

**PSEUDO COPS  
HIT IN OPINION  
ON AUTHORITY**

Not Empowered to Arrest  
Violators Unless in  
Uniform.

Members of detective associations operating under the horse thief detective act of 1907 are without legal authority to arrest violators of motor vehicle laws unless dressed in a uniform prescribed by the secretary of state, according to an opinion which Smiley M. Chambers, assistant city attorney, gave the board of safety today.

Chambers' opinion was based on the 1927 act, which provides that all peace officers must be in uniform. The 1929 act of legislature clearly exempts regular city police from the uniform provision, Chambers told the board.

The antiquated law sets out that members have power to pursue "horse thieves and other felons."

Fred W. Connell, safety board president, asked Chambers to give an opinion on the powers of horse thief detectives as a result of the conflict with special police who are granted power to guard private homes in certain districts of the city.

The safety board will confer with county commissioners to obtain cooperation in eliminating the "horse thief vigilantes" who have been causing trouble on the north side.

Under the 1907 law citizens are permitted to band together in companies of ten if their names are approved by the board of county commissioners. They are given the general powers of constables, but would be entirely without authority to arrest motorists unless uniformed and displaying a badge to signify their authority. Chambers suggested amendment of the law to limit their authority to rural districts.

The horse thief detective statute frequently has been used as a political tool and by persons seeking the arrest.

**PIRATE SHIPS AGAIN  
SAIL THE DEEP SEA**

Robert W. Chambers in "The Happy Parrot" Recreates the Old Romantic Days When Men Fought for Love.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

If you are fed up with murder plays and with ultra stories of fair maidens who go on a complex whoopee, then you will enjoy a book by the name of "The Happy Parrot."

You also have the assurance that a clever author fabricated this story of pirate days when you learn that Robert W. Chambers is the daddy of this one.

This story carries you back to the very troublesome days that led up to the war of 1812 and rest assured that Jack Strike, who turns pirate had his own ideas how the government was being run at that time.

You get an eyeful of Jack's opinion in the foreword when you read: "If the President of the United States was not a poltroon, he behaved like one. Because the English stopped our ships and refused us permission to trade on the high seas, and because the French did likewise, Mr. Jefferson and a cowardly congress, forbade our ships to stir outside of our own ports lest the English or French seize them and, presently, drive us into war. This was called an embargo."

That opinion was the chief reason that drove the good looking Jack Strike from the peaceful occupation of a sailor into the job of commanding a slave running ship and later a pirate boat by the name of "The Happy Parrot."

As serious as the foreword may sound, "The Happy Pirate" is by no means a political indictment of any period of our government.

"The Happy Parrot" is just a well written story about a young chap who, down and out, fell in love with a pretty nifty girl by the name of Cynthia, whose rich uncle was one of the unknown owners of a bunch of slave running ships.

Jack lets you meet Cynthia in the first lines of his story when he writes: "The first morning I ever saw her she wore a shell-pink organdie gown, a white flowered scarf across her breast, cross-strapped slippers of a rose color, and a gaze cap; and she carried a market basket tied with rosy ribbons."

And when you get to know Cynthia, she turns out to be a regular tom-boy who dolls up like a male cook and goes a skipping on the dreadful "Happy Parrot."

And you can imagine what an author of the ability of Robert W. Chambers can do with such a situation.

I enjoyed the romantic atmosphere of other days that Chambers creates in this book. It is jolly fun told in the language of that day.

"The Happy Parrot" is selling for \$2.50.

"Penrod Jasher," Booth Tarkington, America's favorite youngster in a new book, \$2.50.

"The Uncertain Trumpet," A. M. Hutchinson. The first novel in four years by the author of "If Winter Comes," Little Brown, \$2.50.

Nice fun, this story.

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Indianapolis theaters today offer:

"The Cock Eyed World," at the Apollo; "The Awful Truth," at the

**Best Sellers**

The following is a list of the six best sellers in fiction in Bretano's New York stores for the week ending Sept. 28:

Fiction  
"Field of Honor," Donna Byrne. A vivid novel of the Napoleonic wars by the author of "Destiny Bay." Century, \$2.50.

"The Dark Journey," Julian Green. A new drama of passion and introspection by the author of "The Closed Garden." Harper, \$2.50.

"Hans Frost," Hugh Walpole. A new novel with the London background of "Wintersmorn." Doubleday-Doran, \$2.50.

"Black Roses," Frances Brett Young. A Neapolitan interlude by the author of "My Brother Jonathan." Harper, \$2.50.

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**THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES**

**MILITARY COURT  
IS ESTABLISHED  
IN TEXAS TOWN**

**ESTATE VALUED AT \$500**

**Brother of Alleged Bandit Slain  
Sunday, Is Administrator.**

The estate of George R. Reuter, 23, alleged delinquent bandit, valued at \$500, was admitted for probate Tuesday.

Reuter was slain early Sunday by a policeman after he and another man are alleged to have terrorized residents in the 2300 block on Indianapolis avenue. A brother, Henry W. Reuter, 373 Oliver avenue, was named administrator.

By United Press

**BORGER, Tex. Oct. 2.—Prayers  
for Borger, so corrupt that its  
streets are patrolled by soldiers en-**

forcing martial law, were uttered today by 100 Methodist ministers, gathered here for conference of the Amarillo district of Methodist churches.

The Rev. Guy W. Green, evangelist, whose gospel temple here sometimes attracted a scattering few away from the town's liquor and gambling places, led the prayers.

In the town hall nearby sat Brigadier-General Jacob F. Wolters. He had marched into the town with a column of militiamen, disarmed its officers and set up a military court.

"My soldiers will patrol these streets until the murderer of John A. Holmes is punished," the general said.

More than fifty persons had passed through the military court. Their stories were being patterned the appointment of special counsel.

together into a smashing indictment against all who took corruption money in Borger, and all who study of communications and power.

William C. Green, St. Paul attorney, was named counsel Monday and is expected here ready to go to work about Oct. 15.

The committee will proceed under a resolution by Senator Couzens, Michigan, chairman, passed last June, which empowers the committee to investigate all activities and relations of those engaged in radio, telegraph and telephone, and the interstate transmission of power.

The investigation is expected to last at least all this winter, and possibly all next year.

Lake Superior is more than 5,400 feet deep in some places.

**SENATE COMMITTEE  
WILL STUDY POWER**

**Radio, Telegraph and Telephone  
Situation Also to Be Sifted.**

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