

ARRESTS BARE HUGE EXPRESS SWINDLE RING

Detectives Nab Nine, Watch
Eleven Others; Charge
Package Thefts.

By United Press
BUFFALO, Jan. 20.—Robberies totaling several hundred thousand dollars from the Railway Express Agency, Inc., were revealed today as authorities attempted to smash the ring operating an alleged great swindle.

Nine men are held in four cities, it was announced, while eleven others are being watched and may be arrested soon.

The ring operated in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, police said. Most of the men under arrest were railroad or express company employees.

Two men were held incommunicado in a Buffalo precinct station, police said, while federal authorities questioned them regarding the extent of the ring's activities. Police gave their names as John J. Schreiber, Buffalo, and Clinton Hammond, Westfield, N. Y., Pennsylvania railroad employees.

Three Held in Pittsburgh

At Pittsburgh, believed the headquarters of the ring, three men were under arrest. Two of the men held there were Edward P. McPherson, express company messenger, and Regis O. Doyle, Pennsylvania baggage master. Identity of the third man was not disclosed.

Names of four men held at Cleveland and Corry, Pa., were not known here, police said.

Morris Newfield, chief special agent of the Railway Express Agency, chiefly was responsible for the arrest of the men, it was revealed here.

The loot consisted mostly of jewelry, suits, dresses, suits and other expensive merchandise. Value of the loot may reach \$1,000,000, police intimated.

Railway express company detectives worked more than two years on the case before discovering how heavily insured packages disappeared. Decoy packages were sent through the express company, trailed by detectives, but disappeared just as mysteriously.

Finally Obtain Clew

It was not until the arrest of Schreiber and Hammond here that authorities obtained clew as to how the ring worked. Packages which apparently contained expensive articles were checked off by members of the ring, usually railroad or express company employees, and then re-addressed with previously prepared paper slips. The new slips completely covered the old addresses, and contained addresses of confederates.

Knowledge of the ring's activities came by chance to the Buffalo police, detectives revealed. Police were notified that a man—one of the men held in Buffalo—had become rich suddenly and was spending large sums of money.

A detective followed the man and learned that almost daily, large packages were delivered to him by railway express messengers. Express company officials investigated, culminating in the arrest of Schreiber and Hammond.

DENIES PRESIDENT IN MILLIONAIRE CLASS

Rep. Will Wood Thinks Hoover May Reduce Own Salary.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—President Hoover's wealth, having been mentioned on the floor of the house of representatives, was subject of discussion here today.

"I am informed the President is not worth a million," said Representatives Wood (Rep., Ind.) in declaring his belief that Mr. Hoover would reduce his own salary, if the pay of federal employees were cut.

The general impression was that Mr. Hoover was worth between \$4,000,000 and \$6,000,000 when he became secretary of commerce in 1921. It was believed this has been reduced, both by liquidation of profitable investments when he took office, and because of recent large charitable donations and philanthropic enterprises.

STEAL \$40,000 IN GEMS

Waldorf Astoria Shop Looted; Rockefeller Trinkets Taken.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Jewels valued at \$40,000 were taken from a display case in the Waldorf Astoria and trinkets worth \$500 were taken from the William A. Rockefeller apartment over the week-end, it was learned today.

The rifled showcases contained samples of the wares of Cecil Partridge, London, all insured. A "snake" necklace and a jade ring were taken from the Rockefeller apartment, also on Park avenue.

FREIGHT HIKE ASKED

Insull Interurban Lines Petition Rates Equated to Steam Lines.

Increase in interurban freight rates was sought today by representatives of Insull-owned lines, in a petition filed with the public service commission.

The operators seek to have rates boosted to the level of steam line freight rates, which were raised Jan. 1 by the interstate commerce commission.

Outstanding increase sought is one of 2 cents on each 100 pounds of freight, less than carload shipments.

HELD IN PRISON RIOT

Suspect Believed Smuggler of Guns Into Leavenworth.

By United Press
DETROIT, Jan. 20.—Herald Fontaine, suspected of being the man who smuggled guns and ammunition into the federal prison at Leavenworth, thus making possible the spectacular jail break last month when Warden Thomas B. White was kidnapped, is under arrest in Wind-sor, Ont.

Fontaine, a former prisoner at Leavenworth, is held for United States authorities.

New 'Y' Chief



SUBURBS JOIN FORCES TO END SEWER DELAY

Irvington and Broad Ripple Residents Charge Damage to Health, Property.

Residents of Irvington and Broad Ripple today massed to fight further legal delays in the construction of east and north side sewers that would give employment to more than 300 men.

It has been charged local contractors, who failed to receive the award for the work after they were underbid by other companies, are carrying the cases to high courts to prevent completion of the projects.

More than 400 taxpayers are expected to sign petitions being circulated in various sections of the city today. The signers will include civic association leaders and members, business men and former service men.

PROPERTY DAMAGE CHARGED

Saul Rabb, attorney, said the petition will be filed in the Indiana appellate court Thursday as an intervening petition to the ruling of the Hancock county court, now on appeal.

The Hancock court ruled work on the sewers should be carried out as provided by the city sanitary board. The sewers involved are the main interceptor of Broad Ripple and the Irvington and Pogue's run sewers.

Taxpayers will charge, that due to the delay, their property and the health of members of their families have been damaged.

ANOTHER SUIT LOOMS

It was reported another suit may be filed seeking damages from the contractors and Merle N. A. Walker, for delay in proceedings.

From Broad Ripple and areas north of Irvington came appeals for aid today as water from White river, outlet of the present sewers, backed into the basements of homes.

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FALSE ARREST TRIAL SHIFTED

Suit Against Sheriff Sent to Greencastle.

By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., Jan. 20.—A suit in which damages of \$5,000 are sought by Leon Oliver from Herschell Powell, Owen county sheriff, will be tried in Putnam circuit court here on a change of venue. The case has been pending more than a year.

Alleging false arrest, Oliver says he was taken into custody by the sheriff without warrant and without cause and was held a prisoner eight hours. Oliver charges that in order to win his liberty, he paid the sheriff \$30.

In a related case, Powell says he arrested Oliver, Nick Hershell and William Mock for investigation following an automobile accident and that Hershell was fined for intoxication. The officer asserts the \$30 referred to in the suit was for damages resulting from the crash.

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Butler Students Will Give Three-Act Play



Left to right: Harriett Trinkle, Marie Shaner and Jean Yates.

A three-act play, "Nothing But the Truth," will be presented by Butler university students Thursday night at 8:15 in the Arthur Jordan memorial hall, under direction of Jacque Lacker, member of the senior class.

The presentation will be given by students of play production classes, previous presentations having been one-act produced.

Leading roles will be portrayed by Miss Marie Shaner, 1222 North Oakland avenue; Miss Jean Yates, 2126 North Meridian street, and Miss Harriett Trinkle, 59 North Rutherford street.

Other members of the cast are: Robert VanArsdale, Eugene McManamon, Dave Milligan, Allen Hall, Mary Alice Burch, Betty Bissell and Josephine LaRue.

ECCENTRIC ARTIST LOST

Prescott Chaplin, Specialist in Woodcuts, Missing.

By United Press
HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 20.—Prescott Chaplin, widely known eccentric artist, who has been missing from his mountain shanty near here, was sought today by authorities.

Friends said it was possible he had gone into seclusion to complete a story or painting, but felt anxiety, because he seldom left his home, was sought today by authorities.

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MURDER CHARGE FACED

Trial of Claude McKaif to Open Next Week at Terra Haute.

By Times Special
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 20.—Claude B. McKaif, charged with the murder of Fred W. Bogue, will go on trial in Vigo circuit court here next week, probably starting Tuesday.

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Student's Mother Killed

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 20.—Mrs. Alfred Koenecke, mother of Robert Koenecke, a senior in Wabash college here, was killed instantly in an automobile collision at Chicago.

This meeting, sponsored by Marion county V. F. W. posts, will be one of many held throughout Indiana. Darold D. DeCoe, commander-in-chief, in a Kansas City church, will give the oath in a special broadcast over the National Broadcasting Company network from 10:30 to 11:30 p. m.

Local speakers will include Asa Smith, former Indiana representative, who will talk on Americanization. We time songs will be sung by the Penny Post quartet.

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Too 'Hymn-ful'

DETROIT, Jan. 20.—Choir singing wives should make "go-go eyes" at other singers, according to James H. Tyrell, 77-year-old Mormon.

Accordingly, the Mormon has filed suit for divorce against his wife, Mrs. LuLu Tyrell, choir leader, in a Kansas City church.

"She makes 'go-go' eyes and goes riding with another singer, Lon Kentrell," Tyrell said.

Judge Dewitt H. Merriman: "When I went riding with her, she hacked my automobile with an ax. I wouldn't have minded, but I was in the automobile."

Fountain, a former prisoner at Leavenworth, is held for United States authorities.

V. F. W. CANDIDATES TO JOIN BY RADIO

More Than 300 Will Take Oath During Broadcast Friday Night.

Between 325 and 350 new members will take the Veterans of Foreign Wars' oath of obligation at a public mass meeting Friday night, in the Knights of Columbus auditorium.

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Aged Resident Dies

ELWOOD, Ind., Jan. 20.—Funeral services were held here for Mrs. Herletha Terwilliger, 73, widow of Samuel Terwilliger, a resident of Elwood thirty-four years.

On Trial for Her Life



This striking sketch, drawn by Art Krenz, staff artist for NEA Service and The Times, shows an unusual character study of Mrs. Winnie Ruth Judd, now on trial for her life before an all-male jury at Phoenix, Ariz.

STATE RESTS SOON IN JACKSON TRIAL

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from being presented to the jury, defense counsel this afternoon opened cross-examination of the slain grocer's son.

State's attorneys announced they would not present other witnesses, four of whom already have identified the defendant as one of the bandits.

Detectives, including Sergeant Charles Bauer, who was shot in the

head by Witt as he ran into the store, testified again today.

It was reported here that defense attorneys may file a motion for a directed verdict of acquittal this afternoon at the close of the state's

case.

After a two-day battle, Ira

Holmes and Elza O. Rogers, defense counsel, who contested the state's right to bring Witt's alleged confession before the jury, were supported Tuesday night by Judge John H. Hornaday.

The court held that although Witt might not have been beaten or otherwise mistreated, detectives had no authority to force him to sign any statement which might have been used as evidence against the defendant.

The defense case will be based entirely on the alibi that on the day of the murder, Witt was at the home of Louis E. Hamilton, alleged "trigger man" in the shooting, who will be tried later.

The state has hammered at the

Witt with testimony of Milo Stockberger, Indianapolis rooming house operator. Stockberger, whose wife left him to marry Witt, said the defendant had admitted the shooting to him a few hours after it occurred.

The gang was the same that kidnapped the family of mother and four children last April in exactly the same way and escaped with \$10,000 of bank funds.

After locking the family in the bank basement early today the gang loaded Paul Mott, 24, eldest son, into their auto and drove ten miles to Wauconda, where they pushed him out. They threatened the youth with death if he spread an alarm.

Charged with murder after

perpetration of a robbery, Witt faces the "all or nothing" verdict under the Indiana law. The jury, finding Witt guilty, automatically would send him to the electric chair in the state prison.

The only other verdict to be re-