

LINER'S STEWARD HELD AS 'KEY' TO GEM SMUGGLING

JEWELER AND DAUGHTER, COP ALSO NABBED

Admits Bringing in Uncut Diamonds on 12 Trips of Berengaria.

LIKE FICTION TALE

May Lead to Breaking Up of Sneaking Vast Amounts Each Year.

United Press
NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—A jeweler and his 20-year-old daughter, the chief steward of the liner Berengaria and a smiling patrolman awaited grand jury action today in an alleged conspiracy to smuggle "approximately \$500,000" worth of uncut diamonds into this country from England.

Meantime United States treasury agents abroad sought other members of a "ring" or "rings" said to have brought into this country annually from \$35,000,000 to \$50,000,000 in uncut jewels without paying the 20 per cent duty fixed on such goods.

In particular they sought a man said to have been described by Ballyn as "L. Steele," who allegedly handed him the diamonds in Southampton, England, whenever the Berengaria sailed for New York.

Reads Like Fiction Tale

The story of the arrests reads like a fiction tale. For years Antwerp and Amsterdam, Europe's big diamond centers, knew that gems were being smuggled into the United States. Uncle Sam, who lost \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000 yearly in duties, knew it, too.

So did jewelers protective association in New York and elsewhere. The latter, composed of retailers who were "undersold" by the importers of duty-evading diamonds, particularly were anxious to identify the smugglers.

It generally was understood that the dishonest importers paid the "ring" 8 per cent of the value of the goods smuggled. This left them a neat 12 per cent profit.

Treasury agents worked years to find the smugglers. They kept a close watch at docks. Saturday they met the Berengaria at quarantine, outside of New York and questioned Ballyn for two hours.

Size \$50,000 Worth of Gems

Ballyn, handsome and popular, who often sang for the Berengaria's passengers, including the Prince of Wales, seemed astonished at the charge. But the agents found in his package a package of some \$50,000 uncut stones.

The liner pulled into the dock. Two detectives who had noticed his familiarity with John T. McIntyre, traffic patrolman at the dock, arrested the policeman on suspicion.

They ordered Ballyn and McIntyre to walk along the dock and turn a corner in West street. The detectives followed close behind.

On West street, a short, darkish man rushed up and greeted Ballyn effusively and McIntyre warmly. When police arrested him, he gave the name of Morris Landau, John street jeweler.

Smuggled on 12 Trips

The detectives went to his store. There they arrested his daughter, Frances, who appeared bewildered by it all. They examined Landau's entry books, and found he sometimes entered receipts of Berengaria on dates when the Berengaria reached New York.

The agents claim to have wrung a confession from Ballyn that he smuggled diamonds on twelve trips. According to this confession,

Rides Lift for Uplift



BUS REROUTING MOVE UPHELD AND ATTACKED

Park Board Members Hear Three Hours' Debate; Decide Thursday.

Park board members today pondered the petition of the Peoples Motor Coach Company to route a bus line to Butler university, from the Circle to Thirty-sixth street on Meridian street, while the echoes of three hours' debate rang in their ears.

The proposal was argued at a hearing in the council chamber Monday afternoon. The board will announce its decision Thursday.

"Public service" and "city pride" were the war cries of the opposing factions.

David E. Watson, Peoples Motor Coach attorney, declared the company was attempting to furnish service demanded by the northwest section and made necessary by the opening of Butler university. Meridian street, he said, offered the logical route, because Delaware street already has two bus lines and Capitol avenue is congested.

Argues for Buses

Busses are not damaging to pavements and not a menace to the lives of pedestrians, he argued. Neither would they aggravate traffic congestion on Meridian street, he said, because inauguration of bus service there would induce many north side motorists to ride the busses rather than their own cars.

Emsley W. Johnson, Butler trustee, stressed the necessity for improved transportation facilities in a letter.

David A. Coulter, realtor, said: "It will come eventually, why not now?"

Others for the route were George J. Marott, owner of the Marott hotel, who said nine out of ten guests favor the bus line; George Buck, Shortridge high school principal, who said Shortridge students will need the added service when the school is opened at Thirty-fourth and Meridian street; P. C. Slack, of 4630 Hinesley avenue, who said bus service on Meridian would save girls and women the annoyance and embarrassment of being invited to ride downtown in the cars of businessmen; and Miss Anna Warren, Butler co-ed, who said Butler girls are afraid to walk to the present Fairview car line in the dark.

Coffin Against Move

Charles F. Coffin, vice president of the State Life Insurance company led the attack on the proposal. "This whole matter from top to bottom is not one of public good, but private gain," he said.

He described Meridian street as a historic thoroughfare of "distinction and beauty," which should be preserved as one of the city's showplaces. He read a letter from Dr. Robert J. A. Butler, president in which he says he would not approve the Meridian street line if it would align many north side residents against the university.

Coffin insisted Meridian street should not be used, because of the danger to pupils in Cathedral high and parochial schools, Tudor hall and new Shortridge.

Others Assail Proposal

Others declared buses would ruin the pavement, wreck property values, drive prominent citizens from the mansions which beautify the thoroughfare, increase traffic conditions and impair lives.

They included A. M. Globrenner, 3210 N. Meridian street, E. O. Sneathen, representing the Indianapolis Federation of Community Civic clubs; Mrs. John M. Judah, 3138 N. Meridian street, representing the Women's Association of Meridian street; Mrs. St. Clair Parry, 3220 N. Meridian street; John Bremond, 3138 N. Meridian street; Todd Stoops, secretary of the Hoosier Motor Club; John L. Niblack, deputy prosecutor, and Walter O. Pritchard, attorney for the Hoosier Motor club.

CITY UP IN BUILDING

Indianapolis reached seventeenth place in the volume of building permits in America in October with a total of \$2,381,580 in new construction listed during the month.

The new figure is an increase of \$825,000 over the cash value of new buildings begun in October, 1927.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to the police as having been stolen:

Thomas Hendricks, 1211 Herbert street, Oldsmobile touring from 1225 Herbert street.

Floyd M. Petty, Rural Route C, Box 120 K, Chevrolet coach, 695-537, from Capitol avenue and Ohio streets.

Hubert Cox, 837 Prospect street, Whippet sedan, 632-034, from 917 Virginia avenue.

John Doty, 2335 West Michigan street, Hupmobile touring, 660-795, from 2335 West Michigan street.

Dr. Charles A. Pfafflin, 1844 North Pennsylvania street, Kissell sedan, 46-485, from Ashland avenue and Tenth street.

Ort Herron, 2334 North Dearborn street, Ford roadster, 705-185, from Riverside park.

Dr. H. L. Hummons, 729 1/2 North West street, Buick coupe, 15-543, from 729 1/2 North West street.

Harry Jones, Trafalgar, Ind., Ford sedan, 700-623, from 1225 West Morris street.

G. L. Hammons, 2334 North Dearborn street, Ford coupe, 654-138, from Bloyd and Keystone avenues.

Feed Your Dog

Champion Old Trusty, Miller's A-1, Dog Food, 15c lb.

1 lb. 50c; 10 lbs., \$1.00. Also Dog Remedies.

KEN-L-RATION, 3 cans, 45c; 7 for \$1.00.

EVERITT'S SEED STORES

5 N. Ala. St. 32 S. Ill. St.

You Shave!

United Press
SIOUX CITY, Ia., Nov. 20.—Al Wissler made a bet on the election. If Al Smith lost, said Al Wissler, he would not shave for four years.

Al Smith did lose and Al Wissler didn't shave—until today. His wife objected to the whiskers and Wissler induced the other party to the wager to let him off.

TALK BOOSTER CLUB

Young Business Men Meet to Plan Organization.

Two hundred young Indianapolis business men met at the Banner Furniture Company store Monday night to discuss advisability of forming a booster club.

Eugene E. Whitehill, manager of the Banner company, was elected president, and will select committee to assist with organization.

L. L. Dickringer, city librarian, addressed the meeting both by radio over WFBM and later in person.

Superior Judge Byron K. Elliott pointed out the need of a definite program.

Others, who spoke were Wallace O. Lee, F. D. Staley, Johnny Hennessey and George Lemcke.

HINTS SOVIET CRASH

Finances About to Collapse, Says Trade Expert.

By United Press

LONDON, Nov. 20.—The financial collapse of Russia is imminent according to ministerial statement made in the House of Commons Monday.

Outlining the reasons why Russian orders for goods are excluded from government guarantee of payments extended to British merchant on orders from approved foreign customers, Captain Hacking, secretary of the overseas trade department, said:

"It is unwise to stand under a crumbling scaffold. Russia today has no exportable surplus of grain and her credit under a steadily decreasing balance of trade obviously will become much worse."

"What will happen within a year, I hesitate to say."

HUNT SCHOOL DIVES

Campaign Begun to Break Up Student 'Speakeasies.'

By United Press

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—Police moved today to end the selling of liquor to school children, believed to be practiced by a number of places here.

Evidence that saloons, masked as ice cream and chile parlors, have been running full blast, was brought out after the killing of William Adamaytis, 18, a student, by Anthony Juskus, proprietor of an ice cream parlor.

E. K. Yellowow, prohibition administrator, detailed a squad of agents to investigate liquor conditions around schools.

William F. Russell, commissioner of police, has ordered district captains to watch all suspected saloons near schools and raid them on first evidence of a sale.

The school board will take steps to eliminate saloons around schools.

H. Wallace Caldwell, president, said:

WINDER WILL SPEAK

On Program of Annual Convention

WOMAN KILLED, TWO INJURED, BY BOY AUTOIST

Youth Is Held on Charge of Manslaughter; Auto Strikes Engine.

Hit Monday night by an automobile as they were waiting for a street car at Miley avenue and Michigan street, a woman was killed, her son injured seriously, and a man companion hurt critically.

The woman was Mrs. Mollie Mulkey, 48, of 1920 West Vernon street. Lloyd Mulkey, 28, of 966 Udell street; her son and Roy W. Flora, 32, of Mitchell, were the injured.

All three were dragged almost 100 feet before the driver of the car, Crin Ellulis, 19, of 913 North Sheffield avenue, was able to halt his machine.

Mrs. Mulkey died of internal injuries, while her son and Flora both suffered fractures of the left leg and severe cuts and bruises.

Ellulis was arrested on charges of speeding and involuntary manslaughter. The story he told conflicted with that of witnesses and his companion in the machine, Wayward Bartlett, 18, of 574 North Pershing avenue, who declared Ellulis was driving between forty and forty-five miles an hour at the time of the accident.

Disregarding the danger signal at the Madison avenue crossing of the Indianapolis Union Railway at 4:30 this morning, Arthur Skelton, 3338 Madison avenue, drove his automobile into a Pennsylvania railroad engine.

Sections which will be abandoned are those routes between Lebanon and Brazil and Anderson and Muncie. Among points where stations will be closed are: Muncie, Daleville, Advance, New Ross, Ladoga, Waveland, Sand Creek, East Rockville, Bridgeton, Carbon and Brazil.

He was thrown out of his car and suffered a scalp injury and body bruises. The engine was in charge of E. H. Horstman, 134 N. Sheffield avenue.

Sam Legenos, 48, of 20 North Liberty street, is in a critical condition at city hospital today, suffering from head injuries incurred when he was struck by an automobile Monday night.

John Steeg, 41, of 4623 Broadway, driver of the automobile, told police Legenos walked into the path of his car at East and Washington streets.

LIBRARIES TO CLOSE

Indiana Association Holds Meeting Thursday.

REVIVE OLD CIVIC CLUB

The old Commercial Club will be

Death Calls



FLOOD HITS 4 STATES; 16 DIE, LOSS MILLIONS

Thousands Homeless; Levee Breaks Waste Farm Lands.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—Sixteen dead, several thousand homeless and property damage running well over \$10,000,000, were indicated today in reports from the flooded areas of Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky.

Thirteen of the deaths occurred in Kansas and three in Kentucky where tributaries were overflowing their banks in the worst November floods in this region ever experienced.

Levees crumbled at Quincy, Illinois, raising waters of the Mississippi upon 12,000 acres of rich bottom lands on both the Missouri and Illinois sides of the stream at that point.

The Missouri river was racing down across Missouri from Kansas City to St. Louis and going out of its banks at many points.

In Kentucky the Cumberland and Kentucky rivers inundated parts of five counties in the eastern part of the state, drowning three men at Terjerry, where a bridge was carried away by driftwood.

South central Kansas, in the region of Augusta, Winfield and Arkansas City, was counting its losses after the receding of the waters of the Walnut and Arkansas rivers.

Weather bureau predictions today called for cloudy but warmer in the midwest for the balance of the week.

600 Made Homeless

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Six hundred persons in Harlan, Ky., were made homeless by the flood waters of the Cumberland river. Red Cross headquarters here was advised today.

Asbury Cecil, representative of the Red Cross in Cincinnati, has been ordered to make a survey.

LUDLOW TO SUPPORT POSTAL PENSION BILL

Promises Retired Employees to Fight for Measure Now in House.

Louis Ludlow, representative-elect in congress, promised support to the Dale-Lehman bill providing pensions for retired postal employees at a meeting Monday night of Branch 4 of the Association of Retired Postal Employees at the English. The bill passed the Senate and is in the house.