

100 BOMBINGS MARK RACKET'S DETROIT ENTRY

Chicago 'Artists' Extort Toll
From Businesses, Big
and Small.

This is the seventh of a series of articles on racketeering by James P. Kirby, staff writer for The Times and NEA Service and tells the story of Detroit.

BY JAMES P. KIRBY
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DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 18.—One hundred bombings have signaled the entry of the Chicago racketeer into Detroit.

The metropolis of the automobile world was the inevitable target of the racketeer, and the Chicago artists, schooled in the methods of exacting tribute from business large and small, have made their impression.

As in other cities, the dry cleaning industry promised the most fruitful point of entry, and accordingly the bombings began when business men resisted the efforts of the racketeer to extort the tribute demanded.

But Detroit's proximity to the Canadian border is the source of either and more perplexing problems than the operations of the racketeer.

Booze Racket Unique

The booze racket in Detroit is unique in that running liquor across the Detroit river is accomplished with amazing facility, and accordingly attracts from other cities big time operators who invest large sums in whisky to be trucked into other cities.

Affiliations of Chicago racketeers with local talent, notably the "Purple Gang," were accomplished and greatly facilitated the dry cleaning racket, as well as hijacking and kidnapping of racketeers from other cities with money to spend for whisky.

Thus, with a liquor problem unique, Detroit was in no mood to temporize with lesser rackets.

Accordingly, nine persons prominently identified with the dry cleaning racket were placed on trial for conspiracy and extortion.

Besides the bombings, kidnappings, etc., in the dry cleaning war there have been three murders which police attribute to the "Purple Gang."

Other incidents include the arrest of Chicago "organizers" found to be in possession of guns in downtown hotels, and the recurrence of the methods common to the Chicago operators.

Trials Are Delayed

The trials of the extortionists which began early in the summer came to a deadlock when the presiding judge was taken ill. Throughout the summer, the defendants have been at liberty on bond. It is expected, however, that the trials will be rescheduled.

Interest in the cases was heightened by the attempts to call Frank X. Martel, head of the Detroit Federation of Labor, as a witness. Before the suspension of the trial, Martel at different times refused to appear and at other times could not be found to testify.

With the resumption of the trials of the alleged extortionists, testimony will be introduced to indicate the extent of their operations. One dry cleaning firm went into bankruptcy as a result of the amount it was compelled to pay the racket for protection against bombing and for the safety of its trucks. The tribute reached \$100 a week before the firm closed.

Among the rackets in operation in Detroit is that of kidnapping saloon keepers, bootleggers and others and hold them for ransom.

The rackets in operation also include extortion from bootleggers, alcohol dispensers and others by Detroit policemen. A number have been dismissed from the force on conviction of such offenses.

Next: The Racket in Cleveland.

Chevrolet Bros. to Build Motors Here Similar to One Used in Derby Plane



RENEW RANSOM DEMANDS FOR KIDNAPED BOY

Two More Letters Received
by Father, Both Containing
Death Threats.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—Two more letters were received today by A. Frank Ranieri whose 10-year-old son, Billy, has been in the hands of kidnappers here for the past three days. Both letters renewed threats of death for the boy unless demands of the kidnappers for \$15,000 are met.

Police, meanwhile, captured three new suspects who picked up a decoy package supposedly containing the money for the boy's return. Their names were not revealed.

With federal authorities aiding in the hunt, six men in all are held in connection with the kidnapping.

Ranieri told authorities he had paid Angelo Pettiti, one of those held, \$5,000 upon the promise that his son be returned.

Pettiti said the boy would be placed in a suburban garage, Ranieri said. The garage was surrounded. It was believed that the gangsters saw the officers when they approached with the boy. Then, according to police, the boy was "re-kidnapped."

Shortly afterward, Ranieri received another note telling him to leave \$10,000 near a downtown department store. A fake package was placed in the designated position and police spent a night watching it, but no one appeared to take the bundle.

The three men suspects were arrested when Ranieri, pretending to follow instructions in another letter, left a package containing blank paper in an alley. The trio approached and as they began to open the package were arrested by waiting officers.

\$5,000 HOUSE BURNED

Two-Story Residence on Arnolds Ave. Is Destroyed.

A spectacular blaze at the home of Mrs. Minnie Irving, 907 Arnolds Ave., early this morning destroyed the two-story frame residence at an estimated loss of \$5,000.

Scores of spectators watched fire fighters battle the flames. The house was empty when the blaze started from defective wiring. Mrs. Irving returned to see her home a mass of flames.

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Tiny Trick Engine Among
Leaders When Forced
From Race.

When J. W. Hunt, who was a contestant in the class A transcontinental air derby, landed at Hoosier Airport, he brought an Indianapolis motor back to its home town. It is one of the first experimental airplane motors to be built by Chevrolet Bros. Manufacturing Company, makers of racing automobiles.

Hunt was forced down here Sept. 6 with carburetor and spark plug trouble. He left Roosevelt Field, Long Island, at 5 a.m. Sept. 5, and was in fourteenth place among the thirty-eight competitors when he made his first landing at Norton Field, Columbus, Ohio.

Hunt's "Lone Eagle," equipped with the smallest motor in the nation at ninety miles an hour, competed class A division with a top speed with planes capable of doing 150 per hour. The "Lone Eagle" was constructed at Moundsville, W. Va.

Start Building Motors

Announcement that Chevrolet Bros. would immediately begin production of the new type of high-compression airplane motor was made Saturday. The new motor represents an attempt to apply to the aviation industry mechanical principles which have been worked out in automobile racing.

Hunt's plane is equipped with a four-cylinder motor, air cooled, with overhead camshafts, and has a dual magneto ignition system. Oil line breakage, responsible for countless airplane motor failures, is eliminated with a lubrication system without oil lines, the oil being forced through channels drilled in the motor casings.

The weight of the Moundsville plane, powered by the new Chevrolet motor, is 780 pounds. It is a two-seat sport plane with a cruising radius of 350 miles. It will be marketed at \$2,800.

Praises Hoosier Airport

Hunt has spent several years in commercial aviation and now is connected with the Ohio Valley School of Aeronautics in association with Charles Facig, designer of the "Lone Eagle."

"My wife doesn't fly and is determined to keep my 16-year-old son from taking to the air," explained Hunt, "so I guess he'll have his feet on the ground for some time yet."

Indianapolis has great possibilities as a future airport city, declares Hunt, adding that every large city should boast a creditable aviation club. "Otherwise, the air student who has completed a 40-hour course at \$250 hasn't access to planes for practice flying."

Hunt expected to leave Indianapolis today, but spoke of intended winter visit and complimented the Hoosier field where his plane has been stationed since he dropped off at the air derby ten days ago.

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BARE UTILITIES DRIVE AGAINST PUBLIC PLANTS

Anti-Municipal Ownership
Campaign in Iowa Revealed in Quiz.

BY CECIL OWEN
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WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—A campaign of Iowa utility interests to retard a movement for municipally-owned power plants in that State was described today as the Federal Trade Commission resumed its investigation of the power industry.

Municipalities where the sentiment in favor of a publicly-owned plant was strong were circularized with literature designed to persuade the citizens against taking such a step, H. P. Weeks, director of the Iowa section of the National Electrical Light Association, testified.

In addition, Weeks said, his organization distributed 165 copies of the utility propaganda magazine each month among members of the Iowa State Legislature. This publication, Public Service Magazine, is issued in Chicago by H. J. Gonden. A \$150 check to Gonden was placed in the record.

Other checks showed weeks' association paid Walter E. Schwab, an Iowa City consulting engineer, for making a survey in 1924 of rates charged by existing city-owned plants. Weeks said the plan was to show private utilities charged less. At the time, Schwab was a part-time instructor in Iowa University. A second survey was made in 1926, after Schwab left the college.

Propaganda work among Iowa women was undertaken by Weeks' group.

Payment of \$676 to the railroad audit and inspection service was shown by another check, dated Jan. 27, 1925. This was for a study of oil engines as motor power in utility plants, Weeks said.

Cross-examination developed that the study was intended to combat a movement for towns to operate their own utilities with such power. Weeks testified.

MARDI GRAS ARRANGED

Riverside Civic League Will Celebrate Anniversary.

The seventeenth anniversary of Riverside Civic League will be celebrated with a Mardi Gras festival Saturday afternoon and evening at Municipal Gardens.

FARMER TO GET RELIEF, CURTIS TELLS INDIANA

G. O. P. Help Is Pledged by
Candidate in Address
at Evansville.

By Times Special
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 18.—The Republican party's agricultural record was spread before the Indiana farmers here Monday night, when Charles Curtis, Republican nominee for Vice President, addressed 5,000 persons who crowded the auditorium.

Governor Ed Jackson, Lieutenant Governor Harold F. Van Orman, Harry G. Leslie, gubernatorial nominee, and State candidates and Republican leaders were here to welcome the vice presidential nominee.

The farmers' distress, Curtis said, was occasioned by the post-war drop in prices of agricultural products after farmers had been encouraged to cultivate larger tracts of land, to raise more cattle and hogs, and to increase crop production.

"While the farmer was producing and selling at greatly reduced prices and in some instances, at a loss," said Curtis, "the prices of the things which he had to buy did not drop in proportion to those he had to sell." The result was that the farmer was harder hit than any other class. The situation was acute and quick relief was required. It was given by the Republicans.

Principal measures enacted by Republicans to afford this relief, said Curtis, included:

The Farm Loan Board, providing money to resume lending on farm property.

The intermediate farm credit act of March, 1923, to establish a flexible banking and credit system under supervision of the Federal reserve act.

The Capper-Volstead act, giving the farmer the right to engage in collective buying and cooperative selling.

The Curtis-Aswell bill, creating an interstate farm marketing association.

The Butter Standards Act of 1923, to prevent the market from being flooded with imitations of butter "which were driving genuine butter out of the market."

"Without the help which the Re-

Baby Brother



THIN BLUE LINE 'TAKES' DENVER

1,500 G. A. R. Veterans
Open 'War' Encampment.

By United Press
DENVER, Colo., Sept. 18.—The Grand Army of the Republic, although only 1,500 strong this year attacked Denver today.

A "war" bulletin issued from G. A. R. national encampment headquarters said "we have attacked the city and found it receptive."

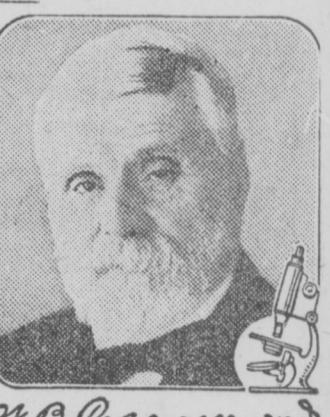
From Maj. W. H. Mershon, 83.

"the drummer boy of Shiloh," who lives at Winchester, Ind., and is perhaps one of the youngest veterans here. Fred Williams of Long Beach, Cal., who claims the record age of 101 years, the boys in blue engaged in one of the greatest "play time" encampments of the army.

Today in hotel lobbies, in parks, and on street corners where hospitable green benches have been placed for the veterans, groups of gray-haired men gossiped, told stories, sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord."

Ninety-year-old war nurses found themselves girls again as the veterans made themselves acquainted with any one wearing the insignia

Prescription He Wrote in 1892 is the World's Most Popular Laxative



When Dr. Caldwell started to practice medicine, back in 1875, the needs for a laxative were not as great as they are today. People lived normal quiet lives, ate plain, wholesome food, and got plenty of fresh air and sunshine. But even that early there were drastic physiques and purges for the relief of constipation which Dr. Caldwell did not believe were good for human beings to put into their system. So he wrote a prescription for a laxative to be used by his patients.

The prescription for constipation that he used early in his practice, and which he put in drug stores in 1892 under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, is a liquid vegetable remedy, intended for women, children and elderly people, and they need just such a mild, safe, gentle bowel stimulant as Syrup Pepsin.

Under successful management this prescription has proven its worth and is now the largest selling laxative in the world. The fact that millions of bottles are used a year proves that it has won the confidence of people who needed it got relief from headaches, biliousness, flatulence, indigestion, loss of appetite and sleep, bad breath, dyspepsia, colds and fevers.

Millions of families are now never without Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, and if you will once start using it you will also always have a bottle handy for emergencies.

It is particularly pleasing to know that the most of it is bought by mothers for themselves and the

children, though Syrup Pepsin is just as valuable for elderly people. All drug stores have the generous bottles, or use this free coupon:

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