

BANDITS IN FORD GET \$4,200 FROM SALOON MAN

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DARING ROBBERY AT HEGEWISCH

Back Bartender 'gainst Wall and Escape with Thousands

In a daring robbery pulled just as darkness was falling yesterday evening, bandits obtained \$4,200 from the saloon of Andrew Zajac, at the corner of 18th and Baltimore avenues, in Hegewisch.

The place regularly cashes the checks of men who work at the plant of the Western Steel Car company. Yesterday was payday at the works and thousands of dollars worth of checks had already been turned in at the saloon.

At 8 o'clock a machine stopped in front of the saloon and four men strode in. A few minutes later two more came in. Suddenly revolvers appeared in the hands of several of the bandits, covering the bartender, who happened to be the only other man in the saloon at that time.

While he stood back against the wall with hands aloft members of the gang hurried behind the bar and deftly cleaned out the money drawer. At first the bunch of checks already cashed was crammed into the pocket of one of the men, but there were later discarded as being of no value to them. This action also saved the Zajac from further loss.

There was \$4,200 still in the drawer in anticipation of more check business later in the evening. This was quickly scooped up by the bandits who hurried from the place, crowded into the automobile and raced away.

The whole operation consumed only about ten minutes. It required some time to organize the pursuit but all efforts at catching the bandits were fruitless. From the hasty glimpse which the bartender got of the machine, he believes it was a Ford.

WEST HAMMOND GETS NEW ROAD

Roscoe E. Woods Spokesman for Delegation Which Secured Improvement

The construction of the six and one-half mile east and west thoroughfare known as One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, a westward extension of Sibley street, in Hammond, is assured.

A delegation of West Hammond citizens, accompanied by Roscoe E. Woods, of Hammond, who acted as their spokesman, appeared before the Board of Cook county commissioners and presented their case in an hour conference yesterday afternoon.

Some slight opposition developed on the part of Jerry O'Rourke, former state representative, William Busse, one of the commissioners and some Harsted representatives who wanted the Harsted bridge built before money was spent on One Hundred and Forty-seventh street.

But the arguments of the West Hammond delegation were so convincing that the commissioners, on the motion of Peter Reinberg, chairman of the county board, instructed Supt. of Highways Quinlan to at once commence the preparation of plans and specifications for the improvement which will cost in the neighborhood of \$700,000.

It is not, however, expected that work will commence on this road until the spring of 1922, a year and three months from this date for the season that the 71 mile program of road building that has been adopted by the Cook county commissioners has been held up by high building costs and must be completed this coming year.

Among those who presented arguments before the board were Samuel R. Marwan, special counsel for West Hammond, Mayor Paul Kamradt, who said that the people had been promised this improvement in return for their support of the city, and Henry Linder, of West Hammond, and other speakers.

To John Jaroski and Judge Kowalski should go the credit for having organized the delegation which included in addition to the speakers, City Clerk Andrew J. Stachewicz, Frank Wachewicz, Alderman A. B. Kryzanowski.

The outstanding arguments which seem to have won over the commissioners were the fact that while West 71st avenue, Halsted and South State st. have been improved by the commissioners, there is no east and west thoroughfare by which access may be had to these highways. The hopelessness of getting street roadway extensions also pointed to the need of developing this highway to provide intercity communication by motor bus.

MASONIC ELECTION

Election of officers was held by Pyramid No. 387, A. F. & A. M. of Hegewisch, Friday evening with the following results:

Worshipful master, Carl C. Smith. Senior warden, Frank H. Thompson. Junior warden, Rhinert Workman. Treasurer, Clyde Paverty. Secretary, Victor Anderson.

The lodge will hold its installation of officers on Wednesday, Dec. 29, followed by an entertainment and supper.

GO ON RECORD FOR OPEN SHOP

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Tennessie manufacturers in annual session here went on record as favoring the open shop and equal opportunity for organized and unorganized labor in the state. They also favored restricting foreign immigration and the establishment of vocational schools in the industrial centers of the state.

ALL BOOST FOR ATHLETIC PARK PLANS

Enthusiasm, the kind which accomplishes big things, was rampant last evening at the meeting of the new Hammond Athletic Boosters' association when the proposition of erecting a real athletic park was discussed.

Many who had attended previous meetings could not be present at the courthouse last night because of other engagements but the new faces present made the crowd even larger than at the meeting the week before. The idea has proved to be a popular one and is meeting with the hearty support of men and women in all walks of life.

Ray Seely as temporary chairman started things moving when he called for the report of the ways and means committee, of which Frank O'Rourke was chairman. Although the committee had only been working a week on the matter, O'Rourke was able to report investigations on six sites and an estimate of the lowest probable cost.

The sites investigated were as follows:

1. Property on Highland street, just west of the Industrial high school building. It is believed four acres could be purchased at \$2,500 per acre.
2. Property at Columbia avenue and 15th street. This was estimated at \$1,800 per acre.
3. Property on Calumet avenue, across street, west of Nowak Milling Co. (old distillery). This is expected to cost \$4,000 per acre.
4. Block between Cameron and Henry streets, north of Husein and belonging to the school city. Two thousand dollars per acre is the price suggested.
5. Property at corner of Calumet and Michigan avenues. This would probably be most expensive, \$5,000 per acre.
6. Tract of about five acres between Jessie and Soh streets, north of Michigan avenue. It is believed that this land could be purchased at a figure lower than any of the others.

Mr. O'Rourke then read figures on costs of grading, gutting a fence and erecting a grandstand with a capacity of 5,000. These figures were secured by John Huchel and were from contractors who do such work. The total price of this work would be \$30,200, exclusive of the cost of the land. The figures were for frame construction and were considered the lowest possible.

Expressions were called for from those present and the matter was discussed thoroughly.

A. M. Turner was the first to speak. "I have heard a great deal about this plan to erect an athletic park with soldiers' and sailors' memorial within the last week. I think that is a practical and appropriate manner in which to show our appreciation of the services the boys rendered in the war and at the same time provide a real asset for the city. An athletic field is no longer to be considered a luxury; it is a necessary thing. The plan has my hearty endorsement."

Mr. Turner urged the vigorous pushing of the project, but said that he believed the estimate was too low. "If we go through with this we should build so that it will be permanent. I think a fireproof structure should be erected so that the whole thing cannot be wiped out over night as often happens to structures of this sort, which, because of their location cannot be guarded all of the time. I don't think we should stop at less than \$100,000 or more if necessary to do it right."

Dr. W. D. Weis said he believed this was the proper step. "We did a lot of shouting when the boys went away," he said, "but most of the enthusiasm seemed to have died down by the time they got back. I like this plan of a permanent memorial as a mark of our appreciation and which at the same time will be looking toward the physical welfare of our young men. If it takes \$100,000 or more to put this over, I am in favor of it for we should have a memorial we can point to with pride."

Alderman L. C. Smith, president of the city council, spoke and told the status of the memorial proposition as he understood it. Further explanation of the situation was made by Alderman Reilly and Martin. Mayor Brown was called on and said he had no objection and that a new one should be appointed, since the proposal of building a combined city hall and memorial building had been held up.

Frank Hammond expressed his approval of the scheme, but said he believed the project should embrace a large gymnasium with shower baths and a floor large enough for basketball and indoor games.

A. J. Marko, John Huchel, Theo. Kloetz, Floyd Murray and V. J. Cunniff also made short speeches.

Election of permanent officers for the association was then taken up with the following results:

President, John Huchel. Vice President, Frank Hammond. Secretary-Treasurer, Dick Williams.

A committee was then appointed to circulate petitions which are to be presented to the city council with recommendations. The members are: Frank O'Rourke, E. G. Sprout, Ed. Kline, Mel Monnet and Frank Martin.

Another meeting will be held probably at the same place next Friday evening.

Hammond Boys Try To Escape

Crown Point Deputy Sheriff Shows Speed for His Years Yesterday

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)

CROWN POINT, IND., Dec. 11.—Deputy Sheriff Dick Kilborn demonstrated yesterday evening that there is plenty of speed in him in spite of his advancing years when he successfully ran down two young men who had escaped from him at the jail door.

The prisoners were Charles Clayton and Carl Young, two Hammond youths who had just been tried in the criminal court for the theft of an automobile in Hammond about three weeks ago. The car which belonged to Frank Furstenbaugh was stolen from in front of the Methodist church on Sunday evening and late that night Officer Joe Reckler found the boys trying to start it on Summer st. The jury found them guilty and gave each a \$50 fine and 300 days on the penal farm.

Deputy Sheriff Kilborn started with them towards the jail. The boys were handcuffed together. Suddenly they broke away from him and started to run. Kilborn gave chase thinking that they would have difficulty in running and that he could catch them easily. He was mistaken for the youths covered over three miles before they were finally landed.

Kilborn managed to send out an appeal for help along the way and with a bunch of volunteers succeeded in rounding up the men. The boys and Kilborn were covered with mud.

EXTRA

Hammond Boys Try To Escape

(STAFF CORRESPONDENT L. N. SERVICE)

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Two hundred persons were killed and 15,000 rendered homeless by an earthquake which practically levelled the district of Tepelen in Jugo-Slavia, according to a dispatch from Valena today. The American Red Cross is rushing a relief corps to the scene of the disaster.

'Dry' Solons Have Plenty of Whiskey

Charwomen Cleaning Up Capitol Offices Find Evidence That Lawmakers are Not Parched.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Some "dry" Congressmen simply must have their liquor. Discoveries nothing short of amazing to the uninitiated, made by charwomen cleaning up Capitol offices preparatory to opening of Congress this month show that consistency is not always a virtue, especially in matters of whiskey. Sober lawmakers, be-frocked and full of speech, make tirades against the evils of liquor in the halls of Congress, but as these new discoveries prove it does not lessen an appetite for whiskey, so easily appeased after their mask of Congressional decorum is torn off, and they retire to the privacy of these secret cloisters.

One Had Five Barrels.

Fully fifty Senators and Congressmen who stocked up before the advent of the "terrible drouth" stored some of their private stocks in their Capitol office hiding places. One Senator, well known for his "dry" spell-binding has stored in his own sanctum, away from the rabid mob of a harem of Kentucky bourbon. Some Bourbon, that follows, they say. Some of the other fifty have almost as much, but scarcely any of these "wet" enthusiasts in private and "dry" apostles in public, have more than ten cases of bottle whiskey gales on tap, with plenty more in warehouses to replenish the stocks.

Newton's conflicting stories when he was arrested led to his downfall. Under close questioning he finally broke down and confessed that he and Sometime had robbed at least 11 homes including those of J. E. Fitzgerald and Carl E. Nelson. At the Fitzgerald home the loot in furs, clothing and jewelry amounted to over \$500, while nearly \$200 in cash was taken in the Nelson robbery.

Sometime had fled to Chicago following the arrest of his partner, but Newton was able to direct the Chicago police in their search for him. He was brought to Hammond last night and today the two men are being taken to several places at which they claim to have hidden stolen goods.

Both men had been staying at the Columbia hotel in East Hammond during the fall, but several weeks ago Sometime fled when Sam Skufakis, proprietor of the hotel, asked for a warrant for his arrest after it was found that he had been keeping two women in his room. Later under investigation of his record shows that he has spent much of the last 15 years in prison. He was first sentenced to Jeffersonville from Spencer county, Ind., but broke his parole after serving the term of the sentence. Later under the name of Thomas Williams he served four years in the Wisconsin state prison for burglary.

On July 23, 1917, Sometime was arrested at Terre Haute, Ind., for burglary and violating the Indiana parole, but managed to escape by throwing pepper in the eyes of the officers who had him in custody.

STOCKTON BANDITS ARE TAKEN

That the Chicago police have taken into custody the safe blowers who blew the safe of the Illinois Steel Co. office at Stockton and more commonly known as Clark Station several weeks ago and escaped with several thousand dollars in money, liberty bonds and valuable papers is the information given out by the Gary police this morning.

The men held by the Chicago police in connection with the Clark Station safe blowing are hooked as Albert Hillman with a half dozen aliases, George Minor and Edward Kaufman, Ed Baker, a fourth member of the gang is still at large. According to the report the men are all professional safe blowers and have served time for other offenses.

They are now being held on a charge of grand larceny and their trials will come up shortly. Gary police officials are now waiting to learn the disposition of the case and have secured extradition papers to bring them back to Lake county.

The Clark Station job was pulled sometime between midnight and four o'clock in the morning. The job had no nitroglycerine and in using dynamite, it took seven charges before they were able to open the door.

SWITCHMAN IS KILLED

Walter Wallencour, an L. H. B. switchman, was killed last night at a point about a block west of the state line. No one was with him at the time of the accident and nothing could be learned as to how he came to his death.

The mangled body was found at the side of the tracks by the crew of a train which reached the scene at 9:00 o'clock. Death had evidently occurred a short time before. The body was taken to the Czechanski undertaking parlors in West Hammond and identified a short time later. Wallencour's home is in Bayfield, Wis., but little is known of him. He had been living at the Lyndora hotel in Hammond.

Coroner Hoffman of Cook county is holding an inquest at the undertaking parlors this afternoon.

BANKS FORCED TO SUE SCHOOL CITY

The extent to which the Hammond Board of Education has been forced to borrow money in order to keep the schools going because of sharp cuts in levies by the State Tax Board in the last two years, is shown in six suits which were filed in the Hammond superior court this morning.

The complaints were filed by Attorney Jesse Wilson for all of the plaintiffs ask for judgments on promissory notes held by the banks against the School City of Hammond. The plaintiffs are the First Trust & Savings Bank, The American Trust & Savings Bank, The First National Bank, The Northern Trust & Savings Bank, The Standard Trust & Savings Bank, The Citizens National Bank and The State Bank of Hammond.

The amounts of the various notes run from \$5,000 to \$20,000 and the total indebtedness is \$109,500.

It is believed that the new tax levy will help make up part of this deficit.

PORTLAND VISITED BY YOUNG CYCLONE

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—Portland was in the grip of a miniature cyclone throughout the night. The storm abated towards morning, but the weather bureau forecasts a continuance today.

Trees were blown down in all sections of the city, in some places falling across telegraph wires and otherwise impeding traffic.

The velocity of the wind gained a maximum of 68 miles an hour. The terrific windstorm was accompanied by the heaviest rainfall experienced in this section in years.

The storm lashed the Oregon and Washington coasts, cutting off telegraph and telephone communications with most outside points.

SLUMP ALARMS THE JAPANESE

DUBLIN, Dec. 11.—A near panic was reported from Tokyo today. Several savings banks in the Japanese capital have closed, dispatches said, owing to "funds" which were caused by fears of another big slump such as caused widespread business depression recently.

Did You Hear That

MAG DRAHT, the chimney sweep and his horn are here on their annual mission of adding color to the street.

A YEAR ago yesterday, you may not remember it, was 14 degrees below zero and one of the coldest days of the entire winter.

COUNTY RECORDER-ELECT BILL ROSE has rented a house in Crown Point and is preparing to take his new job on January first.

JOHN W. DYER is returned from Wesley Hospital where he has been for three weeks recovering from the effects of quite a serious operation.

ANOTHER Chicago Heights car, this time an Overland, with Illinois license No. 27682, has been stolen and Hammond is asked to help find it.

TWO men tried to get into the Gerhard Austgen home at 374 Sibley st. Thursday night, but were frightened away when the family was aroused.

A DEMENTED man who claimed to be physical director of the Battle Creek, Michigan, schools, was taken off the M. C. train here about noon on Thursday.

THE case against A. C. Foles, Indiana Harbor lawyer, arrested for speeding, which was to have been decided yesterday has been continued until Dec. 24th.

FRED BOSNITH's store at 302 Fayette st. was robbed last night of three boxes of cigars and \$20 in change. The front window was smashed in order to afford entrance.

THE six bowling teams which have been organized in the departments of the Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Co., opened their season at the McCool alleys last night.

CEARING, formerly of Hammond High, is also a member of the Valpo University basketball shooters and "Beanie" Harris, his old football rival is also on the team.

MANY are at a loss to understand what has been keeping Uncle John Barge away from those athletic booster meetings at the court house. His absence is noticeable.

SCHERERVILLE had a bandit affair this week. Geo. Miyama, a Japanese, was held by a stranger who asked him for a ride, and then robbed him of \$100 and his jewelry.

THERE was such a rush of business at the Hotel Hammond's restaurant last night following the price reductions that Topsy Casseoff fears they will eat him out of house and home.

"It doesn't pay for a man to work his head off all the time," said E. N. Bunnell, one of the hardest workers in town, "but we all seem to do it when we ought to lay off and rest once in awhile."

TOO many deaths by accident are due to the taking of needless chances, say the safety agents. Some people never learn the wisdom of caution until they are killed, and then, unfortunately, it is too late.

HAMMOND will have another co-operative store, conducted on the English or Roachdale plan if favorable action is taken at a mass meeting which is to be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Labor Temple.

MRS. LAURA D. FLOYD of East Chicago, lectured before the Jasper County League of Women Voters this week on a survey of housing conditions in Lake county and emphasized the need of improvement along those lines.

THE case of O. Kitch vs the Gary street railway company is on trial in the circuit court. The plaintiff was injured on a street car when it ran into an open switch and is asking for damages to the amount of \$10,000.

ED. KROER, examiner in charge of the employment bureau has received a letter from Judge Fox of the Industrial Board, stating that he expects Mr. Kroer to continue in the office since it has come under control of the board.

SOME thoughtless parents, probably green at the child rearing game, parked their baby carriage in the entrance of the Woolworth store last night and on leaving the picture show, marched home without it. Officer Mroz brought it to the police station.

THE Kerr divorce case which has been attracting so much attention in Gary since it was reopened in Kerr's fight to avoid paying a support judgment of \$665 was to have been heard yesterday afternoon in Gary, but was continued until next Friday.

A NEW York newspaper decided to find out what joke in current plays created the biggest laugh. After a two weeks' investigation it decided that this was it:

Rockie—Who sees there?
Officer—Maj. Moses.

Rockie—Advance, Moses, and give the Ten Commandments.

THE golf season is over but they are still telling golf yarns. On a street car south bound a golfer was seated and had comfortably placed his golf clubs beside him. A buoyant fellow with a wealthy breath came into the car and lurched into the golf clubs.

"Why don't you look where you're going?" said the golfer testily.

"H-mph!" You don't know who I am, do you?"

"No, and I don't care to know."

"Well," was the reply, "How do you know it's me?"

THE WEATHER

FOR INDIANA—Increasing cloudiness tonight and Sunday probably becoming unsettled; warmer tonight.

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VANDERLIP TALKS TO A REPORTER

Russia is Asking Immediate Trade Relations With U. S. and Has the Money

(EDITOR'S NOTE—The Times presents herewith an exclusive, wireless interview with Washington D. Vanderlip, head of the syndicate of Pacific coast bankers and financiers who is returning on the liner Aquitania, due in New York today, after a several months' sojourn in soviet Russia. While in Moscow Mr. Vanderlip obtained territorial and economic concessions from the soviet government which have caused a world-wide sensation. The International News Service wireless a number of questions to Mr. Vanderlip while the Aquitania was in mid-ocean. Below are his answers, just received by radio.)

HIGH SPOTS IN VANDERLIP INTERVIEW

"I believe the fire of communism (in soviet Russia) is rapidly burning itself out.

I believe Lenin is bringing about a gradual change from the left to the right.

Russia considers America her only friend, but will not beg on our doormat much longer.

Restoration of trade with Russia will do more than the league of nations could ever do.

Japan will stick in Siberia until the Russians get locomotives.

BY WASHINGTON D. VANDERLIP (By Wireless to the I. N. Service.) (Copyrighted, 1920, by the I. N. S.)

ABOARD THE STEAMSHIP AQUITANIA APPROACHING NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Complying with the request of the International News Service for a wireless interview I am herewith sending by the Aquitania's radio my answers to the questions you wireless-

Q.—"What are the results of your mission?"

"Briefly summed up, the results of my mission to soviet Russia consist of the concession of 400,000 square miles of territory in return for which Russia asks a chance to purchase \$2,000,000,000 worth of goods in the U. S. The Vanderlip syndicate acts as fiscal agents.

"Russia asks immediate trade relations with the U. S. She considers America—in spite of the Wilson invasion of Murmansk and Siberia—her only friend, and even though England signs (an agreement resuming trade) Russia will give the bulk of her orders to us. She declares, however, that she will not beg on our doormat much longer.

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MICHIGAN CITY WAS IN DARKNESS

MICHIGAN CITY, Dec. 11.—Electric lights over the entire city went out at 6 o'clock Thursday evening when something went wrong at the South Shore power house, which furnishes "juice" here to the Northern Indiana Gas & Electric company. The Gas & Electric company at once switched to its own power plant in East Chicago and in about 20 minutes all was light again. Later in the evening, after repairs had been made, the South Shore was once more furnishing electricity.

KITCH GETS A JUDGMENT

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)

VALPARAISO, Dec. 12.—The case of Owen Kitch vs. the Gary Street Car company, for personal injury damages which has been on trial in the circuit court here before a jury, was ended yesterday when a verdict of \$10,000 was given the plaintiff. He was injured and suffered blood poisoning when thrown from a car, which crashed into an open switch. Greenlee, Call & Richards, with Dale as friend, represented Mr. Kitch, while Kelly, Galvin and Worden were the counsel for the street car company.