

BOMB DAMAGES ITALIAN HOME AFTER THREAT

Demand for \$4,000 to Protect Children Followed by Blast at Gary.

By Times Special
GARY, Ind., June 22.—Peter Bianco, pressed hard to meet payments on his little home, could not pay \$4,000 demanded by Italian blackmailers, so they exploded a bomb which tore a hole in a side of the house, endangering nine persons as they slept. None was hurt. Police are without clews to the bombers, although they have been trying to catch them since April when Bianco received the first three letters bearing the skull, dagger and bleeding heart mark of Italian Cannibals.

Bianco, native of Italy, who has been in America twenty years, was warned in the first note that unless he paid \$4,000, his four children would be killed and furthermore, that if he told police about receiving the threat, his life would be forfeit.

Thoroughly frightened, Bianco told police. Two weeks later, another threatening letter came. It ordered Bianco to place the \$4,000, wrapped in a newspaper, on a designated grave in Oak Hill cemetery. Bianco placed a dummy package at police suggestion, and detectives spent three nights in the cemetery, but no one came for the package.

Three weeks ago the third letter was received. It warned Bianco to expect death, as he had disregarded the warning not to tell police.

The bomb exploded near the wall of the room in which Bianco's children slept. The missile was wrapped in a Chicago newspaper and was first noticed by a dairyman delivering milk to the home. He saw sparks coming from the package made a frantic effort to awaken the family and then fled for his life.

Bianco asserts he knows of no reason why the Cannibals should be operating against him.

UNHEEDING WITNESSES PUNISHED AT COLUMBUS

Two Cass County Men, Who Failed to Appear, Fined.

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., June 22.—Two Cass county men, John Harvey, a Logansport attorney, and Samuel Chambers a farmer, and former member of the county board of commissioners, were fined in Bartholomew circuit court here by Judge Julian Sharpnack, on charges of failure to heed subpoenas issued from the court. Each was fined \$21.60.

The men were arrested at their home by Sheriff Alonzo E. Fitch and brought here. They stayed at the county jail over night but were not confined to the barred section.

Each man made statements to the court, but were found guilty of indirect contempt and were fined. Writs of attachment were issued for the two when they failed to appear here as witnesses in the case of Abraham Grider, 72, of Delphi, who was tried and found not guilty of perjury.

WOMAN GRABS BURGLAR

Believed at First She Held Prank Playing Husband.

By Times Special
SOUTH BEND, Ind., June 22.—Awakened at an early hour in the morning, Mrs. James Cashman saw a man standing before a dresser in her bedroom. She leaped up and seized the man, thinking it was her husband, who was playing a prank on her. Then she discovered her captive was a Negro burglar. She screamed, awakening her husband, but the burglar escaped.

Jewelry the intruder had gathered was round piled on the dresser, ready to be pocketed. Police believe the case another in a long series by a burglar who works barefoot.

Honolulu Teacher Visits

By Times Special
MARION, Ind., June 22.—Ernest L. Hood, former Marion resident, and for the past three years instructor of vocational training in the Honolulu, T. H. school is here, the guest of his sister, Mrs. James Campbell. He is en route to Atlanta, Ga., to attend a national convention of vocational instructors as representative of the Honolulu school system. He will return in August.

Railroaders to Hold Picnic

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., June 22.—C. A. Ratford, Cincinnati director of the publicity department of the Big Four railroad, will be the principal speaker at a picnic of Anderson and Muncie Big Four boosters clubs at Shadyside park here Sunday. Delegations from Wabash and North Vernon will attend.

Body Remains in Water

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., June 22.—After dragging a stone quarry here for six days, Muncie police are resting while plans are made to drain the quarry in an effort to recover the body of Edward Lancaster, 23, drowned Monday night. Indianapolis police, using a submarine searchlight, ascertained two days, but were unable to locate the body.

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After voting the indictments, the jury was discharged by Judge Grant Crumpacker.

WOMAN SEEKS \$50,000 IN SUIT

Mother of Boy Killed by
Racing Auto Acts.

By Times Special
BLOOMFIELD, Ind., June 22.—A \$50,000 damage suit filed by Mrs. Hazel G. Kimmell, following injuries received while attending an automobile race during which her son was killed, has been brought here for trial in Greene circuit court on a change of venue from Sullivan county.

Mrs. Kimmell alleges that as a result of suffering fracture of her legs, she is a permanent cripple. In a separate suit, the husband of Mrs. Kimmell seeks \$10,000 for the death of the son, John Kimmell Jr. Mother and son were struck when a car driven by Ira Hall left a track operated by the Greene County Fair and Race Association, with which Hall and the Cole Auto Company, owner of the car, are defendants.

SPEAKER WINS \$1,000

Wabash Student Places Second in
National Contest.

By Times Special
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., June 22.—Robert G. Goodwin, a senior at Wabash college, placed second in the national oratorical contest conducted at Los Angeles, Cal., by the Better America Federation. Goodman was given a cash prize of \$1,000.

Goodwin, whose home is in New York, has been a consistent winner of oratorical contests during the past two years. Under the tutelage of Professor W. N. Brigance, head of the department of speech at Wabash college, he won first place in state and middle west sectional competition.

DIIVORCE SUITS HALTED

By Times Special
MUNCIE Judge Refuses Couple Decrees on "Wild Party" Evidence.

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MUNCIE, Ind., June 22.—Those who wallow in filth and mire can not come into the courts and obtain divorces," Judge L. A. Guthrie declared here in halting the sensational case of Charles and Ruth Rowlett, Muncie confectioners.

"Civilized life will not tolerate drinking and wild carousing and parties such as have been described in this case," the judge said in informing the man and woman that neither would be granted a divorce. The trial had been under way four days.

Both charged unfaithfulness, and stories of wild parties were detailed, all of which were denied later by those accused.

Banquet Monday at I. U.

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., June 22.—Students and faculty members of the Indiana university school of education will hold their seventh annual education dinner Monday.

Approximately 300 summer term students and directors are expected to attend. Dr. G. T. Somers of the school of education is chairman of the arrangements committee.

Sherriff Interrupts Swimmers

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., June 22.—Twenty-five boys caught swimming in an abandoned stone quarry near here without being impeded by bathing suits, were warned by Sheriff Frank D. Daniels not to repeat the practice.

IU Brings in \$5,000.00

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., June 22.—John W. Cravens, Indiana university registrar, asserted in an address before the local Kiwanis Club, that the university brings \$5,000.00 annually to Bloomington, Indiana, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Auto Thieves Sentenced

By Times Special

MARION, Ind., June 22.—Bert Steele, 21, and Dillard Taylor, 20, both of Gas City, were each sentenced to ninety days on the state penal farm on their pleas of guilty in the Grant circuit court on charges of vehicle taking. The youths confessed taking a car from Gas City and driving it to Kokomo, where it was abandoned.

Four Have Smallpox

By Times Special

GREENCASTLE, Ind., June 22.—A smallpox epidemic is feared here, four cases having been reported.

Bert Steele, the first victim, is caring for the second and third, Levi Carpenter and George Shepard, under quarantine. The latest case is Vernon Shirley, filling station attendant.

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