

3 MEN, WOMAN AND BOY INDICTED FOR LIBERTY ROBBERY

Three men, one woman and a 17-year-old boy were indicted by the Multnomah county grand jury this morning on charges of assault while armed with a dangerous weapon and assault with intent to rob for the holdup of the Liberty theatre on November 7, in which over \$9000 was secured. Life in prison is the maximum penalty.

The men are Harry Barney, former night superintendent at theatre, said to have been the "master mind" of the gang; Leo Seredick, Russian laborer; Joe Watkins, Russian laborer; John Printer, formerly an employee of the theatre; Mrs. Clara Printer, John Printer's wife; and Andrew Printer, son.

All six of those involved have made more or less complete confessions of the crime. Watkins, and perhaps Seredick and Printer, will plead guilty at once and throw themselves on the mercy of the court. Paroles are forecast for Mrs. Printer and Andrew, as the district attorney's office and the deputy sheriffs who made the capture seem convinced that they were enticed into the affair by the head of the family. Andrew would ordinarily come under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, but because of the seriousness of the crime Judge Kinsler today remanded him to the circuit court, so he will have to go through the mill with the others.

MOST UNUSUAL CRIME

The indictment is the beginning of the end of one of the most unusual crimes on record. Three masked men entered the Liberty theatre at 9 o'clock in the morning, just as the auditor was opening the safe in which was stored cash receipts for Saturday evening and Sunday.

Two girls in the theatre were bound and gagged. The auditor, Raymond E. Charles, was held up. Harry hit one of the night superintendents, was cracked on the head with a club. The men took over \$9000 and fled out the side door to an old and dilapidated automobile that stood beside the Oregon hotel. There was a woman and a youth in the car. They drove away.

One of the girls knocked a telephone off its stand and shouted for the police. The police came out in force, led by Mayor Baker and Chief Jenkins, but they were baffled and they remained baffled.

"That job was pulled by clever East-end crooks," one well known detective was heard to say.

SHERIFF GETS TIP

But on October 25, the sheriff's office, which had not been called into the case, and the district attorney's office got a red hot tip from the underworld of the Russian colony of Portland. They called in Joe Watkins and questioned him. But he wouldn't talk. They released him, and the next morning, deep in his cups, Watkins bragged and "spilled" the story to friends and acquaintances. Joe was arrested again. And that night Harry Barney, the man who had been cracked over the head and had shared the honors of heroism with the girl who called the police, was arrested by deputy sheriffs as the "brains" of the holdup.

Barney had been educated for the priesthood. In his theatre uniform and with his smiling face he was the last man in the world that the owners of the theatre would suspect.

WOMAN AND SON TAKEN

Then came the arrest at Vancouver, in a row on the river bank, of Mrs. Clara Printer and her son, Andrew. John Printer, who was outside the house at the time, saw the officers coming and skipped out. Leo Seredick was arrested in Seattle a couple of days later at the home of a Russian friend. He was the man who hit Barney over the head. Printer, the last of the gang to be taken into custody, was found in a moonshiner's cave at a friend's farm near Tobias station, on the Oregon Electric line. Deputy sheriffs made the arrest.

REALITY WOMEN HOSTS

The Women's Realty board of Portland will give an entertainment Friday at 8:30 p. m. in the Foresters' hall, 129 Fourth street. A musical program will be followed by dancing and cards and an address by W. H. Ross, chairman of the publicity committee of the Portland Realty board.

Wallowa Meeting Opposes Any Plan For 1925 Fair Tax

Enterprise, Dec. 8.—At a meeting of Wallowa county tax payers, held today in Enterprise, the county tax budget was carefully considered and passed as arranged by the budget committee. It was the sentiment of all present that expenses should be reduced wherever possible and that no new expenditures be authorized. The following resolutions were passed by unanimous vote:

"Be it resolved by Wallowa county tax payers as follows: That we regret the action of Governor Olcott in calling a special session of the legislature as imposing an unnecessary expense upon the public in time of financial stress. But, since such session is to be held, we earnestly and strenuously urge upon the men who will there represent Wallowa county to oppose by legislation the submission to the people of any tax proposal whatever, whether related to the proposed Portland exposition or otherwise; also to oppose by all honorable means any legislation except where same is imperative for public safety, peace and health.

The resolutions were passed after speeches by Hugh Wilson, Walker Franklin, Jay Dobbin, C. L. Fyles and others had called attention to the serious conditions of the taxpayers of Wallowa county and the absolute necessity of economy, in both private and public expenditures.

Would-Be Robbers Quickly Sentenced

Yakima, Wash., Dec. 8.—In less than 24 hours after they had planned to rob a store at Buena, 16 miles from Yakima, Thomas Coyle, 22, and Jack Simons, 18, youthful burglars, were in the county jail, sentenced to serve minimum terms of two years each at the state reformatory at Monroe. Both are transient fruit workers and stole a car here Tuesday night. They were caught about 1 o'clock in the store of the Buena Mercantile company by William Hansen, the manager, who sleeps in the store. He held them with a shotgun, disarmed them and notified the sheriff. They pleaded guilty.

Fiend Is Bothering Walla Walla Women

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 8.—This city is being visited by a fiend who attacks women in much the same way that the notorious "slugger" operated in Seattle in 1917. Two women, attacked the open here this week, have been saved by their screams which attracted a man who drove off the assailant. One, a Whitman college student, was rescued by Mayor Ben Hill. The fiend took a shot with a revolver at G. H. Martin, who rescued a young girl, the bullet passing through the sleeve of his coat, according to Martin.

Specialists Consult On Infants' Deaths

Dr. Langley Porter, children's diseases specialist of San Francisco, with Drs. Robert G. Hall and L. Howard Smith, physicians for the Albertine Kerr Nursery, and other Portland specialists, consulted today over five recent deaths of babies at the nursery from a blood poison known as streptococcus haemolyticus. Only one serious case remains, the others having been successfully treated.

Commercial Club Is Seeking New Blood

Corvallis, Dec. 8.—The Corvallis Commercial club has started a campaign to enroll 400 members in the next week. New members received at a meeting Tuesday were Rev. M. L. Booser, Professor H. N. Comish, Dean E. D. Reuser, Professor E. T. Reed, Professor R. H. Hewitt, T. R. McGinnis, W. H. Beard, Jay Cooper, W. H. Hunt and W. F. Kennedy. Two teams have been organized with L. L. Graham as jiggs and H. E. Walter as Maggie, leaders, to conduct the campaign. Maggie and Jiggs put on a stunt at the club luncheon.

DAUGHERY URGES CHANGES TO CURE CERTAIN STATUTES

Washington, Dec. 8.—(U. P. S.)—Nine specific legislative recommendations designed to remove defects in existing federal statutes were brought to the attention of congress today in the first annual report of Attorney-General Daugherty. The report also contained a complete review of the work of the department of justice for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931.

The attorney-general's recommendations for legislation were:

1. Making it a crime to kill a federal officer while engaged in executing a process.
2. Authorizing the presence of stenographers at grand jury sessions.
3. A statute providing punishment for a single person who defrauds or attempts to defraud the United States.
4. Making it criminal to attempt to commit a crime against the United States.
5. Making it unlawful to send threatening letters through the mail.
6. A statute to authorize liquidation of ships for damages to vessels during the war.
7. Authorization of the appointment of 18 additional federal judges to relieve congestion in federal courts.
8. Extension of a statute of limitations in prosecutions under bankruptcy laws from one to three years.
9. A law to permit appeal direct to the court of customs appeals on questions of law involved in decisions on appeals to reappraisement of importations.

TO HOLD ENEMY PROPERTY

In discussing the administration of the trading with the enemy act, the attorney-general called attention to the provision of the peace treaty with Germany which provides that the property of enemies is to be held until American claims are satisfied.

"The rights of our citizens," Daugherty declared, "should be safeguarded and the action of Great Britain and our allies in such that there should be retention of enemy property until satisfactory and reliable arrangements can be made for the protection of the property claims of American citizens. It is needless to say that the course of further litigation is uncertain at this time, pending the further action of congress."

Theft of Safe Is Alleged; Man Is Taken in Custody

Alfred Kirschman was arrested today by Deputy Sheriffs Christofersen and Schirmer at the pool hall in Lenta, where he works, and is charged with taking part in the theft of a small safe from the home of James Kelly on the Foster road near Sigmore station, Tuesday afternoon.

Besides \$10 in cash and a woman's wrist watch, the safe contained \$10,000 in paper, consisting of notes and mortgages of value only to the owner. The papers were found on the floor of the little interurban station at Brunswick station on the Craig road by Mrs. C. W. Witte, who lives hard by. The sheriff was notified of the find late Wednesday.

Kirschman dug potatoes for Kelly on Kelly's farm just before the "silver thaw," and is said to have noticed at that time that the rancher paid his help with cash taken from the little safe. Tuesday afternoon, according to the deputies, Kirschman watched until Kelly went into his potato patch, then the safe was loaded into a "bug" and driven into the woods. After it had been emptied it was buried beneath a tree. The papers were taken away, but dropped at Brunswick station when it was found they were valuable.

PLAINTIFF SAYS SECOND-HAND AUTO IS BAD; WANTS HIS MONEY

A. A. Pearson, in a complaint filed in circuit court Wednesday afternoon, said he bought a second-hand automobile from the Fields Motor Car company to take trips in for the good of his health, but that the car was in such bad shape that he was only able to take one trip, and that nearly ruined his health.

Pearson wants back \$251.40 he paid on the car and \$2000 for alleged misrepresentation. He said he knew nothing of cars and relied on the salesman's statement that it was a good machine. According to the complaint, he found out after the first trip that it had a scored cylinder, loose spokes in a rear wheel, a knock in the engine, two broken spring leaves, worthless lights, a leaky fuel pipe, defective speedometer, faulty gears and a worn-out battery. The contract price for all this was \$636.85.

DIVORCE BILL

Suits filed: Grace against A. E. Sanborn, Sadie against Fred M. West, Lilian against Robert M. Young, Gwendolyn against T. J. Davis, Ruth L. against Camper Kosuth and Anna against George Kleinohmidt. Default decrees granted by Presiding Circuit Judge Morrow: Mary J. against Fred Bates, Bess against Amiel Herman, Maude E. against S. M. McKie, Wesley L. against Pearl I. Platt, E. V. against Millie Reed, M. V. against Harry Sutherland, Susie M. against Claire Worthington, William against Mary Keller, Lena against Arthur Olbeckson, Hazel against Frank Phelps, Irma against W. P. Kaiser, Elizabeth against Oscar M. Baumgart and Marion M. against C. H. Rogers.

Bolshevist Regime In Russia Failure. Declares Schwartz

M. Alexander Schwartz, native Russian and Siberian exile under the czar, Socialist and lecturer in this country during the early days of the Bolshevik regime, and later a member of the Lenin-Trotsky government until he was disillusioned, was the speaker before the Progressive Business Men's club at its noon luncheon at the Benson today.

The speaker drew a word picture of the old autocratic government of Russia, a government which had been unkind to him and to which he was opposed, and this he compared with conditions now existing in Russia, much to the discredit of the latter. He said that the people generally were opposed to the present government, but that they were as powerless now as they had been under the czar. Formerly he said, Russia had been governed by the aristocracy, and life, property and person was safe so long as the subject did not oppose the government or the ruling class. Now, he insisted, Russia is ruled by the opposite class, the slums and those recruited from the slums, with nothing safe.

War Veterans Urged To Take Grievances To Red Cross Office

All war veterans who feel dissatisfied with their present disability or vocational compensation or lack of it and who are unable to make a personal appeal for reversal of former decisions before the newly formed board of appeals of the United States Veterans' Bureau in the Arcade building, Seattle, may call upon John E. Barr, head of the American Red Cross in the Pacific Northwest, who will urge the case for the claimant without charge.

Barr, who has offices in the Arcade building, Seattle, made this announcement today.

"The Red Cross feels that there are many ex-service men, especially those living outside of Seattle and in the district including Washington, Oregon and Idaho, who would submit their grievances to this board of appeals if they knew that some one was at headquarters to argue the cases for them."

"The Red Cross wishes to have every disabled war veteran of these three states satisfied with his compensation or vocational privileges and we feel that the best way to do this is to furnish some one to plead their cases."

Announcement was made that a number of Seattle veterans have received checks from the government as interest on soldier insurance amounting to \$110 for every \$1000 insurance.

Burglars' Chief in Custody; Rules of Union Are Secured

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Union burglars will view with the well known alarm the fact that Charles F. Reid, president of the Chicago local, is in jail and not doing very well.

Reid was arrested when he broke one of the union rules—not being cautious in stalking a victim.

That there is a burglars' union was revealed when the burglars were found in his pocket. The constitution revealed that there are branches of this estimable organization in New York, Chicago and Toronto.

Among the rules are:

"No drinking before working or pulling a stickup."

"Be careful of your tongue in public."

"Never fail to help a brother in distress."

"No job shall be alone."

As Reid was obeying the last rule, two of his fellow members were taken with him.

Verdict Leads City To Condemn Walks

Montesano, Wash., Dec. 8.—Stirred by recent verdict for \$18,000 damages against the city of Montesano, resulting from a faulty sidewalk, Montesano's city council took steps to condemn every piece of bad sidewalk in the city.

W. L. Carter was chosen councilman to succeed Gus Vayhinger, who has left Montesano.

AIR NAVIGATION BUREAU DESIRED

(By United News)

Washington, Dec. 8.—Creation of a bureau of aeronautics in the department of commerce, to foster commercial aviation and regulate air navigation, is asked in a special message President Harding has transmitted to congress.

He also asked establishment of a system of national continental air routes under government control.

"I think there can be no doubt that the development of aviation will become of great importance for the purposes of commerce, as well as national defense," said the president.

Lack of legislation, he declared, had held back aviation development. But, he said, aviation is destined to make great strides and he believes that American can, and should, be foremost in its development.

The president's message accompanied a report of the national advisory committee on aeronautics, composed of representatives of the war, navy, post office and commerce departments, and civilians.

If a system of air routes and air-dromes is established the committee declared passenger and freight lines will be developed.

The projected bureau in the department of commerce would administer laws governing air navigation and would encourage and develop commercial aviation.

As a part of the system of air routes, there would be developed a meteorological service, lack of which, it is said, now impedes air travel.

The committee also recommends continuation of the air mail service, and further studies of helium, the non-explosive gas, in which America has a monopoly.

American Vets in Foreign Lands Get \$596,668.70 Month

A total of \$596,668.70 is sent to 46 foreign countries every month by the United States Veterans' Bureau to meet the allotment and allowance, insurance and disability compensation claims of men who followed the American flag in the World war, according to information received at the bureau district office today by L. C. Joseph, manager.

Italy heads the list with 4447 checks amounting to \$67,421.81. Veterans of this country now living in Germany are being compensated for injuries or losses in sums amounting to \$3,326.06 monthly. One man on the remote island of Tahiti receives disability compensation of \$47.70 monthly. Five checks go to Asia Minor every month, four to Egypt, one to Estonia, 99 to China, 25 to Japan, 8 to the island of Trinidad and 11 to Barbados.

NEWMAN IS BOUND OVER

Roseburg, Dec. 8.—H. L. Newman of Tioncalla, facing charges filed by Ruth Wilkinson of failure to support her child, was bound over to the grand jury under \$750 bail.

Sandy River Shifts Its Bed Fifty Feet; Homes Are Wrecked

Further descriptions of the damage wrought by the Sandy river during the recent storm in the district about Welch's were brought in today by Hal W. White, secretary to the mayor. The river went on a rampage, he said, and has shifted its bed some 50 feet in many places. Old residents, White said, never saw such flood damage from the mountain river.

The road from Towney's to Welch's is impassable, as it had been washed out in several places. White found. The bridge across the Sandy to Bailey's also went out. The only means of access to the district is the Mt. Hood Loop road, White stated.

Several summer homes had been wrecked by the stream washing out foundations when the course shifted.

Shriners to Elect Officers at Meet Saturday Evening

One of the most important meetings in the history of Al Kader temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will be held next Saturday night in The Auditorium. The annual election of officers will be the main form of business, and Potentate Frank S. Grant has a few words he wants to say before he becomes a past potentate. Reports from the various chairmen also will be heard. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 8 o'clock and admittance will be by 1931 or 1932 card only.

Because of the large number expected to be present, Hugh J. Boyd, recorder, has requested that all members bring their identification cards with them and thereby eliminate any unnecessary waits and delays.

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