

## BOY AUTO BANDITS ADMIT THEFTS OF 8 CARS FROM LOOP DISTRICT

### JOY RIDE IN GHENT CO. MACHINE LEADS TO CAPTURE

### POLICE MAKE CATCH

### CHIEF EURICH RUNS DOWN CLEWS AND OBTAINS CONFESSIONS RESULTING IN SMASHING UP GANG—FOUR HELD IN JAIL.

An alleged "prank" of boys in taking a Ghent auto Wednesday night for a "joy ride" to La Salle is directly responsible for one of the biggest auto thief catches made in La Salle county and at the same time breaking up a gang of young law violators who were causing a reign of terror among automobile owners who either lived in or visited this community. Chief George Eurich was responsible for tracing down the embryo bandits and bringing them to justice.

The arrests yesterday of Tom Armstrong, aged 17, and Lee Woodward, the same age, resulted in the capture later in the day of Joe Nevin, aged 16, and George Freeman, aged 17. With the last catch every link in the chain is complete and the solution of six stolen car mysteries made.

Admitting they were responsible for the disappearance of cars belonging to Lyle Green, Dayton farmer, Henry Schelle, of Ottawa, John Olson, of Newark, and J. A. Andrews, of Ottawa, all of which were taken from the "loop" during the past six weeks the boys have placed themselves in an undesirable predicament, with long terms in the Pontiac reformatory staring them in the face.

The car taken from the Ghent factory by Woodward and Armstrong is directly responsible for Chief Eurich's bagging the quartet. Obtaining descriptions of the youths it, the machine, which was seen in La Salle and its driver in the vicinity of the plant the night it was taken, Chief Eurich had no trouble in apprehending Armstrong and Woodward. They were put thru the usual quizzings after their arrests and confessed to the Ghent theft and then began to unburden themselves of the other crimes committed by them. Both confessed that they had taken Lyle Green's machine from in front of the Geiger bakery late in July and then taking Mr. Schelle's machine in company of Nevin's. The Olson car, a Ford, was taken from La Salle street and then abandoned by Freeman and Nevin's.

The J. A. Andrews car, which disappeared on the night of August 4th and which was later found abandoned near Hinsdale was "borrowed" by all four of the youths. They were going on a "joy ride" to Chicago and when they arrived near Hinsdale their engine gave out and a rear tire was punctured and they were compelled to abandon the auto, where it was found on Monday. The Lyle Green car was deserted on the roadway between here and Grand Ridge and was found the following morning in the ditch, but unharmed. Its supply of gasoline had given out.

Besides identifying some of the cars they stole the youths admitted having taken others but replacing them unharmed. They believed they were responsible in all for about eight autos that either disappeared or had been used for short joy rides during the weeks they were on their thievery rampage.

This morning young Armstrong and Woodward were taken before Justice George Koening for preliminary hearing. Both signed waivers and were bound over to the October grand jury under bonds of \$1,000 each. The Freeman and Nevin were up before the justice this afternoon and were bound over under like amounts. For lack of bondsmen they were escorted to the county jail, where they will await disposition of their cases by the state's attorney and grand jury.

## BACKS INTO LAMP WITH HER AUTOMOBILE

Backing into an ornamental light and then starting away with part of it in her machine, was the unusual experience of Mrs. Thomas Murray, wife of a Wallace township farmer.

Thursday night Mrs. Murray was turning her car at the Clifton hotel corner when she struck the lamp, and snapped it in twain. The globe came crashing thru the top of the machine but Mrs. Murray was uninjured.

The Russian railways employ dog on spikes for fastening the rail to the track.

## CHANGES ORDERED IN COURT HOUSE; 2 OFFICERS TO MOVE

### STATE'S ATTORNEY AND COUNTY TREASURER WILL "SWAP" SUITES—COMMITTEES REPORT—GRAND JURORS ARE DRAWN.

Committee reports, the selection of grand jurors for the fiscal year and the allowance of Dr. Moyer's muted \$10 fee for performing a coroner's autopsy occupied the attention of the Board of Supervisors at their this morning's meeting. All reports were adopted as presented, including the allowance of the doctor's fee.

Coroner Donoghue was called upon to address the solons on Dr. Moyer's claim and in a clear, concise and well worded address, explained every detail of the autopsy, and the work it entails, with such effectiveness that Supervisor Wylie sprang to his feet and moved that the rules be suspended in order to get the bill thru in regular form. When a vote was taken the \$10 was ordered paid the doctor by a unanimous vote. Dr. Moyer was called by the coroner to perform an autopsy on a man murdered at Peru. The township physician was absent from the city at the time and in the emergency Dr. Moyer was called in to perform the work. When his claim was presented it was held up by the supervisors until a more thorough explanation had been made.

Recommendations by the building and grounds committee that the proposed alterations in the court house which includes changing offices of the state's attorney and county treasurer will move down to the first floor, occupying the rooms now held by Mr. Wiley. The county jail and sheriff's residence will get the steam heating plant suggested by the committee as a result of this morning's favorable action on the report by the board.

Major portion of the hour and a half session was consumed in drawing the ninety-two grand jurors who will serve the county during the January, March, June and October terms of the Circuit Court.

Committee Reports.

The committee on mines and mining recommended the payment of \$122 due Inspector John O'Brien as back salary.

Printing claims aggregating \$1,012.96 were ordered paid.

Route No. 11 of the state aid road system was ordered constructed and the county's share of the state fund ordered appropriated—\$24,934. Route No. 11 is located in Deer Park and is a continuation of the improved highway running east from La Salle on the south side of the river from the Vermillion bridge.

Warrants were ordered drawn for \$1,995.56 to pay the county's share of the Woodford-La Salle county bridge.

Stationery and supplies amounting to \$72.12 were ordered paid for.

County Warden Morrissey's report was approved. The report shows a balance on hand of \$553.89 and bills amounting to \$2,459.11 which were ordered paid. \$259 was allowed the warden for traveling expenses during the next three months.

Coal and gas claims were allowed as follows: Northern Illinois Light & Traction Co., \$292.96; Public Service Co., \$81.62 and Scherer Bros., \$186.87.

State charitable claims for \$890.65 for the quarter, were ordered paid.

At the recommendation of the state aid committee the judiciary committee and county attorney were authorized to work in conjunction with that branch in looking into the federal state-county proposition for building the Ivy Way.

The report of the state aid committee that the communication of the Streator Commercial association, approving plans for building the Ivy Way, be placed on file was adopted.

Bruce was given two more voting precincts at the March meeting and today the precinct boundaries was reformed by the board to the committee on township organization.

The committee to settle with the county superintendent reported that \$271.92 and \$19.50 were due Mr. Foster and his assistant, C. W. A. Lindemann for expenses advanced and the amounts should be paid. The board ordered warrants drawn for the amounts and turned over to the two office holders. Mr. Foster reported receipts and expenditures showing a comfortable balance on hand.

## WE MUST SAVE FOOD AND SEND FOOD.



Will you help Hoover to feed starving people in Europe? Will you help him to feed armies of the United States and our allies? Eat one wheatless meal a day and have beef, mutton or pork only once a day.

## DR. PETTIT ARRIVES IN FRANCE; TELLS OF HIS EXPERIENCES

### OTTAWA PHYSICIAN IS FIRST FROM THE CITY TO ARRIVE "OVER"—NOW AT STATIONARY HOSPITAL WITH BRITISH.

Dr. Roswell T. Pettit, Ottawa's first commissioned officer to arrive "somewhere in France," is now with the English expeditionary forces at Stationary Hospital No. 14. Letters from the doctor to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Pettit, described interestingly his first impressions of London and the war zone.

Like many others of his country who have arrived at the front, Dr. Pettit has learned first hand that Europe looks to "America to win the war." Among other things he tells of the British woman's bit—and it's a real bit, too—in the fighting in the western theater.

His letter: Stationary Hospital No. 14—British Expeditionary Forces, France, August 16, 1917. Dear Father: Landed in France on Tuesday night. No difficulty in crossing the channel. I suppose you got my cable O. K. from England. I am located here at a base hospital for temporary duty, and have no idea how long I will be here. It may be a few days, a few weeks, or longer. There is no telling.

We have received a most cordial welcome from the English doctors and have been shown every courtesy. While in London, even the I was only there two days, I saw quite a little bit of the place. Went to see Westminster Abbey, and thru the courtesy of Hon. T. P. O'Connor, the Irish Member of Parliament, visited the House of Lords and House of Commons.

Here in France I am very comfortable, a nice room and plenty to eat, but imagine we will not have it so nice when we are moved up nearer the front. One is struck here as well as in England, with the number of women doing the work ordinarily done by men. The Woman's Auxiliary Corps of the English army (regularly attached forces) are doing all sorts of things—all the crocheted work, waitresses, cooks, truck and ambulance drivers and even carpenters.

Every one is well pleased with the results achieved so far and feel now that America has come in there will be no question as to the outcome of the war. Time and again I have heard it said, "America will win the war." The moral effect of our coming has been tremendous.

They have a peculiar intermittent fever here called "French fever." The cause is not known. I think I will get busy studying it. Will let you hear from me again in a few days. Yours truly, ROSWELL.

## WANT MORE TIME TO DISCUSS ROAD ISSUE

### SUPERVISORS FAVOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 28 BEFORE DECIDING VOTE IS TAKEN ON IVY WAY PROJECT.

In an attempt to defeat any adverse influences in the federal-state project to construct the Chicago-St. Louis highway over the Ivy Way, booster supervisors, who are said to be in a majority, have tentatively agreed, according to announcements made this afternoon, to an adjournment of the present session until Saturday, September 28, at which time every possible way known to human ingenuity will be employed to get La Salle county in line with all other counties along the proposed route at a special meeting of the solons to be held in Ottawa.

This morning there was some doubt as to what procedure would be followed in getting the proposition "past" the men who are openly antagonistic to the proposition, and have avowed their intentions of defeating it. Some were in favor of adjourning until Tuesday. Others wanted to bring the plan to bat at once and make everyone on the board show his hand and then let him go back to his constituents and explain his vote. But both these schemes were thought to be lost in a more general movement for a meeting two weeks hence.

Road advocates will be brought to Ottawa to explain in detail all the ins and outs of the proposition. Local and county boosters will endeavor to convert the anti to the idea of backing the plan and when the reports are in that La Salle County stands fair to be the only one not to act favorably on the proposition, its chances for passage will be greatly improved.

Get Word From Morris. During this morning's meeting of the board word was telephoned that the Grundy county solons had almost unanimously voted in favor of the appropriation covering costs for constructing the road over their division. Peoria and other counties have taken the same favorable step.

Lincoln Highway Assured. Word from the northern section of the state is that supervisors of all six counties along the Lincoln highway had voted favorably—literally grabbed at the chance—and would get their share of the fund. DuPage, Ogle and Whiteside did not have a dissenting vote and in the other three the majority in favor of progress was almost three to one.

## MEET TO DISCUSS SMOKE NUISANCE

In answer to a petition asking that some steps be taken to relieve the Pioneer smoke situation, western representatives of the National Fire Proofing Company will be in Ottawa Monday night to discuss with members of the council and citizens, all phases of the subject. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock in the council chambers.

The daughter of Herodias brought the head of John the Baptist in a charger (Matthew xiv, 8)—probably a trencher or platter.

## NORWEGIANS BACK GOVERNMENT IN ALL ITS UNDERTAKINGS

### STAVANGER LAGET VOTES LOYAL SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT IN ALL HE DOES TO CLOSE WAR SUCCESSFULLY—MEETINGS END TODAY.

Loyalty to the President and to the flag were unanimously voted this morning by the Stavanger Laget and the secretary was instructed to wire the President the society's most hearty support in anything he might consider necessary to carry on the war to a successful conclusion. The motion that such a resolution be drawn was made by Oscar Hill, of Creston, Ogle county, and was seconded by Thor J. Benson, of Chicago.

Then the resolution was put to a vote, after being received with enthusiastic acclaim, and every man and woman in the audience rose to indicate their endorsement of the message approving the President and the government's prosecution of the war.

Crowd at R. C. Benefit. Yesterday the election of the new officers was held by the Stavanger Laget in convention here, only a small crowd was on hand for this on account of the weather, but the crowd kept growing in size as the day advanced. The new officers were greeted with much enthusiasm and were assured the following of the association for the ensuing year. The election resulted as follows:

President—Rev. C. J. Eastvold, Dawson, Minn.  
Vice President—Rev. O. E. Sheffeland, Lisbon, Ill.  
Secretary—B. F. Belleson, Jewel, Ia.  
Treasurer—Joseph Marvick, Story City, Ia.

The presentation of the banners in the afternoon was a very impressive ceremony. Talks were made by various people all of whom are descendants of different parishes in Norway, who gave to the association the different standards of all the parishes in Stavanger.

Almost all of the speakers called the attention of the convention to the peculiarities of the geographical formation of the country, the fraternal feeling of the people and all the virtues common to the people of Norway. They urged the people to conduct themselves in such a manner in this country that America would be proud to have them for citizens and that they would be a credit to their Viking forefathers.

Present Banners. The banners presented yesterday all were made in Norway and given by the different parishes there to be presented at this Laget. They were works of art in their line and cost a great deal of money. One came from the village of Haugesund and was elaborately embroidered with gold and silver threads. It cost 1,400 crowns, or \$378.

A large and enthusiastic audience greeted the musicians on their appearance. (Continued on Page 5.)

## STARTLING EXPOSURE TO SHOW FULL EXTENT OF SWEDE INTRIGUE

### CROWDER RULES ALL APPEALS SHALL BE REGULAR IN FORM

### NO CASE WILL BE PERMITTED TO REACH PRESIDENT UNTIL DISTRICT BOARD HAS RULED ON EXEMPTION CLAIMS.

A ruling on the procedure for filing appeals from the district board's decision on industrial exemption claims has just been promulgated by Provost Marshal General Enoch Crowder, of Washington, who has forwarded it to the various state adjutant generals.

A copy of the ruling was received by telegraph this morning by the local exemption board from General Frank Dickson, head of the state troops. The message reads as follows: "By the regulations of the President governing appeals from the action of the district boards, the claim of appeal must be filed with the district board and cannot be received if sent direct to the President, the provost marshal, members of Congress or to any other place than to the district board itself."

"Papers and evidence and affidavits not considered by the district board cannot be considered on the appeal from the district board. The only cases in which there is an appeal to the President are cases in which claim for discharge on the grounds of engagement in agriculture or industry has been made in the district board. There is no appeal to the President from the action of the local board, in dependency or other cases whose determination is within the jurisdiction of the local board."

"All attempts to appeal cases other than those involving decision of the district board on agriculture or industry source received; all affidavits, letters, arguments, evidence, papers or other matter not considered by the district board; all appeals made to the President or sent to any other office or person in Washington will have to be returned to the sender."

The order was dated September 12, 1917, at Washington.

Going to Regulars. Camp Dodge, Ia., Sept. 13.—That about 1,500 Illinois men to arrive in camp when counties in that state send their second quota of 40 per cent of the national army draft here beginning Sept. 19, will probably be sent forthwith to Deming, N. M., became known today when it was learned that the first 5,000 drafted men arriving will go to fill the regiments of the Thirty-fourth division at Deming.

Over 18,000 men are expected here in the second quota. Of these 5,000 will come from Iowa, about 8,000 from Minnesota, about 3,000 from Illinois, and 2,000 from North Dakota.

To Join Iowa Quota. It is expected that the Illinois soldiers will fill out the quotas of Iowa regiments now in Deming cantonment. This order has not been officially announced, but it is known that tentative plans call for the immediate movement of 5,000 men westward on arrival. None of these will be assigned on reaching Camp Dodge, but will be held until the full number is ready for entraining.

Examining physicians today referred a further list of eleven drafted men for rejection, bringing the total now awaiting approval by Gen. Plummer to thirty-seven. Neill Schender, a member of the 339th Field Artillery from southern Illinois, is the only man from that state on the list. He was found to have a goiter. All the men whose rejections are approved finally probably will be sent home Saturday or Sunday. Men have been found with pulmonary tuberculosis, which medical officers say should have been discovered before the men left home.

Two Reserve Officers Face Penalty. Following the arrest of two reserve officers in Des Moines last night for intoxication, Gen. Plummer today issued a statement to the effect the cases of misconduct on the part of officers will be severely dealt with. Court martial for the two will be held at once. Gen. Plummer's statement says:

"The general wishes the parents of all officers in charge of the 86th Division, national army, must be of the proper type and conduct themselves accordingly."

Arrest Woman and Paromour. Kate Mileski and Joe Lewendowski said to be her paramour, are in the county jail today facing a charge of adultery. They were arrested at Womona last night by Deputy Sheriff Fritz Goebel.

## GOVERNMENT HAS MANY FACTS NOT YET DISCLOSED OFFICIALS AROUSED

### THREATEN TO EXPOSE TO SWEDISH PEOPLE DUPLICITY OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IF ANY ATTEMPT IS MADE TO COVER UP ACTS.

BY JOHN EDWIN NEVIN. International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Washington, Sept. 14.—The United States has hardly scratched the surface in its revelations of the extent of German intrigue through Swedish and other neutral sources. High administration officials made this plain today.

What has been made public up to the present time is inconsequential when compared with information yet withheld. Whether the latter is to be divulged as public information is known only to Secretary of State Lansing and President Wilson.

The secretary refused today to indicate his future plans. It is believed, however, that if the present policy is maintained at Stockholm of trying to convince the Swedish people that their officials simply have followed recognized diplomatic routine the United States must continue its revelations and that officials much nearer Washington than those already mentioned will be involved.

It can be stated on the highest authority that the state department will not give a "clean bill of health" to any Swedish official at the present time. The program of intrigue has been far-reaching. Hundreds of dispatches which reached Berlin thru neutral channels—the majority Swedish—are now in possession of the state department.

Whether any of these refer to movements of American troops or of American warships is a subject on which officials are mute. It is admitted that certain of these dispatches went to Berlin since America entered the war.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Aghast over the latest official disclosures conclusively proving that Germany has utilized Swedish diplomatic representatives throughout the world as "pawns in her war game," diplomatic Washington today was asking itself where the revelation will end and who yet is to be involved. State Department officials, smiling and extremely suave, had nothing to say. They are content to play their cards as the game develops. Every time that Sweden or certain other nations that soon will be involved make reply designed to justify their revelations of neutrality of which this country has conclusive evident proof Secretary Lansing is prepared to produce "interesting documents" to show that the only persons deceived have been the neutrals who acted as agents for Germany.

"The state department is filled with bombshells" said an official of it today. "They will be exploded as the secretary thinks best. German gold blinded many diplomats on the American continent. But the facts have been known here and the possibilities guarded against for many months."

The fact that the neutral diplomats here are just beginning to realize that the United States has not been asleep since the European war commenced was very evident today. Certain of them who heretofore have been outspoken in expressing their sympathies for Germany, today took an entirely opposite line. All wanted to learn whether there was any intimation from the state department, as to how far the United States intends to go along present lines. The Swedish minister, Mr. W. A. F. Ekenberg, remained out of the city, presumably somewhere in the vicinity of Manchester, N. H. It was stated that he was expected to return at any time now, although the officials of the legation professed to have no positive knowledge or his whereabouts.

The charge, Baron E. Akereheim, denied himself to newspaper correspondents early in the day, although it was intimated that he might have a statement later in the day.

At the legation officials declared that Herr Folken Gronholm, who had charge at Mexico city and who was shown to have acted in the role of a spy for Herr von Eckhardt, the German minister at Mexico City, no longer was in the Swedish diplomatic service. They refused to say where he was at the present time.

The Mexican ambassador, Senor (Main want add section page five.)