

Crime Activity On the Upsurge Thus Far in '48

BY GEORGE TUCKER
NEW YORK—(P)—Thieves and shop-lifters are turning 1948 into a bonanza.

From New York to Los Angeles they are stealing everything they can get their hands on.

The members of a gang that looted a Fifth Avenue store of \$50,000 worth of jeweled ladies watches, and the man who stole a dozen baby's nipples in a Waco, Tex. dime store are partners unaware in a nation-wide pattern of theft and burglary.

No figures for the first five months of the year are available, but the Spectator, which publishes the insurance year book, expects the looting and the pilfering to continue at an accelerated pace.

Last year, said the year book, insurance companies paid theft claims amounting to \$26,346,174—a 61.2 percent jump over the previous year.

"We expect as big an increase in 1948," the Spectator said.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation says burglaries and larcen-

ies are soaring above pre-war levels.

Burglaries Up
The increase in burglaries for 1947 over pre-war figures was 15.3 per cent, and in larceny 2.6 per cent, the FBI reported.

Says the editor of a paper on ways and means of combatting shop-lifting in department stores: "Some items are difficult to steal, but there seems always to be at least one resourceful operator handy who rises to the occasion."

"In one store, a man stripped himself naked, grabbed an automobile tire, and rolled it out of the store. Everyone was too astounded to notice the fire until it was too late."

The editor added: "To make this trick work, it would seem best to park your car near the store and keep the motor running."

Another bold example of store looting was the man who drove a truck under the cover of darkness up to a Rutherford, N.J. grocery store, pried open the back door, filled the truck with canned goods, and drove away. He didn't even bother to close the door, which still was swinging ajar when the manager arrived next morning.

Many large chains feel that total insurance coverage would be too expensive and prefer to absorb individual losses as they occur. Sometimes these are written off as "operating expenses."

Fire Delays Bend Visitors

BEND—(P)—Fire that wrecked a garage and destroyed 33 automobiles Monday stranded a number of out-of-town visitors here without immediate transportation.

Pilot Butte Inn reported 28 cars belonging to guests were among the vehicles destroyed. Loss was estimated by E. W. Williamson, garage owner, at \$75,000, exclusive of the autos. Cause of the fire that broke out just before midnight was not determined.

Exteriors of two nearby buildings were damaged by the heat. Guests of the inn, across the street, were awakened and prepared to leave their rooms.

Body of Man Found After Time in River

ASTORIA—(P)—The body of a man believed to have been in the water for two or three weeks was found Monday near the mouth of the Skippaw River.

Coroner W. L. Thompson said there were no identification papers in the clothing. The body was clad in denim trousers and a blue shirt. The coroner said the man was about middle-aged, had light brown hair and was slightly bald.

ASTORIA BIDS SET

ASTORIA—(P)—The district corps of engineers will open bids Aug. 3, for dredging contracts on the \$2,500,000 maritime commission reserve fleet base here.

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Corned Beef King Passes Out Hints for Harried Homemakers

NEW YORK—(P)—Good cooks are born to slavery. Take that from Dinty Moore, the corned beef king.

"You can't even make a decent piece of toast," he says, "unless you stay next to the toaster from the time you plug it in until it's finished."

Moore is one of the few first class New York restaurateurs completely at home in the kitchen. Most of the famous hosts of Gotham's better-known eating houses arrived at their ultimate station, not through the kitchen, but because they were sensational ball players, prize fighters, bartenders, head waiters, or bored with the real estate business.

Great Talent

Moore was a huckster. His competitors have discovered he is marvellously talented and acute about food and its handling. At least three of them have done their best to imitate his methods, buying where he buys.

Because Moore admits having made more than \$3,000,000 on food (his competitors say it is closer to \$5,000,000), his theories are interesting.

"You can't pick out food on the telephone," he advises women friends. "They'll clip you every time. You've got to know food, in your fingers and in your eye."

'Buy the Best'

The lady of the house makes her mistake, he says, by pinching pennies at the market. His guiding principles is "buy the best. It's the greatest economy."

Moore is the chef in his restaurant. Cooks carry out his instructions. He says what applies in his kitchen can apply anywhere.

"If anything smokes," he admonishes, "you are cooking too fast. The stove is then like a runaway horse. Turn it down halfway. Chicken, liver, or fish, for instance, can't be hurried."

His favorite theories are "the more you turn steak and chops the better. All vegetables need sugar and a little bacon never hurt them."

Baked Spuds

Moore is exacting about baked potatoes. "They've got to be boiled first," he contends, "with about five pounds of salt to every dozen potatoes. That sweetens them. Then dry them in the oven on a low fire."

He makes a sturdy soup from an old-fashioned German recipe: potato skins, beet tops, cabbage

SP Executive Dies From Heart Attack

OAKLAND, Cal.—(P)—L. B. McDonald, vice-president in charge of operations for the Southern Pacific Railroad, died of a heart attack Monday while visiting friends here. He was 64.

McDonald spent his 46-year career with Southern Pacific and its subsidiaries, starting as a stenographer-clerk at Victoria, Tex., in 1902. He was vice-president and general manager for Southern Pacific in Texas and Louisiana before coming to San Francisco in April, 1938. He was appointed vice-president in 1942.

NOT A SAFE PLACE
SALEM—(P)—James L. Albany, Ore., complained to police that a fishing reel was stolen from his car while he was in jail on a charge of illegal possession of liquor. The car, he said, was parked in front of a police station.

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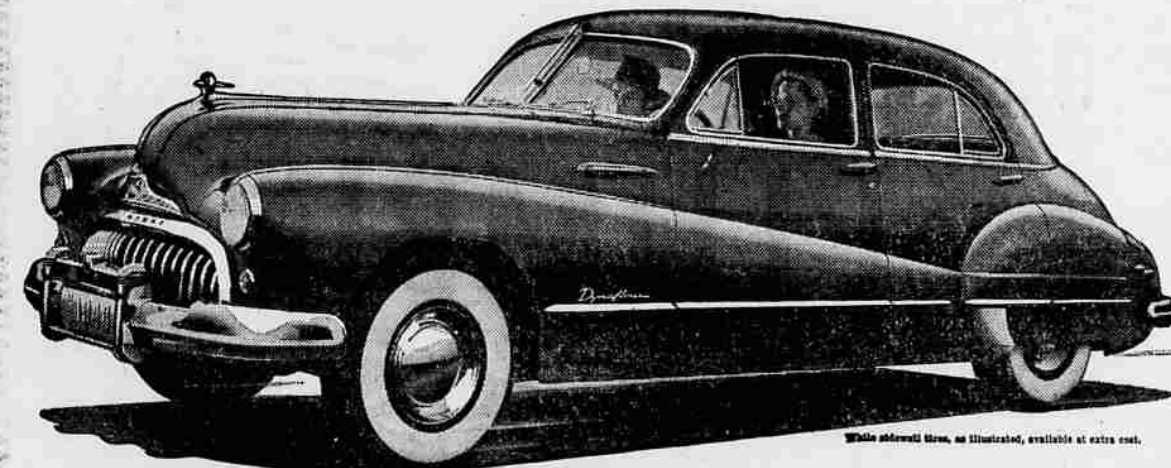
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