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DEMOCRAT PLATFORM TO BE LADEN

DID EAST CHICAGO WOMAN KILL BUFFINGTON FLOATER?

HUSBAND ACCUSES HER OF THE CRIME

Will Thornton Says Deed Was Done In Boat For Robbery Purposes

The probable identity of the floater who was found on the beach near Buffington, about a month ago, was disclosed yesterday when Will Thornton in a confession to Heriberto Captain William Hughes, of East Chicago, asserted that his wife had murdered the man. The crime is said to have been committed while the colored woman and the victim were alone in a boat. The motive was the theft of \$500 which the man was supposed to have on his person. Mrs. Thornton denies absolutely any knowledge of the affair.

THOUGHT WIFE HAD SUICIDED Following Thornton's arrest Monday for the murder of Nick Kish, he became convinced that his wife had "suicided" and a complete confession of his crime followed although he has continued to maintain his innocence of the actual shooting. The police were not satisfied that he had told all he knew, however, and after lengthy questioning yesterday he agreed to tell all. His wife he asserts, is better at holdups and shooting than he is and has taken part in a number of the gang's recent holdups and robberies.

ENTICED VICTIM TO BOAT Mrs. Thornton's husband asserts enticed the victim into a row boat and after getting him some distance from the shore hit him on the head with an ear. She had supposed that he carried \$500 with him, but was able to find only \$15 which she turned over to her husband upon her return home.

While the victim was still stunned from the blow by the ear the woman threw his body over the side and allowed him to drown.

POLICE RECALL BRUISES The police recall that there were some bruises on the side of the head of the man when the body was taken from the water, but it was supposed at the time that they were caused by buffeting of the waves. This fact bears out the story of Thornton and leads the police to believe that his story is true or that at least his gang was responsible for the death. An effort is now being made to discover the name of the victim, and it is thought that one of the gang will soon drop a hint which will lead to the clearing up of the case.

CATCHING PROVES ALIBI A J. Catling, who was arrested with the gang and who was identified by George DePaul as the man who had fired the shot, was yesterday released after he had proved an alibi. DePaul had already made two incorrect identifications. Two other members of the gang have continued to this default alibi.

College Murder Over Debt

Dartmouth College Tragedy Not Due to Whiskey Running Now Declared.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) HANOVER, N. H., June 17.—A quarrel over a small debt and not whiskey running into Dartmouth college, as alleged, was responsible for the killing of Henry B. Maroney, a senior of Massachusetts, and the arrest of a murder charge of Robert T. Meads, a junior of Illinois, authorities investigating the case said today.

Reports that young Meads sold liquor and that he quarreled with Maroney over a bottle of whiskey today were denied by students. They said Meads had liquor, but consumed all he secured. Dartmouth authorities were much concerned over the statement that liquor was at the bottom of the slaying of Maroney. This theory, it was explained, probably arose from a statement made by Meads after his arrest. He said: "Whiskey from me and after thinking it over a while I decided to go after him."

He added that he shot in self defense. Students say Meads had been drinking prior to the shooting.

Meads was in the little county jail at Woodsville today awaiting the September term of the grand jury. His father, Albert H. Meads, a Chicago lawyer, was on his way east to defend his son. Maroney's father and mother were here—the mother in a state of collapse.

Maroney, it was learned, had waged a fight against a craving for liquor. Through the whole year the young man had practiced total abstinence as he had agreed to do. Maroney had passed his final examinations and was awaiting his degree at commencement, June 19. He had come through his fight clean, college authorities said. Meads he met in the fall of 1915. Meads then a freshman, shot Norman F. Arnold, a class mate. On his death bed Arnold signed a statement saying the shooting was an accident.

DID YOU HEAR THAT

THE cold wave hit the strawhats and beebees a crack behind the ear today.

THE FIRST annual picnic of the Northern Indiana Macaquees will be held at Hudson Lake next Sunday.

AN ORDINANCE has been drawn to be presented at the city council by which Hammond will be officially advanced to the second classification.

ROSCOE E. WOOD has a pretty good story on a law suit tried by Atty. John F. Sawyer, but refuses to release it for publication until the suit ends.

MERRITT D. METZ is the latest attorney to be eligible to the title of Judge. He is holding down the bench today in Room 1 of the Superior court.

ATTY. J. R. CONROY is being counted as a political prophet. He picked Harding to win long before Harding became the winner.

JIMMY SUDIN of the Lake County Auto Supply & Sales has just returned from a week's vacation at Joplin down in Old Missouri.

C. G. KINGWILL'S view of the nomination of Harding for president is a heart-breaker and the reader had better see him personally about it.

ED. GROER, the free employment agent, has no application for farm jobs and no farmers listed for help. He closed his last deal the first of the week, and is now waiting for a new batch of calls.

A BICYCLE belonging to Frank New, 159 Sohl street, was stolen yesterday afternoon after he had parked it in front of a H. Ohman street bank. He says "They might have taken the bank and left my bicycle."

SUPT. E. S. MONROE of the Hammond schools will attend the national educational meeting at Salt Lake City this month and visit "Old Father" and the bears in Yellowstone park for a few days.

ANOTHER democrat who believes the republicans did the right thing in selecting Harding for president is Frank Martin. "I'm well pleased with the selection," says Frank. "For I believe we can lick him."

TWO kids were in the Overland-Fudge auto saloon when the other day when a sale was being closed up. "That fellow bought a Willy-Knight," said one of the other, "AW, he didn't either, he bought one of them Fudges," retorted the other.

PRIVATE M. E. AYER, Pat. C. E. A. 4th Div. and F. W. O'Donnell, Pat. C. E. A. 4th Div., both popular Hammond boys now at Camp Dodge, Ia., are coming back to the old town for a 30 days furlough July 1.

WORK at the Hammond postoffice is seriously handicapped. There are now six of the office employees on sick leave. In spite of the menacing depletion of staff, few complaints have been heard save from habitually growling citizens.

TED SMITH, right hand man to President Talmadge of the street car company, was back in Hammond this week for the first time in months. A three month's sledge of pneumonia nearly obliterated him, but he is feeling fine now and has the same old smile.

THE Western Union Telegraph company has granted the East Chicago office permission to open an hour earlier in the morning in order to care for business, but the clock will not be set ahead until the city council takes official action on that effect.

VERN SUMMERS and his army of clerks are just getting over the rush for sugar which swamped the drug store Saturday. Sugar at 28 cents a pound "with no strings attached" proved an enormous drawing card. "Greatest day for the store since December 12," smiles Mr. Summers.

ATTY. C. B. TINKHAM, who is not given to verbosity on any subject except the sanitary district, says "I'm well satisfied with the nomination of Warren G. Harding. I never went to school with him, of course, but I've heard a lot about him and he satisfies me."

DR. C. J. HICKS, JR., and Dr. C. W. Bachrach have lately become associated with the Hammond Clinical and X-ray Laboratories at 59 Rimbach avenue. Dr. Bachrach was a former co-worker of the late Dr. Achilles Davis and will have charge of the X-ray and diagnostic reports departments of the laboratories.

MARTIN FINNERAN, West Hammond's popular treasurer, stepped forth in a new role last week. He is now a member of the board of directors of the course in the Kent school and was admitted to the bar in Cook county. His week he goes before the Supreme court of Illinois to qualify for practice in the higher courts.

HERE ARE some of the hot ones from the name-cards on the ice cream tables in Summers' pharmacy: "Charlie Chaplin Frolic," "Mildred Harris-Chaplin's Delight," "Alice Brady's Dream," "The Pickford-Moore Epilog," "William Hart Thriller," "Overhead Expense Sunday" and the "Dixie Land Strawberry Thuff."

HARRY GRIMMER got the surprise of his youthful life the other day when in converse with an adult republican he remarked, "Well until we get to San Francisco, well make the world sit up and take notice," says Harry. "Says the republican, 'When you get to San Francisco you'll be attending the funeral of the democratic party and the standard bearers of which you pray will be pallbearers.'"

New Chapter In Highland Still Case

Another chapter has been opened in Highland's sensational still case through which prohibition enforcement officers were bound over to the Criminal court Wednesday on grand larceny charges.

This morning Nicholas Marovich, who was arrested as the owner of the still and who is now at liberty under bond, filed suit in the Hammond Superior court for the recovery of the automobile which they visited the farm the day after the raid. Defendants in the suit are Orlan Van Hook, Montgomery and Smith, Chas. Ernest Kuntz, Arnold Kuntz and Sam Postelwats of the Yellow Cab company, are also included. The Yellow Cab men are made parties to the suit merely through the use of their motor by the officers in housing the confiscated car.

The machine, which the plaintiff wishes replevied in a Cole suit, license number 17721 and valued at \$2500. In addition to the possession of the machine Marovich asks for \$2000 damages for unlawful detention of it. His attorneys are McKeever, Lenney & Gillet; who assisted the state in the prosecution of the original case in the court of Judge Friedrich.

AUTO CRASHES INTO GIRDERS IN STREET

An automobile containing William Herman, 28 Div., and Mrs. W. K. Kellman, 54 Douglas ave., West Hammond, late last night crashed into a bunch of steel girders which protruded into the street from the pile on which they were stacked at Loman avenue and Condit street.

Suffering from a cut over her right eye and other minor injuries, Mrs. Kellman was taken to the home. Herman escaped injury. The front of the automobile was badly damaged. Warrants may be issued for the arrest of the building contractor who permitted the girders to be without lights or other danger signal, according to Captain Fred G. Rimbach, of Hammond Central police station.

FIRE TRUCK DRIVER DOES GREAT STOP

Wow! shouted a newly late yesterday afternoon, "The tank is on fire." Changing same, a fireman from Company No. 2, at the heavy fire truck, turned south on Hohman st., a street car moved ahead. At Fifty st., the front tracks of the street car continued south all night, but suddenly the rear end of the car, overcome the idea of going west on Fifty st., and the rear trucks swerved with the switch. Part of the street car was on Hohman street and part on Fifty street. The front of the truck slammed the brakes hard and with a bang, the heavy fire fighting machine came to a stop within two feet of the stalled street car lying directly across the path of the auto. It was a narrow escape.

The blaze in the First National Bank building was confined to the basement where a salamander overtook, rather than smoke there was no loss.

GARY COUPLE HAVE MATRIMONIAL STORMS

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES) CROWN POINT, Ind., June 17.—The marital troubles of George and Mattie Rust, of Gary, have been brought to light on Wednesday and Thursday, the divorce filed by George Rust, having a hearing in the Circuit court before Judge E. Miles Norton. The Rusts had from West Virginia and were coming to Gary four weeks ago, this hour on the sea of matrimony had rocked considerably, first George hitting it and then Mattie would rock it a while. Each charge the other with side-stepping and the neighbors and friends of both parties substantiate their stories. Atty. Bruce and Herkman and Marsh are the legal talent interested in the case.

MINERS ENTOMBED

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) WILKESBARE, PA., June 17.—Entombed in the outer workings of a coal mine at South Scranton when the surface gave way, Louis Buffalito, 28 and Pasquale Biliana, 35, had not been reached today.

Biliana is believed dead, but Buffalito, wedged in between loaded cars, is pitifully pleading for the rescuers to hurry. Four feet of rock separate him from freedom and the mine foremen are fearful when this is removed that not only the miner, but the rescuers as well, will be crushed.

BURNHAM INN OPENS.

Well, here's welcome news, Burnham Inn famous for its fish and chickens, will re-open tomorrow night, under the personal management of Vic Werner, one of the youngest and best liked restaurateurs of the district. "High class entertainment and dancing," says Vic, and what Vic says he means.

DIVORCE IS GRANTED

Faye White and Sherman White took their marital troubles before special Judge Guy White yesterday in Room 1 of the Hammond Superior court. Faye wanted a divorce because Sherman had not been using her white and after hearing the matter Judge White agreed with her. He granted the decree and Faye is to pay the costs.

SALARY QUESTION IS MAZE

New Census Brings About Peculiar Situation For Lake Co. Officials

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES) CROWN POINT, IND., June 17.—While the larger cities of the Calumet region have been figuring out their new classifications as a result of the census returns, officials of Lake county have also been busy for the new county census means salary increases for a number of them. Some peculiar situations have developed.

The present census gave Lake county a population of nearly 120,000, putting it in the classification of counties over the 100,000 mark. County Clerk Herbert Whelan gets the biggest salary boost. Under the act of 1911 his salary moves up to \$13,000 annually. Of course he must pay his clerk hire from this.

Secretary of the county is one official who is not pleased with the outlook. His salary becomes \$2,400 a year, but he must now turn over to the treasurer all fees now charged and collected by him. The fees hitherto had been sufficient to make the job attractive even under the old salary.

The county treasurer will receive \$2,200 per year and \$2 per day for attending sessions of the board of review. He is also authorized to appoint two deputies at \$100 per day. County commissioners will receive \$2,000 per year.

The salary of the county treasurer was \$12,000 of which \$1,000 was added in 1912 for clerk hire. He, of course, also received 6 per cent of all delinquent taxes collected which nets a tidy sum.

Adaptor Mac Eland is another official who feels blue. A new act gave him a salary based upon certain limits of property valuations in the county. The county has passed these limits and he is forced to fall back on the old law. He receives \$13,000 under the new law but it is a question as to how present salary.

The statute originally provided \$10,000 as his pay in counties the size of Lake. A special act designed for Lake county made it \$14,000, but the population limit was so narrow that it has been inoperative in the instance. This is still being investigated.

The matter of salary increases has been taken before the attorney general for advice. The senate return was not announced until about a month ago but it is held that the senate provides that the salary increases take effect as of January 1 on the year the population is announced. In this case the officials will have some back pay coming.

GOMPERS IS PLUNGED IN BITTER FIGHT

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) MONTREAL, June 17.—The American Federation of Labor today endorsed government ownership of railroads with democratic control. This is the main principle underlying the Plumb plan.

The endorsement was one of the biggest defeats Gompers had sustained in his long leadership of the Federation. There was a turbulent demonstration after the insurgents had won their victory.

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE) MONTREAL, QUE., June 17.—President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, is engaged today in a bitter fight to prevent the adoption of a convention from endorsing the Plumb Plan of government ownership and democratic control of the railroads. Gompers and his supporters in the administration do not want the American Federation of Labor to commit itself to more than government control.

The Plumb Plan is revolutionary and its endorsement would mean the complete re-organization of the Federation, declared John F. Fyfe, of Cincinnati, O., editor of the "Iron Moulding Union." Fyfe is one of the administration leaders in the fight against the Plumb Plan resolution on the floor of the convention. He continued:

"Endorsement of the Plumb Plan would necessitate radical changes in the policy of our trade union movement. It is Socialism in its widest form. If the Federation advocates the Plumb Plan for the railroads it must advocate the same principle for all branches of industry. It would be most dangerous for the trade union movement to adopt the principles of the Plumb plan."

FIND HEADLESS BODY OF GIRL

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., June 17.—Mystery today continued to cloud the identity of a young woman whose headless body was found in Lake County, near here.

The body, entirely nude, and weighing about 100 lbs., the police believe was originally intended for the Miss Ruby River, but was cast into the lake, only 200 yards away by mistake.

RIDGE ROAD BANDIT IS SENT TO PEN

Edward O'Connor, Hold-Up Given From Five to Fifteen Years in Prison.

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES) CROWN POINT, IND., June 17.—Edward O'Connor of Hammond one of a gang of holdups, who have been making life miserable for motorists along Ridge Road, got his in the criminal court at Crown Point on Wednesday a jury finding him guilty of robbery, which carried with it a five to fifteen year sentence. The particular robbery for which O'Connor must serve this sentence was a holdup in which he and several of his class held up Jay Clark and stole \$110 and a gold watch from him and then went to Burnham and divided the spoils. Atty. Conroy of Hammond, defended O'Connor.

O'Connor was one of the members of the notorious auto-bandit gang that terrorized pedestrians and motorists traveling over the thoroughfares skirting the southern boundary of Hammond last summer.

Secretary of the court will be called until the other three members of the band have been tried. Martin Skaske, the first member of the group to be tried, pleaded guilty when arraigned several weeks ago. All of the men are out on bail.

PARDON BOARD TAKES UP LAKE CO. CASES

Two Lifers From Lake Appeal to Board for Clemency.

(TIMES BUREAU AT STATE CAPITAL) INDIANAPOLIS, IND., June 17.—Two additional Lake county murder cases will be considered at the next session of the state board of pardons which will convene Monday. The case of Marine Jaglinski, who was sentenced to the state prison for life when convicted for murder has appealed to the board of clemency. He was convicted February 25, 1916. The board has decided to reopen the case of Yip Ham Loy, convicted April 9, 1912 for murder. He is serving a life sentence in the state prison and has previously made unsuccessful attempts to have his sentence commuted.

CHICAGOANS ESCAPE DEATH

Another Accident on Deadly Lake George Road Last Night.

A PARTY of Chicagoans containing one of the high officials of the Marmon Automobile Co. last night escaped death when the Marmon touring car in which they were riding collided with another machine on Calumet boulevard, mid-way across Lake George. The Marmon car dived on one side and skidded into the lake. Not a person was injured. The cause of the accident could not be learned whether or not there were any casualties. At an early hour this morning two garage companies, one from Chicago and one from Hammond were wangling over the right to salvage the auto.

BANDITS BIND VICTIM TO RAIL; RUN OVER

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO., June 17.—Miss left foot and left hand severed by the wheels of a train on the tracks of which he was bound after being robbed of approximately \$300 in jewelry and money, George Underwood, of Carrollton, Mo., restaurant proprietor, was in a critical condition here today.

Stepping from a train here, Underwood was compelled to enter a motor car by two strangers who pointed revolvers at him. Half a mile from Excelsior Springs the robbers halted their car, took Underwood's valuables, and then, after gagging him with strips torn from his own shirt, bound him to the rails with baling wire.

After a desperate effort, Underwood succeeded in freeing himself with the exception of his left foot and left hand before the arrival of the train.

Surrounding towns have been given a description of Underwood's captors, who are believed to be headed for St. Joseph.

BERLIN ON HARDING

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) BERLIN, June 17.—Senator Harding's election would not be unfavorable to Germany, said the Berliner Tageblatt in commenting today upon the result of the Republican national convention at Chicago.

In any other country Gov. Coolidge would have been nominated for president and Senator Harding for vice-president, said the Preussische Zeitung. It added:

"But it is apparent that since President Wilson has been in power America has developed antipathy against a president of superior intelligence."

Latest Picture Of A Favorite Indiana Son

SENATOR JAMES E. WATSON



As Chairman of the Committee on Pensions, Senator James E. Watson of Indiana presented to the Republican National Convention the platform on which his party will make its fight at the polls. He also was a member of the conference of conservatives who finally decided that Senator Warren G. Harding was the most acceptable compromise candidate. This platform was taken while the Indiana Senator was attending the convention.

5 P.M. NEWS FLASHES

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) INDIANAPOLIS, IND., June 17.—Every effort to solve New York's greatest murder mystery, the slaying of Joseph B. Elwell, wealthy turf-man and noted white expert, has proved fruitless. It was admitted today by Det. A. J. Swann. A six days search for the slayer by an army of detectives, leading into a dozen eastern states, has left the police completely baffled. Mr. Swann declared.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) INDIANAPOLIS, IND., June 17.—A special session of the Indiana general assembly to obtain funds for the maintenance of state institutions and to pass upon other important matters loomed today as a greater possibility than at any previous time. Gov. Goodrich has announced that he will issue a call for the extra session "immediately" and it was said today that the legislature may convene next week.

NEW DIVORCE SCANDAL IN PICKFORD STUDIOS

Jack Dillon, Star's Manager, Figures as Co-Respondent In Divorce Case.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) BUFFALO, N. Y., June 17.—Edith Hallon, who starred in "The Children of Destiny," "Just Behind the Door," and other plays filmed in Mary Pickford's Los Angeles studio, is the defendant in a divorce action brought by her husband, L. Lawrence Weber, prominent New York motion picture producer, in supreme court here. Weber charges infidelity. The name of Jack Dillon, manager for Mary Pickford, with apartment at No. 1529 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, is associated with that of Mrs. Weber in the testimony. Weber married Miss Hallon on January 6, 1918. There is one child, L. Lawrence Weber Jr., 43 months old. Proof was taken in the case yesterday and decision reserved. Mrs. Weber did not contest the action. Witnesses testified they saw Dillon and the actress on different occasions. They said they saw them demonstrate affection by "hugging, kissing and caressing."

HARDING FILMED FOR THE MOVIES

By A. O. HATWARD (STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE) WASHINGTON, June 17.—Senator Warren G. Harding, Republican presidential nominee, and Mrs. Harding, fell into the hands of the movie man here today. On requests from a dozen motion picture concerns the senator and Mrs. Harding participated in the filming of their residence both exterior and interior scenes being made with them as principals. It is expected that these films will play an important part in the forthcoming campaign.

Following his workout as a movie star, the senator returned to his office where he was soon immersed in correspondence.

Labor, Booze, Suffrage and Irish Questions Demand Big Attention

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) WASHINGTON, June 17.—Secretary Taft today denied that President Wilson will have a special wire to the White House from the democratic convention in San Francisco.

The secretary was careful to explain that his denial does not mean the president will be in close touch with the proceedings in San Francisco.

BY ELLIS H. MARTIN (STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE) SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., June 17.—There will be no dearth of material for the construction of a democratic platform. With but a fraction of the delegates and national committee men on hand, enough material has already been proffered to erect one of staggering size.

Of course the main timbers and principal parts of the platform will come from Washington in charge of former Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass. This does not prevent those already on the ground assembling a little of the material they want to see in the completed platform.

The "wet" and "dry" issue looms as the big controversy before the platform committee and perhaps before the convention. There is more pre-convention talk among arriving delegates on this subject than on any other issue, despite the tendency of the delegates here to soft pedal discussion of the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead act. The arrival of Wm. Jennings Bryan and Gov. Edwards, leaders of the two camps interested in the prohibition issue, is expected further to enliven this issue.

Labor, suffrage and Irish leaders do not intend to pass up any opportunity for their cause before the democratic convention.

GOMPERS HEADED FOR IT Samuel Gompers and Matthew Woll, of the American Federation of Labor, will arrive here the day before the formal opening of the convention. They have served notice upon the party leaders that they will urge adoption of a plank much more favorable to labor than that adopted in Chicago.

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SAD DISCORD IN BYRD'S SONG

Peeps About His Hard Luck and Lands in the Cage Yesterday.

A clever bird is Theo. Byrd. He comes from the big, wicked city of Chicago where the sparrow quickly changes his street song for the rancorous call of the alley vulture and where nature's fitting plumage is plucked to be replaced by the artificial glories of the modern promoter. Byrd had fluttered into that nest and molted.

Rejuvenated, Byrd flew to Hammond and yesterday began to ply his trade. With the suspicious air of the wrong deer and muttering in that tone indicative of the under-dog, Byrd would select his prey, advance and begin a song of hard luck.

Carrying a refrain replete with all insinuations of slippery deals, he would produce a ring, new bright, and made of the yellow metal. His customer would be made to assume that Byrd had gained possession of the ring under circumstances not entirely to Byrd's credit. The result was always the same. The victim would reason, "Ah, this man has perhaps stolen this ring or found it. He wants to get rid of it quickly. I'll give him \$5 for it. The ring is easily worth \$40 or \$50."

Byrd would accept the \$5—and some times less. The customer would be satisfied; Byrd would be satisfied, all would be "A-OK."

Byrd filled his little song many times in Hammond yesterday. The town is notoriously easy. But in one dark moment Byrd sang his Swan Song—and Detective Sizer of Hammond Central police station heard. Now Byrd is inside looking out. He's caged.

The bars are thick and inflexible and the cage is damp and gloomy and the future is dark. So the song of Byrd has ceased. He'll be tried in the city court tomorrow morning on a charge of peddling without a license.

Even Desk Sergeant Lee, succumbed to the irresistible lure of Byrd's song and looked up the man's possessions in the heavy safe. Usually a prisoner's effects are kept in a drawer but Sergeant Lee felt that the drawer was not safe enough.

Byrd, the latticed door clanked behind him (Byrd let the cat out of the bag and was devoured forthwith. "I buy the rings at a cheap wholesale novelty house in Chicago," said Byrd, "I sell them at \$2.50 and \$5 apiece. What do I say? Well, I can usually get them for \$1 a dozen."

The noise of rattling keys mingled with the sound of heavy foot-falls as Sergeant Lee made a break for the safe "Into the drawer for this junk," said the irate officer.

CHICAGO MAN SHOT; FOUND IN BATH-ROOM

(CHICAGO, June 17.—The police today began an investigation into the mystery shooting of C. B. Ensign, a wealthy note broker who was found in the bath-room of his apartment Monday, with a bullet wound over the heart. The shooting was maintained in connection with the shooting, even the police failing to receive a report of it until Wednesday.

Neighbors reported that they heard two shots, preceded by the noise of a commotion in the Ensign apartment Monday. The wounded broker is in a critical condition in a hospital.