

CONVICTION RECORD INCREASED 150 P. C.

Courts Speed Up to Finding 154 Offenders Guilty in One Week.

POLICEMAN ARRESTED

Alleged to Have Held Up Saloon While Under Influence of Liquor.

BOY THIEF ADMITS GUILT

Baker Accused of Stealing \$32,000 in Bonds From Employer Who Trusted Him.

The results of District Attorney Banton's speeding up of trials and of the addition of four new parts to the criminal courts of New York county are shown in a striking increase in convictions and sentences. There were 154 convictions and 71 sentences last week, as compared with 61 convictions and 35 sentences the previous week, or about 150 per cent. more convictions.

Although Good Friday made one fewer court day the week before last, Mr. Banton expressed himself as pleased with the comparison of the court records.

A marked increase in sentences to be imposed this week is expected, since many who pleaded guilty last week were remanded for sentencing. Numerous pleas of guilty were recorded, due, thinks Mr. Banton, to fear of defendants in facing a jury.

A summary of convictions and sentences for the week was:

Table with 2 columns: Convictions, Sentences. Rows include Murder, Manslaughter, Robbery, Burglary, Assault, Grand larceny, and Other crimes.

Only indictments and pleadings were heard yesterday in General Sessions and the criminal branch of the Supreme Court, as it was Saturday.

Former Policeman Arrested.

An indictment was returned by the regular Grand Jury charging David P. O'Neill of 201 East Thirty-ninth street, formerly attached to the East 104th street station, with first degree robbery. It is alleged that on March 1 O'Neill, while under the influence of liquor, held up a bartender at the station of John Howley, 714 Third avenue, and stole \$25 from the cash register. He was arrested the next day by Capt. George Haerle of the East Fifty-first street station. He will be arraigned to-morrow before Judge Rosalesky in General Sessions.

Mrs. Fitzhugh Denies Guilt.

Mrs. Randolph Fitzhugh, also known as Catherine Fitzhugh, who says her home is in Virginia, pleaded not guilty to attempted grand larceny before Judge Rosalesky. She was arrested March 31 in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 145 West Forty-sixth street, on complaint of Mrs. Fannie Gray, 553 Seventh avenue. The latter said she saw Mrs. Fitzhugh try to steal her handbag, containing \$60 and jewelry, which was on the premises.

This is the fourth time the defendant has been connected with this kind of theft. It is believed she will be sent to the psychiatric ward of Bellevue Hospital for examination.

Detective Russo of the District Attorney's staff arrested Adolph J. Kobre, 27 of 305 Broadway, a baker, under indictment for grand larceny, who was arraigned before Justice Finch in Supreme Court and held under \$2,500 bail, charged with stealing a \$500 Liberty bond from Bernard H. Wander, 111 East Thirteenth street, his former employer. Although the indictment mentions only the one bond, Wander said the man is responsible for the theft of \$28,000 in bonds of the same kind.

It is alleged Kobre made away with the bonds last year when Wander had entrusted them to him to be exchanged for bonds of larger denomination at the bank. The man never returned and Wander never saw him until his arrest.

Message Admits Theft.

Maurice Byrnes, 18, of 1 Middagh street, Brooklyn, who was alleged to have thrown checks totaling \$20,000 into the East River last week, pleaded guilty to grand larceny in Tombs Court. He was held in \$5,000 bail for the Grand Jury.

Complainant against the boy was Benjamin J. Dreyer, manager of C. D. Halsey & Co., 27 William street. He said he sent the boy, a messenger for his firm, to deliver checks and \$307 in cash to a bank and that the boy appropriated the funds. Payment had been stopped on the checks, he said, and most of the cash was found on the boy's person when he was arrested.

There are 198 cases of crime, chiefly those of violence, on the court calendars for to-morrow. Twenty-six defendants are to lead to offenses and thirty-five are to be sentenced.

"JOY RIDES" A HIT IN CHINA.

As Fond of White Lights and Movies as Broadway Crowd.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Bright lights, joy rides and the movies have made a hit in China, Trade Commissioner Lynn W. Meekins reported from Shanghai to-day.

"The Chinese," he says, "are just as fond of the white lights as the most exuberant Broadway crowd. The 'joy ride' too, made an immediate hit in China, and motor cars are being multiplied. The Chinese are so enthusiastic over motion pictures that they have begun producing films themselves."

"It is not worth while for you flappers to make yourselves so cheap with conspicuous jewelry that you buy the reputation of being a very common sight. This is one of the observations of Ellen Gilpin, famed author of many love novels. This celebrated author has just finished a series of articles on the 'flapper' to be published in the American pictorial section of The New York American, beginning to-morrow morning.

Pershing's Messenger Arrested in Brooklyn

JOHN F. COLLINS, a master plumber of 354 Prospect avenue, Brooklyn, must stand trial for failure to return his license to the city when he moved his shop from Fulton street. Magistrate George W. Simpson in Tombs court yesterday held him in \$500 bail on a charge of "unlawfully withholding city property." Collins, who served as a motorcycle dispatch bearer on Gen. Pershing's staff in the war, turned back his license, a small brass plate, while in France. On his return he got it back and reopened his shop. Later, due to the business depression, he transferred his shop to his home.

GLASS IN NECKLACE FOR 105 DIAMONDS

Valuable Pearl Also Substituted in Pin of Palmer of Port Chester.

While living in his summer home in Port Chester, George Quintard Palmer, whose winter residence is at 1 East Seventy-third street, discovered more than five months ago that worthless gems had been substituted for 105 stones in a diamond necklace and for a valuable pearl in a necktie pin. It became known yesterday. The jewelry was insured for \$25,000 and this amount has been paid by the Federal Insurance Company, whose private detectives, the Westchester authorities and the New York police have been working on the case since November.

A few weeks ago a jeweler in Sixth avenue admitted to the police that he substituted the bogus stones and pearl for a man named Harry Hirsch, to whom he returned the original jewels. Hirsch was located and he in turn declared that a man named Alex Rinaldo, another diamond dealer, had given him the necklace and stickpin. Rinaldo explained that a woman had asked that this woman left an address with Rinaldo that the police found to be a vacant lot.

Continued activity of burglars has led to the establishment in this city of a staff of engineers to cooperate with burglary insurance companies in inspecting and supervising burglar alarms and other preventive devices. On May 1 engineers of the casualty department of Underwriters Laboratories will move from Chicago to this city, where they will operate under the direction of Dana Pierce and H. B. Michael. The service also has been needed to cover automobile and casualty insurance.

Pocketbook Gone, She Screams.

Mrs. Josephine Devintias of 333 Hudson avenue, Brooklyn, was riding through yesterday on a De Kalb avenue car when she missed her pocketbook containing \$21.08. She saw a man leaving the car and screamed. The man was chased by a crowd until he was captured two blocks away by Patrolman Stimpf. He said he was Joseph Solomon, aged 31, a shoe cutter out of work.

Miss Gertrude Atkins, a private detective at one time on the staff of the District Attorney of Queens, was beaten Friday night and robbed of \$106 and her badge in Borden avenue, Long Island city, two blocks from the Long Island Railroad ferry.

Two men who said they were Gerald Cronin, aged 21, of 408 East Seventy-sixth street, and James Judge, 24, of 12 West Forty-ninth street, were arrested early yesterday on charges of felonious assault after an unidentified man had been found unconscious from a fracture of the skull on West Forty-sixth street near Eighth avenue.

Thieves early yesterday broke into the Apollo Hat Frame Company, inc., 128 Clinton street, next to the Clinton street police station. They drilled the safe and took \$500 in negotiable stocks belonging to Benjamin Zuckman, member of the firm.

Taxicab Driver Is Held Up.

Jacob Levinson of 485 East 178th street, The Bronx, was held up early yesterday by three young men whom he had driven in his taxicab from Times Square to 177th street and Valentine avenue. The Bronx. Levinson shouted "Police!" and one m. struck him with a revolver. His cry was heard by Patrolman John Butler, who captured the three men at 23rd West 120th street, a former bank clerk. The two others escaped.

More than twenty burglaries in the Bedford and Clinton Heights section of Brooklyn are said by the police to have been admitted yesterday by Joseph Thomas, aged 19, of 84 Steuben street, Brooklyn, and Frank Williams, 15, of 60 Emerson place, Brooklyn. They were held in \$5,000 bail each.

Solomon Nathanson of Plainfield, N. J., when in Harlem Court yesterday, saw James Egan, 25, of 40 East 124th street, charged with being one of four automobile thieves who held him up recently and robbed him of \$500. Egan, who was with his wife, was arrested.

Leola Goldstein, age 23, of 88 Fortwith street, and Samuel Cohen, 33, of 179 Norfolk street, were held in \$5,000 bail yesterday by Magistrate Frothingham on complaint of Mrs. Anna Price, aged 50, who said they entered her room in Norfolk street Friday and robbed her of \$1,000 in diamonds and furs.

DIG INTO CITIZENS UNION, ENRIGHT ASKS MAYOR

Says Evidence of Graft Is Likely to Be Found.

Police Commissioner Enright, in Circular Order No. 8, sent out last night, recommends to Mayor Hylan that the activities of the Citizens Union in the last twenty years be investigated. The chief is in part:

"This Citizens Union had much to do with the appointment of the now notorious 'Meyer Investigating Committee,' which has cost the State at least \$215,000, of which the people of New York city must pay more than 75 per cent."

"Included in the cost of this useless, fruitless and extravagant investigation will be found the 'salary' of the 'council' of the Citizens' Union, amounting to at least \$17,000, or more than double the annual salary of the Police Commissioner. There will also be found fat salaries and expenses of the many other hangers on of that organization, who never lose an opportunity to 'feather their own nests,' nor are they modest about feathering their own nests, as the bills submitted in each case were about three times the amount that even their own friends dared to approve of."

"The best thing the city of New York could possibly do is to cause a thorough investigation. A venture to say many of the 'feathers' will be found in my nest, also some rotten eggs and many shells of other eggs which have been sucked dry."

The counsel referred to is Leonard M. Weinstein, who was assistant counsel to the Meyer committee.

DR. PRINCE DOUBTS DOYLE'S PICTURES

American Psychological Research Leader Fears Hope, Who Made Him, Is Tricky.

PSYCHOANALYSIS, FLAPPERS, SPIRITISM AND CLOTHES ON OPERA SOCIETY PROGRAM.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's photographs of ghosts, etheric forms and ectoplasmic phenomena do not convince Dr. Walter Franklin Prince, secretary of the American Society for Psychical Research.

As a matter of fact, Dr. Prince, layer of the portgeist of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, is not at all convinced that Hope, the famous ghost photographer of Crewe, England, does not resort to double exposure and other trick photography in producing the pictures Sir Arthur showed with such sincerity in Carnegie Hall on Friday night.

Dr. Prince has nothing but kind words for Sir Arthur. He prefers not to discuss the British spiritualist because he has great reverence for the man and large admiration for Sir Arthur's altruism and honest belief in spiritualism.

But it is Dr. Prince's belief that Sir Arthur's uncompromising acceptance of the genuineness of the Hope photographs and seal, and is not founded on scientific vindication of Hope.

Dr. Prince says he refuses to accept Hope because the latter has never been willing to submit himself, his methods, his plant, his accessories and his product to scientific analysis. The results that Hope produces, the doctor thinks, may be due to a number of things or to a combination of a number of things. Among these things may be telepathy, trick photography and double exposure.

The doctor is not sure which it is, but he adds that he is always "suspicious of the so-called phenomena produced by professional mediums."

Dr. Prince set forth these views yesterday at a psychic tea arranged in the Hotel Pennsylvania by the National Opera Club of America. Sir Arthur was not at the tea, nor had Dr. Prince been at Carnegie Hall on Friday night. The program consisted of music, psychoanalysis, the science of the human aura, spiritualism, tea and small cakes.

CONAN DOYLE IS VICTIM OF FAKE, SAYS RECTOR

Medieval Imposture, Is Contention of Bostonian.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.—New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., April 22.—"Mitochondrial Bodies in the Spermatogenesis of Chrotolippa Curtipennis" with illustrations, will be one of the highly interesting papers to be read before the National Academy of Science, which is to begin a three day session on Monday at the National Museum. The public is invited to attend.

"Vegetative Types in Datura Due to Somatic Number of Chromosomes" also is to be presented with illustrations, as well as "A Method for the Study of Filtration Viruses as Applied to Vaccinia."

Among the other papers to be presented are "The Distribution of the Motoms of the Genus Momotus," "Researches on Thiazoles," "Researches on Selenium Organic Compounds," "A Confirmation of Shaw's Theory of the Thermal Ionization of Elements at High Temperatures," and "The General System of Isotopes as Related to the Formation and Disintegration of Atom Nuclei."

The only new thing in present day spiritualism, the speaker declared, is that a certain type of scientists were willing to investigate the subject, but they have stepped out of their field. He declared that there was "not one single phenomenon, one single formula, that has not been known to students." Many of these new phenomena had long been known in India and among primitive people.

BROKER KILLS HIMSELF WORRYING FOR WIFE

John W. Christiansen Found Dead in Basement of Home.

The body of John W. Christiansen, stock broker, of 511 William street, was found yesterday at noon seated in a chair in the basement of his home in 357 Seventy-eighth street, Brooklyn. There was a bullet wound in his left breast, and on the floor about three feet away lay a .44 caliber revolver. Dr. Edward Martin, assistant medical examiner, and detectives of the Fort Hamilton station, who made an investigation, said Mr. Christiansen had committed suicide.

Mr. Christiansen's son, John W., Jr., said his father had complained on Friday of severe headaches, and that he also had been lonesome because of the absence of Mrs. Christiansen, who has been in Florida since February reporting from an automobile accident.

The body was found by Frederick Munger, 12, son of Mrs. Johanna Munger, who occupies part of the same house, when he was sent into the basement by his mother. A surgeon from the Norwegian Hospital said that Mr. Christiansen had been dead two hours when his body was found.

DRIVER WHO REPORTED \$10,000 THEFT SEIZED

Detectives Fail to Verify Story of Opium Holdup.

Charles Piazza of 616 East Fourteenth street was looked up last night in the Bedford avenue police station, Brooklyn, charged with acting in concert with four other men in the theft of an automobile truck and \$10,000 worth of raw opium owned by McKesson & Robbins, wholesale druggists. Piazza denied any connection with the robbery, but Detectives Miller and McDermott said they had caught him telling differing tales.

Piazza, the driver of the truck, appeared in Elmhurst late Friday and told a policeman that earlier in the day he had been kidnaped by four men at Berry street and Broadway, Brooklyn, and his truck load of opium stolen.

Detectives Miller and McDermott said they had questioned every one in the vicinity of Berry street and Broadway, including several persons who had been on the corner at the precise time Piazza said the holdup occurred, and that they had seen nothing of the sort. They said also that two years ago Piazza was convicted in a somewhat similar case in which several horses and wagons disappeared.

DR. HARRIS CUMBERLAND HEAD

NASHVILLE, April 22.—The selection of Dr. John Royal Harris, formerly of Pittsburgh and recently head of the Southern division of the National Revenue Association, as president of Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn., was announced here to-day. He will be inaugurated June 7.

1,000 MILE HARMONY QUARTETS ON THEIR WAY

Melodious Pullman Porters Going Down to Ole N' Orleans

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.—CHICAGO, April 22.—Three Knights Templar specials leaving Chicago to-day over the Illinois Central for New Orleans carried the first of the "Porter Quartets" which the Pullman company is training for the entertainment of travelers.

A tenor was in charge of the first car on each train, a second tenor next, a baritone and basso on the cars following, and so on in the order of the quartet. The time the songbirds will work like regular porters, flipping bedding around, slapping out pillows and toting leowater, but in the dull hours of the day, when the car is all shipshape and the passengers are at ease, the four porters will get together and make barber shop harmony.

The quartet pulled out of the Park Row Station the "porter quartets" were lined up against the observation rail of the last car singing lustily. "If anybody asks you who I am, just tell 'em I'm the Pullman man."

BREWERY TO TURN OUT MAPLE PRODUCTS NOW

Syracuse to Be Distribution Point for Big Section.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.—SYRACUSE, April 22.—The Maple Producers Cooperative Association has obtained control of one of the large breweries here and will use it for packing and storing maple syrup and maple products. The syrup is to be shipped to Syracuse from the Adirondacks and the producing sections of central New York in steel drums. It is expected that the plant will be in operation by May 15.

The new association expects to handle this season about 200,000 gallons of syrup. R. J. Delavan, manager, said that the organization was modeled after the marketing organizations of the Pacific coast fruit and vegetable producers.

5 FOOT SHELF OF SCIENCE TO FALL UPON PUBLIC

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MISSING BOY HAPPY IN RAILWAY STATION

Gone Two Weeks Before He Becomes Homeless.

Charles Samolofski, 11 years old, was returned yesterday to his mother at Glen Head, L. I., after he had been missing for almost two weeks. It developed that the boy, having saved \$3, set forth to see the world and got as far as the Pennsylvania station in New York.

This, he thought, was surely a gigantic empty place to be the world, so there he stayed for three days, sleeping on the benches and eating fruit and candy and peanuts, and seeing his son in the noise of the trains and the many sounds of the big station. But finally he became homesick and confided to a policeman that he had seen enough of the world, so the policeman took him to the rooms of the Children's Society.

There were certain legal formalities to be gone through with, but since Charles had done nothing but spend his own money on a sightseeing tour, he was sent home.

DIVER WINS BATTLE WITH GIANT DEVILFISH

Monster Killed After Fighting Man to Surface.

TACOMA, April 22.—Battling for his life fifty feet beneath the surface of Puget Sound, Walter McCray, a diver, came out victorious here yesterday over a giant devilfish.

The monster wound its tentacles so tightly about McCray that the diver was unable to reach his knife. When one tentacle threatened to cut off the air supply, McCray, through the submarine telephone, called for a short steel wrecking bar. With this weapon he was able to pierce the body of the devilfish and at last, with man and monster still struggling desperately, McCray was drawn to the surface.

While Richard Burnett, a dock watchman, stood by with drawn pistol, unable to shoot because the diver and devilfish were so completely tangled, others attacked with what weapons there were at hand and finally the devilfish released its hold and disappeared.

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REFUNDS \$116,928 POLICE GAMES TAX

Government Finally Agrees That Field Days Are Exempt From Amusement Levy.

John P. O'Brien, Corporation Counsel, announced yesterday that his office had succeeded in collecting \$116,928 from the United States Government, which the Government had collected through the Internal Revenue Department as amusement tax on the police field day games for 1918, 1919 and 1920. The work of preparing the case and conferring with Government officials was done by Isaac F. Cohen, Assistant Corporation Counsel in charge of the Bureau of Affirmative Litigation.

Mr. Cohen went to Washington and presented arguments to the effect that the proceeds of the field day games did not come within the meaning of the law relating to amusement taxes, as they were to be used to buy uniforms and equipment for the Police Reserve, and to be applied to the Police pension and relief funds. Several weeks ago the Police Department received from the Treasury Department a check for \$72,434.84, as a refund of the tax on admissions to the games in 1918 and 1920. Later the amount collected on the 1918 games was refunded.

The Government insisted, after the games of 1918, on collecting the tax, and in spite of the fact that Frederick A. Wallis, then Fourth Deputy Commissioner, tried to convince the Government officials that the proceeds were exempt the Government collected the tax and a penalty of more than \$6,000. During the following two years the Police Department paid the tax, but under protest.

TRINITY SOON 225 YEARS OLD. The 225th anniversary of the founding of Trinity Parish will be celebrated in Trinity Church on May 7, with special services at 11 and 4 o'clock. Bishop

FOREST FIRE BILL PASSED.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Appropriation of \$54,700 to reimburse the State of Montana for expenses incurred in suppressing in 1919 forest fires which originated in the national forest reserves is provided under a bill by Senator Walsh (Dem., Mont.) passed to-day by the Senate and sent to the House.

Dinner at the Hotel ST. REGIS is the most perfect example of perfect dining in New York! Perfect food—perfectly served. Distinguished people—music—atmosphere! FIFTH AVENUE, AT FIFTY-FIFTH STREET

Best & Co. Paris London Fifth Avenue at 35th St.—N. Y. Established 1870 HEADQUARTERS FOR THE SMARTEST SPORTS FASHIONS The growing demand for sport clothes of English origin or inspiration has been recognized in this interesting presentation of Summer models. Tub Silk Dresses Copies of imports; simple, one-piece straight-line frocks, fresh and wearable—they are among the smartest sports dresses of the season. In stripes or combinations of stripes and plain materials. White, with gold, orchid, black, blue, green or rose. Misses' Sizes—Second Floor 29.50 A double to hip, radium petticoat is very satisfactory for sports wear. In all spring shades. 5.00. With narrow ruffle it is 3.95 Custom-Tailored Silk Shirts—a necessity if one is to be properly sports-clad! This one, of very excellent white wash silk shirting is as carefully cut and made as your tailor suit; with round collar, tucked front, tiny pleatings and link-cuffs. Main Floor 10.95 Other wash silk shirts. 6.95 to 13.95 Hand-Drawn Eponge Skirts are new developments of the new sports season. These of white wool eponge are in straight or wrap-around models, fringed or hemmed, with various attractive uses of hand-drawn work. For wear with sweater or blouse they are particularly smart. Third Floor 13.95 Two-Leather Sports Oxfords that show two tones, as well, are the proper complement for 1922's colorful sports costume. With leather sole, and smart, low heel, they may be had in gray buckskin, trimmed in black calf. 9.50 Tan and brown calf. Third Floor 10.00 Carabola Cotton Honespun Suits A pre-shrunk, fast-color fabric in smart awning stripes, or checks, combined with plain materials in a one-piece straight line frock, and jaunty short cape. Several attractive color-combinations. 39.50 Second Floor Colored Sports Stockings in the new silk-mixed weave—(pure silk, interwoven with mercerized lisle). They give the desired tweed effect, are not too sheer for sports, and have the proper lustre. Camel, gray, periwinkle, rose, orchid or Joffre blue. Main Floor 2.25 A Leghorn Hat besides being becoming, light and wearable is a very smart sports hat this season. In the natural leghorn straw with various bands of colored silk... plain, draped or "Collegiate". 8.75 Main Floor