

POLICEMAN'S SLAYER ELUDES POLICE BY DOING OBVIOUS

BURGLAR THOUGHT TO HAVE STARTED RESIDENCE BLAZE

Roomers in House Discover Fire in Wardrobe—\$250 Damage Estimated.

It was believed today the fire that threatened the home of Mrs. M. C. Bishop, 1706 N. Talbot Ave., Thursday night, was of incendiary origin. The house caught fire from a match dropped by a burglar who had robbed a number of persons sleeping in the house.

Mrs. J. L. Wilson and her 1-year-old baby were awakened late Thursday night by the crackling sound made by a fire started in a wardrobe in their room. Taking the baby, Mrs. Wilson ran to the room of Mrs. Bishop, who telephoned to the fire department.

Roomer Awakened

Ernest L. Martin, a roomer, was awakened and fought the flames with buckets of water until the fire department arrived. Firemen put out the blaze with chemicals. The damage was estimated at \$250. Dresses of Mrs. Wilson were destroyed in the wardrobe. Firemen gave the cause of the fire as unknown in their report.

Developments in the investigation Friday proved that a burglar had robbed several persons in the house and probably had dropped a lighted match while searching the wardrobe in Mrs. Wilson's room.

Stolen Purses Found

Two purses stolen from Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Bishop were found by Donald Bishop, son of Mrs. Bishop, Friday in the yard. The purses had contained but a small sum of money. A watch taken from one purse had been dropped on the ground. Mrs. Bishop's pocketbook, which had a patent fastening, had been cut open and the money taken out.

The burglar had entered through an unlocked door. A prowler entered the house a week ago and was frightened from the place when a man in an upstairs room called to him.

ELOPEMENT PLAN FOILED BY POLICE

Man, in Jail, Still Determined to Marry Girl.

Still determined to marry her, Charles Garrison, 32, of 201 N. Belmont Ave., was in jail today charged with inducing Mary Thomas, 19, a ward of the State board of charities, to leave her foster home. The warrant was sworn by L. H. Millikan, of the State board of charities.

Garrison and Miss Thomas were overtaken at the Union Station May 12 by Motor Police Scholtz and Wedde while attempting to elope. Garrison was charged with vagrancy but was dismissed in city court.

When released today, his case was continued until June 12. He is held under \$5,000 bond.

Garrison, police were told, had been employed as cement worker at the home of Fred O. Lane, 551 S. Central Court, where the Thomas girl made her home.

"I cannot understand why they will not let me marry her," said Garrison.

Death Trial Opened

MT. VERNON, Ind., May 26.—In-sanity will be the defense of Frank Hoch, charged with killing John A. Koch, manager of the Hoch Coal Company, Oct. 2. Koch's management of the coal company, of which Hoch's sister, Margaret Hoch, was secretary-treasurer, led to a business quarrel between the men.

Inheritance Tax Approved

An inheritance tax of \$2,890 assessed on the \$158,875 estate left by Mrs. Mary J. Evans was approved by Judge Mahlon E. Bash in Probate Court today. Mrs. Evans left the bulk of her property to her son, Edgar H. Evans. She made several bequests to charitable organizations.

Roads Reach Best Condition

Three thousand miles of gravel and stone roads in the Indiana highway system are in the best condition since the commission was organized in 1919, John D. Williams, department director, said today.



SEWER YIELDS JEWELRY; POLICE SEEK OWNERS

Articles Found By Cleaners Include Bracelets and Lockets.

Detectives today sought owners of jewelry found in a bucketful of mud taken from a sewer at Division and Ray Sts. The articles are thought to have been thrown in the sewer by a hard pressed burglar.

The jewelry: Pair of Scottish Rite cuff links; a locket engraved "B. H. M." a bracelet inscribed "Walter to Lucille"; watch fob and locket marked "E. S." a heavy fob watch chain; a Maccabean locket engraved "I. S. L." and gold reporter's badge with the name "Ellis Seares."

Seares, editor of the United Mine Workers Journal, is out of the city.



WHITFIELD FLED HE TOOK WITH HIM MARIE PRICE, FT. WAYNE, IND., GIRL SHOW HERE. THE GIRL NOW IS IN CUSTODY. THE OTHER PHOTO IS THAT OF WHITFIELD, WITH MUSTACHE SHAVED OFF.

John Whitfield, With Price on Head, Reverses Criminal Code and Evades Posse in Amazing, Intuitive Way—

Is He Master Mind or Blunderer?

By NEA Service CLEVELAND, May 26.—Fool or fox? Master mind or blunderer?

Which is John Leonard Whitfield, wanted here for the murder of a policeman?

Hundred criminals, in story book and reel life, avoid the beaten paths. Their conduct is painted with esoteric maneuvers to avoid detection.

They do the unusual and are caught.

But Whitfield, spark plug salesman de luxe, alleged thief and killer, reversed the criminal code—

And escaped, hurling derision at the nation-wide dragnet set to apprehend him.

Eleven days after he is alleged to have left the body of his victim lying warm in its rough, shallow grave—off a lonely road near Cleveland, Whitfield was trapped in Madison, Wis. And then once more, acting on his amazing, intuitive faculty of "doing the obvious," he slipped away.

Throughout his entire flight, while a nation hunted with orders to "shoot to kill," Whitfield did the obvious. Whether he out-thought the police, whether it was blind luck, or whether he was a rank blunderer, must remain for the reader to fathom. Obtained Revolver

On May 11, Patrolman Dennis Griffin, with a fellow officer, arrested Whitfield on suspicion of having stolen spark plugs.

Police say he operated on a wholesale scale. They contend he obtained the spark plugs through connivance of persons under his control.

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