

6 STORES ARE ENTERED; LOOT IS OVER \$500

"Skylight Burglar" in Successful Efforts to Rob Several Stores in City

DISCOVERED IN ONE

Burglar Frightened Away in Attempt to Enter Nichol's Tailoring Shop

A "skylight burglar" entered at least five stores in Bismarck last night, stole about \$500 in money and about \$500 worth of pens and pencils. The method of gaining entrance was about the same in each case, and the burglar or burglars appeared to be more anxious to steal what money could be found in cash registers than anything else.

The record of the night includes:

- Entered Richmond's Bootery on Fourth street, but took nothing.
- Entered Harris and Woodmansee's from Richmond's store, stole about \$10 in money and about \$500 worth of fountain pens and pencils, and \$15 in pocketbook.
- Broke into the Nichol's store, obtained \$10 in two cash registers. Stole less than \$15 in money from cash registers in store of A. W. Lucas and Co.
- Entered Economy Shoe Store, but obtained nothing.
- Attempted to enter C. W. Nichol's tailoring shop, but was frightened away.

The theory was advanced by some that the work was that of boys, because candy was taken at Harris and Woodmansee. Several boxes of candy were missing. Some of it was thrown on the floor and a cash box in the rear of the store was filled with candy. There was evidence of candy being taken at the Wellworth store.

Burglar is Seen

A burglar was seen entering the C. W. Nichol's Tailoring Shop on the second floor of the Lucas block, but was frightened away by John Velure. The burglar was on the roof. He raised a window, slid over the top of large clothes cases and was just ready to let himself down when he heard Mr. Velure and scrambled into a hurry. Mr. Velure was sleeping in the room of the shop and saw the burglar's legs dangling over the top of the clothes chests. Velure backed toward a case to get a revolver, when the burglar, having heard him, scrambled across the case and out the window. He was a tall person. Mr. Velure said. This happened just after midnight when a train was in the station.

Other persons reported they saw three men standing in the alley at the side of the store of Harris and Woodmansee about 3 o'clock this morning.

The burglars, unable to "jimmy" a door in the rear of Richmond's Bootery, broke a glass and entered. Nothing was disturbed so far as Mr. Richmond can tell. The cash register was left open, empty. The burglar entered the Harris and Woodmansee store through a skylight between the two stores. He rifled the cash registers in the store, obtained about \$10, including \$2 in pennies, and carried away fountain pens and pencils. So far as can be ascertained, nothing else of value was disturbed, although apparently the candy case had been tampered with. The hatchway on top of the building was open, indicating the burglar had attempted but failed to gain entrance in that manner. He left by opening the rear door of Harris and Woodmansee.

A pocketbook belonging to Claire Derby and containing \$15 of money of the Workmen lodge, of which he is a member, was taken from a drawer in the store, although on either side were buildings in which rooms were occupied by sleeping persons, with windows open. He opened a hatchway, and crawled into the "attic," or space between the roof and plastering, and provided in one-story buildings so crowded probably 50 feet toward the middle of the building until he ran against a wall of the skylight. He then burst through the lath and plastering, dropped to the floor and began rifling the store. The burglar opened two cash registers, getting \$5 from each. The third cash register is a large one, with about \$100 in it, tampered with but failed to open it. He stole a hammer and left by the rear door.

Breaks Through Roof

The burglar entered the Wellworth store on Main street in an ingenious manner, apparently oblivious of risk he was running. He got on the roof and walked to the front end of the store, although on either side were buildings in which rooms were occupied by sleeping persons, with windows open. He opened a hatchway, and crawled into the "attic," or space between the roof and plastering, and provided in one-story buildings so crowded probably 50 feet toward the middle of the building until he ran against a wall of the skylight. He then burst through the lath and plastering, dropped to the floor and began rifling the store. The burglar opened two cash registers, getting \$5 from each. The third cash register is a large one, with about \$100 in it, tampered with but failed to open it. He stole a hammer and left by the rear door.

Must Be Slender Man

The burglar got in the Lucas store through an opening so narrow that only a slender man could have done it. He took the putty off the glass covering the small skylight, laid it aside and let himself in. He rifled the cash registers. One cash register he was unable to open, and broke a plate in trying to do so. He left the store the same way he entered, and replaced the glass. It was not believed anything was taken except money, the amount of which was less than \$15.

The last place visited, apparently, was the Economy Shoe Store, on Main street, owned by Sam Laska. Mr. Laska found a hammer in his store (Continued on Page 2)

PROCLAMATION

Spring Clean-Up campaign, May 1 to 6—Come on, let's put things in order. Our whole city should be made as clean and orderly as its cleanest home. Then we will have a safer, happier and healthier city. All citizens are urged to clean up their premises of rubbish, trim their shade trees and make a general cleaning during the week.

Every organization in Bismarck which has the welfare of the city at heart, is urged to join in this campaign and make it a success from every standpoint. The cooperation of all the people is asked in this campaign.

Therefore, I, A. P. Lenhart, president of the city commission, and with the approval of many far-seeing and zealous citizens, designate the week of May 1 to 6 as Spring Clean-Up Week.

A. P. LENHART,
Pres. City Commission.

SHARP DEMAND NOW FOR LABOR ON N. D. FARMS

Many Places Open to Men Who Will Go Into the Country For Busy Season

WANT EXPERIENCED HELP

Fargo, April 22.—There is sharp demand for experienced farm help in North Dakota, according to Mrs. M. B. Howe, in charge of the U. S. Employment office here, and H. B. Fuller, state secretary of the Farm Bureau Federation. Mr. Fuller will try to secure help from the Minnesota Federation he said today.

The start made in seeding is causing the suddenly increased need for men, according to Mrs. Howe. Farmers are offering on the average \$35 per month or \$1.50 per day with board, said Mr. Fuller.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE OPENED

Minot, April 22.—A new state employment office was opened here yesterday and met with strong demand for farm help. It serves the territory of about 11 counties in the North western part of the state. Farmers in this territory are offering in the neighborhood of \$35 per month.

CALLS NOT FILLED

A number of calls for farm hands in this section of the state are unfilled by the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor, where the federal employment service for this section is maintained. There are, however, a number of applications of widowers and children and married men for farm work for whom there are no positions.

KOSITZKY CASE IS CONTINUED

Stipulation Gives Him Office In Meantime

Carl R. Kositzky, appointed land commissioner, will conduct the business of the office until the matter is settled in court, under a stipulation signed by Attorney General Johnson and William Langer, attorney for William J. Prater. At the same time it was agreed to continue the hearing on the writ of mandamus issued by Judge Nuesse in district court from April 22 to April 28, and to submit at the same time the case of John Bloom, whose place as fish and game commissioner, was declared vacant.

The stipulation provides that Prater shall turn over the office, keys, records, etc., to Kositzky, which he has heretofore refused to do, without surrendering any legal rights in the matter.

FILE PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY

New York, April 22.—A petition in bankruptcy against the U. S. Food Products Corporation was filed in federal court today. Liabilities of \$36,996,830 were listed.

CAHILL CASE HEARING HELD

Hearing on the application for change of venue from the Morton to the Burleigh county district court in the Cahill-Murphy case was to be this afternoon in Mandan before Judge Berry.

BOND ISSUED TO L. J. WEHE

Commissioner of Insurance S. A. Olness has issued new bonds to L. J. Wehe and S. S. McDonald, covering their extended terms on the state board of administration. McDonald had contested Wehe's right to sit on the board on the ground that he had not filed a new oath of office for the extended term and had not filed a new bond. The issuance of a new bond was at first refused by Commissioner Olness.

KILL POLICEMEN, STEAL \$7,500

St. Louis, N. D., April 22.—Two policemen were killed and another was wounded seriously today by pay-roll hands who held up a branch office of Morris and Company, packers. The robbers stole between \$6,000 and \$7,500.

FRAZIER WILL NOT DROP OUT

Fargo, N. D., April 22.—Former Governor Lynn J. Frazier is reported in a telegram received here as saying that he will not withdraw if nominated for senator in the June primary but will be in the fight to the finish.

5 DEATHS ARE REPORTED FROM OIL EXPLOSION

Score or More Persons Are Burned in Varying Degrees in California

Los Angeles, Calif., April 22.—Five deaths were reported today as a result of the explosion yesterday morning at Downey of a gasoline tank and a gasoline tank wagon. Five others were seriously burned and were reported in a critical condition.

A score or more other persons were burned in varying degrees. A little fire started in the house of the gasoline filling station while a gasoline tank wagon was filling the large burly tank.

A fire alarm brought scores of high school students and towns people joining the efforts to extinguish the flames. Suddenly one of the tanks exploded, followed quickly by the explosion of the truck. The fire fighters were hurried in all directions enveloped in the liquid flames of more than a thousand gallons of gasoline.

IMMIGRATION FORCES GATHER

37 Local Units Organized in Northwestern States

Minot, N. D., April 22.—All local units of the Northwestern North Dakota Development association will send at least one delegate to the conference to be held in Minot today for planning immigration work for the entire district.

Some 36 or 37 local units have been organized and close to 40,000 have been either pledged or raised by these units. The money is being spent by each local unit and the work is being carried on along the plan adopted by the Minot Association of Commerce which is serving as the Minot unit of the Association. The conference tomorrow will enable the members of the various units to exchange views on their work.

Much literature is being sent out in an effort to secure as many prospective settlers as possible to make a homeseeker's trip to Minot vicinity in May, June or July. A special agent has been made to people in the local section to write letters to their friends in other states urging them to come to this territory on homeseekers' excursions.

Many quarter sections have been listed by the Association of Commerce. Listings are being received each day.

VOTE MONEY FOR SLAB IN 1881

Several days ago it was announced in Washington that North Dakota was one of the few states in the union which had not placed a memorial block in the famous Washington monument.

Mrs. M. H. Jewell, employed in the office of the secretary of state, has discovered that the territorial legislature of 1881 passed a measure providing for a North Dakota slab, which apparently had not been carried out and had been long forgotten.

NEWSPAPERS OF STATE SEEM TO BE SATISFIED

Generally Speaking They Find Comfort in the Settlement At Jamestown

PRAISE NESTOS REGIME

Strong Editorial Support For McCumber Is Indicated in the Convention Comments

General satisfaction is felt by newspapers of the state over the result of the Jamestown convention in the newspapers of the state. Their tone indicates that Senator McCumber will have strong editorial support in the press of the state in his campaign for the Republican nomination in June.

The Jamestown Alert does not find any considerable satisfaction in the fight over the senatorial issue, but does praise the solution reached with regard to the state ticket. It concludes that it would have been better never to have included the call for nomination of a senator in the convention call. This newspaper says: "By no stretch of optimism however, can it be said that the results of the senatorial issue before the independent Republican convention terminated anywhere nearly as successfully. The issue, ending in a draw, with no endorsement all for United States senator by the Republicans left the situation about as before the convention, and, using hindsight, it seems apparent that endorsement of a United States senator should never have been put upon the program of the Republican state convention at Jamestown."

"But between now and June 23, the voters will have ample time to settle in their own minds, the senatorial problem the Republican convention failed to solve. The voters can be counted on to give this particular matter their closest attention in the next few months, scrutinize every candidacy most meticulously and then pick the man best able to serve North Dakota at Washington."

Wanted Choose McCumber

The Fargo Forum, which had been an outspoken critic of Senator McCumber, says that as between former Governor Frazier and Senator McCumber it certainly must stand with the latter. It holds that the settlement reached at Jamestown insures unity behind the state ticket. It concludes editorially:

"Meanwhile the opponents of Senator McCumber are not bound by any agreement expressed or implied, as to the senatorship. They have every right, in all fairness, if they so desire to get together on another candidate. On the other hand, it is their privilege, if they are so disposed, to leave the present situation undisturbed and make their choice as best they can from among the candidates now in the field."

"The attitude of the Forum toward Senator McCumber has not been in the least changed by the convention. It is not hypocritical enough to pre-empt."

FLOODS CAUSE \$2,000,000 LOSS

St. Louis, April 22.—Apparently ending its flood rampage of spring the Mississippi river today was reported falling gradually from St. Louis to Cairo, Illinois, leaving in its wake more than 200 square miles of inundation, causing a loss of over \$2,000,000 in crops, property and livestock and making about 1,000 persons, mostly negroes, homeless.

LEVEE BREAKS

New Orleans, April 22.—A levee on the west bank of the Mississippi river at Myrtle Grove, about 30 miles south of New Orleans, broke today and neighboring plantations are being flooded.

DRAKE MILL IS SHUT DOWN

Drake, N. D., April 22.—The state flour mill here has been shut down temporarily because of lack of orders. Manager Gorman will re-open the mill as soon as sales have decreased the amount of flour on hand, which is about 1,000 barrels. It is said by state officers that the milling business generally is slack, and that the mill probably can be re-opened soon.

CHANCE OFFERED FOR ANNAPOLIS

There is a vacancy in the Annapolis Naval Academy, for which graduates of first class high schools may apply, according to a telegram received here from Senator E. F. Ladd. The telegram says that anyone interested should make application immediately.

FORECAST FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Washington, April 22.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday. Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri valleys, generally fair and normal temperatures.

SOVIET ENVOY LUNCHES WITH ITALIAN KING

Chitcher, Russian Ambassador To Italy, Is Entertained by Victor Immanuel

FRENCH MAKE A PROTEST

Declare German Answer Paves Way For Discussion of Several Other Subjects

Genoa, April 22.—(By the A. P.)—George Chitcher, the Russian Soviet foreign minister, gave the Italian Socialist and Communist a shock today, by meeting King Victor Immanuel on the King's visit here and accepting his majesty's invitation to a luncheon on board an Italian dreadnaught.

PROTEST GERM IN REPLY

Genoa, April 22.—(By the A. P.)—The French delegation to the economic conference has submitted a protest against the German reply to the allied note in which the Germans stated they would refrain from discussing Russian questions settled in the Russo-German treaty. The French contend the Germans under their reply may insist on discussing other Russian questions.

An English spokesman said a meeting of the entire British delegation this morning decided to consider the incidents that had arisen out of the Russo-German treaty as definitely closed.

AMERICA PUZZLED

Genoa, April 22.—Henry Wickham Stead, correspondent of the London Times, wired the Times today that an important American financial authority had confided to him that he had been trying to discover the economic basis of the Genoa conference but had failed.

"He had begun to suspect," Mr. Stead added, "that the whole thing was a sort of farce. I could not disguise the fact that the real basis of this conference was political."

WAITS WORLD MEETING

Genoa, April 22.—Hope that a world conference with the United States participating will be held after the Genoa meeting was expressed by the German chancellor, Dr. Brüning, at a meeting of German statesmen here.

The Genoa conference itself is a step forward in the reconstruction of the world, he said, but this could not be completed without the United States.

WITHDRAWS MEMORANDUM

Paris, April 22.—(By the Associated Press)—Russia has withdrawn the memorandum she submitted yesterday in answer to the report of the allied experts on Russian affairs, says a Havas dispatch from Genoa. Strong objections had been made to the memorandum in allied quarters.

FORBID COLLINS TO MAKE SPEECH

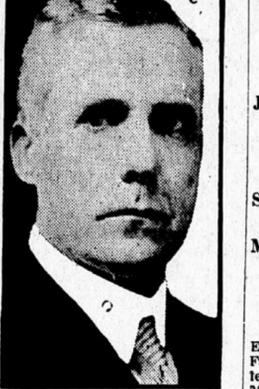
Belfast, April 22.—(By the A. P.)—Michael Collins upon his arrival at Killybegs to deliver an address was met outside the depot by an Irish Republican Army officer armed with a revolver who warned him he would not be allowed to speak until an incident at Listowel, county Kerry, where the officer alleged one of his men was fired at, had been cleared up.

Mr. Collins, who was accompanied by Commandant-General John McKeehan, proceeded into town where he was met by a group of men. The troops occupying the railroad hotel surrounded the platform at the market place where Mr. Collins was to speak. A number of men in uniform carrying rifles and bayonets rushed out of the building. General McKeehan when he heard of the order said that as an Irish soldier he claimed the right to go through Ireland and would not be deterred. The I. R. A. officers, however, appeared excited and determined. To prevent an attempt to disperse the crowd, his purpose he said he would not permit the meeting to be held.

WEATHER REPORT

For twenty-four hours ending at noon April 22, 1922.
Temperature at 7 A. M. 44
Highest yesterday 58
Lowest yesterday 30
Lowest last night 44
Precipitation None
Highest wind velocity 26-S
Weather Forecasts
For Bismarck and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; colder Sunday.
For North Dakota: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; warmer in southern portion tonight; colder in west and north portions Sunday.

REED TARGET OF WILSON THRUST



Senator James A. Reed of Missouri is the target of an attack by former President Woodrow Wilson in a letter to a St. Louis newspaper. Wilson declares Reed, who is seeking re-election, impeded him in drafting federal reserve legislation, instead of aiding him, as Reed's campaign matter is said to have indicated.

ROAD BUILDING LESS; COSTS ARE ALSO CUT LOW

Highway Commission Estimates Are That \$3,000,000 Work Will Be Done

FEDERAL AID AVAILABLE

A decrease in the amount of road building in the state this year because of the general tendency toward economy is probable, according to engineers of the state highway commission. At the same time, with prices of road building reduced materially, it is probable that \$3,000,000 will be spent in the state on federal aid highway projects.

The amount of road work planned in the state has been reduced by the state officials. It is estimated that there will be about \$1,000,000 expended on projects carried over from last year and about \$2,000,000 spent on new projects. The program for the year represents about a 25 per cent reduction from the program as embodied in the requests submitted for federal aid during the winter.

Contracts let thus far this year show a material decline in prices. The prices are about 50 per cent less than the peak of last year's prices and about 25 per cent less than last year's average prices according to H. K. Cratz, of the state highway commission office. Contracts let include 15.6 miles of gravel surfacing in Pierce county for \$29,577.00; four miles of gravel surfacing in Eddy county for \$4,342.90; 14.9 miles of gravel surfacing in Walsh county for \$30,105.00.

Not all of the federal aid money available will be used in North Dakota this year. There is available \$2,350,000 from the 1916, 1919 and 1921 federal appropriations and it is expected there will be about \$775,000 made available by a 1922 appropriation by Congress. The state has available for engineering purposes \$287,971.69 and it is expected the total amount available for the highway commission this year will be \$340,000. Counties in the state have levied taxes to provide about \$1,500,000 for road construction, according to reports to the highway commission. The state money available for engineering services is not sufficient to provide for all requests for road construction that have been made, it is said.

The state administration's insistence upon economy in both state and county government has resulted in the abandonment of plans for considerable work, it is said by contractors.

COAL CARS ARE STANDING IDLE

Chicago, April 22.—With the coal strike closing its third week of idleness for more than 600,000 miners, surveys of some of the fields show an accumulation of loaded cars on sidings with the market dull.

FROST REPORTED IN MANY STATES

Washington, April 22.—Frost occurred last night from the Atlantic Coast west to Indiana and as far south as northern Virginia.

CONFESSES HE SLEW WOODSMAN 7 YEARS AGO

John Erickson, Living Near Duluth, Tells of Murder After Grave Is Discovered

STRUGGLE IN THE WOODS

Man Shot Was Living in Home Of Woodsmen; Quarrel Occurred Late at Night

Duluth, Minn., April 22.—John Erickson, 61, a settler living near Fairbanks, St. Louis county, in an alleged confession to Sheriff Frank Magi today admitted killing Just Tommi, a woodsman, on July 8, 1915. Erickson confessed voluntarily when the learned county authorities located the grave he had dug in the woods and have brought the bones here. Sheriff Magi said Erickson is the father of five children. Tommi, who was about 40 years of age was unmarried and made his home with the Ericksons.

Erickson is said to have told the sheriff that he quarreled with Tommi while the two men walked home from a neighbor's home on the night of July 8, 1915. Erickson, it was said, told how Tommi drew a small pocket knife and attacked him and he pulled a long hunter's knife and stabbed Tommi in the heart.

County authorities returned yesterday with bones taken from a grave in the woods near Erickson's home which Erickson is said to have admitted he hid. According to the alleged confession Erickson hid Tommi's body under a brush pile near the road, burying it after three weeks.

MOTHER, FATHER, SON SHOT

Redfield, S. D., April 22.—Elmer Schermerhorn, 13, who shot himself last night with a rifle after his mother had been shot and killed and his father wounded, is expected to recover, physicians at a local hospital said.

Elmer, who weighs 250 pounds, is being kept under observation at a hospital. He told the coroner his mother was shot when his rifle accidentally discharged. Fearing, he said, that his father, J. E. Schermerhorn, living near here, would punish him he shot him in the jaw. Then he turned the gun on himself.

The coroner's jury met and decided to investigate further with regard to the boy's mental condition. The boy at the age of 13 had reached the weight of 250 pounds and had always been slow in grasping new or strange ideas, broke down after he had recovered from the shock of the wound and told the coroner of Redfield the shooting was an accident. He had not, according to the coroner, the gun was accidentally discharged. The bullet struck the mother below the nose penetrating to the brain and causing instant death.

The father lying in a hospital here today began to realize the significance of the crime which has wrecked his family of four, and left on his elder son, Carl. He can give no reason for the killing.

TEACHER'S BODY FOUND

Hill City, Minn., April 22.—The body of Miss Margaret Peterson, teacher, at the Logan school, who has been missing since April 1, was found in a woods near the village of Mississippi by a posse. The belief was expressed that she had become lost in the woods and died from exposure.

Saturday morning, April 1, Miss Peterson was seen to visit her mother, at her home five miles away, with the intention of returning the following Monday.

Monday she did not return and the children took for granted the unauthorised vacation.

A member of the school board yesterday called Miss Peterson's mother and asked why her daughter had not returned to the school.

"But she is teaching, and has been," the mother replied.

G. F. Williams, Aitkin county coroner, was notified and ordered the search.

The path from the school to Miss Peterson's home is only a dim trail through the thick woods. The teacher apparently had wandered from the trail and it is believed had roamed about several days before death from exposure overtook her.

PENN. RAILROAD IS SUSTAINED

Chicago, April 22.—Federal Judge George Page today upheld the Pennsylvania railroad in its suit to test the power of the United States Railroad Labor Board by refusing to dismiss the temporary injunction granted by Judge Landis restraining the board from censuring the road for violating the board's decrees.

The board ordered the road to hold new elections among its shopcraft employes some time ago and the road refused to do so.

GLENBURN BANK HAS REOPENED

The Glenburn State bank has reopened, it is announced by the state examiner. It was the 18th closed bank to reopen, and is closed because of insufficient reserve Nov. 24, 1920.

State Examiner Semonsen has left for a trip which will include attendance at all group bankers meetings in the state.

Missouri has more than 200 registered women physicians and surgeons.