

TWO MEN CONFESS LAUNDRY BURNINGS

Were Hired, They Assert, by Workers' Association for Arson "Jobs."

START FIFTEEN FIRES

Laundrymen's Association Raided, Records Seized and Two Officials Held.

[By Associated Press.] NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Two men taken in a recent round-up of burglary suspects confessed today, according to the police, that they had been employed by a laundry workers' association at \$15 a job to destroy with acids the wearing apparel in the shops of laundry owners who refused to recognize them.

They were reported to have told the police that they had worked together on fifteen jobs and that the bundles they visited had been set adrift by the acids. A watchman was burned to death in one of the fires, they said.

Police Make Raid. Immediately after the men, who gave their names as Frank Marchese and Louis Wallinger, had confessed, police raided the headquarters of a laundrymen's organization in Park Row, seized its records and arrested two officials, whose names they would not reveal.

Information given by Marchese and Wallinger, it was said, indicated that the laundry organization which employed them had set out to destroy the shop of every laundryman who refused to recognize their association.

Marchese and Wallinger declared they had been employed by other organizations as "guerrillas."

Started Yonkers Fire. The men declared they were responsible for the destruction by fire of a laundry in Yonkers Tuesday night.

A flying police squad was detailed to visit underworld resorts tonight and take into custody men and women believed to be employed by various organizations for work similar to that done by Marchese and Wallinger.

WEST VIRGINIAN FIGHTS BATTLE WITH DEPUTIES

Over 1,200 Shots Fired After Man Barricaded Himself in Home.

[By Associated Press.] STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, Dec. 27.—More than 1,200 shots were exchanged tonight between a sheriff, state police and armed citizens when a man barricaded himself in his home. The deputy had gone to the Jones home in response to a telephone summons from Mrs. Joseph Jones that her husband was threatening her life.

Sought Dead Wife. According to Mrs. Jones her husband came home early tonight and attempted to force her at the point of a gun to deed him three houses which she owned. She refused, and he fled.

Machine Guns in Action. The machine guns were brought into action and a hail of bullets poured into the house. Jones kept up a steady return fire from downstairs windows and later from upstairs. Officers declared ones fired at least 100 shots during the battle.

Finally the fire from the house ceased and ones was found lying unconscious on the ground with a bullet wound in his leg. He was placed under arrest and taken to a hospital. The house was completely riddled by bullets.

NEWPORT NEWS POLICE CAPTAIN SUSPENDED

[By Associated Press.] NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 27.—Captain J. A. Eichelberger, of the Newport News Police Department, was today suspended from duty by City Manager L. G. Thom, who is temporarily filling the position of chief of police, owing to failure to secure a successor to Chief Campbell, who turned in his resignation recently.

Eichelberger is charged with conducting an unbecomingly a gentleman. He will be replaced temporarily by Patrolman H. H. Griffin. City Manager Thom named Thursday, January 4, as the date when Campbell's resignation will be tried. He was suspended last week on similar charges as those against Eichelberger, who will be tried on Wednesday, January 3.

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR 1922 DECREASE

[By Associated Press.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Income and profits taxes collected during November amounted to \$23,624,254 more than in October but less than in November last year, according to figures compiled at the Treasury today.

Estate taxes also fell off as compared with November a year ago amounting to \$5,981,625 as against \$10,266,492 in November 1921. In October the estate taxes yielded \$7,572,326.

There was a small increase over November 1921 shown in the taxes collected last month on tobacco. The Treasury received \$24,405,787 from that source last month, while in November it received \$22,600,079.

ST. JOHN'S NIGHT IS OBSERVED APPROPRIATELY IN RICHMOND

Masonic Lodges Celebrate Feast of Christian Patron. Dove Lodge Elects Brockenbrough Lamb Worshipful Master—Grand Secretary Installs Officers.

St. John's night was fittingly observed in the Richmond Masonic lodges last night. St. John's night is an annual affair, although there are no set rules for its observance. Dove Lodge, No. 41, A. P. and A. M., and Meridian Lodge chose officers yesterday, while Manchester Lodge, No. 14, A. P. and A. M., installed officers already elected last night, and held its annual "possum" feast.

Brockenbrough Lamb was chosen worshipful master of Dove Lodge at the meeting in the Masonic Temple last night. Other officers selected at this time were: Wythe D. Anderson, senior warden; Jefferson Wallace, junior warden; J. A. Dunford, senior deacon; Norman Hall, junior deacon; Alfred H. McDowell, secretary; George F. Reynolds, treasurer. A delegation from Manchester Lodge presented the retiring worshipful master, Dr. Willford B. Lorraine, with a barbecued opossum.

Meridian Lodge, one of the few Masonic organizations in the United States, elected its officers at "daylight lodge" yesterday afternoon held its annual election. Charles A. Nesbitt, grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, conducted the installation exercise immediately afterward.

Anderson Worshipful Master. James B. Anderson succeeds Alfred T. Nesbitt as worshipful master. Other officers for the year will be: Hunter McGuire Thomas, senior warden; J. W. Valentine, junior warden; Victor St. John, Vaughan, secretary; Harrison F. Ryder, treasurer; H. C. Lewis, senior deacon; and J. N. Otey, junior deacon.

Appointments by the incoming master included four chaplains: Dr. Frank T. McFadden, Charles A. Nesbitt, James L. Beck, and Gaston Lichtenstein. Proxies selected for the grand lodge meeting in February are: J. C. Lewis, J. N. Otey and W. C. M. Menoure heads the stewards' committee.

The big event of 1922, which will go down in the history of the organization, was the laying of the cornerstone of the memorial to Matthew Fontaine Maury. As a feature of the reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, these exercises were notable in more than one respect. It will be recalled that, upon this occasion, E. Lee Trinkle, Governor of Virginia, Julian S. Carr, presiding officer of the veterans of one entire South, and Mrs. Livingston Rowe Schuyler, president-general of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, addressed the large crowd, which had assembled to honor the "Father of the Seas."

At the close of yesterday's meeting Meridian Lodge went into a body to the funeral of James A. Thompson, one of the members. His death was the third loss during the year. The reports showed a net gain of twenty old members.

Pastmaster William L. Bernstein, chairman of the auditing committee, read a comprehensive statement of the financial condition of the organization.

An elaborate "possum" feast followed the installation of officers of Manchester Lodge last night. J. D. Hank made the principal talk of the occasion. Officers installed at this time were: E. K. Scott, worshipful master; H. C. Moore, senior warden; L. E. Patrum, junior warden; J. R. Robertson, secretary; C. A. Watkins, treasurer; O. H. Goode, senior deacon; W. A. Delrick, junior deacon, and C. S. Latham, tiller.

DR. PAUL A. DIXON DIES RESULT OF INJURIES

Head of State Baptist Organized Bible Societies Succumbs in Roanoke.

[By Associated Press.] ROANOKE, VA., Dec. 27.—Dr. Paul A. Dixon, president of the Baptist Organized Bible Societies of Virginia, and a prominent dentist of this city, died tonight in a local hospital as a result of injuries sustained Tuesday morning in a garage when a freight elevator descended on him while he was driving his car in the garage.

The attending physician held out little hope for the recovery of Dr. Dixon, as he suffered serious injuries to his spinal column, which brought on partial paralysis at first and then total paralysis.

He is survived by his wife and four children.

Dr. Dixon was a prominent church worker in his own city, having spent two years of service as superintendent of the Calvary Baptist Church. He held the unique distinction of having incorporated the first Bible class in the South and organized so as to raise funds and send deserving members to college.

Funeral services will be held Friday.

STATE HEALTH WORKERS HEAR NOTED SURGEONS

Dr. Draper, of U. S. Public Health Service, Among Speakers Today.

Dr. W. S. Draper, Assistant Surgeon-General of the United States Public Health Service, and Dr. James A. Hays, State health officer for South Carolina, will be the principal speakers today at the morning session of the conference of State health workers being held in the Community House of Broad Street, M. E. Church, South. The conference will continue through Saturday.

Dr. Evelyn G. Williams, State Health Commissioner, spoke at the opening session yesterday morning of the progress of public health work in Virginia, going back as far as 1777, at which time a person suffering with smallpox, or other contagious disease, was required to leave the road and warn any one who approached by crying out, "Infection, infection."

In 1811 the State Legislature appropriated \$400 for the furnishing of free vaccine to any citizen of the State. In 1821 the office of vaccine inspector was abolished. It was revived in 1852. From that time up to 1890, when the office was finally abolished, free vaccine was furnished the citizens of the State at an annual cost not to exceed \$350.

President Signs War-Suit Bill. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—President Harding signed tonight a bill which extends for one year until January 2, 1924, the period during which German or Austrian citizens whose property was taken during the war may file for recovery.

Gene Stratton-Porter wrote this story

—and then rewrote it seven times to plumb the depths of a woman's soul, to show how the mis-mated can suffer—and then find a way out. The first installment of this extraordinary 3-part story, "Euphorbia", appears, with 7 other unusual stories and 47 features for every member of the family in

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GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

out today

BROOKLYN TRAGEDY Baffles Probers

Police Think Girl Killed by Accidental Discharge of Gun.

SHOT THROUGH HEART

Bullet of .22-Caliber Caused Child's Death in Toy-Littered Room.

[By Associated Press.] NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—More than thirty-six hours after they began their investigation the police tonight confessed themselves baffled in their search for a solution of circumstances surrounding the death of Theresa McCarthy, 10-year-old school girl, whose body with a .22 caliber bullet through the heart was found in a toy-littered room of her Brooklyn home yesterday.

The investigation after the police had laboriously dispensed a half-dozen nebulous clues, sifted down to two theories.

Probably Accident Victim. The first, the one considered most credible by the police, was that the child was accidentally shot by a playmate who had been given a gun of small caliber as a Christmas present.

The second theory, which the police say they had little faith in, was that the child was shot down by a sailor or when Theresa and several of her girl friends had completed several weeks ago, declaring that he had annoyed them.

An autopsy today by Medical Examiner J. J. Connelley provided the principal grounds for the theory of accidental death. The medical examiner declared the girl had not been attacked.

Shot at Close Range. The .22 caliber soft-nosed bullet that passed through the heart, he found, went straight through the body, indicating that the gun muzzle was on a level with the child's breast, at the first explosion, powder marks on the clothing indicating that the shot had been fired at close range.

More than 100 boys living in the neighborhood of the McCarthy home were questioned by detectives in a search for one who might have received a .22 caliber pistol or rifle as a Christmas gift.

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DELTA KAPPA EPSILON BEGINS CONVENTION

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The delegates will be received by President Harding at noon tomorrow. It was announced, and the proposed \$500,000 endowment fund for community and social work will be considered Friday. A pilgrimage will be made to Arlington National Cemetery to place wreaths on the tomb of the unknown soldier and Rear-Admiral Peary, who was a member of the fraternity.

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AIRPLANES ABANDON SEARCH FOR CREW

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Because of the dense and low hanging fog the pilots decided it was useless to attempt the flight to the Canadian shore.

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