

BURGLARS AT WORK AT FOUR PLACES IN THE MILE SQUARE

Outfitting Company, Wholesale Grocery, Clothing and Drug Store Visited by Thieves.

Four burglaries during the night occupied the attention of police investigators today.

On a daring job was pulled at 7:30 o'clock last night, when the safe in the People's Outfitting Company's store, 133-135 West Washington street, was looted of several trays of jewelry.

Tobacco and cigarette valued at \$1,242 were taken from the Jagers Wholesale Grocery Company, 458 South Meridian street.

Fifty dollars was taken from the cash drawer in the L. Efronson Clothing Store, 13 West Washington street.

The drug store of M. M. Dawber, 317 South East street, was entered during the night and \$2 was taken from the telephone pay station box.

Some of the jewelry stolen from the People's Outfitting Company was returned to the police today by Frevor Faulkner, 38 South Capitol avenue, who met the thieves on Kentucky avenue after the robbery.

Faulkner said he was walking on Kentucky avenue when he saw two men, one carrying two suitcases, stop and close one of the cases that had come open.

"I walked up thinking they had whiskey, and asked them how business was," Faulkner told detectives. "One of them drew a revolver and told me to 'haul it,' and I started away."

The men hurried away, Faulkner said he noticed that they had dropped some jewelry on the sidewalk.

The loot found by Faulkner included four diamond rings, two breast pins, a watch, a string of beads and an empty pasteboard jewelry box, the total value being \$330.

Other men also saw the burglars, according to information obtained by the detectives and their description of the thieves tallies with that given by Faulkner. Detectives say the same robbers have committed at least one other burglary recently.

GOV. COOLIDGE IN CONFERENCE WITH HARDING

Foreign and Domestic Chartings to Be Figured During Marion Visit.

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 16.—Governor Coolidge, Vice President-elect, when he arrived today, had the first real opportunity since the days following the Chicago convention to consult personally with President-elect Harding. They met briefly in Washington in July, but since that time sweeping changes have taken place in both foreign and domestic affairs.

It became known today that details of the situation in Guatemala, arising out of the imprisonment and plea for release of Manuel Estrada Cabrera, former president, have been forwarded here. The documents were accompanied, it is said, by the resolution of Senator Moses in the Senate and papers relating to the disclosures of Mr. Buchanan, Guatemala minister in Washington. It is understood they will be brought to the attention of Senator Harding.

The declaration late yesterday by Senator A. B. Fall of New Mexico that he was confident that Europe was ready to scrap the treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations in favor of an association of nations including the United States, was widely discussed here.

The statement took on added importance from the fact that Senator Harding himself was present during Fall's interview with newspaper men. He (Continued on Page Two.)

GAIN SHOWN IN BUILDING HERE

Indianapolis One of Few Cities Denoting Increase Over Last Year.

Indianapolis is one of the few cities in the United States in which building operations in November, 1920, showed an increase over those of November of last year, according to figures made public today by the American Contractor, a Chicago publication.

The figures for Indianapolis show that permits were taken out for building operations totaling \$801,435, as compared with \$600,718 in November of last year. The total number of permits was smaller, however, amounting to 154 this year and 472 last year.

While building has taken a decided slump in most cities, according to the figures gathered from the East, it is above the average for the last six years, although decidedly below the operations for last year.

A chart accompanying the figures shows that building operations rapidly increased until April of this year, when they took a decided drop, falling below last year's figures near the middle of May and continuing their decline.

HILLES IS SLATED TO REPLACE HAYS

Policy of G. O. P. Committee to Be the Same.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Charles D. Hilles of New York is slated tentatively for the chairmanship of the Republican national committee. The arrangement, according to information from the East, is satisfactory to Senator Harding. The news tends to emphasize the probability that Will H. Hays will enter the Harding cabinet.

The Republican national committee is to be assembled in Chicago shortly after the new year to consider ways, means and organization of the Republican governing body for the ensuing four years. Chairman Hays is insistent that the policy of organization that he placed in effect immediately after his election as chairman in 1914 be continued.

Unless it is he prefers to remain on the job as chairman, waiving a cabinet portfolio.

There is a tendency to maintain the national committee as independent during the coming four years of the national administration, and unaffected by the course that may be followed by a topheavy Republican majority in both Houses of Congress. The majority of the committee is thoroughly pro-Hays and will follow the policy that he will outline when the showdown arrives.

Under party policy, Hays cannot enter the cabinet either as Postmaster General or as Attorney General and retain his post as chairman of the national committee. The pending proposal to make Mr. Hilles the acting chairman seems to be based entirely upon the foundation that Chairman Hays is to take one or the other of the above suggested portfolios.

Woman Is Held for False Hair Theft

Mrs. Fena McMillan, 24, Buffalo, N. Y., was arrested for shoplifting today after it was charged, she stole a hair switch from a 5 and 10-cent store. The switch was valued at 98 cents. Mrs. McMillan told the police she and her husband were on their way from Buffalo to Madison, Ind.

\$320 Found in Turnkey's Safe Is Unaccounted For

Stories that Mike Ryan, a Police Court lawyer and hanger-on, had an arrangement with one of the turnkeys who was recently reduced by the board of safety whereby the turnkey was to supply cash bonds with Ryan's money on a commission which was to be divided with Ryan were revived today when \$320 which could not be accounted for was found in a safe in the turnkey's office.

Ryan reported to the police about six weeks ago that he had given a turnkey \$320 and that it had never been returned to him. Investigation failed to reveal the money and the report was looked upon as "another one of Ryan's stories."

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House Leader Outlines Program for Early Reduction of Taxes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Promise of reduction in taxes by passing a part of America's war debt on to future generations were made today by Representative Mondell, Republican leader in the House of Representatives.

Leader Mondell outlined the financial plans of the Republicans as follows:

Repeal of the excess profits tax. Abandonment of some special taxes. Reduction of heavy surtaxes on incomes.

Funding of a part of the present floating debt.

Refunding of the Victory Loan.

Drastic restriction in government expenditures.

Re-enactment of protective tariff duties.

Mondell's plan of passing a part of the war debt along to future generations under refunding operations running fifty or sixty years differs from the administration plan advocated by Secretary Houston. The latter proposed taxation to pay off the debt and increasing the volume of loans at maturity which would preclude any reduction in the volume of taxes although recommendation was made for abandonment of the excess profits tax and readjustment of other taxes.

ADVOCATES REPEAL OF EXCESS PROFITS TAX.

The repeal of the excess profits tax, the abandonment of some of the special taxes and the reduction of the heavy surtaxes on incomes is advanced by Mondell. He says that with the practice of economies, the refunding of part of the war debt and increased revenues from customs duties, the Federal Treasury can be protected.

"The secretary of the treasury," says Mondell, "does not base his recommendations for a continuation of heavy tax levies wholly, or in the main, on anticipated increases of appropriations, but rather on only to meet current bills, including the interest on the national debt, but also to retire the present floating indebtedness and a considerable part of the Victory notes before the close of the fiscal year 1925."

"On Sept. 30 last, there were outstanding loan and tax certificates, maturing on Sept. 30, 1925."

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PLAN ARREST OF DE VALERA

British Oppose Safe Conduct Proposal for President of Irish Republic.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The arrest of Eamon De Valera, president of the Irish Republic, if it returns to this country, was advocated by officials of the Irish office today. A proposal that had been made to give De Valera a safe conduct to Great Britain was opposed by the Irish office.

A report that De Valera is already on his way to the United Kingdom from New York was scouted by the Irish office. Officials said they did not believe the Sinn Fein leader was coming home.

"Irish peace hopes are brighter," was the "streamer headline" used by the Irish office today over the story of latest Irish developments.

The war office is moving heavy reinforcements of troops into Ireland. Two battalions have been sent since Sunday and more are expected to arrive.

All of southwestern Ireland (the district under martial law) is being cordoned for Sinn Fein gunmen, said a dispatch to the Daily Express.

According to the Daily Express the cabinet probably will agree to the establishment of two Senates in Ireland early in the new year.

Martens Decision Comes Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Final decision in the deportation proceedings against L. C. A. K. Martens, self-styled ambassador of Soviet Russia, will be made public tomorrow. The Department of Labor announced today.

The department would not comment on reports that Secretary Wilson has ordered the deportation of Martens and that this order has been approved by the President's cabinet.

Ryan described the denominations of the money and the description fits the money found. Chief of Police Kinsley has taken possession of it and is investigating.

The money, which was found by Samuel Gillespie, one of the new turnkeys, was in an envelope marked "1000 bond for Myrtle Fry, Oct. 8, 1920." Records in the city clerk's office show that the Myrtle Fry bond was repaid when the case was disposed of.

The police had given little credence to Ryan's statements of his loss because he had frequently told them stories of unusual robberies in which he claimed to have lost large sums of money.

Ryan employed in the turnkey's office, when the loss was first reported, admitted they had kept the money as an "accommodation" for Ryan, but that it had been returned. Ryan insisted he had returned the money to one of the turnkeys after having had it in his possession again for a short time.

Says Wallace Sure of Post in Cabinet

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 16.—Henry C. Wallace, editor of Wallace's Farmer of Des Moines, Iowa, will be the next secretary of agriculture, it was predicted today by Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa, who is here to spend the winter.

The Senator will be joined later by President-elect Harding and it is expected, have a leading part in the councils over the coming administration.

Oh, Mr. Goodrich—

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 16.—No Christmas pardons are to be handed out this year.

Leave Booze in Kokomo? Entirely Out of Question With Greentown Marshal

What! Would a bootlegger go? All right, in Kokomo. But in Greentown, twelve miles distant? Good gracious, no!

And why? Because there is one officer in Howard County, that of Kokomo, scene of the recent "Feast of Belshazzar" booze party, is the county seat, who says he is going to enforce the law, no matter what the personal cost. The officer is the marshal of Greentown.

Bright and early this morning United States District Attorney Frederick Van Nuy received a long distance call from the marshal of Greentown, who was so excited over the events of the past twenty-four hours that he forgot to give his name.

"You're d-d tootin' they won't get away from me," the doughty marshal quickly replied. "I'll handcuff 'em together and bring 'em down myself, all right. But, say, I don't know what to do with all this booze. I'll have to call out the town guard to watch it if I go away."

"Why don't you take it over to Kokomo? It's the county seat and they've got a county jail there. Why don't you store it there?" Mr. Van Nuy suggested.

HAS NO FAITH IN KOKOMO OFFICIALS.

"What, take it to Kokomo?" the marshal shouted in surprise. "Take it to Kokomo? Why, man, that's Kokomo! Kokomo? Do you think I'm going to take all this booze over there and let 'em drink it up. I'm saving this booze for the government. I'm one officer in Howard County who believes in enforcing the law."

The district attorney directed that the marshal take what steps he saw fit to keep the liquor out of unwise hands and to bring his prisoners to Indianapolis. The marshal said he would take the next car.

SPAIN ACTS AS SPOKESMAN FOR MANY NATIONS

Country's Position in Deliberations Features First Meeting of Assembly.

GENEVA, Dec. 16.—The League of Nations assembly today admitted Bulgaria to the League of Nations. France and Australia refused to vote.

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Regarding the last twenty years as a decadent power, Spain has suddenly pushed herself forward as a group of fifteen Spanish speaking nations which are all members of the league except Argentina. Her leadership was accepted and she discussed a legislative program or anything else that legislators are popularly supposed to do. It was called for the purpose of silencing the legislators, for the purpose of denouncing what reception certain proposals will receive.

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LEADERS TURN SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

Legislators Reviewed for Purpose of Forecasting Stand on Certain Proposals.

The first "special session" of the House and the candidates for president and for the Senate were reviewed for the purpose of forecasting their stand on certain proposals.

On the surface, little was accomplished. Beneath the surface, the purpose for which it was called was accomplished.

On the surface, some 130 legislators met, discussed the speakership of the House and the candidates for president and for the Senate for a few hours, heard a few short speeches from party leaders who said nothing they have not already said, discussed proposed changes in the rules of the two houses, and adjourned. They did not even discuss a legislative program.

That is all that happened on the surface, but the meeting was not called for the purpose of hearing speeches, discussing a legislative program or anything else that legislators are popularly supposed to do. It was called for the purpose of silencing the legislators, for the purpose of denouncing what reception certain proposals will receive.

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LAKE SUPERIOR VESSELS SAFE

Grain Ships, Forced to Shelter From Storm, Proceed to Destinations.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 16.—Wireless reports received here today from the storm swept waters of Lake Superior, where a blizzard is raging and from Detroit, where thirteen vessels laden with grain were forced to lie in shelter for two days, show that no boat is in danger, all having weathered the storm from their places of shelter.

Despite the snow on Lake Huron all of the thirteen grain laden vessels have left Detroit, southbound.

Five of the vessels, the L. E. Schneider, Six Thomas Shaughnessy, Joseph Wood, Glen Lyon and Kenora, are lying behind Welcome Islands in Lake Superior, having made little progress since they left Fort William three days ago for eastern ports with grain. A wireless received from the Shaughnessy reported none of the boats in distress, but said it was impossible to leave the shelter, due to high winds and the snowstorm from the northwest.

The Soo locks are being kept open several days longer than had been expected (Continued on Page Ten.)

DISCUSS BILL FOR MORE PAY

County Recorders Declare Salaries Insufficient.

Recorders and recorder-elect from several counties of the State met today in the Appellate Courtroom in the Statehouse to discuss the draft of a bill for the Legislature to provide for hiring and paying of additional help in offices of county recorders.

The recorders declare their present salaries are not sufficient to allow them to do their work properly and need money and are fairly entitled to it," he said.

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BEEKEEPERS ASK SUPPORT

Association Head Urges Larger State Appropriation.

Additional appropriations for the State conservation commission were urged today by Mason J. Niblack, president of the Indiana State Beekeepers Association, at the convention of that organization at the Statehouse. He declared that the division of entomology of the conservation department is of great importance to the beekeepers and as such should be supported.

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Pick Edward McLean Inaugural Chairman

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This announcement was made today by Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee. An executive committee was also named, including Edward E. McLean, Washington; Samuel J. Prescott, Washington; Fred W. Upham, Chicago, and Jess Smith, Washington Court House, Ohio.

1 Killed, 2 Hurt in Fight With Officers

HUNTINGTON, L. I., Dec. 16.—One man was killed and two others, one of them a constable, wounded in a revolver battle here today, following the arrest of three men suspected of burglary.

Two constables were taking the three men to jail when one of them opened fire on the officers. It needs no more words to tell the story of the fight.

The dead man was said to be Wilbur Severance of New Rochelle. Constable Anna Higgs and C. Cicco, his chauffeur, were wounded.

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The city of Indianapolis is opposed to the principle of applying revenue derived from increased rates to the capital account of any public utility and for that reason will oppose any increase in the rate of the Citizens Gas Company unless the company shows that the increased funds expected to be derived from a 50 per cent increase in rates, petitioned before the Public Service Commission, are not to be applied on plant extensions, Mayor Charles W. Jewett declared in a statement today.

The gas company asked for an increase from 60 to 90 cents per thousand cubic feet in a petition filed with the commission yesterday. In the absence from the city of Corporation Counsel Samuel Ashby, who represents the city at hearings before the commission, Mayor Jewett outlined the city's position as follows:

"We are opposed to the application of revenue derived from increased rates to the capital account of any utility. Such improvements as capital account improvements should be made with funds derived from the sale of the utility's securities, HOLDS 50 PER CENT INCREASE TOO MUCH."

"A 50 per cent increase in rate would indicate that the gas company proposes to add to its capital account the revenue produced by such a big increase. However, we realize that the extraordinary conditions may make it difficult for the company to sell securities and it might be necessary for the company to have a small increase in rates, temporarily, for the purpose of stabilizing its securities, but since the company emerged from the abnormally high cost plane of material and labor on a 60-cent rate and we are now on a declining cost slant, the 50 per cent increase is not justified. If the 60-cent rate is sufficient during the past three years it should be sufficient at the present time."

"The position of the city will be to present all revenue derived from the commission so that the public, as well as the commission, will have all of these facts before a conclusion upon the merits of the petition is definitely decided. We do not wish to establish its own utility company to render efficient service, but we do not propose to permit an unfairness or injustice to be placed upon the consumers by an increase of 50 per cent in gas rates, the revenue from which will be used in making permanent improvements."

The mayor recalled that J. D. Forrest, secretary and general manager of the gas company, stated in a hearing upon the gas shortage problem before the Public Service Commission a few months ago, that the company did not need an increased rate.

Infidential city councilmen were understood today to have decided that the contract by which the board of works gives the gas company the right to raise rates is void.

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NEGROES LICK LIPS AS COUNTY PLUMS TUMBLE

Republican Precinct Workers of Color Swarm in Courthouse Cellar.

The shaking of the political "plum tree" at the Marion County Courthouse is the favorite sport of the politicians at the present time.

The basement of the Courthouse is crowded with negro Republican precinct workers in return for "faithful" work in the O. P. P. landslide, are janitor jobs.

Distribution of these easy tasks is causing much trouble to the Jewett-Lemcke faction because of the approaching election to become a Republican candidate for mayor and other municipal offices will be nominated.

Following little meetings at night at the City Hall and elsewhere, the negro leaders of the county are busy planning to have come out in the open and have solicited the aid of County Commissioners Lewis George and Carlin Shank.

PAY VISIT.

After a conference with Ralph Lemcke, who was re-elected county treasurer at the last election, Dr. Sumner A. Furness, negro member of the city council, and who seeks to become a candidate in the colored voting strength at the coming city campaign, and Rufe Pace, powerful G. O. P. ward politician, called on the county commissioners late Tuesday.

It is said the commissioners extended its services to Commissioners Shank and George in distributing the county courthous janitor jobs for next year. This resulted in a whole lot of money and the negro ward politicians who gather in the basement each day. At times the air is so blue with tobacco smoke and the color (Continued on Page Four.)

KILLS HIMSELF AT WIFE'S SIDE

Youth, Lying in Bed at 1935 North Capitol Avenue, Pulls Trigger.

Glenn Mulvaney, 20, 1935 North Capitol avenue, committed suicide last night by shooting himself through the right temple.

He was lying on a bed in which were his wife, Ruth Mulvaney, 17, and their 10-month-old baby, when he pulled the revolver to his head and fired. He died instantly.

The couple had quarreled continuously since moving to the rooming house three weeks ago. Mrs. Mulvaney had been employed as a street car conductor.

Mrs. Mulvaney told the police she married Mulvaney in Louisville, Ky., and lived there about a year previous to moving to Indianapolis.

She said they lived here six months at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Elson, 1158 West Thirty-Fourth street, until three days ago, when she and her husband moved to the rooming house.

Mrs. Mulvaney declared her husband had been drinking and had opened his pocketknife, placing it under his pillow. She said she took the knife and threw it out of the bed. Then, she said, he got up and opened a revolver, when she told him that she would not sleep with him if he did not put the revolver back, he shot himself.

MINERS' BALLOT IS UNCERTAIN

Reports Show Voting Result Scouts Anticipation.

Reports coming in today from the international election of the United Mine Workers of America indicate uncertain results.

A report from President Frank Farrington of the Illinois district declares that John L. Lewis, president, and Philip Murray, vice president, have failed to come Illinois. A majority having voted for Robert Harlan of Washington State and Alexander Howat of Kansas for president and vice president, respectively.

Farrington declares he has been re-elected president of the district.

A report from Terre Haute declared that unofficial returns from fifteen local unions in District No. 11 indicated the result is uncertain. It may be necessary to hold another election in order to obtain the necessary majority.

The indications were, according to the report, that Ed Stewart, candidate for re-election for the State presidency, and John Hessler are running close with William Schmidt, the third candidate, running far behind.

William Mitch is heading the district ticket by a big majority for secretary-treasurer, according to the report. The vote for president was scattered among a large field of candidates.

International officials at the headquarters here refused to comment on these reports. They declared they had received nothing from the officials of the district, who are as fast as they come in. It was indicated Indiana's vote would not be in until after Jan. 1.

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