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Colorado Rangers Round Up
Alleged Ring Members.

CHURCH BASEMENT CELL

Prisoners Kept in Place Where
"Tipping Off" of Raid Is
Considered Unlikely.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 25.—Deputies of the district attorney and Colorado state rangers, using the basement of a church in which to hold their prisoners in order that their raid might not be tipped off while it progressed, early today completed the round-up and arrest of 33 persons alleged to have conducted confidence operations in Colorado, Florida, Cuba and other tourist centers.

Under a technical charge of conspiracy to defraud, the prisoners, ranging in ages from 26 to 73 years, are accused by the authorities of having fleeced persons throughout the United States of sums aggregating \$1,500,000.

The officers in their raid seized \$10,000 in cash, weapons of all kinds, telegraph apparatus and the paraphernalia of a stock exchange, by means of which District Attorney Van Cise charges the alleged ring relieved patrons of summer resorts of their money in sums ranging from \$100 to \$1000.

Operations Are Unmasked.
Philip Van Cise, district attorney, announced information that led to the arrest of the gang was supplied by J. Frank Norflet of Hale Center, Texas, who has been picked as a victim. Norflet, according to Van Cise, is the man who unmasked the operations of the so-called "Joe Flurey" gang of confidence men.

"They picked the wrong bird for a plucking when they picked Norflet," declared Van Cise. "They tried to work a \$50,000 swindle on the man who caught Joe Flurey."

Victims are said to have been solicited in hotels, bathing beaches and amusement parks, particularly in Colorado, Florida and Cuba, to play the market on grains, oil stocks and stocks and bonds, being permitted to win their initial speculations and then being defrauded out of heavier amounts subsequently.

The raid followed investigations of more than a year, in which authorities in other cities aided, Denver police said.

Blonger Held "President."
Later the confidence ring suspects were taken to Brighton and Golden, Colo., jails to prevent their communication with inmates of the Denver jails.

Lou Blonger, 73, of Denver was said by Attorney Van Cise to have been the "president" of the alleged bogus stock exchange operators. Among those arrested in addition to Blonger were: Walter F. Byland, who is said by the police to be free under bonds following arrest in Texas on charges of check frauds totaling \$28,000; J. R. Farrell, alleged to be wanted by the Los Angeles police; Riley W. Wilson, St. Louis; Arthur Cooper, said to be a hotel clerk in Little Rock, Ark.; James Richard Sullivan, Santa Monica, Calif.; A. W. Duff, said to be a life member of the Denver Motor club, and Thomas Beach, expert golfer of Denver.

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In view of the extremely low bond required, District Attorney Neuner said that he would petition for an increase in the event of any overt act on the part of the strikers.

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PEACH MARKETING IS HIT

Most of Wasco Crop Expected to
Be Sold on Coast.

THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Strike conditions are hampering the marketing of the Wasco county peach crop, it was learned here today. The bulk of the peach crop is marketed through the Wasco county branch of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association. It is not shipping peaches east because of the uncertainty of delivery, it was said today.

Wasco county has a bumper peach crop this year and the bulk of it will be marketed on the coast, it was said.

MOVIE ACTOR IS SLAIN

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were in the hall. Her brothers rushed forward to catch Bergen as he fell, but the actor staggered to his feet and went out by the open front door and down the steps.

Cline was lodged later in Hackensack jail, charged with murder, and his wife and her brothers were held as material witnesses. The movie director made a statement which Captain Dinan said was a signed confession. In this Cline said he first met Bergen about a year ago at Salt Lake City. Cline was doing moving-picture work and Bergen, a song-and-dance act, was looking for employment. Cline said he helped Bergen financially then and six months ago helped him out of a grand larceny charge at Atlantic City.

Six weeks ago, Cline said, he left his wife at the St. Regis hotel, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and went away on location. Bergen, with a place in the company, was not required on location that day, and, according to Cline, visited Mrs. Cline's room, shared a quart of champagne with her and attacked her. It is only recently she confessed to her husband, for whom she sometimes took small parts in films he directed.

Bergen, 48 years old, lived with his aged parents in One Hundred and Fifteenth street East, Manhattan. For some time he had been doubling in hazardous stunts for Eugene O'Brien, film star.

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NEW YORK SOCIAL WORKER TO INHERIT \$187,500 IF SHE APOLOGIZES.



—Photo From Underwood.
Mrs. Gertrude Gilmore, New York social worker, by her mother's will, recently made public, will receive the sum of \$187,500 on condition that she apologize to her brother for a supposed offense during family differences.

to union officials, union miners will return to work at the wages and under the working conditions in effect prior to last April 1 when the nation-wide coal strike became effective. Only formal signing of the agreement remains to be accomplished, according to the union chiefs, who said operations in the mines affected probably would be resumed next week.

Mines to which the agreement applies are those of the Northwestern Improvement company, a subsidiary of the Northern Pacific railway; the Roslyn Fuel company, the Roslyn-Cascade Fuel company, the Independent Coal company and the Washington Union Coal company. All are in eastern Washington with the exception of the Washington Union company's mines, located at Teno, in Lewis county. About 2500 miners are affected.

The agreement does not apply to the majority of western Washington mines, which went on an open-shop basis more than a year ago.

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TRIBAL COUNCIL FORMED

Quinault Indians Assemble for
All-Day Session.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—The little First Presbyterian church at Taholah, headquarters on the reservation of the Quinault Indian tribe, was packed all day yesterday, and a long row of automobiles were parked outside, while their owners were inside attending the first great council of the tribe.

There were 123 members of the tribe from Castle Rock, Chehalis, Cushman, Elsie, Quillay, Quilley, Bay Center and the reservation and vicinity who answered the call to talk over formation of the council, its principal purpose being to consolidate them to work towards getting settlement of the reservation land allotments, many of the tribe never having received any land.

Freeman Jackson of Mocilla, was elected president; Mr. Mount of Oak Lake, vice-president; Anna Jackson of Mocilla, secretary; Harry Shale of Taholah, treasurer.

DEDICATION PLANS MADE

Officials to Be Invited to Ceremonies at Olympia.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Invitations to members of all cities and towns in the state, to all commercial clubs, chambers of commerce and civic organizations, to be extended through them to all citizens, to attend the ceremonies attendant upon the laying of the cornerstone for the new state capitol building, the largest of the new state capitol group, September 2, will be sent out immediately, the capitol committee declared today.

The ceremonies will be under Masonic auspices. Grand Master McCormick of Tacoma conducting, and two commanderies, Knights Templar, in full regalia, and the Masonic band of Tacoma taking part. Governor Harz will be the speaker.

Prominent Pythian Very Ill.
LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Marion Davis, ex-postmaster of Union, past supreme representative and past grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Oregon, is seriously ill at the Hot Lake sanatorium and relatives and friends fear he will not recover. Mr. Davis has been ailing for some time.

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The city of Astoria, and particularly the Astoria chamber of commerce, greeted with a warm smile and a hearty handshake yesterday a delegation of 80 Portland men, women and children who made a special excursion trip on the steamer Georgiana to the lower Columbia port in an effort to create a feeling of fellowship, harmony and co-operation between Portland and Astoria businessmen and citizens.

The visit was sponsored by the Committee of 100 of the Portland Chamber of Commerce with the motive of bringing to the realization of Portland businessmen and port development interests, the magnificent enterprises in the way of terminal construction which have been undertaken by the Astoria people for the utilization of the unparalleled, God-given waterway which touches on one of Oregon's oldest settlements.

Good Spirit Found.
Commercial executives who conceived the plan of such a visit to Portland's neighboring port, exclaimed and reiterated in most exuberant terms their satisfaction with the spirit which was created between the representatives of the sister cities. At Astoria park, Astoria, where luncheon was served to the guests, speeches were made promoting nothing but good feeling from all quarters. Astorian spokesmen, unfettered by Portlanders, voiced their brother-like attitude to the Rose tie in expressions of appreciation and admiration for Portland's commercial progress, and in words of acclamation in support of Oregon's exposition, to be held in 1928.

Pledges of support for the fair were fostered by no superficial zeal on the part of Astorians as hosts, but were sincere and eager expressions of worthy and representative citizens of an Oregon community which foresees benefit from a world exposition in this state.

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The excursionists were met at the Astoria public terminal upon the arrival of the Georgiana, which extended herself to arrive by 1 o'clock. The guests were conducted about the port and the city, and Astoria is the proud possessor, and about interesting points of civic development, such as the large canneries, lumber manufacturing establishments. Thence they proceeded to the historic site of old Fort Astor, which has been preserved as a public park and developed into a most attractive and comfortable recreational spot.

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Rev. Charles W. MacCaughy, pastor of the Centenary-Wilbur Methodist Episcopal church of Portland, and the only preacher member of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, responded for the visitors.

"The immediate business at hand," he said, "is for the two cities to get together and pull as one. Their interests are the same. What we must do in Portland and Astoria is to see that the natural advantages God gave us are realized. To accomplish this requires faith, energy, co-operation.

"We, as a small representation, bear you the greetings of 35,000 persons. The people of Portland admire and respect the people of this city for their integrity and nerve to build such massive port facilities."

J. M. Anderson, of the Astoria National bank, reiterated pledges of good will and faith in the city of Portland.

"We discern in your countenances that spirit which is to be the spirit of Portland and Oregon—that is, 'Everything for Oregon.' We cities of the Columbia cannot fail to understand and be the custodians of the key to great commercial progress. When the 1928 fair comes, that is the time we want to show the people of the country what we as a state have and what we can do."

Henry L. Hudson, traffic manager of the port of Portland, spoke, saying:

"There is no reason why the two ports of the Columbia cannot work as one if we all work together. Astoria is our friend, I hope you realize that we mean that."

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South Bend, situated in a fertile valley on tidewater at a point where ocean steamers could come in through a straight and deep channel, was looked on by many as the logical ocean shipping point for the northwest.

The Northern Pacific became engaged and built a splendid hotel which never saw any use but the opening grand ball. It was only in the last few years that the big timber stands and mills here have struck ocean-going vessels and trains.

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