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PETTIT AND PLANT ENTER GUILTY PLEAS

Former Nassau Officials Accused of Receiving Stolen Property.

Aubrey Pettit and Carman Plant, both former officials of Nassau county, surprised their friends and the county generally yesterday by entering pleas of guilty to indictments charging them with criminally receiving stolen property. Plant has been tried twice on the indictment against him—the jury disagreeing in each case—and was to have been placed on trial again next Monday. Pettit was on trial when he decided to change his plea from not guilty to guilty. His trial was begun last Monday and the case for the prosecution was all in.

Justice Crosey of the Supreme Court, who presided at both their trials, accepted their pleas yesterday and remanded them for sentence. He said to them:

"I will remand you to jail and in the meantime if you wish to avail yourself of it you will have opportunity to tell the District Attorney things you probably know about."

By wisecracks of the county the court's language was interpreted to mean that some arrangement had been entered into between District Attorney Charles R. Weeks and the defendants, but Mr. Weeks would not say subsequently whether any had been or not. It is considered likely, however, that Plant and Pettit will be used ultimately as witnesses against officials of a more important grade than they who are supposed to have profited by transactions which form the basis of the accusations against the two men.

Pettit used to be superintendent of public buildings of the county and Plant county detective, a position which placed him in a somewhat confidential capacity toward Mr. Weeks. There was a general inquiry, in the form of a John Doe investigation, conducted into Nassau county affairs last autumn and in the course of it Plant and Pettit were indicted, it being charged they had entered into an agreement with professional thieves to permit the thieves to operate in the county and had dealt in stolen cars themselves.

The chief witnesses against them were Matthew O'Neill, a convict who was brought from Sing Sing prison to testify, and William Hoffman, a man who also is under indictment for selling stolen automobiles. The last jury which considered Plant's case stood 10 to 2 against him, and on Monday a witness who had given important testimony in his favor confessed to Mr. Weeks that he had perjured himself.

ADMIRAL WHO BUILT SIAM'S RIVER GOING NAVY IS HERE

Starting With Nothing but a Title He Developed the Present Great Flat Bottomed Fleet Before Going Into the Merchant Marine.

Admiral Andreas du Plessis De Richelieu, of Copenhagen, chairman of the board of the United Steamship Company, who arrived yesterday by the Scandinavian-American liner United States, owes his naval title to Siam, which was without a navy when the Admiral, then a cadet in the naval service of Denmark, asked the King of Siam for a commission in the Siamese Navy. The King said he deeply regretted that he did not have a warship to his name and suggested that as the young Dane was an expert on nautical things he could go ahead and organize a Siamese Navy and take the biggest commission he could get out of it.

So Andreas du Plessis De Richelieu, receiving the title of Admiral from the King of Siam, started to build a little fleet of war vessels around his title. When he gave up the job of admiral, after serving Siam for a long time, he left the happy king with eight vessels, none of which are superdreadnoughts, being mostly river-going craft. The favorite Himerick-Charley of the Siamese navy is his war's man, according to the Post Laureate of the Siamese Navy, runs thus:

We are tars of the King of Siam.
For the ocean we don't care a damn!
Our timbers we shiver
On lake and on river,
And sometimes the Gulf of Siam.

OLD GANG LEADER ARRESTED AGAIN

John O'Brien, Alias 'Bum' Rogers Held on Charge of Felonious Assault.

Memories of the days when the Car Barn Gang terrorized the upper East Side and defied the police were recalled yesterday when John O'Brien, alias "Bum" Rogers, was arraigned in West Side Court on a charge of felonious assault. Rogers led a gang of about fifty young thugs in 1909 and 1910. He was recognized in court yesterday by Detective Foley of the West 100th street station, who told Magistrate Ten Eyck how the Car Barn rowdies had once posted a "deadline" notice in the neighborhood of Second avenue and Ninetieth street warning the police "not to trespass under penalty of death," and after eight policemen had gone to the hospital before the gang was broken up after a month of street fighting.

Rogers is charged with shooting Charles Pelletier of 124 West 101st street on April 21 last and inflicting a wound in his side. About a year ago Detective Foley said Gov. Smith pardoned Rogers fourteen years ago. Rogers was held in \$3,000 bail for hearing to-morrow.

BRONZE WORKS FIRE ENDANGERS HOMES

Greenpoint People Rush to Streets as Flames Shoot From Roman Plant.

The Roman Bronze Works, a casting plant where many art bronzes and statues were made, was badly damaged by fire last night, and for a while the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn, where it is located, was in an uproar of excitement. The casting plant, which occupies a large area at Greene and Provoost streets, threatened for a time to send its flames to the roofs of crowded tenements nearby. Scores of families were driven into the streets. Three alarms were turned in.

The fire is believed to have started in the casting room in the basement. It spread quickly through the remainder of the structure. Before the first engine companies had reached the scene, flames were reaching out of the windows on the third floor, and, fanned by a strong northeast wind, endangering dwellings across the street. Second and third alarms, bringing Fire Commissioner Drennan, were rung. The extra firemen soon put it under control.

The Roman Bronze Works furnished the material for the Bolivar statue recently unveiled in Central Park, as well as for the statue of Gen. Grant in Washington.

The plant, erected about twenty-five years ago, had cast bronze and clay statues for various parts of the world. Several unfinished casts from ten inches to ten feet high were destroyed. It is believed the loss is close to \$150,000.

REILY TO GO TO PORTO RICO

WASHINGTON, May 11.—E. Mont Reily of Kansas City, Mo., was confirmed today by the Senate to be Governor of Porto Rico. Senator Kenyon (Rep. Ia.) was reported to have questioned in the executive session Mr. Reily's qualifications, but further opposition did not develop.

WEDGE IN TRACK; ONE DEAD

SCHENECTADY, May 11.—A wooden wedge placed on a rail of the Boston and Maine tracks near Alplaus upset a gasoline work car to-day and killed a section hand a few minutes before a freight train was due.

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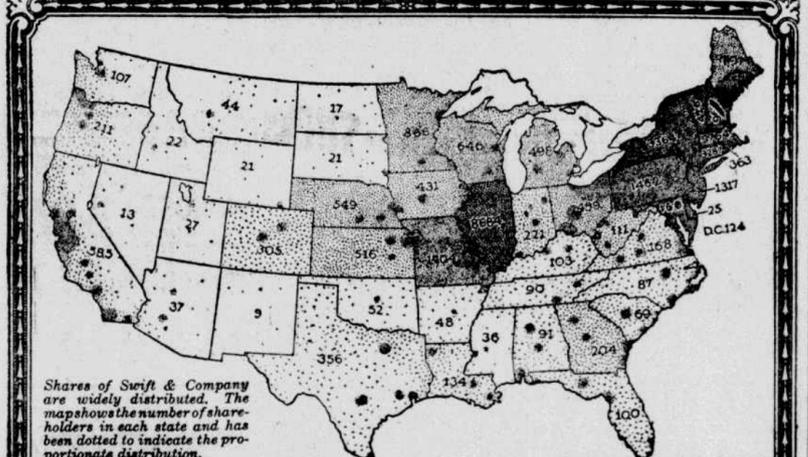
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