

# BANDITS STAGE TWO DAYLIGHT HOLD-UPS

## EARLY MORNING BLAZE DRIVES 4 FROM RESIDENCE

,\$800 Estimated Loss—  
Woman Dragged From

Bed by Friend.

Four persons were forced to leave their home in their night clothes early Sunday when fire burned the first and second story of the W. T. Cox home, 2175 N. Pennsylvania St., and did \$1,800 damage.

Mrs. Essea Elkes, a roomer, was awakened by the flames bursting through the ceiling. She awakened her room-mate, Miss Edna Logsdon, and Mr. and Mrs. Cox.

Thought Alarm Joke

Miss Logsdon jokingly told how habit nearly caused her to encounter great danger. Daily Mrs. Cox aroused her by telling her she was on the phone, or that the house was on fire. She said she was up to find herself the victim of a joke. Sunday she laughed, she said, when Mrs. Elkes yelled, "Fire!"

Sparks Cause

Suddenly she said she felt herself being dragged out of bed by Mrs. Elkes. Slipping on a kimono and fled with the others. They took refuge next door. Firemen and sparks on the roof caused the fire.

A defective flue at the home of H. Matthews, living a mile and a half from the city limits on Arlington Ave., destroyed the house Sunday morning. Firemen were helpless with water. Loss was \$1,500.

The residence of H. B. Perryman, 35 Byram St., was destroyed by fire of unknown origin at 10:30 a.m. today. The building was a story and half frame dwelling. Delay in sounding the alarm made the fire department's effort futile.

## TILL LAUGHS AT LAW

Carly Birger Remains at Liberty  
Despite Murder Warrant.

**United Press**  
HARRISBURG, III., Jan. 3.—Charles Birger, the machine gun gangster, continued to laugh at the law as he evaded arrest on charges of being an accomplice in the murder of Mayor Joe Adams of West City. Birger, at his home here, chuckled over the warrant for his arrest and which has not been served by Sallie County authorities. The warrant is sworn out in Franklin County. Authorities refused to discuss the case.

Birger denied he had met Carl Shelton, leader of an opposing gang, whom he claimed to have beat \$500 would kill before New Year's Day. According to reports, Birger and Shelton met on Marion streets without hostilities.

## REGG FUNERAL HELD

Friends From Other States Attend  
Rites for Cleaner.

Funeral services Sunday for W. S. Gregg, 77, head of Gregg & Son, dry cleaners, at Spiceland, are attended by many friends and relatives from over the State and a number from other States. Mr. Gregg died Friday at the Methodist hospital.

The body lay in state at Spiceland from Saturday afternoon until services at 2 o'clock at the Spiceland Friends Church. Employees of the Gregg company were pallbearers. Mr. Gregg was in Spiceland Cemetery.

## EIGHT SCHOOL POPULAR

Course at School 8 Has Big Enrollment.

An increase in the present enrollment of eighty is expected at the eight school at Public School 8, Lexington and Virginia Aves., which opens for its second semester tonight, declared Miss Alvin, State principal, today. Interest in the school was evinced during the first semester by the enrollment in the various classes, twenty students having signed up in the 7A class, forty in the eighth grade, sewing class fifteen, and the foreign class twenty-eight.

## OLD FASHIONED FAMILY REMEDY FOR COLDS, GRIP AND PNEUMONIA

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## Cupid Keeps Pace With the Age

The "stop and go kiss" is the fashion here now. No more does the youthful driver swear when the stop sign flashes. He just extends the right arm and commences the osculation.

Sunday night at Michigan and Meridian Sts., the honks of impatient motorists punctured the atmosphere, when the sign read green without response from the lead car.

Number two car glided up alongside.

A feminine shriek, disentanglement and a hurried get away.

## Far and Near

LONDON—American and French manufacturers are engaged in a price-cutting war designed to break the British monopoly of the raw rubber market. British manufacturers said they could not make further cuts to compete with foreign tires.

PEKIN—This former Manchu capital is in danger of eclipse by the upstart city of Wuhan, which has been proclaimed the nationalist seat of government by the Cantonese invaders from south China. Wuhan is a new municipal entity composed of three adjacent cities—Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang.

BAGDAD—Sir Samuel Hoare, British air minister, and Lady Hoare, have arrived here en route by air from London to Delhi, British India.

BUENOS AIRES—Four hundred Brazilian rebels encroached upon Uruguayan territory, according to a dispatch from Montevideo, and were interned. Another group of rebels was reported to be retreating before federal troops in the state of Rio Grande Do Sul.

NEW YORK—Known holiday liquor fatalities here have mounted to more than forty. The number of patients received in alcoholic wards reached 222.

GARFIELD—A leaky gas main led to an explosion which destroyed a one-story frame house here. Twelve persons were hurt, three seriously. Damage was estimated at \$100,000.

OSSINING, N. Y.—Sling Sing Prison is prosperous. Inmates' deposits in the prison bank total \$24,000, one-third more than at the beginning of 1926.

MT. VERNON, N. Y.—Richard Keffer's automobile was loaded with hay and apples as it left White Plains. The load attracted a deer. Keffer said he was chased five miles by the deer before he had presence of mind to pitch out some of the apples, the animal then stopping for lunch.

DETROIT—For the next ten days E. L. Tyson, chief announcer for Station WWJ, Detroit, is going to keep his mouth shut, literally. Two months ago, in attempting to eat a tea biscuit in toto, Tyson strained a ligament in his jaw. For twenty-four hours he was unable to close his mouth. A dentist eventually tripped the "key-log" and restored Tyson to a fairly usable degree of his former mouth action, but not wholly. On advice of his dental surgeon, the announcer is submitting to wiring of his upper and lower jaws together for a ten-day rest period from all jaw action. He will skip his food meantime.

WOMAN GOVERNOR OUT

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 3.—America's first woman Governor, Nellie Taylor Ross, Wyoming's chief executive, shed her mantle of office power today. Defeated in the November election, Mrs. Ross left her office to Frank C. Emerson, the successful candidate. Elected two years ago to the unexpired term of her husband, Mrs. Ross received the largest majority ever given a gubernatorial candidate in this State.

2-CENT NEWSPAPER

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The New York World (morning), today reduced its price in greater New York from 3 to 2 cents. Ralph Pulitzer, publisher, in explaining the reduction, said: "To the World a stationary circulation is a stagnant circulation and the half million dollars a year which the extra cent brings in cannot begin to pay for even the risk of stagnation."

## Flooded Nashville Through Aviator's Eyes



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Here is the plight of Nashville, Tenn., at the peak of its inundation as seen from the air—in one of the most remarkable flood pictures ever printed. Great residence, commercial and industrial areas of the State's capital city were submerged as if by a tidal wave when days and days of torrential rains sent the Cumberland River on an unparalleled

rampage. Thousands were driven from their homes and much of the city's business life was paralyzed. Districts of the city between which lowlands intervened were accessible only by boat. The huge bridge over the Cumberland, at the upper right of the picture, stood out above the flood, but the ends of its approaches were under water. In the lower right-hand corner is the Tennessee capitol.

## POLICE LOOK FOR DRIVERS FIGURING IN QUEER MISHAPS

### Three Accidents Under Investigation—Three Injured at Crossing.

Three mysterious automobile accidents, following which the participants fled, were being investigated by police.

Police sought two men injured in an auto wreck at Oakländon, Ind., on a charge of auto theft. Thomas Hamilton, garage owner, at Oakländon, told police the men were cut and bruised, and he drove them to New York and Douglass Sts., where they told him to wait until they went inside and got money to pay him. When they failed to return, police were called.

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Hits and Runs

The driver of an auto that struck one driver by William Brown, negro, 1042 N. West St., at New York St. and Massachusetts Ave., failed to remain on the scene. Brown said the other car hit a parked auto and then his. The driver leaped from the car and ran.

Believing that when a switch engine passed, the track was clear and also thinking that the watchman signaled favorably, Christy Metcalfe, 31 of 1454 Lee St., Sunday night drove his auto on to the Big Four Railroad crossing at Harding St. to be struck by a passenger train.

Metcalfe and his son, Christy, Jr., 2, were cut about the face and head

## DRIVEN TO DEATH BY 'LIFE IN FULL'

### Three on Threshold of Manhood Commit Suicide—'Futile and Barren,' One Writes.

By United Press

AURORA, Ill., Jan. 3.—Convinced that he had experienced everything that life had to offer, Joe N. Moore, a 21-year-old University of Illinois student, killed himself here Sunday.

Moore left a note in which he told of his determination to die because he had lived "life in full."

The son of a wealthy doctor of Guanajuato, Mexico, Moore was visiting with his sister here. He seemed in the best of spirits.

Just before ending his life, he had chatted with the family, listened with interest to the radio, and then whistled while he climbed the stairs. A few minutes later those in the house heard a shot and an investigation revealed Moore dying from a bullet through his head.

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Although each was yet on the threshold of manhood, that life held nothing more for them.

Rigby Wile, sophomore at the University of Rochester and son of Dr. Irvin S. Wile, noted specialist in mental diseases, was found shot to death in his father's home yesterday. In a letter to his father he said he had concluded life was "futile and barren" after comparing his ideas with those of the great philosophers.

The other youth, Alfred Kehoe of Brooklyn, had his twenty-first birthday on New Year's eve. Early Sunday his body was found under the Washington bridge in Manhattan. He had leaped to the speedway from the lofty viaduct. Kehoe had been slightly lame from birth.

In his pocket was a note to his beloved. He said he was "too queer" to marry her and hoped she would marry another man and be happy.

and one car was thrown onto the tracks. The drivers, Andrew Soltis, Whiting, Ind., and Ray Swan, Chicago, immediately began a fist fight, each blaming the other.

While the fight was underway a train rounded a curve. Two children in the automobile on the tracks managed to escape by leaping, but a woman, Mrs. Helen Wachowiak, was probably fatally injured when she failed to get clear of the train.

The two men stopped fighting long enough to call the police. Then the fight was renewed. Police found them fighting and it was necessary to separate them several times on the way to headquarters.

A species of rat found in New Guinea dangles its tail in the sea as bait for fish.

—By Williams

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Two automobiles collided near an electric line

## POISON ALCOHOL REMAINS IN ISSUE BEFORE CONGRESS

### Some Members Feel Death Too Severe for Violating Unpopular Law.

Times Washington Bureau, 1222 New York Avenue.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Congress continues disturbed by deaths throughout the country due to poisonous alcohol. The anger aroused by Wayne B. Wheeler's remarks at the White House that persons determined to violate the constitution should be permitted to "commit suicide in their own way" was somewhat appeased by Secretary Mellon's announcement that his department is endeavoring to find a method of denaturing industrial alcohol without rendering it poisonous.

Dade Fields, negro, of 371 W. Twelfth St., said he was at Roanoke and North Sts., when two negroes took his billfold and \$14.25.

Ralph Greerhaus, Columbus, Ohio, visiting with Edward Schneidler, 423 E. Thirty-Third St., reported that they were walking at Ohio St. and Capitol Ave., at 11 p. m., Dec. 31, when two white men held them down and took a watch and \$3.60.

Marlin White, 1142 McDougal St., was walking at Shelby and McDougal Sts., New Year's Eve, when three men in a roadster drove up to the curb, one alighted inquiring the time. White told police the man drew a gun and took \$12.50 and a watch.

Purse Snatched

Mrs. Martha West, 1716 Sheldon St., said she was walking at Sheldon and Seventeenth Sts., when a Negro took her purse containing \$5.

Mrs. Agnes Wathen, 2225 Sheldon St., was walking at Twenty-Second St. and Arsenal Ave., when a Negro walking in front of her turned and told her to put up her hands. She said she bit his finger but he seized her purse valued at \$5 and a fountain pen and ran.

Paul Eudaly, 502 Dorman St., reported his barber shop looted and tools and equipment valued at \$100 taken.

A porch climbing burglar entered the home of John F. Morrissey, 74 E. McCarty St., and took clothing.

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## Robbers Get Loot From Grocery and Filling Station—Eight Reported Over Week-End.

Two daylight hold-ups this morning brought the hold-up robbery total in Indianapolis to eight.

Shortly after 9 a. m., a white bandit about 23, wearing a patched trousers and coat, held up the Kroger Grocery and E. Vermont St. and obtained \$35.

After looting a while with Ray Morton, manager 610 E. Twenty-Fourth St., the bandit pulled a gun and commanded Morton to "give me your money." The bandit ordered Morton to stay in a back room or "I'll shoot you."

### Oil Station Robbed

Two bandits robbed the Western Oil Station, 2401 N. Harding St., at 7 a. m.

A dirty-faced bandit, with his left knee protruding through a burst trouser leg, a bleeding nose and slightly under the influence of liquor, robbed filling stations within fifteen minutes, Sunday night.

Early today two men drove into the Western Oil station on Harding St., with drawn revolver, one of the bandits cautioned Alva Caldwell, 3181 N. Harding St., attendant, to move his hands carefully, but to open the cash register and hand him the contents. Caldwell told Lieut. Fred Winkler he did as commanded. After the bandit took \$35.25 he ran to the auto and sped away.

Winkler said there is possibility that the grocery bandit may have committed the filling station robbery.