

FIX POLK STREET MAIL HOLDUP ON LABOR CHIEF

MURPHY BRAINS OF BANDIT GANG

"Big Tim" Makes Confession Other Arrests Are Expected During Day.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE CHICAGO, June 14.—With Timothy D. (Big Tim) Murphy, political boss and labor leader, again under arrest, postal authorities expressed the conviction today they had seized the "brains" of the postal bandits, operating in the Chicago district and had cleared up the Polk street postoffice robbery of April 6 when \$300,000 loot was stolen.

Murphy confessed early today, according to postal authorities, that he was implicated in the Polk street mail robbery.

Vincenzo Cosmano, Murphy's lieutenant in labor circles was being detained for questioning.

MOST OF LOOT IN TRUNK. Most of the loot was contained in a big trunk that had been secreted in the attic at the home of William Diggs, father-in-law of Murphy. This trunk is alleged to have been sent to Diggs' home several days ago by Murphy.

W. J. Fahey, postal inspector who arrested Murphy and Cosmano last February in connection with the Pullman mail robbery of last August, declared six witnesses to that robbery have identified Murphy and Cosmano at various times.

Until yesterday Murphy was at liberty under \$200,000 bonds. The arrests were made at the headquarters of the Gas House Workers Union, of which Murphy is president. It followed the confession of Ralph Terer, a railway mail clerk "dip", who positively identified Murphy as the ring-leader of the "big time" gang.

MURPHY FINALLY QUITS. "We've got the goods, Tim," Inspector Fahey said. "What do you mean?" Murphy asked. "About the Polk street hold-up." "Yes," queried "Big Tim" untroubled.

"We've got a confession," Fahey replied, a little more sternly. "That's old stuff—old stuff," Murphy parried. "The easiest way is the best, you know, Tim," continued Fahey. "You'd better come clean."

Then Murphy gave way; when Cosmano and Geirun walked into the office a few seconds later they were arrested, too.

Murphy, who has been a picturesque power in local labor and political circles—once even calling and directing a strike when in jail—is said to have given information through which the actual perpetrators of the daring Polk street robbery are expected to be arrested, the inspectors assert. Murphy led the detective to his father-in-law's home where the trunk was opened.

Edward Geirun, another political lieutenant of Murphy, also was being detained for questioning. All three prisoners were held incommunicado. As a result of the alleged Murphy confession, Lieut. John Norton and a squad of detectives, some armed with rifles, started out early today for a series of raids in which they hoped to make additional arrests and seize more of the mail robbery proceeds.

Michael Corozzo, head of the Chicago Street Sweepers Union and who was acquitted with Murphy and Cosmano in the slaying of "Mossy" Enright, is now at liberty under \$150,000 bonds in the Polk street hold-up. He was arraigned April 28 by his lawyer. He was ordered held by U. S. Commissioner Mason. Corozzo is believed by postal inspectors to be the connecting link in the seizing of Murphy, Cosmano and Geirun and the raid on the Diggs home.

Young Thieves Landed. The wagon was called to Elizabeth street this morning by residents, who saw two boys hanging around the back yards, prying into sheds. Cops found Ben Vilinski, 325 155th Place and Joseph Kreszbiak, 444 155th Place. They had a bathing suit which they had taken from the line in the back yard of J. Cavan at 8 Elizabeth street. Their alibi was that they were looking for work. Vilinski was arrested in Chicago a short time ago for running away from home. The police are working on the theory that the boys are the ones who have been stealing bikes and auto tires.

EAST SIDE RESIDENTS INDIGNANT

Experience Of Four Years Ago Now Repeated.

Mrs. William Hoin, 600 Roosevelt avenue, called The Times this morning. "The city dump is burning again," she said. "It has been smoldering for a week. The smoke and the odor are frightful. The fire has driven the rats out of the dump and there is a plague of rats on this street."

A reporter visited the territory. Roosevelt and Columbia avenue intersect at Columbia park. Directly east of Columbia park is the city dump. Great clouds of smoke rose from the dump and rolled on the breeze down Roosevelt avenue.

SLEEP IMPOSSIBLE. "Nobody could sleep last night," Mrs. Hoin complained. "It smelled like rotten meat. The dump was afire just before the last election too."

Mrs. J. S. Long, 606 Roosevelt avenue, concurred with Mrs. Hoin. "The dump has been burning for a week," she said. "They don't seem to be able to put out the fire, once it starts. They should have had a gang of men down here covering it up with just before the last election too."

THE SUMMER THAT DAN BROWN ran for mayor the city dump started to burn and burned for weeks. Brown's supporters came down and took a picture of it. Well, anyway, Mayor Smalley had men throwing kerosene on it and it wasn't so bad then as it is now.

CALL UPON HEALTH BOARD. "I called up the board of health this morning. Dr. Buchanan wasn't in and a woman who answered the phone told me the board of health had nothing to do with the city garbage. That fire is a menace to the health of my baby. I keep her in the house with all the doors and windows closed but the smoke gets in somehow, night and day. Last night we couldn't sleep. It choked us up."

LONG'S LINGERING NUISANCE. Mrs. Long's description of the nuisance was sickening. The smoke from the dump was sickening.

RATS KILL RABBITS. W. M. Siefaff, 581 Roosevelt avenue, complained bitterly of the rats. He said that they had fed from the fire and were making their homes on Roosevelt. The rats are very large, hairless, carnivorous creatures. They are killing the chickens and rabbits.

OLIVER JACOBOW, 589 Roosevelt avenue, had no idea how the fire started. "Probably some kids," he said.

USE OF THE CITY. The files of The Times show that a great point was made by Dan Brown campaigners of the burning of garbage at the city dump on Columbia avenue four years ago, and that Brown stated that he would abate the city dump nuisance.

THE MAYOR WAS APPEALED TO today and said that he would instruct the street and alley commissioner to put out the fire. He had no idea as to the origin of the fire.

WORK OF DISTINGUISHING THE smoldering blaze was started this afternoon by workmen who shoveled sand onto the garbage. The fire covers a wide area.

NEGRO BADLY BEATEN. Louis Thompson, an old negro who works in the Gibson store house, was attacked and badly beaten by a young colored man by the name of Joe Warren. According to Thompson's story, he was forced to beg for his life when the fellow attacked him. He was struck over the head three times with a heavy club and bears several bad wounds on his face.

Thompson was passing near the Chicago Feed and Fertilizer company at Osborn, when the young negro, who is employed there, stepped out and struck him. After the beating, Warren took \$150 from Thompson and escaped.

Did You Hear That

WHAT'S become of the flag they used to have at the court house. It wasn't up today.

HYDE PARK HIGH defeated Hammond High at golf yesterday by a score of 9 to 2.

IT IS a tossup between you or the lawn. You both can't have a bath at the same time.

THE state convention of the Catholic Order of Foresters began a three days session at Rensselaer yesterday.

WHAT IS Judge C. B. Tinkham trying to do with those white flannel pants—break into C. C. Bonham's class?

PERCY R. DOUGLAS, said to be from Hammond, is being held in an alleged payroll padding charge at Camp Grant, Ill.

FRIENDS of Ernie Sproat want to enter him in the Hohman street road race before the entries close. Very well, he's entered.

THE dentist-golfers are beginning to get restive as well as cheery and it is understood that a challenge to the doctors is in preparation.

"THAT'S a horse on me," said Leo Knoerzer, gracefully falling beneath his mount. "I'm glad I wasn't riding in the Elm Gump Special."

WHO remembers the old Hammond German old-timey who said: "Tern my dog is dett he is through already, but von I die I gotta go to hell yet."

HAMMOND man who claims to be well posted insists that there are still eleven or twelve more automobiles than gasoline filling stations in Hammond.

IT IS possible once more to read the collection hours on Hammond mail boxes. New cards bearing the information were placed on all boxes last week.

ENSIGN SAM HEDEGAARD has started a big rummage sale at Salvation Army headquarters. Low priced clothing may be purchased there all week.

SUBSCRIPTION blanks for Pueblo flood sufferers are at local banks in charge of the Lake County Life Underwriters Assn. of which F. J. O'Rourke is president.

Why is it that some fellows can ride around Hammond all season without getting into trouble, but get picked up by speed cops when they get over on the Illinois side?

INTER CITY BOULEVARD PLAN NEARS

Officials Of Hammond And Gary Hold Joint Meeting Last Evening.

A great boulevard is to be built between Hammond and Gary as a result of a new basis of co-operation that was reached between officials of the city of Hammond and members of the Gary Park Board in a meeting held between the two in Gary last evening.

The Hammond delegation consisted of Albert J. Swanson, president of the Board of Public Works, William F. Bridgman, city engineer, William W. Mahon, city attorney, and Roscoe E. Woods. The meeting of the Gary Park Board was presided over by W. P. Gleason.

The project that was suggested by Hammond calls for a boulevard right of way 100 feet in width from the Illinois-Indiana state line on Standard, also known as Ninth avenue through to the Gary corporation line.

In Gary this boulevard will be extended to either Cline avenue or the Clark road where the traffic has the option of going into Gary over Fifth avenue, which is now being widened and improved, or over Tenth avenue through Tolleston.

TO BECOME A GREAT HIGHWAY. It is expected that this boulevard will become the first big unit of a cross country highway that will connect up with One Hundred and Fifty-ninth at which runs through the Forest preserve to Harvey, Illinois, on the west, and with Fifth avenue and the Gleason road which runs through to the Miller beach and Gary's magnificent new park, on the east.

In addition it will be North Township's main traffic highway to the Michigan Branch of the Dixie Highway, otherwise known as the West Michigan Pike. Owing to the tangle of railroad yards and industrial sites, Standard avenue is the first possible cross country highway south of Indianapolis Boulevard.

The proposition suggests the plan that more attention be paid by the Lake County Commissioners to the construction of main arteries of traffic between centers of population and less attention to secondary thoroughfares that are of purely local importance.

MANEUFRE OF DEVELOPMENT. The plan for the development of this first cross county road would be as follows:

1. Gary and Hammond to proceed at once to secure the necessary dedications of right of way.

2. The co-operation of the Lake County Commissioners then to be secured in the construction of the first of two concrete pavements. This is to be laid in the position for second track on the south side of the center line of the proposed highway.

3. When the pavements now in on the north side of the center line of the proposed highway are worn out, they in turn to be replaced with concrete roadway.

4. As the community builds up on both sides of the proposed highway the local park boards to take up the matter of the beautification and landscaping of the boulevard throughout its entire length.

EXPENSE GRADUALLY MET. The plan is to get the land while it may be had for little if any expense and before costly improvements have been built on the side of the highway that is to be widened.

It has been the experience of Chicago that delay in laying out these main arteries of traffic have cost the city millions of dollars in later years. With the co-operation of Gary and East Chicago a number of main arteries will be developed as the city grows.

Unveils Tablet to Father Killed in World War Before She Was Born



Catherine Ebbert, 3-year-old posthumous child of Captain Peter W. Ebbert of Glen Rock, N. J., the first man from that town to be killed during the world war, unveiled a memorial tablet containing 94 names. The photograph shows the child wrapped in the silk flag which veiled the tablet. She is the first posthumous child in this country to have been so honored.

Important Meeting Is Called Now

Initiative in Building Situation Is Taken by Hammond Chamber of Commerce

The initial step towards bringing about a settlement of the lockout which since May 13 has tied up building operations in the Calumet region will be taken tomorrow evening at a meeting which will be held in the Hammond Chamber of Commerce rooms at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, June 15.

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce held a meeting last night following the request of the Hammond Clearing House Association who take the initiative in the matter. At the special meeting it was decided to take no action until all sides had an opportunity to present their cases.

Letters were immediately sent out to all contractors, material men and representatives of organizations of craftsmen and laborers, inviting them to attend the meeting. It is called by President Jesse Wilson.

Word from Chicago today stated that the differences between the two contractors' organizations had been wiped out and that the general contractors had agreed to the arbitration which had been arranged by the organization of sub-contractors. Work at the old scale was expected to start in Chicago today. Hammond contractors have practically decided to accept the wage decision as made by Judge Landis but it is still a question whether it will be satisfactory to the labor organization in case a lower scale is decreed.

Judge Landis had announced that he would try to reach a decision by Thursday but those in touch with the situation fear that the matter will require more time as it is said the general contractors of Chicago in agreeing to arbitration had insisted that the question of working conditions be opened up also. They hold that there are certain restrictions which have certain restrictions which they want these restrictions removed if possible. They have even intimated that they would be willing to work under the old scale if the onerous working conditions can be side-stepped.

BOARD OF REVIEW NOTIFIES COMPANIES

CROWN POINT, Ind., June 14.—The board of review put in Monday checking over the assessments of the domestic corporations in Lake county and the following were notified that if they were not satisfied with their assessments to appear before the board before July 8:

- Indiana Electric Service company, East Chicago; Wisconsin Lumber and Coal company, East Chicago; Indiana By-Products Gas company, East Chicago; Citizens company, East Chicago; Citizens Ice company, East Chicago; Lowell Roofing company, Lowell; Lowell Livestock company, Lowell; Farmers Elevator company, Lowell; Sculler Atkins company, East Chicago; Lowell Mercantile company, East Chicago; Citizens Laundry company, East Chicago; Photo Specialty company, Griffith; Gleason and Farmers company, Lowell; Kulage Brick works; First Mortgage Loan company, Crown Point.

THE first prize for the Glen Rock Derby will be a Davenport. \$200 money will earn a round trip ticket with stopovers to West Hammond. That guy should worry about the water shortage!

GOMPERS IS CALLED PRO-ENGLISH

Sinn Fein Flag Draped Above English Union Jack.

BY MILDRED MORRIS. (Staff Correspondent, N. Service, DENVER, Colo.)—Irish-American sympathizers draping the Sinn Fein colors above the English "Union Jack" in the convention hall of the American Federation of Labor served notice they intended making the Irish question paramount even to the annual problems to come before the annual convalescence of America's great labor body.

A fight over the Irish resolutions to be presented will be a contest between Samuel Gompers and Edmund De Valera, president of the "Irish republic" to determine which one of them shall dictate the Irish policies of the federation, according to developments today.

Resolutions written by Harry Holand, secretary for the convention, in accord with the wishes of the Irish republic will be introduced as they now stand or slightly modified if form the basis of whatever other resolutions are submitted.

This was made clear by the Irish leaders at a meeting held to draft their program for the convention. A committee appointed by the meeting remained in session nearly all night.

WHAT BOLAND WANTS. As was rumored, Boland's resolutions provide for the appointment of a labor commission of three to be selected by the convention here to go over to England and Ireland to cooperate in action with the British and Irish trade unions. It also provides for the publication of a list of British made goods sold in this country and the firms selling them in each issue of the Federationist, the official American Federation organ, together with a proclamation of boycott against them.

Peter J. Brady, supervisor of the city record of New York, was admitted after persistent questioning by T. H. Wind of Chicago, secretary of the labor bureau of the American commission for Irish independence that he had conferred with Harry Boland in New York before coming to Denver and that a set of resolutions which he himself had drafted was based on those handed him by Boland.

Wind then read copies of Boland's resolutions. He demanded to know by what right Brady had modified Boland's resolutions. Brady said he could explain in committee and pleaded with Wind not to insist on an explanation in public.

NO MENTION OF BOYCOTT. Brady's resolution provides that, instead of the appointment of a labor committee, the two fraternal delegates to be elected by the federation to the British trades union congress perform the functions provided for in Boland's resolutions. He made no mention of a boycott in his resolutions but added the provision of a list of the English government and the officers of its army responsible for raids and killings in Ireland shall be placed on trial for murder just as Germans are being tried for atrocities committed during the war.

Brady, though known as a Gompers supporter, made clear that the other Irish leaders that whatever Irish resolutions were introduced they would provide specified instructions for action by the executive council of the federation and it would be made impossible for that body to evade the issue.

The Irish delegates are openly charging Gompers with being pro-British and imposing pro-British policies on the executive council of the federation. Many stated today that "Gompers will not stand for resolutions going so far as Boland's."

ORPHEUM LECTURE WORTH ATTENDING

Chas. Bettie opens a six-day engagement at the Orpheum today.

"We are taught when we are young to keep away from bet-stoves lest we be burnt; to avoid the dangers of the streets, lest we be injured; and to steer clear of quarantined houses lest we contract disease. My mother and father the world over, had back by a criminal false pride, deny their children the knowledge of dangers far more serious, allowing, in millions of cases, to wreck their own lives and other persons—through ignorance."

So declares William Charles Bettie, sociologist, who, endorsed by women's clubs, juvenile courts, the Women's Protective Association and prominent physicians and welfare workers everywhere, will talk to men and women in separate audiences at the Orpheum theatre on the evils of social diseases.

Mr. Bettie's lecture, a most interesting study of the subject on which he now lectures. His talks have been given in large cities all over the country. Whether prompted by morbid curiosity or by a desire to profit by the knowledge of facts as they are presented by the picture and by Mr. Bettie's lecture, men, women and children have packed the theatre when he has appeared. Ladies only today, tomorrow and Thursday all day and Friday matinee. Men only Friday night and Saturday and Sunday all day.

SHEEP NETS PROFIT OF SEVEN CENTS. A stray sheep found roaming at 147th by the Gary police sometime ago was auctioned off yesterday, netting the Gary Police Pension Fund a profit of seven cents. The sheep on the "hook" was sold for \$1.75 while the advertisement for the sale cost \$1.68.