

## ROBBED SOLDEIRS, GANG ROUNDED UP BY U. S. AGENTS

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—United States secret service agents yesterday rounded up the last of a gang, that deliberately selected as its victims the maimed defenders of the nation, and the widows and dependents of men who were killed in battle or died in the service.

Six members of the ring are now prisoners, charged with the theft from the mails of soldiers' bonus checks, insurance payments, allotments for injuries, and A. E. F. payments. The amount they stole is unknown, but estimates run as high as \$500,000.

The agents, under the direction of Capt. Thomas J. Porter, won complete confessions from Byron B. Parks and Henry A. Weston, former mail clerks in the Chicago post office, and four accomplices they employed to indorse and cash the checks they filched from the mails.

Leaders are Negroes. Both leaders in the ring are Negroes. The accomplices under arrest include Amos George, a "black belt" gambler; Mabel Allen, white, said to be the sweetheart of Parks; Gladys Irene Stevens, the colored girl who donned khaki and accompanied the old 8th regiment to the border before she was discovered, and Wendolyn Marsh, another colored girl.

All will face a federal hearing before United States Commissioner Lewis F. Mason today and prison terms of fifteen or fines of \$5,000 or both.

The include only a part of the well organized ring which investigators believe has been operating successfully in practically every big city of the United States.

Before the armistice was signed complaints began to pour into the treasury department concerning the nonreceipt of allotment and death payment checks, according to postal inspectors who worked with the secret service division on the case. Their loss was laid to the rush of work and mixing of records in the war risk insurance bureau in Washington.

It was not until a number of checks apparently indorsed by persons who had formerly made complaint began to return to the department that investigations were started.

**Gets Canceled Check**

One check, a death claim, purporting to be indorsed by Mrs. Ernest McGilliland, in Fountain City, Ind., from an attack of pneumonia. She had been ill but a short time. She was a member of the Christian church. She is survived by four children, Mrs. Mary Slaughter of Smithfield, Nebraska; Wesley of Fulton, Iowa; Albert of Preston, Iowa; Mrs. Dora McGilliland, of Fountain City, with whom she made her home. Burial at Anderson, Iowa, by the side of her husband, who preceded her in death 40 years ago.

**Sitlough—Thelma Mary Sitlough**, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sitlough, died of pneumonia, at the home of her parents at 5 a. m. Thursday. She is survived by her parents, three brothers and one sister. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

**Ramler—Funeral services for Joseph Ramler** will be held at St. Andrew's church with a solemn high mass at 9 a. m. Friday. Burial in St. Andrew's cemetery. The Young Ladies and St. Rose societies of St. Andrew's church will hold services at the home at 7:30 p. m. Thursday. Friends are requested to call on Mrs. V. White—Funeral services for Joseph V. White will be held in the Methodist church at Whitewater at 2 p. m. Friday. Burial in Whitewater cemetery.

**Knollenberg—Funeral services for Mrs. Ada Knollenberg** were held at 2 p. m. Thursday at the home. Burial in Lutheran.

**Shank—Lorenz Shank**, 70 years old, died of senility at his home, 1405 North H street, late Tuesday night. He was born in Pennsylvania but lived in Richmond for a number of years. He is survived by his wife; two sons, Charles and Harry, of this city; and three grandchildren. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

**Dickey—Mrs. Fannie E. Dickey**, 25 years old, died at her home about three miles northwest of Richmond at 6:30 Wednesday night. She is survived by her husband, Claten Dickey; and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meyers. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

**Hill—Funeral services for Mrs. Jennie Hill** will be held at 9 a. m. Friday in the parlors of Doan and Son, funeral directors, Burial in Earlham. The funeral will be private.

**Davis—Funeral services for Mrs. Abbie Louise Davis** were held at 2 p. m. Thursday, at home. Burial in Earlham.

**Russell—Funeral services for Mrs. W. E. Russell** were held at the home Thursday afternoon. Burial in Earlham. Services were private.

**Howe—Funeral services for Mrs. Eliza Howard** were held at home at 10 a. m. Thursday. Burial in Elkhorn cemetery. The Rev. Burbanck officiated.

**Wickett—Funeral services for Thomas Wickett** were held at 3 p. m. Thursday at the home. Burial in Earlham. The Rev. Trueblood officiated.

**Cook—Funeral services for Sylvester Cook** will be held in the Middleboro church at 1:30 p. m. Friday. Burial in Goshen cemetery.

**Tax Returns are Slow**

**Say State Officials**

Income taxpayers are urged to speed up the filing of their returns by state revenue officials. Delay in filing returns will cause considerable congestion in the revenue office at the last moment.

With an aggregate of 130,000 individual and corporation income tax returns to be received at the office of the internal revenue collector for the state of Indiana by March 15, it will be necessary to receive at least 10,000 a day from now until the last day, according to William L. Elder, collector. The number being received now is not more than 1,500 a day and it is urged that those who would avoid the last day's rush and possible payment of penalty for delay, should file their returns immediately.

**VISITING BROTHER.**

Frank Anderson of Philadelphia, Pa., is visiting in the city with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Anderson. He will soon leave for Keokuk, Iowa.

**PLANE CRASHES TO EARTH.**

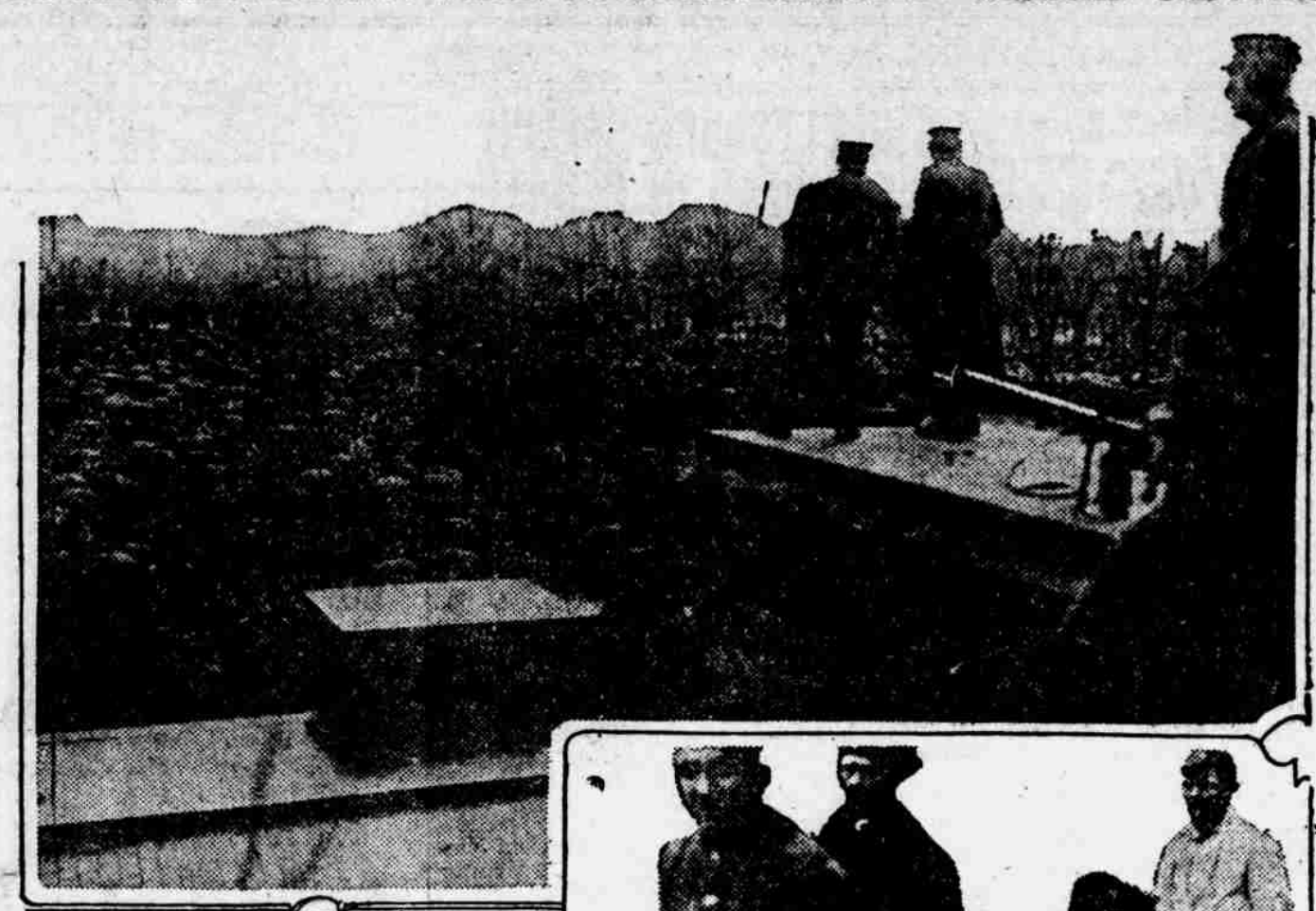
CAIRO, Feb. 12.—One of the South African airplanes in the London-Cairo Town flight, named "Silver Queen," crashed early Wednesday morning. None of the crew was injured.

**FLU EPIDEMIC AT NAVAL ACADEMY KILLS TWO**

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 12.—Two deaths from pneumonia following influenza have occurred at the Naval Academy. Louis Carega of Scranton, Pa., instructor in modern languages, died last night and Midshipman Paul Mica of Washington, D. C., succumbed Wednesday.

**A papyrus on geometry dated 1100 B. C.** has been preserved from ancient Egypt.

## SCORE MEET DEATH WHEN SOCIALISTS RIOT IN GERMAN CAPITAL



Military police and machine gun guard on right side of Reichstag building (above) and soldiers carrying off wounded member of the mob.

The Socialist riots in Berlin which caused the death of a score of persons and the wounding of nearly a hundred more when a mob stormed the Reichstag building in protest against the passage of a proposed industrial bill, and succeeded in beating down one of the doors of the chamber in which the Reichstag was in session, resulted in martial law being declared over the entire northern portion of Germany.

many. The accompanying photographs show actual scenes of the conflict between the government troops and the mob.

## Common School Funds Cannot Be Used For Gardens, Says Stansbury

Richmond plans for school gardens will probably be effected by the opinion submitted by E. Stansbury, attorney-general to F. R. Farnam, assistant director of the United States employment service, that common school funds can not be expended for carrying forward school and home gardens paid leadership in cooperation with the employment leadership in Indiana.

Mr. Stansbury says: "In my opinion the common school funds can not be legally expended to establish and maintain employment offices at any time or for the extension of vocational guidance to minors during the summer vacation."

The attorney quoted Section 183 of Burns' statutes, 1914 to the effect that the common school income "shall be involuntarily appropriated to the support of common schools and to no other purpose."

For two years school gardening has been popular in the Richmond schools. Garden prizes have been offered and considerable interest taken by pupils.

**One-Year Enlistments Close; Two Men Enlist**

Official notification of the closing of all one year enlistments in any branch of the army was received by Sergeant Thompson, local recruiting officer, Thursday. One year enlistments in the chemical war service were open until today, said Thompson.

Two local men and one man from McKinney, Texas, will leave Saturday to go to U. S. army post, Albert Schlangen, 620 South Seventh street, and David B. Dyket, 509 South Fifth street, where they will join the coast artillery. Elmer Cox of McKinney, Texas, will leave for Camp Grant, Ill., to join the Sixth division.

**Adelle Brown, Camden Resident, Is Dead**

CAMDEN, O., Feb. 12.—Miss Adelle Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown of near Fairhaven, died in a hospital at Cincinnati Sunday. She was taken ill with appendicitis Thursday and taken to the hospital for an operation Saturday but it was not successful. Miss Brown was 14 years old and leaves a number of relatives. Funeral services at her home Tuesday afternoon were conducted by the Rev. M. E. church. Burial was at Camden cemetery.

**Dunkards of Country Will Meet at Peru**

Dunkards in the vicinity of Richmond will be interested in the announcement of the annual national communion and council meeting of the church to be held at Hoover, a little town eight miles northwest of Peru, Ind., beginning May 23. About 10,000 are expected. Hoover was selected for the 1920 meeting place at the last church gathering held at Pittsburgh, O., last year. It is a little town of less than 200 population, but every citizen is interested in the meeting and is planning to entertain their guests.

The delegates will come from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, the Dakotas and other states. Many of the delegates are expected to bring their entire families.

**THATCHER OUT FOR WOOD.**

Petitions asking that the name of Major General Leonard Wood be placed on Indiana ballots as a Republican presidential candidate, have been sent to Indianapolis by J. E. Thatcher, of this city. In a letter to the Wood headquarters in Indianapolis, Thatcher says: "There are some Lowden men here, but plenty of Wood."

**BANK HAS BLANKS**

A supply of income tax blanks has been received by the First National bank, an official said Thursday. Forms 1040, 1040-A and corporation blanks were in the shipment received by the bank.

## FARMERS MAY QUIT UNLESS CONDITIONS UNDERGO CHANGES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—"If the farmers stop working," says the Albany Argus, Democrat, "the rest of us will have to stop eating. And that it just what many of them threaten to do."

"This is no imaginary danger," the Argus goes on: "A summary of more than 40,000 replies from farmers to a questionnaire sent out by the postoffice department has just been laid before the senate postoffice committee, and about half of them indicate that the writers contemplate either leaving their farms or curtailing the acreage under cultivation."

What are the grievances of the agriculturists? The Wheeling Register, Democrat, summarizes them thus:

"1. Inability to obtain labor to work on farms, as hired help and the farmer's children have been lured to the city by higher wages and easier living."

"2. High profits taken by middlemen for the mere handling of food."

"3. Lack of proper agencies of contact between the farmer and the ultimate consumer."

What is the solution? "Co-operation," confidently asserts the Rocky Mountain News (Ind.). "Politics won't help much; specifics will not do; panaceas are useless. Get rid of the costly middleman." Sending his products "direct to the consumer by parcel post," is suggested by the Rochester Telegram (Rep.), which believes also that "a farmers' union, run in the right way, might prove to be of tremendous benefit both to the farmers and the general public." The New York Mail (Ind.), agrees that development of the parcel post "undoubtedly would help," but thinks "much more far-reaching action is necessary. What is needed, and urgently needed, is an entire reorganization of our rural life."

The Buffalo Evening News (Rep.), takes up the suggestion that immigrants be required to work on farms five years after arriving here, and believes it is "a reasonable plan and worth trying." The Dallas News (Ind. Dem.) is confident that a way out will be found, especially "if industry and distribution show enough foresight and self control." The Fargo Courier-News (Non-partisan League) thinks the replies to the questionnaire show that the missionary work of the Nonpartisan League is bearing fruit. Farmers are beginning to learn the facts. Another four years and a farm labor ticket will sweep the nation.

Many other papers refuse to see a cause for alarm. "The situation is not so bad as it is being made out," says the Nebraska State Journal, (Ind. Rep.), for "like everything else, agriculture is in a state of transition from a war to a peace basis. A farmer's natural impulse when he sees an official questionnaire," suggests the New York evening Post (Ind.), is to place on it all his grievances. "His complaint, believes the New York World, (Dem.), is due to the 'discontent of prosperity and not of injustice,' and the Pittsburg Leader (Prog. Dem.), holds that the new secretary of agriculture, Mr. Meredith, is following the political dope in flatter the farmers and that the farmer who tries to turn monopolist is deserving of no more consideration at the hands of the rest of the country than any other manipulator."

**WATERS EDITORS' HEAD.**

Mark O. Waters, newspaper man of Newcastle, was named Wednesday as a member of the executive committee of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association, representing the Sixth district. The committee will be increased to 13 members, one from each congressional district.

**DOLLS TO BE EXHIBITED.**

Dolls made by pupils of the second and third grades of the public schools, which are to be sent to Armenia at the request of the Red Cross, will be on exhibition in the window of the Price confectionary store, on Main street, Monday. The exhibit will remain in place a week.

**MC COMBE GETS CERTIFICATES.**

Advertising material and naturalization certificates to assist local foreigners who do not have all their papers, have been received by H. G. McComb, vocational director of the Richmond public schools, from the department of immigration and naturalization in Washington. Large diplomas verifying the completion of certain public night school work were sent to be given to persons completing requirements in the work to be offered in the English class at Whitewater school, which met for the second time Wednesday night.

The third regular meeting will be held Friday night.

**COLLEY TO LECTURE.**

The Rev. W. P. Colley, Seaman, Ohio, will deliver an illustrated lecture Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p. m. in the Red Memorial church, on the New World Movement of the United Presbyterian church. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

**TO GIVE DANCE.**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kepler will give a social dance Saturday evening in the Knights of Columbus hall. All invitations are to be presented at the door.

**DELINQUENT TAX SALE HELD.**

Fifty-seven pieces of real estate were sold at the annual delinquent tax sale held Monday County Treasurer said Thursday. The real estate, which was sold for taxes and city improvements, brought approximately \$2,700.

**DRANK "LILY OF FRANCE"**

Harry Gardner, a "Lily of France" hair tonic drunk was fined \$1 and costs by Mayor Zimmerman in police court Thursday.

**Articles of Incorporation for the Tennessee Furniture company, a Tennessee corporation, have been filed with the secretary of state. According to the incorporation papers, 60,000 of the capital stock is represented in Indiana. J. E. Moyer, of this city, is named as agent.**

**NO NEW FLU CASES.**

No cases of influenza have been reported to City Health Officer Dr. George B. Hunt at 2 p. m. Thursday. "The city-wide situation is subsiding steadily, I think," said the health officer.

Wednesday five cases were reported to the city health department.

**BUYS MILLINERY STORE.**

Mrs. Lulu Finney, who has purchased a millinery store in Xenia, Ohio, and has been visiting in the city, returned Thursday. She formerly resided here.

**SERVICE MEN HAVE CHARGE.**

Service men of the South Eighth Street Friends Church are to have charge of the regular Thursday evening services of the church tonight. Several men who served in France will speak.

**WAYNE COUNTY NOT AFFECTED.**

The statement of state superintendent of instruction L. N. Hines, in regard to the probable forcing of schools that are violating the state law by running terms of less than 120 school days to continue their terms until they comply with the law, will have no bearing in Wayne county, as all of the schools run terms above the minimum of 120 days, said a local official Thursday.

**GARFIELD TEACHERS OUT.**

Three teachers at Garfield school were absent from their classes Thursday on account of illness. Miss Katherine Reese was confined at her home in West Richmond, Lyman Lybolt, was ill, and O. L. Flier, who has been suffering for some time from an operation on his eye, is still away. Principal Hays has been teaching for several days.

## PERSUADES ALLIES TO MODIFY THEIR TERMS TO TURKS



Ghalib Kemaly Bay.

To Ghalib Kemaly Bay, who represented the Turks at their recent conference with the allied representatives, is given the credit for obtaining modified terms for the Ottoman empire. One concession he obtained was that of leaving Constantinople in the possession of the Sultan. Ghalib Bay is the leader of the Liberales, a pro-ally and an enemy of Enver Pasha and the Germans. He asserts Turkey would have joined the allies in the war but for Enver Pasha's scheming.

**LONG SENTENCE GIVEN.**

MITCHELL, N. Y. ANARCHIST. NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Five to ten years in state prison was the sentence imposed in the supreme court Wednesday on Benjamin Gitlow, former Bronx assemblyman, who was convicted of violating the state's criminal anarchy statute. The charges were preferred as the result of articles advocating the overthrow of government by force which was published in the Revolutionary Age, of which Gitlow was business manager.

**ASQUITH FOR PARLIAMENT.**

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Announcement of the result of today's parliamentary election in the Paisley constituency in which former Premier H. H. Asquith is a candidate, will not be made until Feb. 25, according to a statement made public here this morning.

## High School Notes

Preliminary lists of pupils who will graduate from high school the coming June will be sent to instructors for correction soon. Principal Bate announced Thursday.

The senior party, which had been arranged for Friday night, has been indefinitely postponed. Announcements will be made later.

Owing to the illness of three members of the team, and the coach, the basketball game with Huntington next Friday night has been called off.

**PRISONER CARRIED OFF BY DANISH RAIDERS.**

DUBLIN, Feb. 12.—A military motor car was held up in Berkeley street today by 20 armed men, and the driver and four armed guards ordered out of the car. It is said that a prisoner being conveyed to Mountjoy prison was carried off by the raiders.

## Briefs

### NOTICE DEMOCRATS

There will be a meeting of all the Democratic precinct committeemen Saturday, Feb. 14th at 2 p. m. at Henry Farwig's restaurant to elect a successor to fill the unexpired term of the late Joshua Allen, Democratic Party Chairman.

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