

YEGGMEN LOOT FISHERS BANK WITH TORCHES

Escape After Robbing Small Town Vault With Stolen Utensils.

They're off! Slumbering Indiana towns and hamlets can expect an epidemic of safe robberies.

Robbers who stole the acetylene tanks, torches and other equipment such as eggmen might use, at the Prest-O-Lite plant, got in their first work at Fishers, a town fourteen miles north of Indianapolis, in Hamilton county, Saturday.

Driving through the heavy vault which contains the safe deposit boxes of the Fisher's National bank the eggmen fled with bonds and other loot from six deposit boxes.

EXTENT OF LOOT NOT YET KNOWN.

Bank officials say they will not know the value of the loot until the owners of the boxes make a statement. It is known that there were many Liberty bonds and other negotiable papers in the six boxes rifled.

Using the acetylene torches the eggmen apparently had little trouble in burning through the door of the big vault. Once inside they directed their attentions to the safety boxes. The safe was not molested. It contained about \$300 in cash and bonds.

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He asserted that thousands of dollars in bonds may have been carried off. Most of the vaults rifled were held by wealthy farmers.

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ALLIES TO IGNORE EX-CROWN PRINCE

Offer of Surrender Will Not Be Honored With Reply.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—The allies have decided not to respond to the offer of the former crown prince of Germany to surrender himself for trial before an allied tribunal on charges of war crimes, it was learned Saturday.

The prince's offer made it a provision that charges against other accused Germans should be dropped. It was submitted only to him and the heads of the principal allied and associated powers.

It was also learned that the allies created allied commission of justiciaries has begun collecting evidence to submit to the German tribunal at Leipzig which is to try the accused Teutons, as named in the lists submitted by the allies.

Pastor, Under 40, Has 21 Children

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 23.—A family of twenty-one children has been found in Santa Rose county. The father, J. H. Taylor, is a preacher, farmer and merchant at Berrydale, twenty miles north of Pensacola, county seat, and the last of his family consists of twin boys who were born on Jan. 21.

The whole family, it is stated, live within a few miles of the old homestead and a very singular fact is that neither of the parents is yet out of their forties.

They both appear to be in the best of health. Dr. B. T. McMillan, another day, stated that they were all happy, and that they were "crusing" the Lord to continue in his shower of blessings upon them."

Coming Rail Return Booms Locomotives

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Orders taken in the past two days by the American Locomotive Company, it was announced Saturday, aggregate more than \$6,000,000 representing a total as great as or greater than the \$6,000,000 in capital stock and various other Indiana citizens is \$6,000,000, according to the contract. The purchasing company seeks permission to accept \$549,300 in certain securities held by the Central Union as part of its property. Hence the accepted value of the Central Union's physical property is \$17,450,700.

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Divorce Easy on Story Like This Hubby's

Tony Bowman Says Bride Ran Away Immediately After Ceremony in 1916.

Tony V. Bowman and Nettie Bowman were married at 2 o'clock the afternoon of June 2, 1916. Tony left his home at 31½ Virginia avenue to buy a box of cigars to treat his friends. When Tony returned home his wife was missing. He has never seen her since.

Saturday Tony recited his story to Judge Thornton of superior court, room 1. He was of the opinion that he should be granted a divorce and the court agreed.

He testified that his first wife left him also.

"Are you very careful choosing your wives?" asked Judge Thornton. Tony said he had been told that his first wife ran off with another man.

The court also granted a divorce to Mrs. Era T. Baxter from Warren S. Baxter, who testified that she found her husband with another woman at a show.

Judge Thornton sent Everett C. VanAukens, 20½ North Meridian street, to jail until he paid \$150 as support money to his divorced wife, Mary J. VanAukens.

Elmer F. Morris was granted a divorce from Ethel M. Morris on grounds of de-

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\$3,000,000 PHONE SALE IS HEARD

Indiana Company Seeks to Acquire Local Property.

Permission to acquire the property of the Indianapolis (Automatic) Telephone Company "at a cost of not more than \$3,000,000" was granted as a part of a general authorization to acquire property of the Central Union Telephone Company by the Indiana Telephone Company.

In the Royal Arch degree Friday, Work

of the Indianapolis (Automatic) Telephone Company to compel the Central Union to live up to a contract to purchase the plaintiff's property.

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