

## BARE SWINDLE IN SLAYING OF ROTHSTEIN AID

Murder Threat May Seal  
Lips of Business Man in  
Huge Booze Plot.

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WASHINGTON, March 13.—A man, reputed to be a notorious rum runner with offices in New York, may be indicted as the result of the murder of Thomas (Fatty) Walsh, bodyguard to the late Arnold Rothstein, New York gambler, it was learned today.

Walsh was killed recently in a Coral Gables, Fla., hotel. Tuesday it was revealed his death occurred not as the result of a card game quarrel but because of an international liquor conspiracy involving a \$1,000,000 cargo of pre-prohibition American rye whisky.

Federal agents have been working on the case since Walsh's bullet-ridden body was discovered sprawled in the Florida hotel room. Two theories were advanced for his murder. First, the card game quarrel, and second, because of his connection with Rothstein.

### Two Theories Discarded

Both were discarded when it became known Walsh was involved in the liquor conspiracy through which a prominent New York iron and steel man lost \$172,000.

Indictment of the alleged rum runner will depend upon how far the New York business man is willing to go to recover his money, federal authorities said.

The business man, regarded by federal officials as the victim of a trio of "sharers" has been threatened with death unless he drops efforts to recover the \$172,000.

A notorious New York gangster is said to have called upon him in his mid-town offices and persuaded him, with the assistance of a pistol, to "forget about it."

According to information gathered by government investigators, Walsh and the alleged rum runner called upon the business man and suggested purchase of a quantity of American rye whisky held by Cuban authorities for non-payment of taxes.

### Loses His \$172,000

The two explained the whisky could be purchased for approximately \$200,000 and resold to American tourists in Havana for five times because of the scarcity of American whiskies.

The business man put up \$172,000. The whisky was purchased and loaded on a Cuban schooner, without the business man's knowledge. A Cuban lawyer, a member of the Cuban congress, was called in and made a technical libel against the schooner and liquor for \$100.

Walsh and the alleged rum runner, acting for the business man, did not protest the libel, so the liquor was seized and resold to Walsh, the alleged rum runner and the Cuban lawyer, leaving the New York business man out of the deal and out his \$172,000.

### Quarrel in Hotel

Walsh and the alleged rum runner met in the Coral Gables hotel to discuss means of leaving the Cuban lawyer also "holding the bag." A quarrel ensued, investigators said, which resulted in Walsh's death.

The other conspirator flew back to Havana and last Saturday the liquor cargo left Cuba on board the schooner. Its last location was reported off Guan Key, near the Florida mainland.

### COLLECTS AUTOGRAPHS

Marion Woman Has Names of  
Nearly 100 Prominent Persons.

By United Press  
MARION, Ind., March 13.—Miss Edith Sweetser Smith, daughter of Mrs. S. H. Smith of Marion, has in her collection of autographs those of Charles A. Lindbergh and his mother, Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh.

Names of many of the foremost persons in the United States, including authors, artists, educators and statesmen, are in Miss Smith's collection. The collection totals nearly 100. On his personal stationery, General Pershing wrote "John J. Pershing, June 23, 1927."

### Memorial Fund Sought

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 13.—A campaign is being conducted on the Indiana university campus to raise funds for a scholarship in memory of Mrs. Frances Skerne, former instructor in the university music school and wife of Professor Axel Skerne, former professor of piano.

### Road Hearing Thursday

By Times Special  
MARION, Ind., March 13.—Walter Bridges, representing the Indiana tax board, will conduct a hearing on a remonstrance against a \$33,500 bond issue for improvement of the Gillespie road, here Thursday. Petitioners have asked that the road be paved.



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## Judges to Rise



## URNS BACK ON MILLIONS FOR COWBOY MATE

Two Weeks Absence Test  
Sends Society Girl Back  
to Husband.

By United Press  
HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 13.—In a simple Hollywood apartment a Chicago girl, who turned her back on millions, sat in the arms of her stalwart cowboy husband today and said she had found love and with it happiness.

She is Mrs. George Gillespie, formerly Katherine Thorne, daughter of Robert C. Thorne, one time president of Montgomery Ward & Co.

She and the man with whom she eloped have come safely through a two weeks' separation, a test imposed by her father so they might decide whether they were really in love.

"My feeling didn't change and neither my husband's," she said. "I have done what I promised my parents I would and have made my choice."

Mrs. Gillespie's mother, father and brother-in-law, having failed to convince her that she had made a mistake, were reported en route to Chicago.

"My father's attitude?" the bride said hesitantly. "Well, I wouldn't say that he had given his approval."

The Gillespies are living in an apartment that, compared with the bride's former surroundings, is poor. But to them it is their home and probably will be for some time. Gillespie is working as an extra in pictures.

"If the movie work runs out he can get something else," the young wife explained, hopefully.

"You see, we have to live either in California or Arizona because of my husband's asthma," Mrs. Gillespie said.

"My parents made some sort of an attempt to show that I had been kidnapped when we eloped, but I am 21 and it is my life I'm living."

"I don't like to seem an undutiful daughter, but we are in love and a husband has some right, you know."

"When I got married I fully was aware of what I was doing. I am more sure of that than ever, after the two weeks' separation. The only thing George has done, as I see it, is to love me."

"He could not help that any more than I could. I am sure that my father's money did not influence our marriage. My husband stands to gain nothing but me and he seems satisfied."

The premier's wife points out that the family fortune has suffered by his patriotic devotion to his country.

Poincare, instead of earning nearly a million francs a year as a lawyer, is paid 180,000 francs annually as president of the council. He is paid as a senator. The two salaries together give him far less than he spends.

Two Killed in Motorcycle Crash  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 13.—Two men were killed in head-on collision between a motorcycle and a truck here today. The driver of the truck and a passenger escaped injury. The dead: Morris Shapira, 35, and John P. Hornett, 32.

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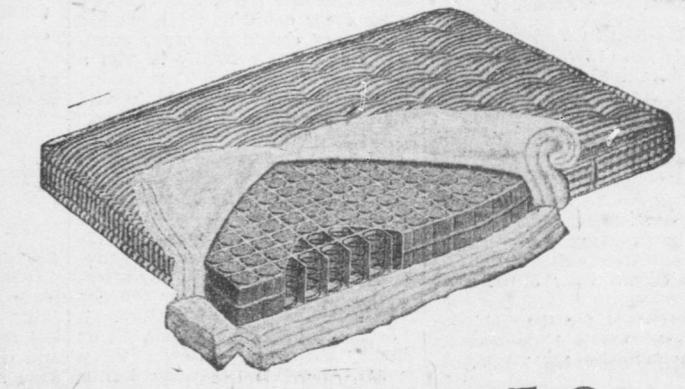
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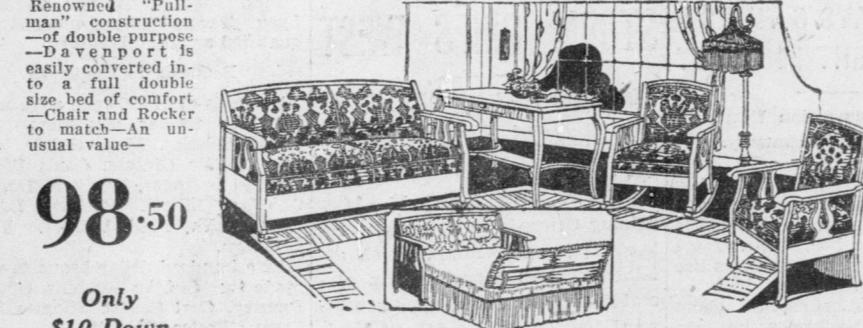


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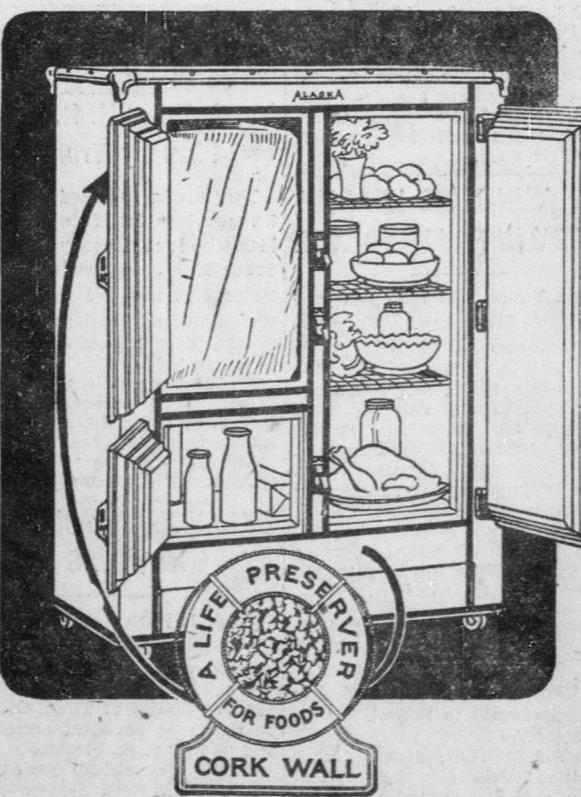
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