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SWAMP IS SET AFIRE TO BURN OUT GANGSTER

Pursuers Close in to End Wild Chase by Train and Auto.

By United Press
NYACK, N. Y., Jan. 23.—Sought by a posse of deputy sheriffs, state troopers and national guardsmen, Vincent De Metro, New York gangster, today hid behind trees and rocks in a burning swamp near New York City.

In De Metro's wake left a constable so badly beaten he is not expected to live, a 60-year-old man who put the gangster to flight and a railroad conductor nursing a battered jaw.

Train Is Halted

De Metro appeared at Ossining State hospital here while employees were being paid. Special Officer Walter Edmonson, in uniform, approached him. De Metro fled, driving off in a laborer's auto, with Edmonson following in his own machine. At Tappan, the fugitive leaped onto a train moving out of the station to Weehawken. The officer fired at him, the bullet passing through a window, hurting no one.

Conductor Edward Stewart grappled with the gangster, who floored him. The engineer had thought the pistol shot was a torpedo signal to stop, and halted the train. De Metro was caught between Edmonson and two officers, Edmonson taking the gangster with him in his car.

Judge John W. Hill in Piermont held De Metro for assault and attempted robbery.

Botes Off Finger

Constable Theodore Berwaldt was ordered to take De Metro to New City jail. Just outside of West Nyack, De Metro snatched his handcuffs down on Berwaldt's head, and turned the automobile into a telephone pole. The car overturned.

Berwaldt reached for his revolver, but before he could produce it, De Metro bit a finger off his right hand. Under the wreckage, De Metro found a wrench and beat the constable insensiblly, fracturing his skull and gouging out his right eye.

Sheriff John McNee organized a posse, and ordered the swamp set afire. After flames roared through the heavy grass and cat tails, the posse entered. Jersey troopers guarded boundary line roads. Bear Mountain bridge was closed and the Bear Mountain park police started a search in the preserve.

De Metro took the handcuff key from Berwaldt's pocket, released himself and waited until Leon R. Dunkley of New York City drove by. De Metro jumped onto the running board of Dunkley's auto, struck Dunkley with a wrench and ordered him to drive through West Nyack, passing West Nyack, Dunkley refused to go farther and put up such a fight that De Metro fled into a swamp.

SHORT ILLNESS ENDS IN DEATH OF PIONEER

Former State Inspector Dies in Indiana Christian Hospital.

Cory Mull, 71, of 2507 Ashland avenue, formerly employed by the Indiana inspection bureau, died Tuesday night at the Indiana Christian hospital, after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Ruth Mull Poynter, daughter, with whom he lived, and a granddaughter, Miss Margaret Ruth Poynter, survive.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 o'clock, Friday morning by the Oriental Lodge at the Ragsdale and Price funeral chapel. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

LOCAL MAN ACCUSED

Faces Charge of Stealing Woman's Purse at Evansville.

By United Press
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 23.—Lou B. Davis, Path Exchange Company representative, Indianapolis, was granted a continuance when arraigned in city court here today, charged with stealing a purse containing \$15 from Miss Alma English, telephone operator, at a local hotel.

Davis was arrested Tuesday night just as he was boarding a train. His baggage was searched and according to police, a purse which Miss English identified was found. He was released under \$1,000 bond.

EXPLAINS TRAM PLAN

Kiwanis Club Hear City Engineer's Proposal for Changing Car Lines.

Kiwanis Club members heard City Engineer A. H. Moore explain his plan for rerouting street cars to avoid downtown congestion at a luncheon today at the Claypool.

Moore proposed that lines which make a downtown loop be connected with lines in the opposite section of the city, making only through routes. The business men of the city are divided on the plan, it is said.

EVANS' E-Z-BAKE FLOUR

AT ALL GROCERS

Given Honors**BUDGETS CLOG LAWMAKING IN CONGRESS MILL**

Senator McKellar Argues Plan to Relieve Mellon of Tax Refunds.

By PAUL R. MALLON
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Appropriation bills continued to clog the legislative machinery of Congress today. The senate debated the first deficiency appropriation bill and the house continued consideration of the District of Columbia measure.

Senator McKellar (Dem., Tenn.) occupied most of the senate's time for a plea for adoption of his amendment to transfer from the treasury department to the board of tax appeals the power to make tax refunds exceeding \$10,000. Secretary of Treasury Mellon opposed the measure.

Cruise Bill Next

The McKellar amendment may be ruled out before it can come to a vote. It is the last important amendment to the deficiency bill and once disposed of the measure is expected to pass without further delay.

It contains an amendment by Senator Harris (Dem., Ga.) increasing the appropriation for prohibition enforcement by \$24,000,000.

The cruiser construction bill will become the next order of business. Prolonged debate and perhaps a filibuster is expected on this measure, the most controversial of all the business still pending before Congress.

What the miners and mine operators need right now," he said, "is not legislation, but orders for ten or twelve million tons of coal."

Of the 208 coal mines in Indiana only one-third are operating, and these only a couple of days each

day. Daily said.

Indiana miners are in shape to produce a grade of coal to compete with any produced in the United States, Daily said. "But 1928 production in the state dropped to 11,260,707 tons, the lowest figure since 1911, when 9,571,288 tons were mined."

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Exhibits to Be Opened by Manufacturers.

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