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SPURS POLICE
TO NEW DRIVEMore Property Is Stolen in
First 57 Days of 1928,
Worley Finds.

MORE ALSO RECOVERED

Unemployment Increase Is
One Big Factor, Is
Chief's View.

Five figures at the foot of a column spurred Police Chief Claude M. Worley today to drive his men harder toward suppression of thievery in Indianapolis.

The numbers disclosed that \$13,880 more in property was stolen in the first fifty-seven days of 1928 than in the same period of 1927.

Police continued to roundup loiterers and charge them with vagrancy.

Twenty-nine were booked on vagrancy charges Monday night and questioned today. Four were found in a blind barge and the others loitering poolrooms and on the streets. Many admitted that they had not been working for some time and were unable to explain their means of support, Chief Worley declared.

"Men found working or able to give a good account of themselves will not be bothered," the chief said. "But we believe that these safe robberies were home talent affairs and we want to put an end to them."

The chief was not admitting that his men have fallen down, despite the wave of twenty-six burglaries over the week-end.

His reports showed that his men have recovered more stolen property during the first period this year than last. The crooks just have been active that the police have not been quite able to keep up.

Unemployment Spurs Crime

The increase in the number of unemployed has added to the problem, Worley says.

"We have no professional crooks to speak of in Indianapolis," said Worley. "It is comparatively easy to spot them and drive them out. But it's not so easy to keep track of the constant raw recruits being added to crookdom's army. The type of most of the crimes clearly shows that they are committed by desperate, heedless youngsters."

From Jan. 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, police listed \$344,813 worth of property stolen in the city, of which \$284,895 was recovered. This left \$59,918 as net profit for the crooks.

During the same period last year, \$30,932 was stolen and \$281,197 recovered, leaving \$49,015 in the hands of thieves. The department has recovered \$2,978 more so far this year.

Number of Thefts Up

The number of thefts has increased with the loot. So far this year, 1,393 thefts have been investigated, 118 more than during the first fifty-seven days of 1927.

Since Jan. 1, police have cleared up, by arrests or property recovery, 1,186 cases, 120 more than last year.

Burglaries have increased, but robberies decreased, tribute to Worley's policy of keeping roving squads on the streets at night. The burglaries this year have totalled 298, compared with 214 last year. Robberies have dropped from 126 last year to 114 this year.

Automobiles continue to be the easiest property stolen. To date 527 cars have been reported taken, of which 487 have been recovered. Last year 539 cars were stolen and 479 recovered, the police showing improvement in this line.

Police not only have recovered more stolen property this year, but have arrested more persons in theft cases. This year's arrest total is 519, compared with last year's 457.

FAIL IN PHONE APPEAL

Judge Chamberlin Rules He Has No
Authority in Practice Case.

Circuit Judge Harry O. Chamberlin ruled Monday that he has no authority to pass on an appeal of the Associated Telephone Company from an order of the State Public Service Commission, denying authority to purchase fourteen small telephone companies in northern Indiana.

When the State commission denied the request in July, the company appealed to Circuit Court, where new evidence was introduced. Judge Chamberlin submitted it to the State which reaffirmed its original opinion.

The State provides that an appeal may be taken into the Circuit Court of the county affected by the order, Judge Chamberlin held Monday. He claimed Marion County is not the place for the appeal.

WINS STATE CAMPAIGN

Vermilion Farm Bureau Honored
Today at Newport

State farm bureau officers participated today in an all day program at Newport for presentation of an American flag to the Vermilion County Farm Bureau earned by canvassing every county in the State for membership.

Five hundred members were obtained compared with 361 last year. Women of the county received a purple and gold banner for obtaining more members than any other county in the Fifth district.

State officers present included L. L. Needler, secretary; W. T. Martindale, organization director; Lewis Taylor, taxation division director; Mrs. Verna L. Hatch, social and educational director, and Oscar Larm, Fifth district director.

Political Boss Who Loves Bridge, Drama Backs Hoover



By NEA Service

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 28.—Because of an American auction bridge champion's regard for Representative Theodore E. Burton, Ohio is once more an important battle ground in a pre-presidential campaign.

Maurice Maschke, the man who tipped over the political apple cart in Ohio by his decision to support Herbert Hoover against Senator Frank B. Willis in the Ohio primaries, tells you that the prospect of opposing Burton in his "last political fight" was abhorrent to him.

"I have been a consistent follower of Burton ever since I have been in politics," says Maschke. "He found an issue in Senator Willis, and that, more than any other reason, is why I am supporting Herbert Hoover, for Burton's night on Willis, I believe, will be his last political fight."

Although Maschke has been in politics since 1895 and for a good deal of that time has controlled Republican politics in and around Cleveland, he is a strange figure of a political boss—strange, that is, when measured in terms of the popular conception of a political boss.

HARVARD graduate, lawyer, keen student of the drama and one of the finest bridge players in the country. He doesn't smoke cigars, he doesn't wear fancy vests and he refuses to make speeches—probably because he is such a poor speaker.

Clear the Way

Claude Mathews, 34, of 2317 W. Morris St., wanted to cross the Big Four tracks at S. Holmes Ave. in his automobile Monday night. A freight train was in his way. He sped his machine and knocked the freight train off the tracks.

Today he faces charges of driving while intoxicated.

According to Otto Streis, 43, of 2234 N. LaSalle St., conductor on the train, the trucks were knocked from beneath; one of the cars and eight were derailed before the engineer could be notified.

John Cowell, 60, of Mansfield, Ohio, a passenger with Mathews was charged with intoxication and operating a blind tiger. Police allege that he had a half pint of liquor with him.

PRISON TERM
WON BY PITISentence Man Who Escaped
Chair as Slayer.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Francesco Caruso, who escaped the electric chair, because everybody pitied him, was sentenced today to ten to twenty years in prison for killing Dr. Casper Penello.

Sentencing was imposed by County Judge McLaughlin in Brooklyn.

Caruso, an illiterate Italian laborer, killed Penello, because he blamed him for the death by diphtheria of his son, Joseph, 6. Caruso thought anti-toxin injected by the doctor had something to do with the death.

Caruso was sentenced to die, but Clarence Darrow, Arthur Garfield Hayes and other prominent persons interested themselves in his behalf, insisting that his offense was not first degree murder but a crime of sudden passion, due to more to sudden passion than to criminal intent.

The court of appeals at Albany reversed the conviction and he was given a new trial, at which he pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

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