

BURGLARS PUT IN DULL NIGHT IN QUIET CITY

One Bunco Game and Few Petty Thefts Reported to Police.

Criminal activity, which has been growing with startling speed in Indianapolis in the past few months, fell off to almost nothing last night following steps taken by Mayor Shank and the police department to make a thorough clean-up of the city.

Nothing more serious than petty thefts and the working of an old bunco game on a negro woman was reported to police headquarters and Desk Sergeant Otto Sime said it was the quietest night he had spent on duty in many years. For an hour and twenty minutes he sat at a light flashed on the telephone switchboard.

Joseph E. Hills, 1435 English avenue, had the experience of having his pockets picked, recovering his purse and losing nothing. The purse, which contained nothing but receipts and papers, was taken from Hills' Vinton avenue and Maryland street. A few hours later a mail carrier found it in a mail box at Noble and Bates street and returned it to its owner.

Fannie Drokings, 1401 North West street, was walking across the Vermont street bridge over the canal when a negro grabbed her purse, but fled when she hung on and set up a series of yells that brought the entire neighborhood to the scene.

Snak thieves obtained tools valued at \$12 from an automobile belonging to Alfred Cline, 3112 Broadway, while it was parked on the Circle.

Dr. H. Wheeler, 5256 North Illinois street, reported his medicine case stolen from his car.

Tillie Gurnell, negro, R. F. D. Box 28, was the victim of what the police call the "pocketbook game." She was standing at Ohio and Pennsylvania street when a well dressed negro asked her to recommend a bank where he could deposit his money. She told him where she kept her own account and at this point, a second negro, who said his name was Johnson, appeared. While he was talking, he stooped suddenly and picked up a purse containing \$100. He then said he had the large amount of money.

The first man, who gave the name of Clark, then said he would call the police unless Johnson agreed to split the money three ways. Johnson agreed to this, provided change could be obtained. It was then suggested Mrs. Gurnell make the change, but, in order to show good faith she put up \$20 and the negro accepted.

She agreed and Clark went with her to the bank, where she drew out \$100. The three then walked to Illinois and Vermont street to make the division and all the money was put together. Clark and Johnson then went into an automobile salesroom to get a bill changed, Mrs. Gurnell went with them.

After she had waited fifteen minutes or more she decided she had been bounced and notified police headquarters. No trace of the two negroes was found.

Julia Duncan, 1334 Cornell avenue reported a purse containing \$29.25 and a gold pin had been taken from a shelf at the Hotel Linden coffee shop.

NEEDS \$300,000 TO PAY DEBTS

Street Railway Company Must Have Still More.

Revenues of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company must be increased \$300,000 to prevent a deficit, but even this will not be sufficient to restore the company's credit, officials of the utility told the mayor's committee investigating the books of the company at a conference Monday night. The utility committee would not be led into saying that a higher fare must be granted to rehabilitate the company, but in response to a question, Robert L. Todd, president and general manager, said that if a higher rate were granted for a time it might be possible to go back to a fare of less than 5 cents.

Dr. Henry Jameson, chairman of the company's executive committee, said the company wants to regain the confidence of the people and to that end desires that there be clear thinking on the part of all persons considering the problem. It is to aid clear thinking, he said, that the committee submitted to the committee's eleven questions.

The questions were so framed as to bring out the contention of the company that it is not earning a fair return on the value of its used and usable property and that there is no water left in its capitalization.

The committee took the questions under advisement. Harry Boggs, accountant for the public service commission, whose service has been loaned to the committee, started on his survey of the utility's records.

Octogenarian Is Dead of Poisoning

SEELBYVILLE, Ind., April 4.—Mrs. Mary L. Hess, 80, a former resident of Indianapolis, is dead at her home here from poisoning. She was the widow of James Hess.

Kills His Daughter to Save Her Honor'

CHICAGO, April 4.—Vandalia Kandil, 60, is in the county jail today charged with shooting his 17-year-old daughter, Mary. He is said to have told the police he shot the girl to "save her honor."

Jap and Red Troops Clash, Say Reports

TOKIO, April 4.—Japanese and "red" troops of the Chinese revolution of the Far East, who have been clashing near Harbin, Siberia, according to reports reaching Tokio today.

Accounts of the affair were highly conflicting and left details unclear. It was not considered serious.

Clinton Man, Shot From Ambush, Dying

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 4.—Harry Davis, proprietor of a soft drink saloon at Clinton, was believed dying at a hospital here today of numerous wounds received when he was fired upon from ambush as he was leaving his establishment. More than forty shots were fired, several taking effect in Davis's head, body and legs. No arrests have been made.

Mrs. Forster Dies

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MULE KICKS FUN INTO CIRCUS



Meet T. N. T. but stay away from his feet. His front ones can't be trusted either as all four of 'em are made of dynamite. This mule kicks up lots of

fun at the Yankee Circus now on view twice daily under the auspices of the Marion County Council of the American Legion in the Coliseum at the Indiana State fairground.

Stick-to-it-iveness Is Required to Jockey T.N.T.

Temperamental Mule Provides Entertainment at Yankee Circus.

By WALTER D. HICKMAN.

TNT sounds like a new radio call. Taint that at all, but a pesky mule, dimpled feet and a disposition like Everett True.

TNT is so particular who rides him even an ordinary house fly knows better than to flirt with the back of this dynamite.

TNT is the frisky critter who causes children in their teens and those in their sixties to yell with joy at the American Legion Yankee Circus.

Ain't told by them who know a porous plaster can stick on TNT's back. If I was a weak little porous plaster that would be one stickin' job I would pass up. Dalesen will never grow on this mule's grave 'cause he would kick 'em off. Old age never will light on the TNT.

TNT certainly puts a temper into the legs of the audience more he kicks, the bigger the audience likes him. I was given a chance to interview TNT, but that is one job I passed up because I feared the interview would be too impressive.

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Speaking of animals, the circus has three well-mannered elephants. These beasts can be trusted by Patterson, a trainer, because he threw himself down in the sawdust ring and permitted one of the largest elephants to kneel over him.

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Patterson's elephants are well trained, but I am sure they will never become household pets.

One can't go to a circus without eating peanuts and candy, can he? The more peanuts one buys, the more successful is the circus. A sack of peanuts makes the whole world brighter. And the money this time goes to a worthy cause.

That is just my way of telling you the Legion circus is a sure enough circus with peanuts, candy, cracklejack, balloons, elephants, horses, and the rest of the gang.

CLOWN BAND LACKS HARMONY.

Strange things may be found in a horn played by a clown you have heard of before, but isn't watered music a new one? One member of the clown band has an awful time getting melody out of his battered instrument. Then he turns it upside down and enough water comes from the horn to start an infant flood.

And the clowns are "pinched."

One sure can't Lorette the policeman, nor it into his head Mayor Shank wouldn't approve of fightin'. So Lorette called the patrol wagon. Gosh, it came!

"If I don't pinch you, Mayor Shank will fire me," yelled Lorette as he bundled the offenders in the hurry wagon.

The Mayor Shank was there last night at the coliseum at the fairground helping the Legion boys and the circus performers out.

"I know this is a good circus because it is this afternoon," said the mayor. "It is a worthy cause, a great cause and need all the help you can give it."

The mayor introduced Orrin Davenport, noted circus performer, to the audience, and the night performance was off to a good start and a glorious finish.

The Beckman-Todd Trio leaped into favor by their stunts way up in the air. These aerialists make a splendid impression as they go through their act way up over the heads of the audience, they make you hold your breath, and when they fall, you breathe a sigh of relief as they drop into a net.

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EFFICIENCY

KOKOMO, Ind., April 4.—An egg ten inches in circumference, three and nine-sixteenths inches long and two and six-sixteenths inches in breadth was laid by a Buff Orpington hen owned by Frank DeMoss, living one mile south of Galveston.

The egg really is two, a hard-shelled egg being enclosed in the outer layer which has a softer shell.

Queen Anne Period Price \$225

Convenient Terms on Any Brunswick

Bruswick Shop

A Store---and More

124 N. Penn.—Opposite Keith's

RUSSIA WILL INSIST UPON RECOGNITION

Soviet Government Makes Clear Economic Demands.

ROME, April 4.—Russia will insist upon complete recognition at the Genoa conference, according to a statement made today by Vatslav Vorovsky, a member of the Russian delegation, who is in Rome. In an exclusive interview, Vorovsky said:

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POPE SEEKING WORLD PEACE

Vatican Said to Aspire to Part in International Politics.

ROME, April 4.—The Vatican is seeking to participate actively in international politics, according to information secured today from an authoritative source.

It is understood that Pope Pius XI is sending a note to the sponsors of the Genoa conference expressing the hope of the Roman church that it will bring about disarmament. Furthermore, it is expected that the note protests because the Vatican has not been allowed to take a direct part in the international political conferences.

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WASHINGTON, April 4.—Paul Henderson, Chicago, has been chosen second assistant postmaster general. It was learned in official circles today. Henderson is 42 years old, son-in-law of Congressman Madden, served in the World War with rank of colonel and now is engaged in the stone business. He succeeds E. H. Shaughnessy, who was killed in the Kneiferbocker Theater disaster.

VALPARAISO, April 4.—While examining a shotgun, with two companions here, Foster Resinger, 18, was fatally injured when the gun exploded, sending the contents of a shell into his abdomen.

ALL Streets point to the American Legion circus.

ATHENS, April 4.—The Asia Minor defense committee of Greece today addressed an appeal to President Harding protesting the return of Smyrna to the Turkish nationalists.

Smyrna was awarded to Greece in the treaty of Sevres. Then the Turco-Greek war broke out. Finally, in an effort to secure peace in the near east, the allied foreign ministers met at Paris and revised the Sevres treaty. Among the changes was the award of Smyrna to Turkey.

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