

\$6,400 HAUL BY AUTO BANDITS; ONE CONFESSES

Three Firms Made Victims—Chauffeur Admits Part in Plot.

SECOND ARREST MADE EARLY THIS MORNING

Masonry Paint Co. in Brooklyn First Concern to Be Attacked.

AMERICAN CAN CO. IN MANHATTAN IS NEXT

Employee of Architects' Firm Is Trained and Robbed in Elevator.

Automobile bandits working in Brooklyn and Manhattan yesterday held up and robbed the messengers of three concerns and got away with payroll money amounting to \$6,400. In one of the robberies the bandits used revolvers, in another they used blackjacks, in the third they went through the pockets of a messenger as he was being held in an elevator.

In all three cases they got away in automobiles that carried them out of sight almost before their victims realized what had happened. At an early hour this morning two arrests had been made.

Two youthful clerks of the Masonry Paint Company at 52 Jay street, Brooklyn, were the first victims. They had returned from a bank with \$3,200 in a bag and were on the stairway leading to the company's offices when two men covered them with revolvers. They yielded up the money without a struggle and the robbers dashed into the street and away in an automobile. This was shortly before 10 o'clock.

Arrests in Can Robbery.

An hour later two men struck down messengers as they were entering the office building at 47 West Fourteenth street. As the messengers fell under the blows of blackjacks the robbers seized a bag containing \$2,700, threw it into an automobile and rushed away. The street was crowded at the time and the number of the automobile was recognized. It led to the arrest of the chauffeur, Frederick Kelley of 627 East 137th street, and last night he confessed, telling the police who his companions were.

At 1:30 o'clock this morning Joseph Reardon, 22 years old, of Fort Schuyler road and Harrington avenue, Westchester, was arrested at Third avenue and Thirty-sixth street by Detective Willense of Inspector Faurot's staff. He was locked up in the East Thirty-fifth street station as a material witness.

Following Reardon's arrest thirty detectives were sent into the upper East Side to pick up any suspicious characters. James Fay was arrested in a poolroom at 75 Second avenue. He was charged with carrying a pistol.

The third robbery took place a few hours later in the same police precinct. Five men entered an elevator in the Townsend Building, at Broadway and Twenty-fifth street, with a bookkeeper for the firm of McKenzie, Voorhes & Smelin. They hustled him and got \$500 out of his pockets before the elevator reached the tenth floor. They got off with him, took another elevator to the street and were in their automobile and away before the bookkeeper had recovered his loss.

All, Perhaps, by Same Gang.

While they have nothing definite yet to go on the police have a theory that all three robberies were committed by members of the same gang.

Kelly, who is a chauffeur, living with his wife and two children at 627 East 137th street, confessed last night, according to Deputy Police Commissioner Rubin, that he drove the car for the two men who blackjacked the messengers of the American Can Company. He was arrested shortly after 4 o'clock and until 11:30 last night withstood the grilling of Commissioner Rubin, Inspector Faurot and the detectives who pined him steadily with questions. His confession started an immediate search for the holdup men.

CHALONER CAN'T GET MILLION.

Still Insane Here, So Court Rules Against Him.

John Armstrong Chaloner lost his fight yesterday in the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals to recover his \$1,000,000 estate from P. Tecumseh Sherman, who was appointed a committee of his person when Chaloner was committed to the Bloomingdale Asylum in 1898.

Mr. Chaloner is still legally insane in New York, although sane under the laws of Virginia, where he lives on his beautiful Merry Mills plantation.

The court in an opinion written by Judge Julius M. Mayer, upheld the action of Judge George C. Holt, who ruled that the court had no jurisdiction in the matter.

WIND CAUSES LOSS OF \$100,000.

Five Persons Are Hurt in Storm in Evansville, Ind.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., June 5.—A storm which struck Evansville between 6 and 7 o'clock to-night wrecked several buildings and the property loss will amount to more than \$100,000. The wind attained a velocity of more than thirty miles an hour.

The main office building of the Illinois Central Railroad Company was badly damaged, the loss being \$25,000. The First Avenue Presbyterian Church, valued at \$25,000, the home of the pastor next door and another house were wrecked.

Five persons were injured, including J. P. Mannion, an Illinois Central Railroad telegraph operator, and Mrs. Frank Lorenzo.

WOMAN'S ESTATE NETS \$3,349,966 FOR CHARITY

Miss Elizabeth Thompson's Money to Go to Six City Institutions.

The appraisal of the estate of Miss Elizabeth Thompson, who died on November 17 last at 36 East Sixty-seventh street, shows that her estate, the bulk of which under the will, is to be divided ultimately among six public institutions in New York, amounts to \$3,349,966.

Miss Thompson was one of the four surviving children of David Thompson, who was for twenty-five years president of the New York Life Insurance and Trust Company. He died in 1871. Miss Thompson left two sisters, Mrs. Sarah T. Gardiner of Bay Shore, L. I., and Mary G. Thompson of 36 East Sixty-seventh street, and a brother, Charles G. Thompson.

Miss Thompson left \$100,000 to her sister Mrs. Gardiner, and \$100,000 each to Mrs. Gardiner's children, David Gardiner and Sarah D. Gardiner of Bay Shore, L. I., and Robert A. Gardiner of Lisle, Hampshire, England. She left the residuary estate in equal shares for life to her sister Mary and her brother Charles and directed that upon the death of the survivor of the two the entire residuary estate is to be disposed of.

Her relatives are to have the privilege of buying all family portraits, silverware and heirlooms, and the entire proceeds of the sale of the estate are to go in equal shares to the Children's Aid Society, the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, the New York Historical Society, the New York Hospital, the Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia University.

The estate consists largely of securities, which were valued at \$3,415,116. Among the stock holdings are National City Bank, 1,000 shares, \$350,000; New York Life Insurance and Trust Company, 300 shares, \$350,000; Consolidated Gas, 1,302 shares, \$153,832; New York Central, 1,115 shares, \$105,925; Chicago and Northwestern, 1,150 shares, \$143,750; Pennsylvania Railroad, 7,260 shares, \$299,300, and United States Steel preferred, 1,860 shares, \$195,300.

ELSIE JANIS LOSES \$1,250?

So She Says, Anyway, and It Was a Week's Salary.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
LONDON, June 5.—Miss Elsie Janis, the actress, is bemoaning the loss of a week's salary, \$250 (\$1,250). She has not been able to realize yet that English banknotes are real money and fears that she swept the money into the fire.

ROOSEVELT HAS TO FACE A SUFFRAGETTE

Interviewed by Non-militant Daughter of Friend at Plymouth.

HE LOOKS MUCH BETTER

Declines to Discuss Politics or Talk About His River.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
PARIS, June 6 (Saturday).—Col. Roosevelt landed from the Olympic at Cherbourg at 9 o'clock last night and is expected to arrive in Paris at 4:25 o'clock this morning.

When the steamer stopped at Plymouth on the way to Cherbourg the Mayor and a party of prominent residents, including the president of the Chamber of Commerce, went aboard and extended an informal welcome to Col. Roosevelt.

When the Olympic touched at Plymouth early to-night there was great anxiety lest suffragettes would make an effort to molest Col. Roosevelt.

Officials of the White Star Line and two Scotland Yard detectives closely watched Miss Strachey, who had booked passage from Plymouth to Cherbourg, and when the ship was well on her way to this port and Miss Strachey asked for the privilege of interviewing Col. Roosevelt Col. Arthur Lee, formerly British Military Attaché at Washington, who met on the vessel, was prepared for the worst.

Col. Roosevelt himself did not seek to avoid the interview, and he greeted Miss Strachey warmly when he found that she is a cousin of his friend John St. Lo Strachey, the editor of the Spectator.

Wanted Him to Talk to Anti.

Miss Strachey is a suffragist, but a non-militant. She said she had embarked on appeal to the ex-President to address an anti-militant meeting at which the Bishop of Kensington is to preside. The Colonel declined politely. He expressed regret that his time in London after his return from Madrid would be so limited that he must decline all invitations except to a dinner which has already been arranged, the lecture before the Royal Geographical Society, and meetings with a few friends.

As the Olympic was entering Plymouth harbor those who were on the approaching tender heard a stentorian shout from the Colonel:

"Why, Arthur Lee, it's bully in you to come down here to meet me."

A few minutes later Col. Roosevelt was holding a reception, warmly greeting Col. Lee, who climbed aboard from the tender and acknowledging the courtesy of the Plymouth officials. He said that it was impossible to enter Plymouth harbor without recalling the exploits of Sir Frank Drake. He planned more deeply into English history and then joked with the reporters, submitting to their request to pose for a photograph, although he laughingly said this was "an unusual experience."

He Looks Much Better.

The Colonel said that the trip has done him immense good. Having literary work on hand he kept to his stateroom during the voyage except at meal time and for an hour's promenade on the deck each day. He said he had had no chill for ten days. He is in fine condition physically and his voice seemed to have lost a trifle of its timbre.

Other passengers said that during his rare appearances the Colonel had associated mostly with Bishop Murray of Maryland, but that he was pleasant to every one, and on one occasion visited the second and third cabins. He was photographed aboard ship with the delegation of Salvation Army officers, who were on the way to attend the world congress in London, but declined to make a speech. One night in the Ritz-Carlton restaurant aboard ship he saw Evelyn Nesbit tango and Jack Clifford dancing the tango.

Col. Roosevelt said that immediately after the wedding of his son, Kermit, and Miss Belle Willard, in Madrid, he will leave for England. He expects to arrive on the morning of Saturday of next week and will go to Col. Arthur Lee's country house. He will deliver his lecture June 16 and will sail for home two days later.

Sees Republican Reunion.

The Colonel refused to discuss politics or his South American travels. Fellow passengers said that on the voyage he talked freely on both subjects, and discussed what he seemed to consider the trend of Progressives and Reformed Republicans toward a reunion. Doubts cast on his reported Brazilian discoveries appeared to enter his soul like a rod of iron.

ROOSEVELT REACHES PARIS.

Crowd of Americans to Meet Him, but He Declines to Talk.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
PARIS, June 6 (Saturday).—Col. Roosevelt arrived at the St. Lazare station at 4:25 o'clock this morning.

He returned to his hotel, and on his return will stop in Paris.

Robert Woods Bliss, secretary of the embassy, met him at the station, accompanied by a dozen enthusiastic Americans. The Colonel said he had nothing to say about anything. When the reporters asked him if he could see him later in the day he replied:

"Not if I see you first."

AUNT SAYS COTHREN SPENT HER \$20,000

Accuses Dead Brooklyn Lawyer of Withdrawing Her Deposits Here.

RKD BANK, N. J., June 5.—Suffering from nervous shock resulting from the loss of about \$20,000 through the manipulation of her nephew, Col. Frank Cothren, late of 171 South Oxford street, Brooklyn, who died last Friday from an overdose of morphine, Mrs. Alice Cothren of Broad street, who is 82 years old, reluctantly admitted to-day the financial loss.

Shortly after the death of her husband, Mrs. Cothren said, she gave a power of attorney to her nephew, who was her only heir. He was in charge of all of his aunt's affairs. Some months ago, wishing to invest about \$2,000 in real estate, she decided to ask his fund from her nephew to have a deposit in New York city banks. She forwarded to her nephew her deposit books, together with written authority to withdraw the money, and instructed him to forward to her \$2,000.

Cothren suggested to his aunt that it would be better if she did not withdraw the sum from one bank. He suggested that she take some from each bank where she had deposits. In this way he got possession of her deposit books.

Recently Mrs. Cothren requested her nephew to return them to her, but she was unable to get them even after many demands. Cothren's excuse always being that because of his business activities he had forgotten to do as she requested, but would do so shortly.

Finally, growing suspicious, Mrs. Cothren, accompanied by Mrs. William T. Corlies, went to New York and called upon her nephew at his office and demanded possession of her deposit books and the return or cancellation of power of attorney. Then, she says, Cothren admitted that he had withdrawn all her money for his own use and had lost it.

Frank Howard Cothren, a former Assemblyman and a lawyer of some prominence, was found dead in the bathtub at his home 171 South Oxford street, Brooklyn, on May 23. Coroner Senior did not investigate to find out if the dose of morphine which caused death had been taken intentionally.

Mr. Cothren, a graduate of Bowdoin College and Columbia, had a law office at 2 Rector street, in 1910 the Congregational Church Building Society alleged that it had been defrauded out of \$3,500 by Cothren in a real estate deal and charges of unprofessional conduct were made against him, but in April, 1911, the Supreme Court dismissed the charge upon the report of a referee.

CARUSO GETS "BABY" LETTERS.

Tenor Pays \$5,000 to Settle \$100,000 Breach of Promise Suit.

Enrico Caruso, the tenor, has settled the \$100,000 breach of promise suit brought against him by Miss Mildred Meffert. It is understood that the plaintiff accepted \$2,000 for her heart wounds. Her counsel, Irving E. Ziegler, declined last night to say what amount she had received. He added that he did not want her to settle so soon, but she had her own way about it, and now Caruso has all the tender missives that Miss Meffert alleged he had written to her. Many of these letters were signed "Baby."

Miss Meffert based her suit on the allegation that the tenor promised to marry her on April 3, 1909, and failed to keep his word.

DIES OF PTOMAINES AFTER MEAL IN HOTEL

Charles D. Holman Expires Few Hours After Luncheon With Bridal Couple.

BLAMED ON SWEETBREADS

Had Recently Been Usher at Wedding of His Sister and G. W. Kyle.

Only a few hours after he had taken luncheon with his sister and his brother-in-law, George W. Kyle, whose usher he had been at the wedding the day before, Charles D. Holman of 257 West Ninety-sixth street was taken ill Thursday afternoon and died at 10 o'clock that night in Hudson street hospital. Ptomaine poisoning was given as the cause of death.

Mr. Holman, who was 22 years old and a Princeton man, had promised his sister that he would take her and her husband to the theatre that night and had left them after luncheon in the best of spirits. He took a car directly to the offices of the Nord Deutch Insurance Company at 123 William street, and telephoned his sister at about 4 o'clock to ask what theatre she would like to attend.

Taken Suddenly Ill.

At ten minutes after 5 he complained to William E. Griffith, another brother-in-law, who was in the office with him, that he felt ill. The boy looked so pale that Griffith telephoned his father, Charles J. Holman, whose office is near by, in John street, and they took the young man to Hudson street hospital. He grew steadily worse and died at 10:45 that night.

On Wednesday he was usher at the wedding of his sister Angelina Holman to George W. Kyle at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, West Sixty-ninth street, and last night Mr. Kyle told the details of the last luncheon.

"My wife and I were stopping at a hotel," he said, "and we asked my brother-in-law to come down for luncheon. He was a little late and we had already had our luncheon, so we sat at the table with him while he ate. My recollection is that he had sweetbreads."

Left in High Spirits.

"He was apparently feeling perfectly well and was in high spirits when we left, planning the pleasant time we would have together that night. As far as I know he went directly to the office."

Mr. Holman was of the class of 1913 in Princeton, but left before finishing his college course. He was a member of the Triangle Club at college and belonged to the MacDowell Chorus in New York. He leaves his father, Charles J. Holman, and mother, Mrs. Sarah Dominguez Holman, and two sisters, Mrs. Kyle and Mrs. Griffiths. Funeral services will be held to-day at the home on West Ninety-sixth street. The Rev. Nathan Seagle of St. Andrew's Church, who performed the marriage ceremony for his sister Wednesday, will conduct the funeral services.

CARNEGIE THE HAPPIEST MAN.

He Says So Himself in Accepting the Freedom of Lincoln.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
LONDON, June 5.—"I believe I am the happiest man alive," Andrew Carnegie said in a speech at Lincoln to-day. The address was made in acknowledgment of the bestowal of the freedom of the city in recognition of his library gifts to the community.

SAV THEY HAVE A RAFFLES.

Atlantic City Police Accuse Prisoner of High Class Hotel Theft.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 5.—With the arrest to-day of Ross Hale the police say they have captured the gentleman crook whose victims number wealthy residents of New York city, Rochester, N. Y., and New Haven, Conn.

Hale was arrested in one of the most expensive suites of the St. Charles Hotel. He smiled coolly when informed that he was suspected of having carried out on his operations for more than a year.

The search for Hale, Capt. Whalen said, began April 22, 1913, when the Rev. William Baker, pastor of Christ Church, New Haven, a guest at the Hotel Chalfonte, reported that his rooms had been robbed of \$1,000. The next robbery was reported in September by William K. Payne of Hartford, Conn., a broker with office at 26 Exchange place, New York, who also was a guest at the Chalfonte. He said diamonds and jewelry worth \$4,000 were stolen from his apartments while he and his family were at dinner.

On March 23 of this year Dr. W. A. Reagan of 252 Alexander street, Rochester, reported that his room at the Marlborough-Blenheim had been looted of \$1,000 in jewelry, and a third time a well dressed guest was suspected.

PASSENGER SHIP IN CANAL.

Panama Railroad Vessel Will Be First to Pass Through.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
PANAMA, June 5.—The Panama Railroad's ship, Allianca, is scheduled to pass through the Gatun locks of the Panama Canal Monday in order to test the locks.

The Allianca will be the first passenger vessel to use any locks of the canal, and her trip is awaited with great interest.

LOUISE MAY BE GIFT TO FRANCE.

Root Would Present Old Launch Used in Building Canal.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The steam launch Louise, celebrated in connection with the history of the construction of the Panama Canal, may be presented to the French Government. She was first the property of the French in their attempts to construct the canal and title to her passed to the United States by the purchase of the French rights and property. Since then she has been used by Col. Goethals and those working with him.

Senator Root introduced a bill to-day to turn the little launch over to the French Republic as an evidence of good will and appreciation of French effort in the work of building the canal, but before it is done Senator Root would have the launch put in prime condition by the United States and then pass her through the canal decked with the flag of the French Republic.

\$500,000 OFFERED BY FRICK FOR A PICTURE

Would Buy Velasquez's "Pope Innocent X." Most Famous Painting in Rome.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
ROME, June 5.—Henry C. Frick has made an offer of \$500,000, which he is said to be prepared to increase even to \$600,000, for Velasquez's "Pope Innocent X.," the most famous picture in Rome. The owner, Prince Alfonso Doria-Pamphili, has refused to consider the offer.

Carl Justi wrote of this picture: "The blue gray eye set in the ugly visage gazes at us; there lies the power—not in the purple vestments or the glittering gold. It is the gaze of a man determined to read the thoughts of all who approach him, to impress their personality forever on his mind, conscious as he is of the infallibility of his decisions."

Mr. Frick is said to have one of the largest private collections of paintings in the city. He has been adding to it for several years by purchase here and abroad. It is understood by his friends that he has no serious intention of selling his Fifth avenue residence (now building) containing the collection to the city at his death.

EARN \$10,000 FOR HEATHEN.

Seamstress Given Proceeds of Toll to Foreign Missions.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church announced yesterday that Miss Nettie Yoward of Sterling, Ill., had earned \$10,000 for the board's activities.

GIRL LOST IN GRAND CENTRAL, HAS \$1,417

Was Wandering Around Looking for the Titanic—Can't Tell Who She Is.

A girl modestly dressed, with a big Scotch collar on a leash at her side, was wandering aimlessly about the waiting room of the Grand Central Terminal last night when the dog began to bark.

In the crowd that gathered was Miss Michelson of the Travelers Aid Society, who asked the girl if she could be of assistance.

"Why, yes," she replied. "Perhaps you can help me be captain of the Titanic. I came here early this morning, but I can't find where the Titanic is docked. I think I'll try the Aquitania."

Miss Michelson and two station attendants took the girl to a side room, where she said she was Ellen Bushnell, 24 years old, of Great Barrington, Mass. She could not remember her father's name or his occupation, and soon her answers became incoherent.

WILSON'S TRUST BILLS JAMMED THROUGH HOUSE

Leaders Abruptly Force Vote on Programme as if Driven to It.

SENATE HOLDUP IS ANXIOUSLY SOUGHT

Majority of Democrats Want Measures Sidetracked Till After Elections.

FEW MEMBERS BOLT WHEN VOTE IS TAKEN

Forty-one Republicans Support Clayton Bill, Which Has Labor Provisions.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—President Wilson's entire programme of anti-trust legislation, embodied in three bills, was passed to-day by the House.

Heretofore the passage of a big Administration measure in the House has been the occasion for an outburst of enthusiasm. Only perfunctory applause marked to-day's proceedings. The House appeared to be in a sullen humor and put its seal of approval on the Administration bills as though it had been driven to the task.

The anti-trust bills will be sent to the Senate to-morrow. Their fate in that body is uncertain. A majority of the Democrats who voted for the bills in the House are hopeful that the measures will be sidetracked by the Senate until after the November elections.

They fear that the anti-trust programme is loaded with political dynamite and hope that any ill effects on business may be postponed at least until after the fall elections.

The Republicans' Suspicion.

President Wilson has repeatedly declared that Congress must pass the anti-trust bills at this session and his recent utterances indicate that he still adheres to this determination. Yet there is a suspicion among Republicans that part, if not all of the trust programme will be laid aside for future consideration before the Senate has proceeded far with a discussion of it.

Republicans are of the opinion that in the last session President Wilson will hearken to the advice of Oscar W. Underwood that "business needs a rest" and that quietude will be restored only by an early adjournment of Congress.

The programme passed to-day includes all of the proposals conferring special privileges on labor unions. It also embodies the provisions which railroad presidents, including Judge Lovett of the Union Pacific, have said would disrupt every big system in the United States.

Summary of the Bills.

The bills passed to-day may be briefly summarized as follows:

Clayton Anti-Trust Bill

Is designed to supplement the Sherman anti-trust law. Prohibits price discriminations under penalty of fine and imprisonment. Makes it unlawful for the owner, operator or transporter of oil or gas well, reduction works, refinery or hydro-electric plant to refuse arbitrarily to sell to farmers at declared-to-be legal entities. The power of the Federal courts in issuing injunctions and punishing for contempt in labor disputes is increased. "Holdings" contracts are prohibited. Railroad "pools" are prohibited, except such as are now held to be lawful upon approval by the Interstate Commerce Commission. "Holding companies" are prohibited and interlocking directors are made unlawful under penalty involving both fine and imprisonment. Guilt is made personal throughout the bill. Labor unions and voluntary associations of farmers are declared to be legal entities. The power of the Federal courts in issuing injunctions and punishing for contempt in labor disputes is increased. "Holdings" contracts are prohibited. A private suit or seeking damages may offer evidence obtained by the United States in a suit to dissolve a corporation.

The Railway Bill.

Railway Capitalization Bill—Empowers the Interstate Commerce Commission to supervise the issuance of stocks and bonds authorized by interstate railways. Railways seeking such authority must give reasons for issues and the purposes for which proceeds are to be used. All issues made contrary to the orders of the commission are punishable by fine and imprisonment of all persons, officers, directors or other agents responsible. In seeking authority to issue securities railways are required to submit to the commission terms, conditions and rates of interest in stocks and bonds involved. Pipe lines and telephone companies are brought within the purview of the proposed law. Disfranchisement is made to prevent the encroachment of Federal authority upon the rights of State railway bodies. Full publicity of the financial affairs of railways is assured through reports to be made to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Trade Commission Bill.

Interstate Trade Commission Bill—Creates a commission of three members, each to receive a salary of \$10,000 a year. All corporations with a capital of more than \$5,000,000 are required to file reports with the commission. The commission is empowered to