

WOMAN TOOL OF SWINDLING GANG

MYRTLE FLOYD ARRESTED IN DAVENPORT AND TAKEN BACK TO CHICAGO.

Claimed That She Was Used to Lure Wealthy Men Who Were Then Systematically Bled.

With the arrest of Myrtle Floyd, aged 22, at the Hotel Davenport Saturday afternoon, it is claimed the police have captured the female "tool" of a gang of diamond thieves and swindle artists.

The Floyd woman is wanted by the Chicago police on a larceny charge. She secured two diamonds, valued at \$415, and \$35 in money from Alex P. Bump, a wealthy Illinois grain operator, the theft being staged at the Hotel Davenport on or about Feb. 28. The Chicago authorities sent a detective for the woman.

Through an irony of fate, the female dupe was robbed of the stolen gems, in addition to a \$600 diamond brooch of her own and \$200 in cash. The alleged thief, according to her story, was Ira Justin of Davenport, an attendant at a Davenport liquor-cure institute, with whom she fell violently in love while she was being cured of the drug habit there.

Justin, the woman claims, visited her at the Davenport hotel several times subsequent to her arrival there on Sunday, Feb. 28. The following Tuesday he called on her in the morning and suggested that she turn over her diamonds and money to him for safe keeping. She readily acquiesced and he departed shortly before noon, promising to return after luncheon, according to her story.

Attempts Suicide.

She waited several hours and when her lover failed to put in an appearance, became uneasy and called on the institute. She asked for Justin and was informed that he had packed his suit case and left town. Frantic at the loss of her valuables and grief-stricken at the thought of her lover's desertion, she determined to end her life.

Summoning a bell boy, she sent him to a drug store. Upon his return she shut herself in and swallowed 20 grains of bicarbonate of mercury, enough to kill eight men. When the deadly poison began to take effect, she resented her desire to die, and rushed to the telephone to summon aid. Dr. McCullough was called, being assisted by Dr. Murphy. The physicians worked over the victim all that night and until noon the next day before she was out of danger. It is stated that one grain of bicarbonate of mercury has been known to produce death.

The Floyd woman is married to a well-to-do stockman at Harris, Iowa. Her real name is withheld by the authorities. It is alleged that she has been used as a "decoy" by a gang of diamond thieves, who have been operating in Chicago on a wholesale scale for some time past.

Her parents reside on the north side of Chicago, and it is alleged that she met a member of the gang while visiting in the Windy City. She was taught to use dope by the criminals, it is said, in order that she might procure a more willing "tool."

Methods employed by the swindlers were extremely clever. The female decoy would make love to wealthy men of advanced years. As she was winsome and attractive, members of the sterner sex readily fell victims to her wiles, it is alleged.

When they declared their love, she would suggest marriage, it is claimed. Once the ceremony had been performed, the husband would be systematically "bled." In a number of instances the husbands were asked to deed over valuable property to the wife. The papers would be turned over to the gang and the property sold. It is alleged, The Floyd woman is said to have admitted her membership in the gang in question.

FORMER MAYOR OF GEORGIA TOWN KILLS A MADMAN AND MAKES HIMSELF A HERO



Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Phillips (top) and Eustice C. Butts.

Brunswick, Ga., March 15.—As a result of the recent shooting affray, in which seven citizens of this city were killed and a score injured by Monroe Phillips, who went suddenly mad, Eustice C. Butts, lawyer and former mayor of Brunswick, finds himself something of a hero. It was Butts who shot and killed Phillips while citizens generally were fleeing for cover.

The dead are: Harry F. Dunwoody, a prominent lawyer; William Hackett, undertaker; R. N. Deaver, police officer; L. C. Padgett, former policeman; George W. Asbell, street car motorman and former policeman; Ernest Macdonald, clerk, and Gene Tolman, bank clerk.

Phillips had been a resident of Brunswick about twelve years, and had been involved in considerable litigation in the courts. He recently had lost considerable money in real estate transactions, and he blamed Attorney Dunwoody for this.

The belief that he had been wronged seems to have preyed upon his mind until it became a fixed idea, with the result that he started a campaign of extermination. His wife tried to dissuade him from his purpose, and it is said she followed him on the day of the killing, begging him to put up his gun. He met a friend whom he asked to accompany him to the office of Dunwoody, frankly stating his purpose. Two shots were fired in the law office. The first killed Dunwoody and the second wounded A. M. Way.

Several bystanders attracted by the shots started up the stairs, but were met by Phillips coming down.

When Phillips commenced shooting those who were not hit beat a hasty retreat. The third shot was aimed at Padgett and Butts. The former fell mortally wounded, while Butts was slightly injured in the leg. When Phillips reached the doorway to the street he met Asbell running over to see what the matter was and claimed him as the third victim. He then stepped out on the sidewalk and almost instantly engaged in battle with Deaver, whom he shot down where he stood.

Many has come to the sidewalk some distance away in the next block to see what was going on. Phillips fired a broadside into this crowd, and that was where he got his fifth victim, William A. Hackett. Phillips in the meantime had received his fatal wound, for he had been shot by Eustice Butts from the rear of a near-by drug store.

Phillips died a few moments after Butts fired the fatal shot. But in the course of four or five minutes he had killed five, mortally wounded two others, and seriously injured at least a score.

Over a waterplug. Plaintiff claims that she was walking along Arlington avenue near her home, when she fell over the projecting waterplug. Her hip was broken and left thigh bone fractured, she claims. It is claimed that her injuries are permanent.

Claiming that \$311.79 is due him for materials and labor furnished in repairing a building, William H. Bergmann has filed suit against the Altendorf Catering company et al for that amount.

George F. Armit has filed suit against Will E. Giesdall for \$900 and interest, which he claims is due on account of the non-payment of a promissory note for that amount.

E. F. Martin, administrator of the estate of Almada Martin has dismissed action against the Iowa and Illinois railway, settlement having been made.

Seven More Applicants.—The following saloon men applied for licenses and deposited \$500 checks: William Flemming, Henry Froeschle, W. F. Gray, Henry Jaeger, Alfred H. Lau, Alfred F. Norgardt and J. C. Pimpel.

Gifts to Hospital and Dr. Matthey.—The Davenport Steuben society Saturday shipped seven cases of goods to the American Red Cross in New York to be forwarded to Berlin and there distributed by the German Red Cross among the hospitals of the Fatherland. The shipment comprised 5,556 pieces. The first shipment was made by the ladies of the Steuben society 10 days ago. It comprised 700 pieces, making a total of 6,256 pieces for the two shipments. A third shipment will be made in the near future. One of the cases sent out Saturday is to be forwarded to the Lazareth Holzen near Munich, where Dr. Henry Matthey is one of the chief surgeons. This case contained 750 pieces. At its last meeting the Freie Deutsche Schulgemeinde or German Free school voted \$10 to be sent to Dr. Matthey to be used for the Red Cross work. The money was given to Mrs. Hilda M. Matthey Saturday to be forwarded to her husband. Both the contribution of the Steuben society and the gift of the German Free school are thoughtful remembrances that will undoubtedly be highly appreciated by Dr. Matthey and will impress him more than ever with the knowledge that even though he is thousands of miles away the hearts of his home folks are with him in his work.

Davenport Pastor Returns.—Rev. O. C. Geisler of Lane, S. D., has accepted the call extended him by the Holy Cross Lutheran church of Davenport and will arrive here with his family next week. He will be installed March 21. Rev. Geisler is a former Davenport and will receive a warm welcome on his return to this city.

Adopts a Pretty Little Baby Girl.—Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, Pasadena flats, are the proud parents of a pretty little baby daughter which they have legally adopted and taken into their home. The little one has been named Mary Elizabeth Martin. The adoption papers were filed Saturday in the county recorder's office.

Divorce Petition.—Through Attorney C. W. Jones, M. F. Warnock has filed

Illinois Railroads to the People—No. 7.

Public Loss vs. Public Gain

Individual Saving Under the Two-Cent Law Compared With Loss to the General Public

"The interest of the producer, the shipper, the merchant, the investor, the financier and the whole public in the proper maintenance and complete efficiency of the railways is too manifest. They are indispensable to our whole economic life."—President Wilson.

The Railroads and Business

Whatever impedes brisk circulation of money in the buying and selling of merchandise and of labor is a brake on business, for all business is interdependent. When the buying power of railroads is cut down, the entire community and all lines of business are adversely affected far more than by the slackening in any other industry, for two reasons:

- 1. Railroads are the largest buyers of labor and of merchandise (material and supplies).
2. A greater percentage of railroad expenditure than of expenditure in any other industry, goes directly and quickly back to the public in the channels of trade.

Where Railroad Money Goes

Out of each dollar received by the railroads for the only thing they have to sell, which is transportation, more than 95 cents goes back to the public immediately to pay for carrying on the business.

Of this 95 cents, labor gets 44 1/2 cents, purchase of material and supplies from factory, forest and mine absorbs 25 cents, and the remainder goes for betterments, taxes, rentals and other fixed charges.

Even the little that remains for profit—surplus and dividends—which is a fraction less than 5 cents, goes back to the public; for the people as stockholders, own the railroads and draw the dividends.

This distribution of railroad earnings is according to Interstate Commerce Commission computation.

Effect of Two-Cent Law

When the maximum rate of passenger fare in Illinois was cut from 3 cents a mile to 2 cents in 1907, railroad earnings were reduced by millions per year, railroad buying power was correspondingly reduced and all business correspondingly checked.

There is no reason for believing that Illinois railroads carried more passengers in 1913 at 2 cents a mile than they would have carried at 3 cents. Official Railroad and Warehouse Commission figures show travel has not been stimulated by the reduction.

Railroad Welfare is Inseparable from Public Welfare

(Advertisement)

DAY IN DAVENPORT

Robbed of \$20.—T. B. Johnson, a man of advanced years, reported to the police that he had been held up at the corner of Second and Brady streets by two young boys who relieved him of \$20. The suspects were pointed out to the authorities, but when taken to headquarters, proved their innocence and were immediately released. They gave their names as Arthur Brown and Chester Smith and their residence as East Fifteenth street. Johnson said he was attempting to sell a phony diamond ring and approached the two boys. He claimed they jostled him. Suddenly he felt in his pockets and shouted, "I've been robbed of \$20. There's the boys that did it." Johnson was under the influence of intoxicants and the police held him.

Condemn Old House on Sixth.—The city of Davenport plans to condemn a frame house located at 427 East Sixth street, and notice has been sent to the owner, J. Driscoll, summoning him to appear before the council at the next meeting and show cause why the structure should not be torn down. Building Inspector R. C. Graham declared the house is a "fire trap" and is in a dangerous condition. The health board has made an inspection of the premises, and members assert the house is unfit for human habitation. At a meeting of the board of public works Saturday the building inspector and the board of health recommended that the house be torn down within a period of 90 days. The board approved the recommendation and referred same to the city council. Commissioner Crowley states that Mr. Driscoll will in all probability put up a fat building, if the old house is condemned, the owner having intimated that such would be his course in event of a contingency similar to the present one.

Attack Upon Mrs. A. S. Harris.—Two youthful thugs, between 15 and 16 years of age, made a bold attack upon Mrs. A. S. Harris, 1141 1/2 West Sixth street, Saturday night, bumping against her and attempting to steal her purse. They were unsuccessful in their attempt and took to their heels. Mrs. Harris was walking along Fifth street between Myrtle and Marquette shortly after 9:30 when the boys rushed up to her. One of them snatched her purse. She grappled with him, and during the struggle, the boy dropped the purse to the ground. It contained nothing but a key. The boys were described as wearing dark blue suits.

Book Passage to Fatherland.—In view of the extreme difficulty Germans have of reaching their native land at the present time, not many are making the attempt. Steamship Agent G. H. Fleke, however, yesterday booked Mr. and Mrs. Johann Volkmann of Holstein, Germany, who have been visiting Mrs. Volkmann's brother, Henry Schoellerman of Toronto, Iowa. They left Germany July 1, before hostilities commenced, and are naturally anxious to return to the fatherland. They sail March 29 from New York on the S. S. Berensford to Copenhagen and from there can reach their home in a few hours.

Police Thwart Jail Delivery.—Victor Nelson, alleged dope fiend, was arraigned in police court and sentenced to ten days in the county jail on a charge of disturbing the peace. Saturday morning he was put to work in the court house yard and during a temporary lapse of vigilance on the part of the guards, made his getaway. Nelson showed poor judgment by starting due east on Fourth street. He passed

the police station and was spied by Officer LaGrange.

Delia DeLafayette Claims Damages.—Twenty-five thousand dollars is the sum of the damages asked by Delia DeLafayette from the Davenport Water company because of alleged injuries received, when she stumbled



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ELECTION NOTICE. Township Election. Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1915, an election will be held in the township of Rock Island, for the election of the following township officers, to-wit: Five Assistant Supervisors, One Justice of the Peace (to fill vacancy). The places for registration and voting will be as follows: 1st precinct—Barber shop at 413 Fourth avenue. 2nd precinct—Malwald's Grocery, 701 Ninth avenue. 3rd precinct—Tailor shop, 1014 Third avenue. 4th precinct—Stringer building, 824 Ninth street. 5th precinct—East door of the court house. 6th precinct—1446 Seventh avenue. 7th precinct—Ullemeyer's drug store, Eleventh avenue and Fifteenth street. 8th precinct—325 Nineteenth street. 9th precinct—Trinity Parish house, Nineteenth street and Sixth avenue. 10th precinct—527 Twenty-second street. 11th precinct—Schmid's grocery, 823 Twentieth street. 12th precinct—610 Twenty-sixth street. 13th precinct—709 Twenty-seventh street. 14th precinct—631 Thirty-eighth street. 15th precinct—Peterson's carpenter shop, 510 Forty-fifth street. 16th precinct—1340 Thirty-eighth street. 17th precinct—1334 Thirtieth street. Polls open election day from seven (7) o'clock in the morning until five (5) o'clock in the evening. Dated at Rock Island this 12th day of March, 1915. W. A. FREWERT, Town Clerk. (Adv.) All the news all the time—The Argus.

In All the World No Trip Like This. It's almost a man's duty as an educational process to take his family, while the railroad fares to California have been cut in two and visit the great Expositions at San Francisco and San Diego; seeing on the way out the marvelous Mountain Scenery of Colorado; Denver, Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak, Pueblo, the stupendous and world-famous Royal Gorge, and Salt Lake City. Then you should return by way of the North Pacific Coast and either Glacier or Yellowstone National Park. You will never have the same opportunity and if you use the through Pullman service of the Burlington Route (C. B. & Q. R. R.) or join one of those comfortable, economical and care-free Personally Conducted Excursions, you can see the wonders of Colorado without extra cost, for you will pass all those most interesting points by daylight. Don't forget that. Here's the idea! Sit right down and write or come in and tell me how many expect to make the trip, just when you want to go, the points you want to visit, how long you expect to stay, and I will plan a trip especially fitted to your time and needs—and you will know all about it. If you decide to go, I will make arrangements for your complete trip, when the time comes for you to start. Do it today—before you forget it. Miss D. Oden, Passenger agent, Rock Island, Ill., Burlington Route Depot 20th St. & 2d Ave. F. A. Riddell, Ticket Agent, Telephone R. 680.