inches high, weighs 145 pounds, has a stocky build and pale complexion. He wears a stylish brown suit with light hair and a thin face. He combs his hair in pompadour fashion, wears a straw hat with a bow behind, and when last seen was dressed in a Norfolk jacket and the police say.

Sirocco is of a tougher type. He is known also as Sago and as Santo. He is a barber by trade, and comes from the neighborhood of Broadway and Canal Streets. He is a dancer, Sirocco also dresses like a Broadway hanger on; is neat and good looking after the Italian fashion. He is 20 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, stocky build and pale complexion. He wears a stylish brown suit and a white silk shirt with a soft collar.

The men are thought to have gone to San Francisco after the murder.

The police say that Sirocco was a friend of the Johnsons and posing as a friend of the Johnsons and his brother hired the room in which the body was found. At 4 o'clock the afternoon of the murder the Johnsons left, as they couldn't pay another week's rent.

Promised to Meet Men.

Martin, on his way to the Barrett home in Fifty-eighth Street, where he was staying, stopped to look at a baseball scoreboard in Columbus Circle. Two men spoke to him, and when Martin left the two they had promised to meet him again at 7 o'clock that evening. Martin went home and the Bar came to meet him at 7 o'clock. He body was found next morning in the room vacated by the Johnsons.

The articles stolen from Martin include a hunting case gold watch marked W. G. M., a gold watch chain, an old gold locket marked W. G. M., a one carat diamond ring and a half carat diamond ring. Descriptions of the jewelry have been sent out to the police.

Commissioner Dougherty at Corona, but they can throw little or no light on the actual murder.

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"BAT" MAKES HIS LAST RUN.

Pride of Hook and Ladder 13 Killed in the Way of Duty.

Bat, the famous old horse of Hook and Ladder 13, was killed yesterday dashing into the street at Third Avenue and Ninety-ninth Street.

He left the doorway of the house on Eighty-seventh Street between Lexington and Third avenues in his old style. He was in the harness, which means that Jack Norton chiefly depended on him. On the extreme left of the three he nosed the corners and the crush of traffic. Driver James said last night with a complacent air that the old horse died in the performance of duty.

It was at Ninety-fourth Street that Bat met his fate. A brewery's huge auto truck got in the way of the horse, and it seemed something of a novelty to the old timer like Bat. He averted to the left, struck an elevated pillar head on and dropped. The two other horses escaped and the hook and ladder truck was not damaged.

Capt. James Kierney would see no inquirers last night.

ENGLISHMEN FORM COMPANY.

Incorporate in Delaware to Operate Omnibuses in Havana.

A group of English capitalists with a Havana Motor Omnibus Company, which will operate motor omnibuses in Havana. The articles of incorporation were filed yesterday in Dover, Del. The concern is capitalized at \$1,000,000.

John Taylor, a New York lawyer, has had charge of the legal matters connected with the starting of the company. The incorporators are Ralph S. Hull of Brooklyn, Alexander B. Andrews of Flushing and Ralph A. Gamble of Larchmont.

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