

DEATH UNCOVERS HIDDEN PLUNDER

Loot of the Get-Rich-Quick Miller Syndicate Is Found at Ostend, Belgium.

MAY RECOVER WEALTH FOR DELUDED VICTIMS

Suit Is Being Tried in New York Courts to Get Possession of Treasure.

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, April 21.—The latest feature in the gigantic swindle of 1929, the get-rich-quick Miller syndicate, is being told in the United States district court today before Judge Thomas of Brooklyn.

The case is brought by J. E. Lord, trustee in bankruptcy, of the 520 per cent profit syndicate to recover \$170,000 in cash and securities that belong to the late Edward Schlessinger, whose body was recently discovered in a vault at Ostend, Belgium, where it was held for the non-payment of physicians' bills. After the discovery of the body the cash and securities that had been loaned to Schlessinger were taken from safe deposit vaults in Belgium by his relatives, who are now telling the court why they should keep this property instead of returning it to the depositors who lost their money in the Miller syndicate.

Edward Schlessinger was a partner of William F. Miller in the enterprise by which hundreds of persons were swindled. On November 24, 1929, when the Miller syndicate collapsed, Schlessinger disappeared with a handling which was said to contain \$150,000 of the syndicate's money and \$25,000 belonging to William F. Miller. It was said Schlessinger had fled to Europe, and detectives could not find him.

Schlessinger and his fortune were located by T. Elliott Hodakin, New York lawyer, who spent four years on the case in the interest of John B. Lord, trustee in bankruptcy.

During the first two years after Schlessinger's disappearance rumors reached this country of his prodigal life in Paris and other parts of Europe, and efforts were made to locate and extradite him. These efforts all failed. In 1932 the story was told here that he had died in destitution somewhere on the continent, and, although denied and forgotten, the story of his death was true.

Search in Paris Fails.
Early in 1932 Mr. Hodakin went to Paris to find Schlessinger and if possible induce him to make a settlement or return to America. He did not locate the fugitive, but stories of his elaborate entertainments and his caprices of one sort and another were heard throughout the French capital. For a time Schlessinger had lived at the Grand hotel, and was known as Edward Solly, or Sully. He spent money lavishly and was surrounded by a circle of gay friends. Later he established a racing stable, but because of some infraction of rules was barred from the Jockey Club of France and lost much of his money.

He embarked in a big copper speculation and was said to have made a great deal of money. Then something occurred which induced him to leave Paris suddenly and go to some place where he had gone.

Next came the rumor of his death, and after that all definite traces of the man were lost until early in March last, when information reached Mr. Hodakin that Schlessinger's clothing had been sent from abroad to his mother, now Mrs. Esther Blake of this city, and that this clothing had been quickly disposed of to a second-hand dealer.

Misses Tami in Europe.
Mr. Hodakin at once set detectives at work on the case, and Mr. Lord started for Belgium. There, after several weeks of searching, he made the acquaintance of Ely Friedlander, a rabbi, in Ostend, who had information that Schlessinger's clothing had been sent from abroad to his mother, now Mrs. Esther Blake of this city, and that this clothing had been quickly disposed of to a second-hand dealer.

Schlessinger died of apoplexy August 11, 1933, in the Hotel Splendid, Ostend. At his death were August Liebaert, a knight of the Order of Leopold; Jules Smets, a wealthy wine merchant, and two or three other boon companions, whose affidavits as to the circumstances of death will appear in the case. Three days prior to his death he had collapsed in the Kursaal club, and was taken to the hotel by his friends. A. Pitter, the mayor of Ostend, also made affidavits as to his death.

Several physicians were called to attend the fugitive, but were unable to collect their fees. The physicians then, under the laws of Belgium, withheld their burial certificate, which prevented the body being removed to America, investigation proving it was still in the city vault of Ostend.

Mr. Lord learned that Schlessinger had a large sum in the Credit Lyonnais, a bank in Brussels. He called upon the officials of this institution. They merely told him Schlessinger had carried an account with the bank, which was not large, and that he had rented a safe deposit box in their vaults, the contents of which they were not supposed to know.

Through the aid of George W. Roosevelt, consul at Ostend, the consul general and other United States officials, Mr. Lord managed to learn from the bank that Schlessinger not only had a large sum of money and securities in the safe deposit, but that soon after his death his brother Solomon and a New York lawyer with power of attorney for Mrs. Blake had appeared at the bank and taken possession of all of the dead man's money and securities amounting to about \$170,000.

With this information the scene shifted to New York again. Through detectives it was learned that Mrs. Blake had recently come into possession of a large sum of money. Solomon Schlessinger, the surviving brother of Edward, is in partnership with Norbert D. Light in the firm of Light & Schlessinger, silk waist manufacturers of this city.

**THE AID ASSOCIATION
NEEDS DESKS AND CHAIRS**
The Travelers' Aid association of Portland, the object of which is the protection of women and girls, has secured office accommodations at 104 1/2 Sixth street, room 5.
As the work is becoming better known calls are rapidly increasing, both from outside points and from the city. It is necessary that the rooms be furnished immediately, and an earnest appeal is made to friends of the organization for an office desk, chairs, floor covering, several sets with bedding, curtains and a clock.
Persons having any of the above articles or who is willing to assist in purchasing what is so imperatively needed should phone Main 1295 or address Portland Travelers' Aid association.

COBB SUCCEEDS HOWELL ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mayor Williams will announce the appointment this afternoon of S. B. Cobb, of the Standard Box company, to membership in the city executive board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George H. Howell three days ago.

WRIGHT AND MONTE ARE ARRAIGNED

Charged With Assisting Tracy and Merrill to Escape From Salem.

WRIGHT GIVEN UNTIL MONDAY TO MAKE PLEA

Monte Confined in Penitentiary at Salem, Where He Is Serving a Term.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., April 21.—This afternoon at 1 o'clock Harry Wright and Charles Monte were arraigned before Judge Bennett in the circuit court, on the charge of assisting and abetting Tracy and Merrill, the notorious outlaws, to escape from the penitentiary.

Wright was given until Monday to plead and D'Arcy appointed to defend him.

They were indicted by the grand jury several days ago, and charged with murder in the first degree. It was found guilty they will probably be hanged within a few yards of where Tracy and Merrill made their escape.

Wright, who was recently released from the prison at Walla Walla, is now confined in the Marion county jail, while Monte was brought down from the penitentiary here this afternoon. He is serving a three-year sentence for burglary, only part of which has expired.

It is only in extraordinary cases like this one that a man can be tried for a crime while serving a sentence for another. The second offense must be greater than the first. This is perhaps the first instance of the kind to happen in the state.

Several cases have occurred in former years where criminals serving a short sentence were accused of crimes of greater magnitude, but the practice in most instances was to get the prisoner pardoned by the governor and then re-arrest him when released.

It is rumored that Monte has confessed to a fellow convict the part played by him in the crime, but Wright declares that he will be able to prove that he was in Seattle when the break was made, and for some time prior to that date.

Notwithstanding this statement the prosecution claims to be able to prove that he was in Salem a very few days before the break, and that he made the boat that there was soon going to be a successful break at the penitentiary.

The trials have aroused a great deal of interest in this city. The courtroom was crowded to the doors this afternoon.

GOVERNMENT'S DISPLAYS AT THE EXPOSITION

Representatives of the agricultural and treasury departments of the United States government arrived in Portland this morning to take charge of the respective exhibits at the fair.

The agricultural interests are represented by William C. Brigham, chief agent, and C. R. Thompson, his assistant. Mr. Brigham is a son of the late Colonel Joseph H. Brigham, assistant secretary of agriculture under McKinley and Roosevelt and one of the men most beloved by the farmers of America.

The agricultural exhibit will include a department for livestock, the purpose of which is to show the most approved manner of killing beef and the best methods of preventing disease in cattle.

The treasury department's show will be under the management of Milton Brown of Washington, D. C., and will include a coining machine, but the display will be less elaborate than at St. Louis, where the process of minting was shown from the time the gold was extracted from the ore.

Messrs. Brigham and Brown are accompanied by their wives and are registered at the Imperial hotel.

STOCK EXCHANGES CLOSE.
(Journal Special Service.)
New York, April 21.—Good Friday was generally observed in New York. The exchanges of the city—New York Stock, Consolidated Stock, Produce, Coffee, Cotton and Metal—suspended business, and most of the larger financial houses were closed. The New York stock exchange will be the only exchange to resume tomorrow, the others having adjourned until Monday. Special services were held in a majority of the churches.

REWARD IN ROCKEE.
(Journal Special Service.)
Omaha, April 21.—A blizzard is raging throughout western Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming. Traffic is blocked by heavy snowfalls and wires are generally prostrated.

GARFIELD GOES TO CALIFORNIA.
(Journal Special Service.)
Kansas City, April 21.—Commissioner Garfield left for Topeka today on his way to California, where he will investigate the conditions of the oil fields.

PIANOS For Everybody

Now is the time to secure one at one half its true value. We have a large number of second hand and used pianos, all in first-class condition, and some almost new that we want to close out quickly, and have named a price that will do it. You need a piano, but perhaps feel you cannot spare the amount necessary to get it now. This sale pays the way for you to do it. A little down and a little each month is all that is necessary. You will find them all the way from \$75 up. Big reductions on all our new goods. See window display for particulars. Our easy-payment plan is popular with the people.

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NAN PATTERSON GOES TO CHURCH WITH SISTER

Hebrew Tailor Is Found Who Witnessed Young Kill Himself in Cab.

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, April 21.—Nan Patterson and her sister, Julia Smith, attended church services today in the Presbyterian chapel at the Tomba. When the sermon was over the two women were taken to a rooming house in the city, where they were quarantined. The woman was weeping and both occupants were greatly excited. At one time they engaged in a struggle, but of short duration. Finally the woman laid her head on the man's shoulder and the man then reached around to a rear pocket and drew a revolver, with which he shot himself.

Isenberg declares that he became excited by the scene he witnessed and hurried away. Being unable to read English he saw nothing of the case in the papers and had forgotten nearly all about it until the other day, when, glancing through a Jewish paper, he saw an account of the Patterson trial and concluded that the people he saw in the cab must have been Young and Nan Patterson.

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FIVE MINERS KILLED BY POWDER EXPLOSION

Charleston, W. Va., April 21.—The bodies of the five miners killed in an explosion in the Yorkfort mine were found this morning and removed. The mine was but little damaged. The disaster is thought to have been caused by a powder explosion, the result of a miner's carelessness.

Those dead are: Burt Green, Charles Nicolla, Alan Nicolla, Arthur Crump, William Allen. The three fatally hurt are: George Eastman, night boss; Mera Darby, assistant night boss; William Robinson, laborer.

WESTERN PACIFIC ROAD CONSTRUCTION ASSURED

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, April 21.—Plans have been completed by which the construction of the Western Pacific railroad are assured. A syndicate of Wall street bankers has agreed to underwrite the \$50,000,000 worth of bonds, the proceeds of which will complete a line from Salt Lake to San Francisco. The Western Pacific will become a part of the Gould system, which will then extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

MAY MOVE WOOLEN MILLS TO HOOD RIVER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Union, April 21.—Business men of Hood River are negotiating with Wright & Wilbur, of Union, owners of the Eugene woolen mill plant, for the location of the same at Hood River. The owners of the Eugene plant have been in Hood River this week consulting the business men of that place with a view to closing the deal. Wright is cashier of the First National bank of Union; Wilbur is superintendent of the Union woolen mills.

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BURDETTE-COUTTS IS NINETY-THREE TODAY

(Journal Special Service.)
London, April 21.—Baroness Burdette-Coutts, looking remarkably well for one of her great age, today celebrated her 93rd birthday. All day long a procession of telegraph boys bringing messages from every part of the world, messenger boys carrying flowers and friends bearing parcels kept arriving at her home in Stratton street, King Edward's Hotel. Her guests included the Queen, Alexandra and other members of the royal family were among those to send congratulatory messages.

LEFT MANY MILLIONS BY REJECTED SUITOR

Woman Who Twice Refused Lover, Remembered by Him Upon His Deathbed.

(Journal Special Service.)
Omaha, Neb., April 21.—Although twice rejected by the girl he had loved since she was a little maid, C. H. Heren, the South African diamond king, has left her his entire fortune. The fortunate young woman is Mrs. Joseph W. Munchhoff of Chicago, formerly Miss Mattie Cannon of this city. She heard of her good luck while visiting in Denver, through a cable from Pretoria. Her father is T. V. Cannon of Chicago, president of the T. V. Maple Syrup company of Quebec. Heren was president of the Maine Wood Maple Syrup company, a rival concern.

Miss Cannon refused Heren's hand on account of the difference in their ages, and married Munchhoff, whom she met when he was collecting fares in a merry-go-round at an Omaha resort. After her divorce from Munchhoff, Heren again pressed his suit, but was again refused. It is said to have been due to Miss Cannon's refusal to marry him that led Heren to go to South Africa, where he amassed a fortune of \$50,000,000, part of which he has since squandered.

TUG STAR SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY FIRE

Fire injured the tug Star at the docks of the Star Sand company at Front and Third streets at 7 o'clock last night. The tug was in the dock when the machinery was slightly damaged, entailing a loss not to exceed \$800.

Through a mistake of boys who discovered the fire the fire did not respond to the alarm. Instead of turning in the alarm from box 43 across the street from the dock, they ran seven blocks to box 26 at Seventeenth and Sawyer streets to which the fire first responded.

The fire department under Battalion Chief Young experienced considerable difficulty in laying the hose, but within five minutes after a fire was secured the flames were under control. Chief Young stated that if there had been any need of it he would have called the fireboat to the scene of the blaze after he arrived, but that the fire was easily subdued without one stream of water.

The tug had towed a barge of sand at the wharf in the evening and the crew had gone up town leaving steam up in the boilers. The origin of the fire is unknown.

MRS. OGDEN'S CAPTIVE FINED FIFTY DOLLARS

In the municipal court this morning Mrs. H. M. Ogden told how she outwitted W. J. Cain, agent for a picture framing establishment, looked him in her house and held him prisoner until the arrival of the police. The man was charged with assault and battery.

Mrs. Ogden resides with her husband at 627 East Morrison street. She was preparing to go down town when the agent intruded, and insisted on explaining that he would take engraved pictures without cost to her simply for advertising purposes. He had previously received a picture from her, she said, and had failed to return it.

She locked the door suddenly and told him she would hold him prisoner until her property was returned. He swore violently, she declared, and struck her in efforts to free himself. However, he was held until the arrival of the officers.

Cain was found guilty and fined \$50. He gave notice of appeal.

SOUTH PORTLAND WANTS FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

A mass meeting for the purpose of organizing an association to work in the interests of a free public library for South Portland was held last night at First and Gibbs streets. The following officers were elected: President, Milton W. Smith; first vice-president, H. M. Smith; second vice-president, B. F. Jones; treasurer, Mr. Lawson; secretary, A. R. Spauldrough.

A constitution and library regulations drawn by a committee appointed at a previous meeting were read and adopted. Another meeting will be held next week.

SENATOR OVELINE PRATT DYING.
(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, April 21.—Senator O. H. Platt of Connecticut is sinking for a deadly pneumonia, of which he has been ill for some time. It is feared that he will not live through the day.

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