

# 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 Purse 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 over taken at the Union Station May 12 by Motor Police. Scholtz and Weddle 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  
By Times Special

MT. VERNON, Ind., May 26.—Insanity will be the defense of Frank Hoch, charged with killing John A. Koch, manager of the Hoch Coal Company, Oct. 3, 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 \$2,390 assessed on the \$158,875 estate left by Mrs. Mary I. 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.

Best Routes Indicated

The following are preferable routes from a number of points to Indianapolis: Chicago traffic may go south to Danville, Ill., east to the State line and over State Rd. No. 33 in Indiana, through Covington and Veederburg to Crawfordsville; south over State Rd. No. 32 to State Rd. No. 31, one east over No. 31 through Bainbridge and Danville to Indianapolis.

Springfield, Ill., traffic may come east to Danville, Ill., and follow the same route through Indiana as described for Chicago traffic.

St. Louis, Mo., traffic should take the National Rd. through Terre Haute and Brazil. About six and one-half miles east of Brazil detour south two miles; drive east about four and one-half miles; north two miles back to the National Rd. at Reesville; east on National Rd. to Manhattan and detour to the left through Greencastle; follow a general easterly direction to the National Rd. west of Stilesville; thence over National Rd. into Indianapolis. These two detours are the only ones on the National Rd. in Indiana.

Evansville Visitors Expected

Evansville traffic should follow State road No. 10 to Vincennes and Bruceville; on State road No. 12, through Sanborn, Worthington and Spencer to a point directly opposite Martinsville; thence over State road No. 22 to Indianapolis.

Louisville traffic should follow State road No. 1 out of New Albany, through Scottsburg to Crothersville;

detour west at Crothersville, through Dudleytown to Seymour and follow road No. 1 through Columbus and Franklin to Indianapolis.

Madison, Ind., traffic should come by State road No. 26, through Vernon to Columbus and over State road No. 1 to Indianapolis.

Lawrenceburg and Aurora traffic should follow State road No. 4 to about one mile west of Versailles, thence on State road No. 6, through Osgood, Greensburg, Shelbyville to Indianapolis.

Cincinnati traffic take State road No. 42, out of Cincinnati, and go to Harrison, Ohio, on State line; follow State road No. 34 in Indiana, through Cedar Grove to Brookville, thence on State road No. 39, through Rushville to Indianapolis.

Columbus, Ohio, traffic should follow the National road out of Columbus, through West Jefferson and Springfield to State road No. 27; take No. 27 into Dayton, west to Eaton, follow Ohio State road No. 249 to the Indiana State line, and then over National road in Indiana through Richmond, Cambridge City and Greenfield to Indianapolis.

South Bend traffic may follow State

field to Indianapolis. This route is in good condition and there are no detours.

Cleveland, Ohio, traffic should come by way of Medina, Wooster, Ashland, Loudonville, Mt. Vernon and Sunbury to Columbus, and then follow the same route as described for Columbus traffic. A detour between Sunbury and Columbus should be in fair condition.

Cleveland traffic also may come via Oberlin, Norwalk, Fremont, Perrysburg and then follow the route described below for Toledo traffic.

Toledo, Ohio, traffic should proceed by way of Wauseon, Bryan, Edgerton, following Indiana State road No. 17 from the State line through Butler to Waterloo; south on State road No. 46 out of Waterloo to Auburn; through Auburn over the Custer trail to Ft. Wayne. (Traffic should go one-quarter mile to the west at the Dekalb-Alton County line and take the Auburn road into Ft. Wayne. From Ft. Wayne traffic will follow State road No. 11 through Roanoke, Huntington, Marion, Alexandria, Anderson, Pendleton to Greenfield and then west on the National road to Indianapolis.

South Bend traffic may follow State



## 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:  
A 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 watch chain; a Maccabee locket engraved "I. S. L." and gold reporter's badge with the name "Ellis Seales".

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



WHEN 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.

## From Far and Near

Washington D. C. rum runners are using a smoke screen contrivance on fast automobiles.

The old \$100,000 damage to the business district of Duquoin, Ill., early Saturday.

Governor Pinchot signed a bill requiring teaching of the constitution in Pennsylvania schools.

Mabel Garrison, Metropolitan Opera Singer, undergoes operation in New York.

Five hundred thousand gallons of oil burned at Rochester, N. Y.

Heavy floods are spreading terror through the Volga valley in Russia.

Harry Black is building a house at the Plaza Hotel in New York, eighteen stories above the street.

The Chicago Tribune will issue an oceanic edition for sale at sea.

Great Britain has signed recognition of Arab independence.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon will visit England within six weeks.

Four motor boats patrol the Detroit River in search for rum runners.

An army scandal being tried at Madrid threatens to implicate King Alfonso.

Editor Notari of the Milan "Ambrosino" has challenged Editor Clancia of the Rome "Mono" to a duel.

Fifty-two officers and men were wounded by an explosion on the Danish cruiser Geyser.

France's birth rate has decreased 11 1/2 per cent this year.

Samuel Gompers sees little hope of steel industry abandoning the twelve-hour day.

The White House refused to confirm American Legion Commander Owsley's statement that Harding will sign a bonus bill if passed by Congress.

Private broadcasting stations in Philadelphia are being used to send out radical propaganda, police say.

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John Whitfield, With Price on Head, Reverses Criminal Code and Evades Posses 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.

Whitfield wanted to say good-bye to his wife. The officers allowed this. They had searched him. After going with him to the second floor, the policemen permitted him to enter a bedroom alone. While there, he slipped a pistol in his pocket.

Whitfield and Griffin started for the police station in the former's shiny, blue roadster. In the traffic the other officer, following in a second machine, was lost sight of. Whitfield, say police, reached his pocket. He pulled the pistol and shot himself to liberty and Griffin to death.

Bonus Uniform  
He drove to a lonely, abandoned road, near Chagrin Falls, outside of the city. There, police charge, he stripped the body. He built three fires and tried to burn the uniform.

In a story book he would have buried the clothing in the grave prepared for the nude body. Brass doesn't burn so easily and Griffin's numerals, "14," indicating the police precinct, were found, together with brass buttons and the remains of a club.

Whitfield's grave was shallow, crude, obvious.

Here enters another unnatural slant.

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## Masons Have Charge of Funeral Rites



JAY B. SUCSECE.

## JAY B. SUCSECE, EX-MONON OFFICER, CALLED BY DEATH

Local Man Was Veteran in Railroad Business—Funeral Monday.

Scottish Rite masons will have charge of the funeral of Jay B. Sucece, 79, ex-general superintendent of the Monon railroad who died Friday at his home, 123 N. Linwood Ave. Services will be held Monday at Shirley Brothers chapel, 946 N. Illinois St. at 2:30 p. m.

The Rev. Walter L. Ewing, pastor of Irvington Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

Mr. Sucece, born in Canton, Pa., began his railroad career as a freight brakeman on the old O. & M. Railroad, which is now the B. & O. S. W.

For fifteen years Mr. Sucece was trainmaster at Lafayette. Later he became superintendent, with headquarters in Chicago.

He remained superintendent for four years when he retired temporarily, and moved to Indianapolis, assuming the position of supervisor for the Big Four railroad. He had lived in Indianapolis for twelve years.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Adeline Sucece; one son, Alfred M. Sucece of Chicago; two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Johnson of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Mrs. Jennie Tague of Los Angeles.

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But not Whitfield. When he reached the door, he saw a street car coming. And just as it was nearly abreast he shoved the officers aside, and ran in front of the car, which served as a shield for the fusillade of bullets that were loosed.

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## MARBLE CHAMP TO BE PICKED JUNE 2

City Contest Will Be Played in Willard Park—Winner Gets Trip to Atlantic City.

The final games to decide the marble championship of Indianapolis will be held at the Willard Park playground, Washington St. and State Ave., at 2 p. m. next Saturday, June 2.

R. Walter Jarvis, superintendent of parks and playgrounds, has promised to assist in conducting the games. Twelve sectional champions will participate. There will be two preliminary sets of games, six players in each set. Each set will play three games. The player in each set who has the most marbles at the end will be declared winner of that set. The two winners will then play for the championship.