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SAFE BLOWERS IN \$2,000 HAUL AT GAS STATION

Nitroglycerine Used to Blast
'Strong Box' in Meridian
Street Office.

EXPERTS' WORK SEEN

Crackmen got away with more than \$2,000 when they blew open the safe in the office of the Western Oil Refining Company filling station, Meridian and Twenty-fifth streets, early today.

They used nitroglycerin.

The heavy iron door was shattered and a flimsy was used to get into the compartments.

Detectives claim the robbery was the work of professionals.

So carefully was the safe covered and protected when the explosive was touched off that little outside of the safe was marred in the office.

The money represented the Saturday and Sunday sales.

Myer Penish, 2422 North Illinois street, day cashier, discovered the robbery when he opened the office at 6 o'clock this morning.

OFFICE LOCKED UP BEFORE MIDNIGHT.

S. H. Carver, night cashier, closed the office at 11 o'clock Sunday night.

The safe is a little more than three feet high and the "yeggs" used wet coats, grain sacks and two canvas horse rain covers to smother the explosion.

Two holes were drilled through the outer covering of the safe door, one directly above the handle used for turning the tumblers and the other about three inches to the right of that hole.

The force of the blast ripped a crack almost across the outside steel covering of the door and broke and crumbled the concrete filling of the safe door.

A key had been left in one money drawer and the force of the explosion bent it over flat.

The combination knob was blown into the sleeve of a heavy corduroy coat.

MEAGER CLEW IN OVERCOATS.

The other coat was an overcoat and both of these are believed by the police to have been stolen from a stable or garage, as they are of the type worn by men who drive teams or trucks.

Sergeants Winkler and Stevens and a squad of police who investigated found that two of the windows of the building had been left unlocked and that the burglars had entered through one of these.

John H. Trimble, manager of the company, said the windows had, without question, been left unlocked accidentally.

Bert Perrotti, police sergeant, who is said to have obtained some good impressions from fingerprints of the walls of the safe.

The burglars sorted out the checks and threw them on the floor, taking only cash.

So completely did the wet clothing, sacks and canvas drape the table that a table top was not even marred.

It is believed the burglars used electric current to set off the explosive, as some wires were found on the table.

Soap used to fill the cracks around the door and to make the cup to pour the explosive was found wrapped in a paper.

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Yeggs Leave Safe a Wreck



Myer Penish, cashier for Western Oil Refining Company, Twenty-fifth and Meridian streets, examining wrecked safe.

Although the safe of the Western Oil Refining Company filling station, North Meridian and Twenty-fifth streets, was shattered by nitroglycerine early today, windows three feet from the safe were not even cracked.

Germans Kill American Fleeing Death Sentence

BERLIN, April 12.—Paul DeMotte, an American newspaperman, who was alleged to have been connected with the communist movement in Germany, was shot and killed while attempting to escape from Wesel prison, according to advices today from the foreign office to the American mission.

PLEA CABLED FOR CONDEMNED YANK

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The department of state has cabled the American consul at Berlin to investigate the sentence of death by drum-head court-martial of Paul DeMotte, an American citizen.

DeMotte is said to have been carrying an American passport authorizing him to do journalistic and relief work.

The commissioner was instructed to seek a stay of execution pending investigation.

DeMotte was accused of participating in the Ruhr valley disorders.

The state department issued the following:

An informal exchange of advices between the United States and the allies on the Ruhr valley situation has taken place and it is hoped that the status quo will be restored without serious lesions.

'MAN BLEEDING' IT'S HER FATHER

Conductor Points Daughter to
Attempted Suicide.

Bert Benson, 40, of 2140 South Meridian street, stood on the Belt railroad tracks at South Meridian street crossing about noon today and cut his throat.

A street car stopped for the crossing just after he had committed the act.

"Look at that man bleeding!" said the conductor.

A young woman passenger looked and screamed—Benson was her father.

John Gregory, who lived at the same house as Benson, says Benson was discharged from the Julietta insane hospital, only a few months ago.

Benson is in the City hospital in a critical condition.

Glaser Accused of Predicting Revolt

A revolution in America was predicted by Attorney Paul P. Glaser of Gary, Ind., during the steel strike last year, according to evidence offered in federal court today by Donald E. McGibney, writer and lecturer, whose deposition was taken in preparation to a hearing to cancel Glaser's naturalization papers which will be held in Hammond, Ind., April 27.

McGibney said Glaser approved of the bolshevik government of Russia and sympathized with strike movements in this country.

Glaser was recently found guilty of direct contempt of court by Judge A. B. Anderson and is awaiting sentence on the finding.

Strike in Kansas Over Jailing Miner

PITTSBURG, Kas., April 12.—A strike by Kansas coal miners in protest against the jailing of Alec Howatt and three other "district 14" officials is on today.

Out of approximately 100 mines in this district, but six were working, and those with small forces, according to reports to coal operators this morning.

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\$78,000,000 LOST ON WAR CAMPS

Probe Committee Reports
Fraud and Waste, Urging
Action.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Criminal prosecutions by the department of justice and suits to recover \$78,000,000 lost to the government through fraud, waste and extravagance in the cost plus system of contracts for building the sixteen national army camps, were demanded today in a report to the house by a subcommittee on camps and cantonments.

The report, the result of nearly a year's investigation, recommends an amendment to the constitution making profiteering in war time treason and legislation to prohibit all cost plus contracts.

Representative McKenzie, Illinois, and Representative McCulloch, Ohio, Republican, signed the report, while Representative Doremus, Michigan, in a minority report, declared there was found very little evidence of fraud and had the cost plus system not been adopted "the Germans would have been in Paris before our soldiers reached the battle lines."

Of all camps and hospitals built during the war at a cost of approximately \$120,000,000, the majority report estimates that the alleged waste and extravagance from fraud and extravagance ranged from 30 to 50 per cent.

The committee audited the contracts of the sixteen national army camps and claims that the loss to the government was \$78,000,000 out of a total of \$206,000,000.

Contracts have gone over the accounts and determined these figures, which should be recovered for the treasury, the report says.

Responsibility for the losses is placed on the secretary of war, who is said by the majority of the subcommittee to have approved the contracts both as head of the war department and the council of national defense.

The majority report gives scores of instances of alleged waste in the cost plus system, and especially charges A. Bentley & Sons Company, who held the contract for Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, O., with receiving illegal payments to the extent of \$189,372.70.

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Print Paper Passes 14 Cents a Pound; Shortage From Bad to Worse by Strike

THE print paper shortage has gone suddenly from bad to worse.

It was serious enough before the railroad strike tied up shipments from the mills.

Now it is a question of how long the publisher can issue his newspaper on the paper it is possible to buy near at hand at 14 to 16 cents per pound.

The Times for months has set an example to all other city newspapers in conserving print paper, by cutting out waste, limiting size of issues and printing news and features in compact form.

During the present emergency it is necessary further to reduce consumption of paper in order to continue publishing.

The Times appreciates the good wishes and interest of its readers and the co-operation of its advertisers in this effort.

DENISON HOTEL TO PASS INTO HISTORY SUNDAY

Famous Landmark of Politics
and Trade Nears Close of
58 Years' Career.

NEWS BRINGS SHOCK

Lights in the Denison hotel will be turned off early Sunday night—never to be turned on again.

On that day the old hostelry, which has not closed its doors in fifty-eight years, will pass out of existence.

Guests were notified today that the lease on the property, held by Crawford Fairbanks, will not be renewed and that the place will be closed.

Plans for the future of the site, which is on the southeast corner of Pennsylvania and Ohio streets, have not been disclosed, but it is understood the old building will be razed to make room for a skyscraper.

The passing of the Denison takes away one of the city's real landmarks.

For a half century it has been one of the best known hostilities in the country.

Presidents, senators, royal visitors and other guests have been guests there.

It was the meeting place for political clubs, large and small.

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STRIKE EASES IN MIDWEST CITIES, BUT STEADILY MOUNTS IN EAST

NEW YORK CITY TRAIN SERVICE AT STANDSTILL

Chicago Optimistic While Reporting 36,000 Out in U. S.—2,300 Here.

HITS MANY INDUSTRIES

While apparently receding in other parts of the country, the unauthorized strike of railroad workers continued to spread in the east today, resulting in chaotic conditions on all roads and an almost complete stoppage of regular traffic on many of them.

New York was practically cut off from the west so far as regular train service was concerned.

Local and suburban service was at a standstill.

From the whitehouse in Washington came this announcement:

"The government is watching the railroad strike and will act if necessary."

Other government agencies—the department of justice and the postoffice department—were considering the strike practically to the exclusion of other business.

The number of men reported striking was placed at approximately 36,000, with 2,300 in Indianapolis.

The one hopeful note in the situation was struck by C. M. Greer, vice president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad at Chicago. He said:

"The backbone of the strike is broken in Chicago."

YARDMEN IN MEETING HERE

A meeting of the yardmen was held at the Labor temple this morning and meetings were to be held this afternoon and evening.

Peters, leader of the strikers, was unable to attend meetings because of the death of a relative and he delegated his authority to James Canary.

"I'm losing a happy home," said E. L. Rundel of the J. M. Bour Coffee Company.

He has been living in the Denison eighteen years.

"I never can beat old room 208," he said.

And Mr. Rundel volunteered that others would miss their old home.

Some of these are Robert McGibney, a salesman, who has lived there fifteen years, and Adjt. Gen. Harry B. Smith of Indiana, who has been a guest there five years.

The "old guards" lived close together in a little colony on the second floor.

Frederick VanNux, United States district attorney, also stayed at the hotel.

Crawford Fairbanks, cashier of the hotel, which was a deputy sheriff, was affected.

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Grand Jury Hears Three More on Jail