

BOY DRUG VEHICLES TAKEN RED HANDED

Four Messengers Sell Narcotics to Addicts.

WITNESSES ARE DETAINED

"Coke" Parties Given at Which Uninitiated Are Taught to Form Habit.

Four messenger boys, alleged to have made a practice of retailing narcotics, are lodged in the county jail in default of \$1000 bond each, and several other individuals who are believed to have been active in distributing cocaine and morphine are in the city jail as the result of a clean up in the drug traffic made yesterday by Inspectors W. R. Wood of the federal narcotic squad and Detectives L. V. Morelock and W. D. Morris.

Six witnesses against the youths are now in custody and statements were obtained yesterday from about 20 addicts, who stated they had made purchases from the boys, all of whom are employed by the City messenger service. Of these there were 18 or 19 women, according to Assistant United States Attorney Austin F. Fiegel, who requested the investigation.

The boys in custody are Buck Chapin, E. C. McKean, Arthur Van and Art Rinehart. Van, it is said, confessed that he had sold \$25 worth of cocaine and morphine daily, making a 25 per cent profit. As he sat in the custom house and saw addicts after addicts brought in he asked to be taken away, saying that he knew what they were there for. He made a complete confession to Morris, saying that he obtained the drugs in Chinatown and from negroes.

John F. Fiegel, manager of the City messenger service, appeared before Mr. Fiegel late in the day and declared that he knew nothing of the drug sales, but that he suspected some such operations had been carried on for several months and had reported this to the police. He said he had no knowledge of the source of the drugs, but that one day he had answered the telephone when a woman asked that "the boy bring what I want—three dollars' worth" and that this had seemed suspicious.

Orders Phoned to Messengers. Witnesses earlier had stated that it was a simple matter to make purchases by telephoning Main 29, the number at the messenger service office, and calling for either messengers 25, 26, 27 or 28, and giving their order, such as "3 m" or "2 c," meaning \$3 worth of morphine or \$2 worth of cocaine.

Another angle of the drug traffic is to be aired in the municipal court at 10 o'clock Monday morning, when Lucien Latourell and Hazel Edwards are slated for trial on charges of vagrancy and breaking a state board of health parole, respectively. The two were part of a group drawn in by the officers' net and are regarded as dangerous characters in the north end.

Latourell and his brother Lovell, now in the county jail, are charged with the same offenses. They were taken yesterday by Attorney H. P. McInturf, representing the state board of health, against the Edwards and Latourell. The two women were among those examined by the officers before Miss Anna Murphy, rehabilitation officer of the board, Mr. McInturf and a representative of the public welfare bureau.

It developed that Hazel Edwards and her sister Josephine, known as "Luce" and "Lucey," were taken by the state industrial school and paroled to go to a sister at Williamina.

A few days later she broke parole, and had been missing ever since. Letters found in possession of Latourell, however, indicate that she must have recently returned to Williamina.

Records Are Revealed. Latourell and Hazel Powell were taken into custody at Fourteenth and Taylor streets here, they originally made their headquarters. Bond for the former was placed at \$250. Inspector Wood yesterday declared the two brothers have led more girls into the habit than any other two men in the city. It was said that Latourell's custom was to teach a girl the drug habit, then put her to work begging small amounts from men on the street.

The case of Mrs. Swetstone is an unusual one, the return of a woman for many months thought dead. The witness said she had for 16 years been a drug addict. About six months ago she came away from the Caddys and is said to have regained her health and added about 40 pounds to her weight.

She disappeared a month later—about the time the body of a woman suicide was found near a bridge. It was supposed at the time this was Mrs. Swetstone, as even the mother believed her daughter was willing to take her own life in this fashion.

Meanwhile the girl had been living in the north end. She is now in the city jail with her room mate, Alice Murphy, with whom she lived at Sixth and Burnside.

During the examination of drug addicts it developed that the majority had acquired the habit from evil associates. Only one said it was the result of sickness and the girl who came from all walks of life. Some said the messenger boys came to them and solicited business deals, some even came every two hours. Other addicts called the office and asked for drugs.

"Coke" Parties Given. Each girl was allowed to hear the testimony of the others, and all questions were asked in the presence of social workers and the police. The officers would have no opportunity to elicit information when witnesses were in need of drugs, and willing to talk in order to satisfy their craving. The young women, most of them between the ages of 17 and 24, told of "coke parties."

NEWLY ELECTED HEAD OF AMERICAN LEGION OF OREGON.



MAJOR W. S. GILBERT.

MAJOR GILBERT NAMED

VICE-COMMANDER POST IS GIVEN TO GOODSELL.

State Delegates and Alternates to National Convention Are Chosen at Session.

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from the third congressional district, as follows: Arthur A. Murphy, John A. Beckwith, George A. White, of Portland and C. G. Schneider of Gresham, delegates, and W. A. Ekwall, Jerrold Owen, William C. Kavanaugh, Ben S. Morrow and R. W. McCall of Portland alternates. The votes were in the order named.

Other congressional districts will have the following representation: First—William B. Follett, Eugene; Leland E. Gilbert, Astoria; John S. Rankin, Newberg; M. A. Dano, Marshfield, and Leland Brown, Salem, delegates, and Paul M. Leonard, Medford, Lloyd Harding, Oregon City; Jesse R. Hinman, Astoria; Grover Todd, Woodburn, and James Howe, Bend, alternates.

Second—C. W. Brakine, Bend; Harry L. Kuck, Pendleton; Frank C. McCollough, Baker; Perry L. Gilman, Pendleton, and Roy Curry, La Grande, delegates, and Earl Blackaby, Ontario, W. O. Loughlin, Klamath Falls, Arthur Van Fleet, La Grande, and Floyd A. Penfield, Prineville, alternates.

Eugene was selected as the place for the next convention after a close race with Baker. At the close of the first day of the convention there remained a sentiment opposed to Mr. Goodsell on the ground that she was "heading a slate" which meant roller tactics were being used in the search for a candidate. Insurgents suggested Major Gilbert for the post, and Mr. Goodsell, in the interest of harmony and the future of the legion, withdrew from the race and nominated Major Gilbert.

When the representation was made to Major Gilbert that this meant harmony in the organization and the solution of a situation threatening serious schism, he agreed to accept the nomination. Mr. Goodsell then was nominated vice-commander by Harold Warner of Pendleton.

George H. Parkinson of Corvallis was chosen chaplain. Major Gilbert was endorsed to thousands in France as chaplain of the 34th Infantry. He is a chaplain of the 5th Oregon. Mr. Goodsell, well known to his friends as "Blue" Goodsell, was elected as first lieutenant and captain, and received a divisional citation for bravery in the Champagne.

A watch was presented to Post Commander Follett by Walter B. Gleason of Portland. All Astoria turned out today in honor of the legion and was joined by many residents of Seaside, Warrenton and other nearby towns. It was a half holiday and the feature of the afternoon was a parade followed by a convention. There were approximately 500 veterans from the 36 posts of the legion in Oregon outside of Astoria in line and 200 members of Clatsop county.

Numerous handsome floats were in line and there many decorated automobiles. George A. White, adjutant-general of Oregon, and delegate of Portland to the convention, was grand marshal of the parade.

In the report of Jesse R. Hinman, chairman of the committee on Americanism, it was urged that the legion strive to further the education of foreign-born residents, to seek the best methods of assimilating them into the northwestern, to seek ever restrictions on the class of immigrants admitted to this country, to aid in suppressing "the Japanese menace" on the Pacific coast, to plan counter-propaganda campaigns to overcome the flood of J. W. W. and other radical literature being disseminated, and to seek continuance of war-time defense measures.

A motion picture was shown and the state from 15 cents as recommended to \$1 a year failed to carry. A motion picture local posts to turn over to the state organization one-tenth of the profits from all post entertainments also was lost.

Instead of formal resolutions burdened with numerous "whereases" and "Be it resolved," Arthur A. Murphy of Portland, chairman of the resolutions committee, submitted a statement of principles for adoption by the convention. It opposed any attempt to organize an ex-service men's political party, though believing it was the patriotic duty of every ex-

service man to take an active part in the solution of problems confronting his community, state and nation; approved the adjusted compensation and other legislation advocated by the Legion national executive committee; commended the present work of the Legion to include those whose real disabilities are not apparent; accepted the offer of the Pacific Legion official publication of 75 per cent net profits for a fund for disabled veterans; urged the passage of a drastic law prohibiting unassimilable aliens from owning land in Oregon; endorsed legislation to provide for amalgamation of the war-risk insurance bureau, federal board for vocational training and United States public health service; commended the present work of the vocational board; urged enlargement of scope of state beneficial legislation to include those whose real disabilities are not apparent; urged better hospitalization for tuberculosis and neuro-psychiatric patients; called attention to the law against unassimilable use of the American Legion emblem; commended and pledged cooperation to Clatsop post in its fight against the Toveri, Astoria Finnish newspaper; commended and endorsed J. J. Langroe for the institution of his Journal of Americanism called "The Northman," recommending its hearty support by merchants and readers, and extended customary votes of thanks.

Legionnaires leave tomorrow morning for Seaside to enjoy a clam bake and pyrotechnic display, "the battle of the Argonne."

ALBANY'S DEPOSITS GROW. Records Indicate 140 Per Cent Gain During Past Decade.

ALBANY, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—With a per capita wealth of \$22,236, Albany is setting forth the claim that few cities in the country can equal the size of its bank deposits pro rata to population.

Enough census reports show that Albany has gained only 14.2 per cent in population in the past decade, the city's bank deposits have grown approximately 140 per cent in that time. On June 30, 1910, the total bank deposits in Albany were \$1,684,984, and now they reach an aggregate sum of \$3,981,851, showing an increase in the past 10 years of \$2,296,867.

In the same period the total resources of local banks has increased from \$2,039,095 to \$1,374,157.

MACHINE SKIDS; 2 HURT. Jack Brown and Claude Dewart in Accident Near Albany.

ALBANY, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—Jack Brown and Claude Dewart, county truck drivers, were injured yesterday when a car in which they were driving from Albany to the county gravel plant at Sanderson's bridge, on the South Santiam river, nine miles east of this city skidded in loose gravel, went into the ditch and smashed against a telephone pole.

Mr. Brown sustained a broken leg and Mr. Dewart a wrenched back and bruised head. Henry Bohlken, the third occupant of the car, was not hurt.

Mrs. Ida Reed Is Dead. SEATTLE, Wash., July 31.—Mrs. Ida Reed, wife of Judge T. M. Reed of Olympia, Wash., and Nome, Alaska, and a resident of the northwest for more than half a century, died in a hospital here today. She was 84 years of age.

Mrs. Reed was born in Illinois, came to the Pacific coast as a child and lived for several years in Portland, before the family moved to Olympia. During the last 20 years she spent much of her time in Alaska.

Besides her widower Mrs. Reed leaves a son, T. M. Reed, Jr., of Nome, her mother, Mrs. Adelaide McKenny, and a sister, Miss Margaret McKenny of Olympia.

162d Infantry to Hold Picnic. The 162d Infantry, formerly the 3d Oregon, will hold a basket picnic at the Clackamas rifle range on Sunday, August 8. A programme of races, musical features, dancing and other picnic events is being planned by a committee composed of L. E. Gullin, chairman; E. B. Carlson, A. Pettibone, R. Gruman, L. A. Miner, L. A. Lively, W. E. Stewart and D. W. Hansen. A prize will be given by the organization to the individual company having the largest attendance.

400 Pheasants to Go Free. Arrangements have been made for the release of 400 China pheasants by the state game commission. Of those about half will go to the protected regions around Medford, where the young birds will not be subjected to the cold winter. The pheasants will be released in the spring hereafter. The two game farms owned by the state have approximately 7000 young birds in this season's brood.

GIRL IS INVOLVED IN JEWELER'S DEATH

S. T. A. Loftis Expires After "Friendly Tussle."

ROOM IS SCENE OF ORGY

Broken Whisky Bottle by Pajama-Clad Body—Place Called Trap for Young Women.

CHICAGO, July 31.—Police tonight were working on two theories in connection with the death of Samuel T. A. Loftis, wealthy diamond merchant, found dead in his apartment last night with a broken whisky bottle on his head. The first declared he had "suddenly fallen dead after she had called for help when he insulted her," but later admitted that his death came "after a friendly tussle with her."

One theory was that a cerebral hemorrhage, which coroner's physicians declared caused Mr. Loftis' death, was the result of a fall, possibly accidental. The other was that Loftis had been hit on the head with a broken whisky bottle found near his pajama-clad figure.

Taxi Ride Re-nacted. In efforts to check up the statements made by Miss Woods and her fiancé, Roy Shayne, who told police he rushed to the apartment following a telephone message from Miss Woods that she was being insulted, police had Miss Woods reenact the taxi ride she said she took after leaving Shayne with the dead body.

Police declared that when Miss Woods reached her home she had a watch and jewelry belonging to Loftis, which she gave to her mother with the remark, "Keep them mother, for a while."

Place Called Girl Trap. Police expressed the opinion that Shayne had "told everything he knew of the case" and declared he would be released.

Stories told police by Miss Hulda Johnson, housekeeper for Loftis, indicated that the party which resulted in his death was only one of many parties held in the apartment. Broken whisky bottles and other signs of hilarity and debauchery frequently were found by her, she said.

She termed the apartment a "girl trap," and declared Loftis had entertained 50 girls there since January 1. One best man, Edward W. F. W. as a boudoir for women, said, equipped with all feminine requisites.

CHURCH MAY LOSE PASTOR. Rev. Mr. Booser of Medford Gets Attractive Offer.

MEDFORD, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—Medford and the First Presbyterian church may soon lose Rev. L. Myron Booser, who has just been tendered the position of student pastor for Presbyterians attending Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis.

The offer came to him as a surprise. The position there affords so large a field of opportunity and the salary is so much greater than the church here, that the popular Medford pastor will probably accept it, though he said tonight that he was not sure.

Mr. Booser was chosen for the position by the Presbyterian synod and will be installed at the church here by the general board of the Presbyterian church in charge of educational centers.

WEST POINT DOORS OPEN. Opportunity Offered to Veterans of World War.

Veterans of the late war who desire to continue a military career are eligible for admission to the United States military academy at West Point, provided they served at least a year in the United States or an allied army during the war, according to an announcement from the war department.

Candidates admitted under this proviso must be between the ages of 17 and 24 by July 1, 1921, and must pass the regular examination required by law. Enlisted men who apply for admission to the academy must be between 17 and 22 at the time of examination and must have served at least one year in the army.

SON-IN-LAW IS ARRESTED. Gladstone Man Is Held on Assault and Battery Charge.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—H. Dillon of Gladstone was arrested Friday night on complaint of his father-in-law, L. D. Mumpower, who charged him with assault and battery. Dillon was fined \$25 and costs.

Another complaint charging Dillon with entering a house other than his own was also filed, and Dillon was released on \$100 cash bonds to appear Monday for trial.

GROTTO AFTER MEMBERS

MASONIC SOCIAL ORDER WILL MEET TUESDAY.

Sporting Programme Will See Frank Kendall in Action With Prophet Smith.

As another important step in connection with the membership campaign now in progress by Gul-Renee grotto No. 65, the Portland chapter of this nation-wide Masonic social order will hold a meeting Tuesday evening in room E of the municipal auditorium at 8 o'clock.

In addition to discussion of further plans for the campaign, the members present will enjoy a sporting programme, including a four-round boxing exhibition between Prophet Earl Smith and Frank Kendall, a number of other bouts, and a musical performance by the grotto quartet.

The Friday evening session will be one of a series being held with the blue lodges in conjunction with the campaign. A large number of applications for membership have been received already, according to Clyde E. Lewis, campaign manager, and the drive is being kept up by the 1200 new members into the fold. Under the active leadership of Mr. Lewis, who, although a well-known Portlander, recently was called to Little Rock, Ark., to put on a campaign for Albin Pike lodge No. 142 on August 12 are among the events planned for this month. The campaign will close at Crystal Lake park on August 11 and a ceremonial in connection with the drive there, the campaign is progressing spiritedly and promises to be one of the most successful affairs of the kind for some time. A picnic on September 11.

ELBERTA PEACHES for CANNING. On account of the short crop in the NORTHWEST, it is reasonable to believe that this is the time for PRESERVING. California Elberta Peaches are now at their best, and will not be cheaper.

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A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, to clear the bowels and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, but clear the system of a great deal of impurities, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."—Adv.

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