

SEARCH MADE FOR 'YEGGMAN' BELIEVED SHOT

Cops Surprise Safe-Crackers at Work in West Washington Street.

FALLS WHEN SHOT FIRED

Detectives today are watching hospitals and offices of physicians in their search for "yeggman" believed to have been shot by police officers who surprised him while breaking open a safe in the office of the Standard Oil filling station, Gelsendorff and West Washington streets, early today.

The police turned the surprise party into a wild west show with plenty of gun play, but the youths escaped. Patrolmen J. J. Sullivan and Willis Thompson saw the window shades of the office were drawn and went to investigate. Peeking in they saw a man battering the door of the safe with a bat. The man, a burly man, Thompson was at the window of the office and Sullivan was at the door. Thompson fired one shot at the burglar and the "yeggman" fell backward.

BURGLAR CRIES

"YOU'VE GOT ME," cried the burglar, as he lay sprawling on the floor. Thompson, believing he had shot the burglar, turned and pursued another man believed to have been the lookout for the safe breaker. As Thompson left the window the burglar staggered to his feet and Sullivan fired at him through the glass of the door. The burglar ran and jumped through the window. Thompson had left unguarded and sped east on Washington street. The policeman fired, but the fugitive escaped by turning into Blackford street.

When the emergency squad under Sergeant Dean arrived they found the yeggman and the watcher both had escaped. Motor Policeman Dalton was prowling through a junk yard a half block from the filling station when he saw a man jump from a hiding place and run. The yeggman, Dalton fired five shots at the man. The emergency squad in an automobile joined the pursuit when they heard the shots fired. However, the suspect escaped in an alley near Blake and Gelsendorff streets.

DOOR LEFT OPEN

An investigation in the office of the filling station showed the "yeggman" had battered the hinges and combination from the safe, and had forced the heavy pitch bar in at the top of the safe door. The door was all but open when the burglar was discovered. The yeggman was wearing Army trousers and a cap. The police found an Army overcoat and a cap, a pinch bar, and a sledge hammer at the filling station.

The men are not the same burglars who robbed the Standard Oil filling station at Meridian and Thirtieth street, the police say. The men who robbed Meridian and Thirtieth were described as "expert safecrackers" while the thieves who were surprised in the West Washington street filling station of the same company are described by the police as "amateur safecrackers," but "professional runners."

The West Washington street filling station has been robbed before, but it has been some months since burglars visited the place. Some months ago another filling station two blocks west of the Standard Oil Company's station was robbed by "yeggmen" who hauled the safe away. It never has been found.

THINK TAYLOR GAVE LIFE TO SHIELD WOMAN

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the good name of an innocent motion picture star.

The district attorney's staff believes Henry Peavey, Taylor's negro valet, is withholding valuable information regarding Taylor's private life which might lead to apprehension of the murderer.

They contend he holds the key to solution of the mystery; that he knows the motive for the crime and may possibly know the slayer.

Peavey's remark, "I expected it," when he discovered Taylor's body, and his statement that he was willing to discuss the negro's unwillingness to discuss the case, convince officials he is unconsciously shielding the murderer through a mistaken idea of loyalty to his employer.

MORE LETTERS ARE FOUND

Another collection of letters from women has been found in Taylor's house. The names of the women are unknown. It is understood the missives bear the signatures of many different women. They all are sought by detectives for questioning as to their whereabouts the night of the murder.

The sweetheart of Edward F. Sands, former valet of Taylor, and one of the suspects, is reported to have visited Woolwine and to have given him information which may lead to Sand's apprehension.

She is the woman who, heavily veiled, slipped into Woolwine's office Sunday night, according to this report.

She determined to tell the authorities all she knew when Sands "threw her over" for another woman. Ever since this girl has been shadowed in expectation. Sands again has been reported as being used as human bait to lure Sands into the hands of the police. So far, however, he has refused to bite. Captain of Detectives Adams maintains Sands has knowledge of the crime if he is not actually the murderer.

Charles Jones, former police chief, who is assisting in the investigation, stated that the inquiry has exonerated many suspects.

Among the persons he had talked with are attorneys for some movie stars.

THIN MONEY WAS TINY

The \$250 check which Taylor drew the day before his death was to buy liquor, according to the most recent police theory. Taylor had a well stocked private cellar, police said.

Taylor checks are providing many new leads. Examination of his check stubs show he gave large sums to many movie stars without getting any notes or other security from them. These movie people are being asked why Taylor gave them money. One theory is that Taylor may have had a large sum to a man or woman who preferred killing him to paying the debt.

William A. Plunkerton, head of a national detective agency, refused to deny or affirm a report he had been hired by the Famous Players Lasky Company to run down the murderer. Adolf Zukor, head of the Famous Players Lasky Company, has started an investigation of the tragedy, but without revealing in whose interests he is acting. As yet no reward has been offered by the film company, but it is understood a substantial payment will be made for information leading to an arrest.

A new jealousy clew has been developed in the questioning of witnesses during the last few hours, Woolwine said. These witnesses include police officers H. Kearin and R. E. Almontz, of the Hollywood station.

ACTRESS' ADMIRER NOW IMPLICATED

Woolwine said a young man, known to have been infatuated with a movie actress, has been implicated. He would discuss it no further and refused to say to what actress he referred.

The "blessed baby" letters have been returned to their owner.

Mabel Normand, famous screen actress,

CANDIDATE FOR RUSSIAN THRONE



The Grand Duke Cyril Vladimirovitch has been chosen by the Russian monarchic congress now sitting in Belgrade as a candidate for the Russian throne. The photo shows the grand Duke with his wife and two daughters.

Police Find 'Mule' Buried Under House

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Police officers today found a jug containing half-gallon of "white mule" buried under the home of Mrs. Maude Sexton, 923 Chase street. Mrs. Sexton went to the back yard to pump water, and a strong smelling odor boards had been removed from the side of the house. Upon investigation she discovered the jug. She called the police and the liquor was taken to police headquarters.

Three all of such notorious nature, they have absolutely no value except as they indicate the good fellowship which existed between Mr. Taylor and myself," it continued.

"Why, I should have dreamed of writing anything to him except of a light-hearted nature. Our whole friend-ship was based on the fact that he was a wonderful man and a generous man and many of my notes to him were requests for small contributions for my poor charities. I always gave small checks to the Little Sisters of the Poor, and I frequently asked him to make similar contributions.

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