BANDITS HOLD UP U. S. MINT AUTO FOR $200,000

THE WEATHER

..Fair tonight and Tuesday; not quite so cold; lowest temperature tonight slightly above zero; gentle, variable winds.

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GOVERNORS CONFER WITH HARDING ON DRY ENFORCEMENT

NATION IS AROUSED OVER LAXITY

Later President Will Call Other State Leaders For Conference

BULLETIN

PORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 18. — "Drys" were jubilant—"Wets" said little—as prohibition agents here burned hundreds of gallons of whiskey—moonshine and "good stuff"—in a "municipal bonfire" here. The liquor burned was seized in a series of raids.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A record breaking smash at bootleggers in all principal cities where wet goods in large quantity are reported to have been concentrated for the Christmas trade was inaugurated today by Prohibition officials. It will be the busiest week of the year for enforcement officers.

Orders were sent to staff prohibition directors to recruit extra enforcement officers where emergency situations warrant in Pittsburgh, New York, New Jersey, Newark, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Atlanta Norfolk, Richmond, New Orleans, Boston, Washington, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Indianapolis.

BY KENNETH W. CLARK

[STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—Responding to an invitation from the president, governors of fifteen states came to Washington today for a conference with Mr. Harding at the White House on ways and means of more effectively clamping down the prohibition enforcement lid.

The governors came here fresh from their three day conference at White Sulphur Springs, where in a rather informal manner, the same problem was discussed.

President Harding will mince few words in making it quite plain to the governors that hereafter dry agents, federal or state, must unite in closest co-operation to combat liquor.

The question of the propriety or the expediency of the dry law is not an issue in this conference. President Harding now is only concerned with effective enforcement.

While President Harding does not feel that any specific agency or individual can be blamed for the apparent let down in the dry campaign, he is represented as being of the opinion that the laxity reported to him from many section of the nation has been due in no small degree to the lack of proper and harmonious co-operation between the regularly constituted prohibition units, state as well as national.

On this ground he will appeal to the governors for aid, believing that the state units are a vital and essential part of the general machinery.

Because of certain conditions, out of today's conference probably will come no well defined plan of attack. The date of the meeting unexpectedly was shoved ahead one month as many governors at the White Sulphur conference had previous engagements and were unable to attend today. Also several of the governors are to relinquish office shortly, and would not be in a position to carry on any definite enforcement program that might be evolved.

Largely, then, the meeting will be turned over to a statment of problems that actually have come to the attention of the individual governors, from this it is hoped some common ground will be found by which the reins can be fastened, and illegal liquor traffic held in check.

Later the president will probably call other state leaders here for conferences, while at the same time sending out warnings to federal enforcement chiefs that they must redouble efforts to avoid a further repetition of the present admittedly deplorable enforcement situation.

MINER IS SAVED FROM LYNCHING

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE]

PINCKNEYVILLE, Ill., Dec. 18.—Frank Stevenson, 40, a miner, is still alive thanks to the alertness of local authorities Stevenson charged with murder was spirited away from the jail here to Murphysboro and from the possible vengeance of a threatening mob which had gathered and threatened a lynching.

Stevenson was accused of having murdered Sheriff J. Quinn Carleton. Carelton was found dead with his throat slashed to ribbons.

Stevenson was charged with murder by a coroner's jury. Belief that the alleged murder was under influence of liquor at the time the alleged slaying occurred was dissapated by testimony of Stevenson's daughter.

Basket ball, Colonials vs. Fort Sheridan, Masonic Temple, Wednesday, December 20th. Dancing after the game.

LEGISLATIVE FIGHT WAXES BITTER NOW

McCray Keeping Scrupulously Out of The Spirited Fight

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 18.—The contest among Republican members of the Seventy-third general assembly over the speakership of the house of representatives is said, according to discussions in the Statehouse, to have reached a stage where promises of committee appointments are figuring in the plans.

No one has been found who would attempt to pin responsibility on any of the contestants now in the field for promising important appointments to other members in return for support, but it is said the scramble for important assignments has given rise to the belief that some promises have been made, if not by the candidates themselves, then by their friends.

TOO MANY CANDIDATES.

Those working in behalf of J. Glenn Harris, of Gary, and Asa J. Smith, of Indianapolis, vigorously assert that neither Mr. Pittenger nor Mr. Morgan has the inside track, and that their candidates stand equally as good a chance for the honor. Mr. Harris' chief handicap, it is said, lies in the fact that he has two other candidates from his own county, James I. Day, of East Chicago, and Oscar A. Ahlgren, of Whiting. The race of Senator James J. Nejdl, of Whiting, for president pro tem. of the senate, also is hampering Mr. Harris' chances, it is said, for the legislators are not anxious to see the two most important positions in the assembly go to Lake county men.

GOVERNOR HOLD ALOOF.

Although, as far as can be learned Governor McCray is keeping scrupulously aloff from the contest, those interested in the fight profess to see the hand of the administration and the Republican state organization taking definite shape.

An evident attempt is being made by supporters of some of the contestants to show that L. A. Pittenger, of Selma, is the favorite candidate of the administration and the organization. They base their surmise on the fact that among the chief sponsors of Mr. Pittenger's candidacy is L. A. Cartwright, of Portland, Eight district Republican chairman. Mr. Cartwright is a member of the Republican state committee and is said to be a close friend of Lawrence E. Lyons, Republican state chairman and former campaign manager for Governor McCray. Lyons was elevated to the chairmanship by the Senator James E. Watson forces. This indicates to some observers that the organization is looking with friendly eyes on Mr. Pittinger's candidacy and that the attitude of the administration is reflected through Mr. Cartwright's activities.

CONFERENCE IS HELD.

Mr. Cartwright today conferred with Lee K. Fesler, Marion county auditor, and William E. Reiley, Seventh district Republican chairman, in the courthouse. It was said Mr. Pittinger's candidacy was discussed and that Mr. Cartwright was anxious to have Mr. Fesler and Mr. Reiley use their influence among the Marion county legislative delegation in behalf of Mr. Pittenger.

Although Mr. Cartwright lives in Portland, he is connected with the Midwest Crushed Stone Quarries Company, with offices in the Terminal building in Indianapolis and spends much of his time in this city.

Friends of Mr. Pittenger and of Raymond C. Morgan, of Knightstown, are counting on them to receive their chief support from the farmer element in the house. Both Mr. Pittinger and Mr. Morgan are farmers. Others point out, however, that twenty-seven votes are necessary for a choice, and that only twenty-one Republican farmers are in the house. If two contestants divide the agriculture vote, as some expect, it may serve to bring about the selection of another man.

'SPOSE WE COULD GET FRONT SEAT?

Gland transportations for the rehabilitation of depopulated industrial centres will be discussed tomorrow by physicians of three counties, comprising the Tenth District Medical society who meet here as guests of the Hammond Medical society. Lectures and clinics will be held at the St. Margaret's hospital in the afternoon followed by dinner and an illustrated lecture on pathology in the evening at the Lyndora Hotel.

The session tomorrow is one of the quarterly meetings of the society. Eminent physicians are scheduled to address the meeting.

NEW CANDIDATE FOR VACANCY ON SUPREME BENCH

Robert von Moschzisker.

The man most prominently mentioned to succeed Supreme Court Justice Mahlon H. Pitney soon to retire, is Robert von Moschzisker, chief justice of the Pennsylvania supreme court. The Pennsylvania man is comparatively young, having been born in 870. He is regarded as one of the ablest lawyers in the state.

MAMMOTH THEATRE PARTY IS PLANNED

The largest Christmas theatre party ever given in Hammond, at which children of the city and vicinity are to be guests, will be tendered to over ten thousand boys and girls through the efforts of Hammond Community Service and the co-operation of S. J. Gregory, president of the Parthenon Theater Company; Miss Irene Trenberth, supervisor music public schools, and Miss Dorothy Whitefield, assistant to Miss Trenberth.

This party, exclusively for children, will be given next Saturday morning at the Parthenon Theatre between the hours of nine and twelve o'clock, is to consist of a specially selected motion pitcure, a number of selections on the organ by Al Melgard, the talented organist of the Parthenan Theatre, and the All Hammond Boys Chorus, a band of 60 boys in appropriate costumes, singing carols. These boys representing every school district in the city, are selected from the student body, and will be trained and directed by Miss Trenberth.

Mr. Melgard has become enthused over the party and promises to manipulate the organ in such a manner that one can almost hear the spoken words of the special selections he is to render as his part of the program.

Bert Palmer, projectionest of the Parthenon Theatre, the fellow whose office is in a little fire-proof box, away up near the roof, has flashed word to the hosts of this party, that he personally guarantees never a flicker or break while he is showing the picture.

Misses Trenberth and Whitefield, commencing today, will have daily rehearsals with the boys chorus.

Albert Baumberger, temporary director of Community Service at the request of Mr. Gregory, will accompany him to Chicago to assist in the selection of a picture, that will be sure to please the children.

Jessie Wilson, chairman of special days celebration committee, and F. R. Martin, chairman music committee of community services, are sending out invitations to the children through all the public, private and parochial schools, telling what time the children are expected to come to the Parthenon Theatre.

WILL JUDGE GIVE ANTON XMAS PRESENT?

Pedestrians watching Anton Sacznski, 468 Morton avenue, trudging his way townward this morning, looked with wonder and amazement upon the bulky package Anton was carrying.

Some gussed that Anton maybe had a pony and cart tied up in the bundle, others said it must be gardener's outfit.

The puzzle was solved when Anton reached the police station and in the courtroom unwrapped the better half of a still with coil and containers complete.

While unwrapping the yards and yards of newspaper with which Anton had disguised his burden, someone made the remark that "Anton brings a present for the judge."

Then Anton was arraigned on a charge of v. l. l.

Police had raided his place, found only a portion of the still, and ordered him to locate and bring the rest to the station.

Anton, who'll be tried tomorrow, wonders what the judge will give him as a Christmas present.

Cyrell Mariachen, 471 Ames avenue, Geo. Tarajcak, 510 Indianapolis boulevard are others arraigned on charges of v. l. l.

FIRE GUTS POST-TRIB PLANT TODAY

Gary Block in Danger; Fire Loss May Reach $200,000

The Gary Post-Tribune was burned out of home today by a stubborn fire which fireman had difficulty in combatting because of the severe weather. At noon today it was believed the newspaper plant would be practically a total loss.

The fire was discovered by employes in the roll paper stock room. Believing they could manage it easily they did not turn in an alarm at once but tried fighting it themselves. In a short time the flames were beyond their control and when the fire departments arrived in response to a general alarm it looked as though the entire block at Sixth avenue and Broadway was doomed.

Zero weather hampered the firemen who worked heroically in spite of the fact that their clothing was stiff with ice. They managed to confine the flames to the Post-Tribune rooms and the flats above. The Tribune Cafe, next door, was not damaged.

The fire started at 10:40 o'clock and at noon firemen were still playing water on the smoking ruins.

With characteristic energy the management before noon had made plans for getting out an edition this evening in spite of the setback. It was hoped to print at least a four-page paper in the plant of the Calument Press.

The blow is a severe one to the publishers as well as the merchants of the city, coming as it does in the midst of the holiday business rush.

The loss has not been estimated as yet, but it is expected to run above $200,000. Three carloads of news print as well as tens of thousands of dollars worth of newspaper equipment were destroyed.

SUES TO REGAIN DAUGHTER

CROWN POINT, Ind., Dec. 18.—Louis M. Bair, of Turtle Creek, Pa., began proceedings in the Lake County Circuit Court this week to get possession of his small daughter, Alice Grace Bair, who has been living with her mother, Mrs. Victoria Bair, at 525 Rolp street, Gary. Previously to her residence in Gary, Mrs. Bair had been living with Charles B. Wilcox, at the Lyndora Hotel, in Hammond. Wilcox was recently arrested for being implicated in the wholesale theft of automobiles in Lake county. Mrs. Blair, on leaving her husband in Pennsylvania, stated that she was going to visit her parents. They were married in 1917, and Bair states that his wife is not a fit person to have the custody of their child.

PLAN FINE BUILDING FOR WATER GARDENS

Structure to Cost $140,000 And House 72 Families.

Ground in the Forsythe Water Gardens will be broken about January 1 for construction of a handsome 72-family apartment hotel to cost in the neighborhood of $140,000 it was announced here today by Harry Davidson, to whose vision and persistance of purpose is due the rapid expansion of that territory.

Mr. Davidson explained that while final architests plan have not yet been prepared the project had reached a stage of development where he felt it safe to say excavation would begin the first of the year. The enterprise is being financed by a group of Hammond and Chicago people whose names Mr. Davidson preferred not to divulge.

As visualized now the apartment hotel, which will be constructed on the 150x150 feet at the southwest corner Calumet avenue and 119th street, facing Forsyth Square, will comprise three units each 104x43 feet and three stories and English basement in height.

Each unit will house 24 families in two and three-room apartments. The building will be known as the "Watergate Apartment Hotel."

The three units will enclose a spacious court or plaza which will be beautiful as a miniature park with fountains, gardens and small lagoon. This will be the biggest single building project yet attempted in the Forsyth Water Gardens. It adds another link to the chain of residential development binding closer the communities of Hammond and Robertsdale.

RIOTING MARKS THE INAUGURATION OF POLISH PRESIDENT

Gabriel Narutowicz.

Many persons were killed and injured in riots staged during the inauguration recently of Gabriel Narutowicz as president of Poland. Nationalist members of the assembly remained away from the ceremony in the assembly chamber as a protest against his election. Narutowicz has been minister of foreign affairs.

RECEIVER SUED BY TREASURER

Action Brought Against E. Chicago Men Venued to Porter Circuit Court

CROWN POINT, Ind., Dec. 18.—A case to determine whether receivers in bankruptcy or any constituted authority has the right to seize goods or property against which is a claim for taxes and sell and dispose of them without first settling the tax claim, is to be tried as a result of action filed in the Lake circuit court by Ralph Bradford, treasurer of Lake county.

The case has been sent to the Porter circuit court on a change of venue from the Lake circuit court. It will be heard in January before H. T. Loring, judge of the Porter circuit court at Valparaiso.

Action is brought against Paul R. Skinner, receiver for Steve Emplon, of East Chicago, and against Skinner's bondsmen, Willis E. Roe and Henry W. Peterson.

It is alleged that the receiver sold all the assets of Emplon, who operated a store in East Chicago, although the treasurer asserted that the state had first claim for taxes. The suit demands that the receiver be required to pay the taxes, and if he is unable to pay ,that his bondsmen be made to pay.

FRATRICIDE SENTENCED

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE]

ANGOLLA, Ind., Dec. 18.—Nie Sheffer, charged with the willing of James Sheffer, his brother at Auburn, was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Endicott of the Steuben circuit court here yesterday. After having been out 18 hours the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree.

For the first time since his trial began, Sheffer showed signs of emotion when the court pronounced sentence. He asked to be taken to the home of his father at Auburn where he is confined to his bed having suffered a paralytic stroke several months ago.

SUES BECAUSE HE WAS STABBED

[SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

WHITING, Ind., Dec. 18.—Paul Joe Marcovich, Whiting boy, has filed suit for damages in the Hammond superior court against Louis Kocis because of injuries he suffered in an assault the evening of Sept. 1.

Marcovich says he was walking along White Oak avenue, between Fred and 131st street, when he was attacked by Kocis who stabbed him in the neck just below the jawbone. An ugly wound was inflicted. Marcovich was unable to work for fifteen weeks, he says. He asks for $2,000 damages. Fetterhoff & Ahlgren are his attorneys.

A new method of packing salmon for the foreign trade, which consists in chilling the fish without actually freezing them, has been introduced by the fish packers in Labrador.

School Teacher, Janitor and Farm Boy Buy the Old Red School House

Forty years ago M. M. Towle donated to the town of Hammond the Hohman street property which sold Saturday by the school board to the First National and First Trust & Savings banks.

The value of the property at the time it was presented to the town by Mr. Towle was $500. The price at which it was sold Saturday was $307,500.

Shortly after the town received the handsome gift it began the construction of an eight room school building. The superintendent of the school was W. C. Belman, who is now the vice president of the First National bank, and the janitor was Peter W. Meyn.

A. M. Turner, another star in the triumvirate, had not made his appearance in Hammond at that time. He was one of the corn-huskers and sod-busters in the vicinity of Lowell, Ind.

And so it comes about that the school teacher, the janitor and the farm boy buy the old school house property for 615 times more than it was worth back in 1874. They paid $61,000 more than the appraised value of the property.

CITY'S GREATEST DEAL.

The sale of the Central school yesterday was the city's greatest real estate deal, with the exception of the purchase of the site of the Jones and Langhlin steel mill.

Two banking crowds were the bidders, and each had an "undercover" bidder. The successful crowd was the First National and First Trust & Saving banks, generally known as the Meyn-Turner-Belman financial interests, while the second was the Hammond Trust & Savings and the Citizens National banks, known as the Paxton-Hammond interests.

The first group was able to bid higher because it had a definite use for the property. It wanted it as the site of its new home.

As soon as the sale was complete and the board of education had accepted a draft for $102,500, the balance to be paid in thirty days, there was no longer any need of secrecy and it became known then that the successful bidder was not the Woolworth Company, as represented, but the Meyn-Turner-Balman banks.

Mr. Turner immediately made known the plans for the improvement of the property. An architect has been employed to design a beautiful bank and office building with a frontage of eighty feet on Hohman street. The building will be no less than five stories in height and not to exceed nine. In all probability it will be eight stories.

Before the plans have been definitely decided upon it is hoped by the owners that the board of works will have widened Fayette street fifteen feet.

The new bank building will be on the southeast corner of Hohman and Fayette streets.

Meantime the school board is under contract to move or raze the Central school building. The board has not reached a decision in this matter but will take one of the two courses early in the year so that the school building will be out of the way by the first of April.

In all probability the bank and office building will be ready for occupacy about this time next year.

The First National bank and the First Trust & Savings banks will be combined under the one roof with a capital, surplus and undivided profits of $550,000, and assets of $7,500,000. It will be the strongest banking institution in the Calumet district.

The new building will cost approximately $750,000.

Mr. Turner stated today that the bank hoped to interest other capital in substantial improvements on the remaining 240 foot Hohman street frontage.

WOMEN TURN DOWN PROPOSED EQUAL REPRESENTATION

The League of Women Voters of Lake County and the Tenth congressional district of Indiana did a surprising thing at their meeting Saturday evening at the First Methodist church of Hammond when they rejected the proposed equal representation with men in party organizations.

They voted not to support a bill to elect one precinct committee woman for every precinct committee man with equal voting power.

Mayor R. O. Johnson, one of the guests at the banquet, made a speech against the measure.

"Go in girls and win," he said. "You don't want this fifty-fifty proposition."

The present status of women in political organizations is that they can run for precinct committee man the same as the men. The proposed law would assure the same number of women as men in a city or county party organization.

Representatives Harris, Thiel, Love, Hill and Day and Senator Holmes attended the banquet.

The ladies approved of a law to make manditory the mother's aid provision in each county and approved of the teaching of citizenship in the public schools.

A resolution was passed disproving any cutting of appropriations dealing with child welfare.

The resolution favoring election of members of the school board and increasing the number of members to five was referred to the Hammond organization.

The meeting approved of the plans for a state park in the sand dunes.

At the election of officers in the afternoon, Mrs. Stella Dickey of Hammond was made president of the Lake County League of Women Voters; Mrs. Lydia Pixley, Lowell, vice-president; Mrs. Mary Hay, Whiting, secretary, and Mrs. Hayhurst of Eagle Creek, treasurer.

Mrs. Lewis Rose, who delivered an excellent address on "What Women Are Doing In Europe," said that as long as our soldiers remain on the Rhine the United States is liable to be plunged into another European war.

"Europe is on the very verge of war," said Mrs. Rose.

Mrs. W. H. Meyers, retiring president, presided at both the afternoon and evening session.

The delegates in attendance follow: Mrs. Helene Russell, Lowell; Mrs. M. L. Sterrett, Rensselaer; Mrs. Ella Hayden, Lowell; Ora Thompson Ross, Rennselaer; Mrs. J. R. Lucas, Lowell; Mrs. Minnie Hayhurst, Lowell; Mrs. William M. Love, Hammond; Mrs. W. J. Whinery, Mrs. Grace R. Conroy, Hammond; Mrs. Hannah C. Black, Crown Point; Mrs. H. E. Wheeler, Crown Point; Mrs. E. A. Mizo, Whiting; W. E. Orr, Hammond; Mrs. J. L. Matthew, Hammond; Mrs. N. J. Austgen, Hammond; Mrs. M. J. Conroy, Whiting; Mrs. Carl Pederson, Whiting; Maurine Steffey, Hammond; Mrs. Matilda Roberts, Gary; Mrs. Ora B. Ross, Rennselaer and Mrs. Carl C. Middelstadt, Monon.

England imports wood worth about $150,000,000 every year.

FINDS WIFE HAS NEW SOUL MATE

For several months Thomas H. Hale, manager of a Hammond gasoline filling station had been sending money to his wife who preferred to remain in California. Then he decided to find what attraction California offered her over Hammond besides climate.

He found she was living with another man. Today Hale filed suit for divorce in the superior court at Hammond.

He says they were married April 5, 1918. While they were living together Mrs. Hale was not content to remain at home but went out evenings with other men. In 1921 they went to California and when the time came to return to Hammond, Mrs. Hale insisted on remaining longer. She promised to come home later. She never did.

One day a letter came requesting that her mail be forwarded to a new address. This made her husband suspicious and he investigated. It was then that he learned that his wife had a new mate at Los Angeles. Cleveland and Cleveland are attorneys for Hale.

Bulletins

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[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—No additional word was forthcoming today to give any light to the identity of the ship from which S. O. S. messages were received along the Atlantic coast Saturday night. The naval communication office reports that it was a British boat but located too far north along the Canadain coast to give clear connections via wireless.

(BULLETIN)

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE]

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 18—Syracuse's coal shortage reached famine proportions today and resulted in the closing of the first grammar school with a 300 registration.

(BULLETIN)

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE]

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 18—George Petrowics, 40, and John Buske, 45, were burned to death early today and Milltown, near here, in a fire which county officials believe to have been caused by the explosion of moonshine still.

SALE OF SEALS IN WAR OF THE WHITE PLAGUE

Hammond women who are devoting their time this week to the sale of the Anti-Tuberculosis Christmas Seals found the public anxious to help along the war on the white plague by buying the little stamps.

Mrs. Kingwell and Mrs. Warber visited the industries and Mrs. Tigay, Mrs. Eggers, Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Hummell and Mrs. Vivian had the business district. Mrs. J. M. Turner had charge of the sale of the seals at the postoffice, Mrs. Charles Wilson at the E. C. Minas store and Mrs. Ben Wolf at the Lion Store.

ALL RECORDS ARE BROKEN BY BANDITS

Most Sensational Robbery West Has Ever Known in Denver

BULLETIN

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Bandits today held up Barnet Tillinger, collector for the Green Point National bank and escaped with $12,000 loot.

BULLETIN

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The successful hold up of the U. S. Mint in Denver today and the loss of $200,000 in cash was said by officials here to be the first incident of its kind in history.

There have been cases of petty thefts from government mints but never an organized hold up on so grand and successful a scale, according to mint authorities.

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE]

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 18.—Staging one of the most sensational daylight robberies since the days of the old west, five heavily armed bandits today held up a United States government mint automobile and escaped with three sacks of money admitted by officials to contain approximately $200,000.

The bandits, drove up to the mint at West Colfax and Cherokee street in a Buick automobile just as the machine containing the money left the institution. With scores of pedestrians looking on, three of the bandits dashed for the rear door of the "cage" of the government machine while the other two levelled guns at the driver and two guards of the money wagon. The bandits opened fire when resistance was offered.

Charles Havenor, one of the guards fell from the gear of the car with a bullet in his stomach. He will probable die.

Fifty employes of the mint, hearing the shooting, rushed to the street and started firing at the desperadoes who had secured three of the sacks. One of the bandits fell but his companions stopped to pick him up and escaped in their machine.

J. E. Olson, cashier of the federal reserve bank was in the government motor truck when the bandits appeared with levelled guns and was fired upon by mistake by the mint guards in the excitement Olson was unhurt.

"We were placing the last of the day's consignment in the truck safe," said Olson, "when suddenly two of the highway men appeared and simultaneously yelled. "Throw up your hands."

"I did what he said—he held a .45 calibre gun, I should udge I started back toward the mint building but saw three of the hold-up men breaking the safety compartments of the money wagon.

"Half way back to the building I saw the half hundred employes armed with rifles and shotguns pouring out of the building. They opened fire immediately and many shots went wild. Why I wasn't killed or wounded is a miracle."

Olson was in a highly nervous condition.

Superintendent Grant of the mint said that the three sacks contained $200,000 mostly in five dollar bills.

The robbery was staged in one of the busiest sections of the city.

Tht gunmen dared a terrific rain of bullets fired by the mint guards first from the windows of buildings but tenaciously stuck to their efforts to secure the money which the truck contained.

JUDGMENT AGAINST STREET RAILWAY CO

Cecil Newell's Case Against the Green Line Is Settled Out of Court.

VALPARAISO, Ind., Dec. 18.—Settlement of the personal injury action of Cecil Newell against the Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago Railway company was made out of court. The plaintiff was given twelve hundred and fifty dollars for injuries he suffered when he was pushed from a car operated by the defendant company in East Chicago in July 1918. The case was scheduled to be heard before a jury in Judge Crumpacker's court this morning. Attorney Conroy, representing the plaintiff, and Attorney Fred Crumpacker, counsel for the defendant, conferred before the convenient to court and the settlement was made.

Newell charged negligence on the part of the railway company's employes caused his injuries. He was boarding a crowded car, he contended, when passengers on the rear platform crowded him off causing him to be dragged by the car.

HUNTING A THIEF

Police today are hunting the thieves who stole an opal set ring, pearl necklace and pair of cuff links rom th ehome of Otto Matthies, 99 Webb street.

Others got a car belonging to Mr. Clinton Costelloe, 860 Morton ave. It's a five passenger Maxwell and was stolen in West Hammond Saturday night.

NOTICE

Hammond Commandry No. 41 K. T. will hold a special conclave Monday, December 18, opening at 7:00 p. m. Work iwth Red Cross degree. Members are urged to be present. W. E. Stallsman, Sec.