

ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN PLANS ARE PUZZLE CENTER

Inventor's Safe Is Rifled,
International Tangle
Is Hinted.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, June 2.—A mystery tale with possible international ramifications and the usual absence of clews has popped up to baffle capital police and two or three government departments. Edgar Wallace might have written it, and it may take a Sherlock Holmes to solve it.

Some seven months ago Robert F. Hudson, 71, an inventor living in peaceful Lyon Village, Va., announced the sale of a powerful and unusual anti-aircraft gun to the nation.

This gun, he intimated, would make unhappy any hostile aircraft coming within range, and the range was described as nine miles.

The gun is said to be a 1.1 automatic, without recoil, with deadly accuracy, and capable of firing 800 30 caliber bullets a minute.

Disappeared From Safe

Robert Hudson, who is president of Automatic Guns, Inc., with headquarters here, called police and said tracings for the weapon had disappeared from his safe.

Detectives found no fingerprints, and said the vault evidently had been opened by an expert.

Shortly afterward, police became strangely silent about the whole affair. Said it involved the government, and they had nothing more to say.

Government officials were even more reticent. Army and navy denied knowledge of the gun or of its manufacture by the government.

Hudson likewise grew silent. He refused to state to what extent the government is interested, but did say the department of justice is investigating. The department of justice denied it was investigating.

Model Is Patented

Hudson, at first, said the tracings could be duplicated only at great cost and difficulty.

Later he said it was a small matter, that the tracings were not for the original model, which is protected by patents, and that the thief would get small comfort from his theft.

Some were inclined to attribute the sudden and extraordinary silence of all concerned to possible international complications.

It was brought out that it virtually would be impossible for any one to make use of the plans in this country, since Hudson holds proprietary rights in them.

Yet, they would constitute a prize for any one able to use them.

CASE FORGOTTEN, HE IS JAILED AT LAST

Five Years' Freedom Ends as Court
Records Give Up "Clew."

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., June 2.—James L. Dye sits in a cell at the Missouri penitentiary and wonders just why official red tape had to be broken when it looked sufficiently tangled up.

Dye was sentenced in St. Louis for robbery on Dec. 10, 1925. He was let out on bond while the supreme court studied his appeal.

The sentence was affirmed, but court attaches forgot to notify St. Louis officials. But after more than five years, when Dye decided that he had been forgotten, and was not a bit worried about the fact, a curious St. Louis official noticed the unfinished record, made an investigation, and caused Dye's arrest.

Now the St. Louis authorities are checking old records to see how many more of the town's citizens should be with Dye, but have been kept out of prison by similar cases of official forgetfulness.

PARIS TAXI DRIVER FORMER NOTED ACTOR

War Training Fitted Him" for Call-
ing, and Ended Stage Career.

By United Press
PARIS, June 2.—Before the war started was a well-known actor on the Paris stage as a comedian and a singer.

He joined up in 1914 thinking the war would be over in a few weeks. He was wounded several times and now wears a number of decorations, including the Croix de Guerre and Medaille Militaire.

He is now a taxi driver with his stand in the Avenue Wagram.

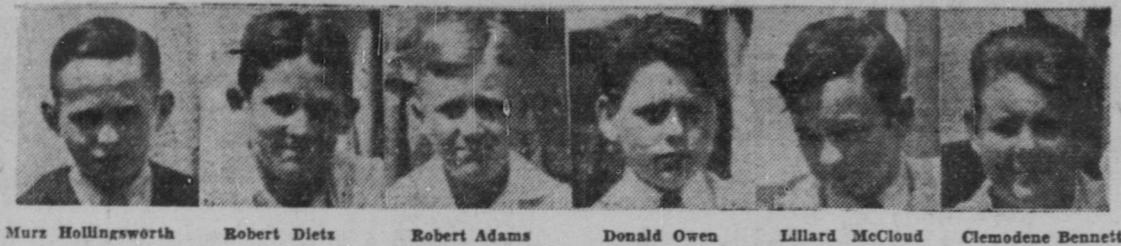
He says he was not able to go back to the stage but his training driving motors during the war fitted him, like many of his comrades, to become an expert taxi-cab conductor.

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FINDS STATE'S JOB SITUATION BETTER

Employment Director Hits Natural Gas Entry at Meeting.

Improvement in employment conditions in the state was described by Dr. John J. Hewitt, director of the Indiana employment commission, in an address Monday night at the Irvington Republican Club meeting.

Thirteen counties in the state are reporting no unemployment, while others asserted that public improving no unemployment, while others have asserted that public improvement work on a small scale will relieve their situation," he said.

Dr. Hewitt then attacked the entry of natural gas into Indiana.

FORMER CHORUS GIRL AMONG YACHT VICTIMS

Lillian Grels Kemp Among Those
Killed on Flaming Boat.

By United Press
NEW YORK, June 2.—Lillian Grels Kemp, former chorus girl, was aboard the yacht Sea Fox when it burned in Long Island Sound, claiming the lives of all its passengers, it was learned today.

She had written her husband in Atlanta that she was going on the party. He arrived Monday. Previously it was thought there were only seven people on the craft. Three bodies—those of Mrs. David Snedden, Mrs. Robert Mendenhall and Miss Dorey Dewey—have been recovered. Those missing are David Snedden, owner of the Sea Fox; Robert Mendenhall, Mark Coyne and Robert Johnston.

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