

SUSPECTS' CAPTURE IS LAID TO LUCK

Detectives Find Loot Searching for Another Outlaw.

SEVEN ROBBERIES TRACED

City Is Combed in Effecting Arrest of Roy Williamson, Christ Farman and Charles McCarthy.

Lock on the part of two detectives in discovering certain evidence while searching a man accused of another crime is credited for bringing about the arrests of Roy Williamson, Christ Farman and Charles J. McCarthy, the three men accused by the police of having broken open and robbed seven safes and burglarized a number of homes since November 1.

When the safe was robbed in the office of the Luckel, King & Calk Soap company on the night of February 1, and the number of such unsolved robberies was thereby increased to seven, several detectives were set to unravel the secret of the crime.

Last Thursday morning Detectives Collins and Coleman were sent to the courthouse to arrest Guy Ruffe, 881 Front street, who was accused of trying to obtain \$14 from the public welfare bureau by using a fictitious name. While searching Ruffe, they found the evidence which took them to the front-street address where loot from the burglaries was found and has been identified.

City Combed for Robbers.
Ruffe was placed under arrest for investigation, as were two brothers, Norman and Frank Ruffe, and Clyde Williamson. Sufficient information and evidence was gleaned from the four men and the contents of their pockets that Captain Harms immediately detailed every available detective to the case, and Captain Moore, who was off duty, hurried to police headquarters to direct the combing of the city for the three men whom the evidence implicated. Farman and McCarthy were arrested the same night by Detectives Leonard and Gordon. They refused

to talk and were held on vagrancy charges pending the apprehension of Williamson, believed to be the ring-leader of the gang. To capture Williamson every detective on the day and first night reliefs was put to work and remained out until 1 o'clock Friday morning, watching various places where he was expected to put in an appearance.

Stolen Goods Recovered.
Williamson thought to have seen the detectives taking Norman Ruffe and Clyde Williamson into custody for questioning at 881 Front street, and for that reason did not return to the house, or to any other place where the other men had informed the detectives he might go, and where detectives had been posted.

On Friday Detectives Coleman and Collins procured a search warrant for 881 Front street, and went there with the sheriff from Vancouver, where one of the houses was robbed. They recovered a full truck load of household goods identified by Mrs. Daisy Burke as property stolen from her residence in Vancouver, and also found clothing, dishes, tableware, silver and two complete stoves, dismantled. Buried in the basement floor was found more than \$1300 worth of jewelry and silver, part of which has been identified as stolen from the residence of H. E. Jenkins, 893 Kelly street.

Leader Is Captured.
Detective Goits was then detailed to determine the ownership of the rest of the property and to help the other detectives who were formed in a net over the city to capture Williamson. Automobiles were stationed at various points and Captain Harms had given out orders that there was to be no let-up in the search until Williamson was captured.

He was picked up at Broadway and Ankeny street Saturday afternoon by Detectives Schulpus and Moloney after the vigilance of the police had been aimed at him for more than 48 hours. Charges of burglary were placed against him.

Although the three men of the Ruffe family have talked sufficiently to make the police positive Williamson, Farman and McCarthy are the robbers who have been working in Portland for over three months, the three refuse to talk. Detectives are also withholding information which was gained from Mrs. Roy Williamson, and which they say is positive evidence that Williamson was connected with the Luckel, King & Calk Soap company robbery. Mrs. Williamson was released when her husband was taken into custody. She was held temporarily after being picked up Thursday in Vancouver.

Crimes Family Affair.
The history of the various persons implicated, directly or indirectly, is complicated. The police say the work has been carried on as a sort of a family affair. Mrs. Williamson belongs to the Ruffe family. Mrs.

BATTERY A IS REUNITED

Veterans of Oregon's Oldest Military Organization Hold Banquet.

Veterans of Battery A, Oregon's oldest military organization, met Saturday night in the Imperial hotel at their annual banquet. More than 100 members of the old organization were present and memories of other days were recalled.

E. T. Hall was toastmaster. Among the speakers were Colonel Creed Hammond, Major Hiram U. Welch, Captain Lee M. Clark, Mayor George L. Baker and others.

An impressive moment came when the veterans stood and silently paid tribute to the memories of the men of the organization who died since the last annual banquet. The names of the dead members are as follows: Francis W. Rollins, Thomas N. Martin, William F. Fuesel, George E. Johnson and Harry L. Rice.

From Cleveland, Tenn., came a long letter from George W. Taylor, 75-year-old veteran of the old battery. This was read at the banquet.

In addition to the addresses there was a musical programme and a number of dances by professional talent.

Train Wreck Catches Fire.
BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 5.—A baggage man was dangerously injured and two other trainmen were hurt last night when passenger train No. 83 on the Oregon Short Line ran into an open switch near Burley, Idaho. No passengers were injured. The engine and the baggage car turned over. Fire sprang up in the wreckage but the Burley fire department quickly extinguished the blaze.

Tenino Officers Named.
CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—F. Finan was reappointed city clerk at the last meeting of the Tenino council. Tom Shannon was reappointed marshal and A. H. Laningham police judge. At the last meeting of the Toledo council B. Conrad and D. S. Farrell were reappointed marshal and health officer respectively.

7-FOOT SAWS USED ON ICE

ROPES TIED AROUND CHUNKS ON COLUMBIA HIGHWAY.

Road From Mist Falls to Multnomah Falls Expected to Be Open by Saturday Night.

Seven-foot cross-cut saws are used on the Columbia river highway to slice off the snow and ice, packed in some places as high as 30 feet. Huge chunks are thus worked loose, heavy ropes are tied around them and teams pull them over the side.

The county's crews, under supervision of H. B. Chapman, assistant roadmaster, are cutting their way through the blockade which was the result of one of the most unusual snow storms ever recorded. It occurred last November. Orders were issued last week to open the highway at least eight feet wide to the county line.

"We are making what I consider very good progress," said Mr. Chapman yesterday. "One who has never been over the highway since that storm can have no conception of the task we are up against. Imagine having to use seven-foot cross-cut saws to slice out huge chunks of ice and snow on our highway! It doesn't seem possible, for Oregon's usual climate is so moderate we can scarcely comprehend what happened."

"We are cutting out the ice and snow where the drifts piled as high as 25 and 30 feet and then we tie ropes around the chunks and pull them over the side of the highway by means of teams. It is a real job, but the men who have been sent out there, most of whom are ex-service men, have done good work and we are getting along very well, considering the handicaps under which we are operating. I hope to open the road from Mist Falls to Multnomah Falls by next Saturday night and to complete the entire job by March 1."

Mr. Chapman said that, so far as he has been able to determine, the highway has not been injured, beyond some of the curbing and railing.


Up to Saturday, the highest number of men working on the job was 65, but today, Mr. Chapman, said, he will have 80.

Leprosy Tag Day Proclaimed.
MANILA, Feb. 5.—Governor-General Wood yesterday proclaimed February 7 tag day for the purpose of raising funds for the 6000 lepers on Cullison island. The Anti-Leprosy society is attempting to raise \$500,000 to assist the lepers.

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