

HELD UP IN DRUG STORE WITH BLANK CARTRIDGES

Moses Saxton Saves Cash. However, Mrs. Pywell Scars Off the Intruder.

Although Two Shots Were Fired, Clerk and Police Fail to Find Any Bullet Marks.

A young white man last night about 11:30 o'clock visited Pywell's drug store, 11th and K streets southeast, and created considerable alarm by dis-

charging a revolver. It is believed that the weapon was loaded with blank cartridges, but Dr. Moses Saxton, night clerk, had every reason to believe that the intruder meant to kill him when he fired the shots. Dr. Saxton was alone in the store when the young man entered and asked for a toilet preparation. The article was obtained and the clerk was wrapping it, standing between the supposed customer and the cash register, when suddenly he heard the stranger shout "Back, back!" Glancing up from the package he was wrapping, Dr. Saxton saw that the stranger had walked behind the counter, apparently wanting to reach the cash register, and the command, "Hold up your hands!" was given.

such resistance, however, the would-be hold-up man aimed his weapon in the direction of the clerk's feet and fired two shots. Mrs. Pywell, who was in a room in the rear of the store, called to inquire what was going on. The inquiry was made just before the shots were fired and, she pointed out, when the intruder learned the clerk was not alone, he deemed it advisable to make a hurried exit. Dr. Saxton told the police the reports of the shots were unusually loud, such as the discharge of blank cartridges would make. An examination of the store failed to disclose that bullets had done any damage.

Loses Her Fifty-Dollar Muff. Mrs. L. B. Mazza, 1415 W street northwest, complained to the police of the loss of a muff worth \$50. She said the muff was left on the counter of a 7th street store and that it was identified and claimed by another woman. The woman who obtained it is being sought by the police.

The theft of a gold chain and cameo pin valued at \$20 was reported to the police by Mrs. E. T. Manger, 810 25th street northwest. She said the chain was committed to her home yesterday. Carl Kiehlberg, 534 5th street northwest, complained that his tailoring establishment, at 1601 2d street northwest, was robbed of \$20 worth of clothing Saturday night.

Aaron Silverman, 1222 4 1/2 street, told the police of a burglary at his place last night. Entrance was gained through a rear door, he stated, and \$12.50 worth of property taken. Burglars Steal Grape Juice. Seven bottles of grape juice and 6 cents were taken from the store of Morris Friedman, 700 I street southeast, last night by burglars who visited the place after the store was closed for the night.

Mrs. Josephine Jefferson, 2701 Virginia avenue, complained that her house was entered yesterday afternoon by burglars who stole a pocketbook containing \$4 and a bunch of keys. Lelia Lindsey, 1410 21st street, reported the theft of a skirt and \$12.50 worth of property from her home yesterday. Mrs. Jefferson, 1410 21st street, reported the loss of \$60 and a check for \$6.20. The money and check, she stated, were taken from her shopping bag yesterday while she was shopping.

WRITERS "CUT BIDDIES" IN PRESS CLUB SHOW

Songs and Antics Interspersed With Much Stage Fright Form Minstrel Program.

Evening Uncovers Rival to George Cohan—Lots of Entertainment "Was Had."

They were looking around the Press Club today to see if Howard Aston is still in town or if he had gone over to the Rialto, in New York, to shove George Cohan off the map, because it was Howard that wrote the music of "Since Edison's Gone to Work for Uncle Sam," which is the song that made the Press Club minstrel last night at Poll's Theater. Although he didn't have to resort to the waving of a large American flag to evoke applause when lanky Jim Preston appeared in red, white and blue breeches and a banner stars and stripes in his hands, the orchestra threw in an extra link of speed, Howard Acton, newspaper man, amateur director and composer began to pump his arms until his baton smoked, and the chorus, women, stage hands, audience and new-comers in the gallery just holed. Avery Marks sang the song in the first part and the whole gang took it up with a grand finale and an electric light "Merry Xmas" sign for the finish. Incidentally, the show's press agent declares that the real Mr. Edison was hearing the song through some wizard-like telephone apparatus in his own laboratory when he was in the way of comedy, but he has lost lots of sleep because it was well on toward midnight when the words started. James Hay, jr., wrote the words and the music in the studio.

Several Original Ideas. The show was entirely an amateur one, which any one who saw it will admit, but it had several original ideas. One of these was the moving picture film of the minstrel parade, showing the members of the troupe, high hatted and dustered, marching from the Press Club to the theater. At the close of the film, the troupe itself, blacked and in costume, marched into the theater from the front.

The interlocutor, Frank B. Lord, in a suit of wonderful silk and sea green stuff, started off the performance, and the ends were three of the stage's "brightest" men that ever wore a red dress suit. They got over it bravely, when they had to spring a line. They were so frightened that the lines couldn't rattle at all for the first time in his whole life lost his voice entirely, and Isaac Gregg, who dispensed the show's "wire" phones, because of the volume of his lungs, nearly reduced himself to a whisper.

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It handled the strings admirably. The double quartet got itself mixed up during the scenery as was and the scenery the way it was when it rehearsed the show, and there was trouble from the start. Austin Cunningham, ham, assisted by George Odell's dog and water by the quartet, did a sort of old plantation ducky stunt.

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Election to Be Held Tonight. The annual election of officers of the Confederate Veterans' Association, Camp No. 171, U. C. V., is to be held this evening at Confederate Memorial Hall, 1322 Vermont avenue northwest.

TELLS HOW ARMY USES FLAMING GAS BOMBS

Surgeon Fauntleroy of United States Navy Makes Report on Conditions at Front.

Surgeon A. M. Fauntleroy of the navy, who spent some time in France observing the sanitary methods employed by the French army in the field, has made a report to the War Department. Although it deals principally with sanitary and medical questions, it contains interesting information regarding military operations. It discusses the size and disposition of the French and British armies and describes the employment of hand grenades.

Effect of Gas Bombs. "Hand grenades (bombs) and shells have recently been employed at short range to produce an irritating and asphyxiating gas upon bursting. Although intended to render portions of the trenches untenable, reports from the front indicate that their action is very variable and much influenced by the presence of wind. The necessarily small quantity of gas that is involved at the time of bursting has a very restricted local effect."

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York City and Mrs. Charlotte T. Cambridge, Funeral from 2006 Pennsylvania avenue, Rock Creek, on Wednesday, December 23, at 2 o'clock p.m. at the residence of the late Mrs. Cambridge (private) at Arlington cemetery.

LUNN, On Monday, December 20, 1915, at 12:30 a.m., ALICE, widow of the late John Lunn, died at 12:30 a.m. at her residence, 1215 11th street northwest. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Wednesday, December 23, at 2 o'clock p.m. at the residence of the late Mrs. Lunn, 2006 Pennsylvania avenue, Rock Creek. Interment at Arlington cemetery.

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WHITE, On Tuesday, December 21, 1915, at 10:30 a.m., MARGARET VIRGINIA, infant daughter of Henry E. and Grace A. White, aged two months and eleven days, died at 10:30 a.m. at her residence, 1215 11th street northwest. Notice of funeral hereafter.

In Memoriam. BURKLEY, In loving remembrance of our dear sister, MARY BURKLEY, who departed this life one year ago today, December 21, 1914. She was a devoted mother and a true friend. Her memory is a blessing to all who loved her. We miss her dearly. R. BURKLEY, J. BURKLEY.

EXEL, In sad remembrance of our dear husband and father, LEONHARD EXEL, who departed this life four years ago today, December 21, 1911. He was a kind and loving man. His memory is a blessing to all who loved him. We miss him dearly. M. EXEL, J. EXEL.

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Gift Gloves Briefly Listed. Men's Heavy Wool Gloves in black 25c. Boys and Girls Tan and Gray Kid Wool Lined Gloves, with and without fur tops, also Boys' Gauntlets, 50c. Women's \$1.50 Gray Mocha Gloves, famous designers make. \$1.00. Men's and Boys' Heavy Knit Gray and Black Gloves and Velour 50c. Boys and Girls Knit Wool Make Heavy Knit Wool Gloves, in black, white and colors, 25c. Men's Fine Washable Caps, Gloves and Socks, shades with and without spears, \$1.50.

STORE HOURS: 8:45 to 6. ALL HATS TRIMMED FREE. Kings Palace, 810-816 Seventh Street. Xmas Gifts Boxed and Engraved Free. \$3 Silk and Lace Blouses \$1.98. Children's \$4 and \$5 Coats, \$2.98. Big Stock of Toys at Lowest Prices.

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Gifts for Men. Silk Socks—Men's Fine Fiber Silk, Silk-plated and Silk-Lite Socks, in black and colors. Choice. 25c. Neckwear—Men's Pure Silk Four-in-Hands, full size with extra wide bowing ends, in rich figures, two-tone effects and plain colors. Choice. 25c. Shirts—Men's \$1.50 Fine Corded Scotch Shirts with soft French cuffs. Many striking new patterns. Choice. \$1.19. Combination Sets—Men's Fancy Boxed Sets of Suspenders and Satin-pad Garters; also Separate Suspenders with mercerized hile elastic webbing and kid ends. Choice. 50c. Combination Sets—Men's Boxed Sets, consisting of Armbands and Satin-pad Garters; also Men's Separate Lisle Web Suspenders and separate satin-pad garters with silk elastic. Choice. 25c.

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Bountiful Holiday Stocks. They all sing a lot of songs about "down south in the fields of cotton" and "mah baby," etc. and then Carl Butman put over the first of the strictly home-talent stuff in a song written by himself as to words, and by Howard Acton, the great Press Club comedian, as to music. "The Place Where I Was Born" was the title. Stanley Reynolds, in a funeral suit of black, sang a merry ditty, somewhat in satirical vein, to the tune of "Asleep in the Deep." It had to do with Daniels and grapejuice. Then Stanley had come out and how a couple of times. Shortly thereafter, allowing for an interlude in which he sang "The Georgia Nightingale," sang a staggering song, entitled "I'll Ketch 'em When I Get Home," written by Mr. Heaton, with music by the same elegant composer, Mr. Acton. Frank Heaton of Rockville, Indiana, Washington, and other points, stepped to the front and sang "Look Down, Dear Eyes," and received a generous applause.

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