

ISLOCK TWISTER

Notorious Negro Burglar Is Caught.

RUNS MAD RACE TO ESCAPE

Gets Away From Oregon City Officer.

CITY DETECTIVES SUCCEEDED

Charles Wright Confesses to Nearly a Score of Robberies, and Seems in a Fair Way to Receive Long Sentence.

One of the most remarkable criminals ever operating in Portland was captured by Detectives Hartman and Vaughn at noon yesterday and lodged in the City Jail at 1 o'clock. He is Charles Wright, alias Jesse Johnson, colored, and because of his operations in and about this city for three months he dubbed himself "lock-twister." He has confessed everything, and there seems nothing for him but a long term in the Penitentiary.

Wright went to Oregon City Wednesday night, and during the early hours of yesterday morning entered three establishments on Main street. He undid himself by making noise in the last place robbed. For Patrolman Ed Shaw heard him and started to arrest him. Daylight had not fully dawned but in the darkness the officer discovered the "form" and saw that the burglar was a negro. Wright took flight, going toward the Abernethy River, with Shaw in hot pursuit. At the brink of the stream the fugitive did not hesitate, but plunged in and swam across. The chambers of Shaw's revolver were emptied at him, but still Wright hurried on, finally rounding Moose Lake, and being caught in the dense fastness of Park Place.

A Sensational Race.

It was a sensational race, and Wright won. His liberty was to be but temporary, however, for Shaw returned and reported to Chief of Police Burns of Oregon City. He telephoned the facts to Police Headquarters here, stating that the celebrated "lock-twister" was the man wanted.

Detectives Hartman and Vaughn were assigned to the case, and put in all their time along the Oregon City car line, thinking Wright would probably walk to Portland that way. Their theory proved correct, for shortly after 12 o'clock they saw him limping along, wearing wet clothes and apparently in pain. He was coming over a hilltop, and to cast suspicion, the detective sat down on some stairs and began reading the Oregonian. Wright came to the stairs in his journey and was suddenly "covered" by revolvers, placed under arrest and escorted to Police Headquarters. He was hungry, wet and exceedingly nervous. When told what crimes he was wanted for he broke down and confessed. He was booked and held in jail until the arrival of Chief Burns, when he was taken to Oregon City. Charges of burglary will be filed against him.

Wright robbed Bambo's saloon, the William Tell Saloon and the bakery of H. P. Reighbell, at Oregon City, which he secured some small change, and from the bakery E. H. Stearns off the padlocks on the front doors in each case.

Shot at Albina Gardens.

Wright's exciting escapade of yesterday morning was his second known narrow escape from instant death since his advent in the criminal business here. Early last Sunday morning, while on his way engaged in robbing the cash register in the Albina Gardens, Proprietor Fleiber took four shots at him. Wright is suffering greatly, and it is believed he was hit by Fleiber, although he will not admit he was shot. In fact, the negro, who is a man of small stature, is a man of few words, and beyond confessing to many burglaries in Portland and Oregon City, he makes no statements. He is aged 22 years.

Wright served time in the Idaho Penitentiary for a shooting scrape, but the details of the affair are not known here at this time. It is reported that dangerous criminal, and since beginning his operations here three months ago has kept the police busy in an effort to capture him. He admits having committed 12 burglaries in Portland, but the officers say he is guilty of scores, as some nights he robbed as high as six places. He used two means of gaining entrance. His favorite method was to twist off locks from front doors with an iron bar, but he sometimes went in through rear windows. He never got more than \$20 from one place, and his net gains were small, as but few leave much money in their establishments during the night. In some places he got nothing, being chased away by dogs.

Wright was a nervous wreck when sketched yesterday at Police Headquarters. His frame shook, and his hands and lips trembled violently. He begged for a cigarette, which was given him. He then became very calm.

His Confessed Crimes.

Crimes to which Wright confesses in Portland and amounts secured are: A. Andelin, 155 Second street, \$25; Black Diamond Saloon, 221 Yamhill, \$25; G. V. Ledgum, 202 North Twentieth, \$50; Charles Miller, 41 Union avenue North, no money; Albina Gardens, where he was shot at four times, no money; Smith's Saloon, 115 Williams avenue, \$4; Sullivan's Saloon, Fremont and Williams avenue, no money; E. P. Hues Saloon, 56 Williams avenue, no money; Herman Schrader's Saloon, 43 Williams avenue, no money; J. P. Marshall's Saloon, Sixth and Everett, robbed telephone box; Rockstead & Olson, 24 Front street, \$27; Badger Saloon, Fourth and Duane, no money; Busby's Saloon, Grand avenue and Morrison street, \$20; De Martin's Saloon, First and Oak, \$1; United States Saloon, 22 North Fifth, no money.

OTTO PRAG LOSES HIS STAR

Arrests a Boy in a School and Suffers in Consequence.

Otto Prag's career as an amateur detective and secret service agent is ended. Mayor Williams canceled the young man's authority yesterday, upon complaint of General Agent Cook of the Wisconsin Central lines. With a warrant issued from Justice of the Peace Seton's East Side Court, Prag arrested a son of Mr. Cook while at study in the private school of Mrs. Margaret Allen, on a charge of destruction of property.

Prag, in serving the warrant, overstepped his authority as a special officer, for the scene of the alleged misdemeanor and of the arrest was outside the city limits. Therefore, when complaint was made to Chief of Police Hunt, he com-

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

How Loyal Irishmen Will Observe It.

PLAN FOR THE ANNIVERSARY

"The Irishman of the Present Day" Will Be the Theme of Joseph Jackson's Oration at the Literary Exercises.

FIND THEIR MAN IS GONE.

Detectives Surround the House of Hugh Testard Too Late.

CRUSADE ON "MASHERS" BEGUN

Arthur Hertz Is the First Arrested by Patrolman Gibson.

FAIR WILL OPEN SATURDAY

Congregation Ahaval Sholem Is Arranging Pretentious Event.

BOARD OF TRADE BY LAWS

Committee on Revision Has About Completed Its Work.

ECHO OF STRIKE ASSAULT CASE

G. E. Walker is Arraigned in Judge Hogue's Court.

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