

THIEF CONFESSES TO TEN ROBBERIES

Geo. Williams Caught After Search of Four Months.

JEWELRY FOUND IN HIS ROOM

Young Man, Who Entered Seminary Early Yesterday Morning, Alleged to Have Stolen and Disposed of Trinkets Whose Value May Total \$10,000—Burglar in Cell.

WHERE BURGLAR VISITED.

October 15, 1909—Mrs. Theodore Willingham, the Richmond Hotel, Seventeenth and H streets northwest.

November 20, 1909—Mrs. Douglas Forrest, the Grafton Hotel, Convent Avenue and De Sales street northwest.

January 7, 1910—Mrs. M. H. Sawyer, the Bunting Hotel, 220 Fifteenth street northwest.

February 9, 1910—Mrs. A. D. Mack, the Logan Hotel, Iowa circle.

February 10, 1910—Right Rev. Bishop Alfred Harding, 1377 Massachusetts avenue northwest.

February 11, 1910—Miss T. E. Wilson, 1123 Thirteenth street northwest.

February 14, 1910—Mrs. N. Howard, 1065 Thirteenth street northwest.

February 16, 1910—Owen Owen, 1622 H street northwest.

February 23, 1910—Mrs. M. A. Chantrey, 109 H street northwest.

February 23, 1910—Miss Marie Louise Road, Mount Vernon Seminary, Eleventh and M streets northwest.

Probably the cleverest second-story thief in the United States, the most daring burglar who has operated in the National Capital in a generation, was arrested yesterday on a charge of committing ten jewelry robberies in Washington.

George Williams, alias Glenn, alias Smith, bowed to the yoke of the "third degree" and confessed to the crimes.

Showing Indifference. Lounging in a chair in police headquarters a few minutes after he was arrested, his cap on the back of his head, a cigarette between his lips, the only indication of nervousness, Williams confessed robbery after robbery with a simplicity that seemed childish.

Detectives smiled with pleasure as the words left the lips of the man they had sought for four months.

When Williams had glanced over a list of ten burglaries and nodded "yes" in answer to the question, "Is that your work?" and when he had told where he had disposed of the thousands of dollars' worth of stolen jewelry, he was accompanied from the room, flanked on each side by detectives, and removed to the third police precinct, where he slept last night behind prison bars.

Charles McCarthy, who was arrested Friday on suspicion of being the man whom Williams employed to dispose of stolen jewelry, spent the night in a cell at the First precinct station. McCarthy does not talk. Detectives are busy obtaining evidence against him.

When Williams and McCarthy were brought face to face in police headquarters, there was not a sign of recognition on the face of either, although, the police believe they are "pals."

The search for Williams ended yesterday shortly before noon when he was arrested in his room in a lodging house in E street northwest, a few hours after a robbery at the Mount Vernon Seminary, Eleventh and M streets northwest.

Confession of Arrest. Detectives who investigated the robbery at the fashionable boarding school recognized it as the work of the much-sought second-story man, and they were confident they were close behind him.

It was a few minutes before 12 o'clock when Detectives Howlett and Pratt entered the lodging house and ascended a flight of steps to the room in which they thought they would find Williams. Both men expected to face a desperate man who would not hesitate at pulling a revolver trigger if he thought he saw a chance for escape.

Howlett and Pratt stood outside the door several minutes, listening, their hands on their pistols and their every sense alert. They could hear some one inside the room, but could not see who it was when they peeped through a keyhole.

Suddenly, Pratt turned the knob and threw open the door. Both men were inside in a second. They slammed the door behind them.

Williams was sitting in a rocking chair, a magazine in his right hand and a cigarette in the left. He looked up in surprise at the two men, and recognized them as detectives in an instant. He calmly placed the book on the top of the bureau, put the cigarette between his lips, and smiled.

"Well, I guess the jig is up," he said; "who questioned?"

Searched the Prisoner. Howlett advanced and ran his hands over Williams' body. The prisoner carried no weapons, and he laughed at the apprehensions of the detective. One detective watched Williams, to see that he did not make a move, while the other began to search the room. About seven-five pieces of jewelry were found.

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Then Williams was told to hold his hands above his head. His pockets were searched. The jewelry found on him was stolen from Miss Marie Louise Road, of the Mount Vernon Seminary, the police say. It is said Miss Reed later identified the jewelry as her property.

Williams calmly accompanied the detectives to police headquarters. For several hours he sat in the office of Inspector Boardman, while detectives asked questions. He was as calm after the inquisition as at the moment of his arrest. He gave his name, age, and other facts without hesitation, except when questioned about his home and relatives.

He said he had been working in Detroit as a patternmaker. Ten charges of housebreaking were entered on the blotter against him. Williams said he was single. "It's a good thing for you that you caught me," he averred. "I was planning a few more jobs, and then I intended blowing the burg."

The robbery at the Mount Vernon Seminary was similar to others of which Williams is accused. The thief obtained entrance by forcing a rear basement window. He went to the room on the second floor occupied by Miss Road and a companion. With a pocket electric flashlight he searched bureau drawers and jewelry cases, gathering jewelry valued at \$300 and putting it in his pocket.

Girls Saw Burglar. Miss Reed and her roommate were awakened by the flashing of the electric light. Fearing the burglar would harm them if he knew they were awake, the girls lay still, watching the man search their room. He completed his work and started to leave the room.

Miss Reed involuntarily screamed. The man disappeared and the girls heard him running down the corridor. He left the school by the window through which he entered. Police of the Third precinct were notified. Detectives from police headquarters reached the scene in a few minutes. They worked until daylight, when other detectives took up the chase.

The robbery at the Grafton Hotel on November 20 last, when Miss Douglas Forrest was robbed of jewelry valued at \$2,300, probably yielded the burglar more loot than any of the ten thefts. Williams admitted the robbery and said he disposed of the jewelry in Philadelphia for \$235.

The police say the thief was frightened away before he found anything of value in the homes of Bishop Harding and Miss T. E. Wilson, of 1123 Thirteenth street northwest. In other thefts he was more successful.

McCarthy, the police say, is a "fence." He was arrested in E street by Detectives Barbee and Vermillion while trying to dispose of two stolen bracelets in a pawnshop, where several articles of stolen jewelry have been sold in the last few weeks.

The place has been under police surveillance for nearly two months. There are two charges of receiving stolen goods against McCarthy. He will probably be given another hearing in Police Court with Williams to-morrow morning.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Saturday, Feb. 26, 1910—8 p. m. The Western storm area moved eastward to the Mississippi River during the last 24 hours, and it has been preceded by general cloudiness over the Eastern half of the country and attended by rain and snow in the Lake region and the Upper Mississippi Valley, and rain in the Middle Mississippi Valley and the West Gulf States. Another disturbance occupies the extreme Northwest; it is causing snow in the Northern Rocky Mountain and Northern Plateau regions, and rains and high winds in Washington and Oregon.

A marked rise in temperature has taken place in the States east of the Mississippi River and in the West Gulf States, and the weather is colder in the Southern Plains States and the Upper Mississippi Valley.

The indications are that the Mississippi Valley disturbance will move eastward, attended by general rain and snow in the Middle Atlantic coast moderate to brisk south and southeast; on the South Atlantic coast moderate to brisk east; on the East Gulf coast moderate to brisk east and southeast; on the West Gulf coast moderate to brisk; on Lake Michigan moderate to brisk, becoming variable.

Storm warnings are displayed on the Pacific coast from Eureka northward. The winds along the New England coast will be fresh to strong from the north; on the Middle Atlantic coast moderate to brisk south and southeast; on the South Atlantic coast moderate to brisk east; on the East Gulf coast moderate to brisk east and southeast; on the West Gulf coast moderate to brisk; on Lake Michigan moderate to brisk, becoming variable.

Local Temperature. Midnight, 26; 2 a. m., 26; 4 a. m., 25; 6 a. m., 25; 8 a. m., 26; 10 a. m., 31; 12 noon, 36; 2 p. m., 40; 4 p. m., 42; 6 p. m., 41; 8 p. m., 40; Maximum, 43; minimum, 24. Relative humidity—6 a. m., 73; 3 p. m., 89; 8 p. m., 82. Barometer, 30.1. Hours of sunshine, 9.2. Per cent of possible sunshine, 52. Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 48; minimum, 24.

Temperatures in Other Cities. Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of rainfall for the twelve hours ended at 3 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

Table with columns: City, Max. Temp., Min. Temp., Rainfall. Includes cities like Atlanta, Ga., Baltimore, Md., Boston, Mass., Buffalo, N. Y., etc.

Tide Table. Today—High tide, 12:27 a. m. and 10:50 p. m.; low tide, 4:38 a. m. and 5:40 p. m. Tomorrow—High tide, 11:06 a. m. and 11:26 p. m.; low tide, 5:25 a. m. and 5:29 p. m.

Condition of the Water. Special to The Washington Herald.

Harpers Ferry, W. Va., Feb. 25.—Both rivers very muddy.

Address to the Blind. Representative George A. Loud, of Michigan, gave a brief talk to the blind at the reading room in the Library of Congress yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Loud talked interestingly on the battle of Manila Bay, and recited several dialect stories.

OPERA STARS HEARD

Miss Geraldine Farrar Delights Smart Set.

MRS. PATTERSON ENTERTAINS

Edmond Clement, of the Metropolitan Company, and Tanari Give Selections at Dupont Circle Residence—Diplomats and Cabinet Officials Applaud Music.

Miss Geraldine Farrar and Edmond Clement, both of the Metropolitan Opera Company, with Tanari at the piano, were the artists who delighted more than 250 guests at a musicals given by Mrs. Robert W. Patterson, of Chicago, at her Washington home, in Dupont circle, last night.

Miss Farrar was in perfect voice, and her rich soprano renditions of Wagnerian and the French and Italian operas brought her repeated encores.

Mr. Clement's golden tenor, in rich timbre and remarkable range, was another source of artistic appreciation from the diplomats, Cabinet officials, and members of the smart set generally, who were in attendance.

Count Szechenyi Present. Count and Countess Laszlo Szechenyi, of Austria, the house guests of the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Meyer, were among those present.

The Vice President of the United States and many of the diplomatic corps were also Mrs. Patterson's guests.

The floral decorations were superb, and began just inside the front doors, where azaleas mingled with pale greens enlivened the beauties of the hall and stairways. In the library and drawing-room scores of American Beauty roses were arranged in tall vases with delicate ferns. The platform in the ballroom, where the programme was given, was banked with azaleas and Southern smilax, and at the back had a great screen-like arrangement of American Beauties, reaching almost to the ceiling.

A buffet supper was served in the dining-room, where the decorations consisted of Richmond roses and white lilies, making altogether one of the most elaborate floral arrangements seen here for some years.

CHILD ON SUPREME BENCH.

Justice Brewer's Granddaughter Sits on His Knee During Case.

Miss Henrietta Wells, of Boston, three years old, sat with the Supreme Court of the United States while that dignified tribunal was engaged in the solemn performance of its duty. Really, little Miss Wells sat on the knee of her grandfather, Justice Brewer. The justice left the bench Friday afternoon to greet his granddaughter and her mother.

The little girl followed him back to the bench, but the associate justices did not see her until he had resumed his seat. Then he took her on his knee. The other black robes justly were interested. Justice Harlan started to look around for something to amuse the little visitor and he finally found a rubber band, whereupon Miss Henrietta promptly snapped it in his face. Persons who are accustomed to the customary severe dignity of the Supreme Court bench were almost shocked at the sight.

Walker D. Hines was addressing the court on the question whether the Interstate Commerce Commission would require a railroad to grant a connection with a branch road upon the complaint of the latter. The young lady on the bench was not interested in the argument half so much as she was in her grandfather.

ARMY AND NAVY.

Army Orders. Capt. RALPH HARRISON, Seventh Cavalry, detailed in the Quartermaster's Department, to duty at Philadelphia, Pa.

The following transfers, to take effect this date, are ordered: First Lieut. RICHMOND SMITH, from the Twelfth Infantry to the Eleventh Infantry; First Lieut. IRA A. SMITH, from the Eleventh Infantry to the Twelfth Infantry.

Leave of absence for two months, to take effect on or about March 1, 1910, is granted Capt. ALBERT S. MANN, Signal Corps.

The following transfers of officers are ordered, to take effect this date: First Lieut. ALLEN J. GIERER, from the Seventh Infantry to the Sixth Infantry; First Lieut. JOHN P. FRANKLIN, from the Sixth Infantry to the Seventh Infantry; Second Lieut. GEORGE B. GLOVER, from the Twentieth Infantry to the Twelfth Infantry.

Capt. WARREN W. WHITSIDE, Fifteenth Cavalry, in addition to his other duties, will assume charge, under the instructions of the Quartermaster General of the Army, of construction work at Fort Myer, Va., relieving Capt. FRANK R. EDWARDS, Quartermaster, temporarily in charge of that duty.

Leave of absence for two months is granted First Lieut. EDWARD KEYES, Fifteenth Cavalry, to duty at the Signal Corps, at the Signal Corps, at the Signal Corps, at the Signal Corps.

Capt. THEODORE P. HEAP, Second Infantry, District of Columbia National Guard, at his own request, is granted leave of absence from the garrison school, Fort Myer, Va.

A board of officers to consist of Capt. FRANCIS J. ROBERTS, Fifth Cavalry, Captain EDWARD E. ELIOTT, Third Cavalry, and Capt. FREDERICK W. STOPPER, commissary, is appointed to meet at the residence of San Francisco, Cal., as soon as practicable, to call on the members of the board, for the purpose of considering the question of the adoption of a type of rolling field kitchen suitable for the army.

First Lieut. SYLVESTER C. LORING, Fifteenth Infantry, will proceed to his home preparatory to his resignation from active service. Leave of absence for two months is granted to him.

First Lieut. JOHN H. READ, Jr., Third Cavalry, will proceed to Fort Knott, Tenn., and report to the commanding officer of the Signal Corps, Remount Depot for duty as his assistant.

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First Lieut. GEORGE E. KUMPE, Second Infantry, is detailed to duty with the Signal Corps. He will relieve First Lieut. JAMES E. ABBOTT, Signal Corps, of his duties in charge of the Signal Corps General Supply Depot at Fort Meade.

First Lieut. WILMOT A. DANIELSON, Coast Artillery Corps, is relieved from assignment to the command of the Signal Corps, at the commanding officer, artillery district of Puget Sound.

Navy Orders.

The following orders have been issued: Commander C. A. CARB, detached duty Mare Island, Cal.; to temporary duty Bureau of Steam Engineering, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

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GEMS NOT LOST.

Treasury Officials Believe Monroe's Gift Is on View.

Reports that a box containing jewels and gold sent to President Monroe in 1825 by the Emperor of Japan had disappeared from the government vaults were set at rest yesterday. Treasury Department officials believe, by the discovery that a casket full of many such articles is resting in the Smithsonian Institution.

The report that the gifts to President Monroe had disappeared came to the attention of Representative Floyd, of Virginia, some time ago. He wrote to Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh and asked that an investigation be made.

It was found that on March 12, 1882, a committee appointed to examine the Treasury records unearthed a casket in the vault room of the Treasury, in which were one bottle of attar of roses, one bottle of pearls, one bottle of diamonds, one gold plate, one gold ornament, and silks based on boxes of diamonds and pearls, and two pieces of gold.

The casket had been sent to President Van Buren, the committee declared, by the Imam of Muscat. It had been put on exhibition in the Patent Office, stolen, recovered, and sent to the Treasury for safe keeping.

After the committee reported, steps were taken to put the casket once more on exhibition, and in 1887 it was turned over to the Smithsonian Institution. Officials believe that this is the casket erroneously supposed to have been sent by the Japanese Emperor.

GENEALOGISTS AT BANQUET

Dr. J. G. Bullock Toastmaster at First Annual Dinner.

Solution Sought as to Point Where Progression of Parents Ceases. Debated for Hours.

The fourth dimension of genealogy was the subject around which was heated debate last night at the first annual banquet to the officers of the National Genealogical Society, held in the cafe of the Toronto Apartment House.

We all have two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, and so on in progression; but it is unquestioned that we all sprang from the one couple. This was the premise upon which a solution was sought as to the point where the progression had not been reached at a late hour when the banqueters adjourned to resume the subject at some later date.

The toastmaster of the evening was Dr. J. G. Bullock, who delivered an address on "The ascent and descent of man." He was followed by Dr. Bowker, Miss Minnie Etckley, Miss Norton, and A. B. Debt, whose theme was "Hereditary."

The guests of the evening were Dr. and Mrs. G. Bullock, and Mrs. C. H. Bowker, Miss M. F. Mickle, Miss Lillian A. Norton, Miss Cora C. Curry, Mrs. Franklin Rivers, Mrs. E. Maynecke Stillman, Mrs. Ella G. Riegin, Mr. and Mrs. George Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. R. Atwater Smith, Mr. Alfred B. Dent, Col. William B. Thompson, Capt. and Mrs. W. E. Parker, Mr. Van Alstyne Van Duzer, Mr. Harry G. Hintz, and Mr. F. K. Rogers.

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Another Big Special for To-morrow Is 39c 32-inch White English Shirting Madras 19c

In three sizes corded checks and three sizes mercerized stripes. This is a superior grade of English Shirting Madras—fine and soft; splendid weight, and specially good for waists, children's dresses, and men's shirts. This quality, when cotton was half the present price, never sold for such a ridiculous price as we shall sell you this. For this lot on Monday only, at 19c yard. NO MAIL OR PHONE ORDERS FILLED.

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DIED. JONES—On Saturday, February 25, 1910, at 7:32 o'clock a. m., J. RICHARD JONES, of Boynton, Va., beloved husband of Mrs. Martha Johnson Jones. Funeral from his late residence, 317 T full st., 50c pt. Only to be had at Christian Xander's Family Quality House, 909 7th St. Phone M. 274. No branch houses.

CHURCH NOTICES. UNITARIAN. ALL SOCIETY'S CHURCH, one 14th and E sts. Ulysses G. B. Pierce, D. D., minister. 9:15 a. m., Sunday School, Class for the Comparative Study of Religion, and Unity Study Class, 11 a. m., morning service; sermon by Rev. A. B. Hoey. There is also kindergarten during the hour of morning worship 7 p. m., Young People's Religious Union, 8 p. m., evening service, Church of Our Father; invited; sermon by Dr. Pierce on "The Religion of the Spirit in modern life." The public invited to all services.

DIED. ARRIK—On Thursday, February 24, 1910, at her residence, 1131 Fourteenth street, Mrs. M. J. C. Arrik, widow of Charles Arrik. Services private. Funeral Monday. Services private. Please omit flowers.

DIED. MICHAEL—Entered into peaceful sleep, after a lingering illness, Thursday, February 24, 1910, at 10 p. m., at his residence, 1033 Thirtieth street northwest, west, PERRY MICHAEL, beloved husband of Ellen Micheal, aged eighty-five years. Funeral from his late residence, 1033 Thirtieth street northwest, Monday, February 28, at 2:30 p. m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment at Oak Hill Cemetery.

SPECIAL NOTICES. NO. 4088. Virus bedroon set at National Union Fair. Address BOX 27, Herald office. AFTER THIS DATE, GUSTAV F. BLOEDIG will not be responsible for any debts incurred by his wife, Mrs. Maude S. Bloedel (nee Cornell, nee Lambert), formerly of 909 9th st. nw.

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