

Daring Thief Takes Valuable Jewels in Pebble Beach 'Jobs'

Pebble Beach, Calif.—(UPI)—Sheriff's deputies searched for clues today to a pair of thefts that may have netted a daring burglar more than \$100,000 in jewelry.

Gems valued at from \$62,000 to \$100,000 disappeared from the swank Pebble Beach home of Oklahoma oil millionaire George L. Coleman Jr. Coleman and his wife are well known in San Francisco, New York and Palm Beach social circles.

Biggest Theft
"It is the biggest jewel theft to my memory ever reported on the Monterey Peninsula," said Sheriff's Captain Eugene Trenner.

In the second theft, more

than \$3,000 in jewelry was taken from a guest cottage at Del Monte Lodge occupied by Mrs. Helen S. Hyman and Mrs. Matilda Balkow, both of Los Angeles. The lodge is only a block away from the Coleman home.

Coleman, a golfing friend of Bing Crosby, was not a home when the theft was discovered.

Mrs. Coleman said she had found the jewelry missing Monday night when she pulled open the drawer of a dresser where other jewels were kept. She said the drawer had not been kept locked.

Someone in House

She said the jewelry was in the drawer on Friday. Someone was in the house at all times, she said, either herself, her daughters Sarah, 21, and Debbie, 15, or a maid. Trenner said there were no signs of forcible entry into the house.

Mrs. Hyman and Mrs. Salow told sheriff's officers they left the cottage Monday afternoon to go to lunch at Del Monte lodge. They said they did not lock the door. When they returned, about 3:15 p.m., the jewels gone.

Salvation Army Man Visiting in Area

Charles Cox, division secretary for the Salvation Army in Portland and wartime head of the organization's Medford west side USO club, is visiting friends in Medford this week. He is accompanied by Mrs. Cox and they are guests of Mrs. Cox's mother, Mrs. George Townsend, 1035 West 10th st.

Cox, who is the commanding officer of the Medford Salvation Army from 1934 to 1944, during which time he organized the USO activities here and at Camp White. He was transferred to Portland and promoted to division secretary with jurisdiction over Salvation Army affairs in Oregon and Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox will leave Monday for Peoria, Ill., following a new assignment there for the Salvation Army.

Integrated Court System in Oregon Is Aim of Committee

An integrated court system in Oregon is the aim of the legislative interim committee on judicial administration, according to James Main, district court judge and chairman of one of the subcommittees.

"This should result in large savings through consolidation of the various courts into circuit and district courts. This would eliminate the judicial functions of the county courts in 26 counties. These county courts still exercise juvenile and probate jurisdictions. Such a proposal would require that all functions of the justice courts be abolished," Judge Main said.

One of the most important problems considered by the interim committee is the present delay in appellate court, the district court judge said.

The interim committee will recommend to the state legislature that the supreme court be increased from seven to nine members. Also, circuit judges would be appointed as

temporary justices to sit in the state supreme court. They would help in clearing the backlog of appellate cases which are about two years old. The committee also recommended that the acting supreme court justices be given the same pay as the regular justices plus travel pay.

The committee also proposes that the term of chief justices be increased from two to six years, Judge Main said.

Another recommendation is the state legislature is simplification of appeals procedure. Now "actions of law" brought before the state supreme court are heard on the disputed portions of the cases. However, equity cases must be heard in their entirety.

The new proposal would have both types of cases heard on disputed portions only, he said.

Memorandum Cases
Memorandum opinions would be allowed on a greater number of cases also. This would quickly eliminate those which do not require fully written opinions.

The supreme court would have jurisdiction over all courts, according to the interim committee's recommendations.

"It is recognized that a number of justices of the peace are doing a fine job," Judge Main said. "However, the committee as a whole feels elimination of the justice courts would bring about a more unified court system. By placing their functions in the hands of the district courts it would bring consid-

Elected Man Fails To Qualify for Job

Fargo, N. D.—(UPI)—A North Dakota state's attorney has thrown out the election of Richard Shaw, 21, as Democratic committee member for Fargo's 17th precinct.

Shaw, a prisoner in county jail, received one write-in vote from a fellow prisoner to win the election. The state's attorney said prisoners should not have been allowed to vote. And besides, Shaw's home is in the 32nd precinct.

erable saving to taxpayers," the judge added.

Case Cited

The committee was told of one example of where a justice of the peace issues seven verdicts a year and draws an annual salary of \$900. In making the recommendation, other committee members stated there were many inequalities in the penalties imposed by justice courts.

Aiding this uniformity, the recommended use of the uniform traffic ticket. This would eliminate abstracts and complicated record keeping. A uniform system of penalties also would be established, according to another recommendation.

Travel pay would be authorized for district court judges so that cases may be heard in outlying points. Commissioners would be appointed for certain localities where required to take bail and hold preliminary hearings, according to another recommendation. District court would be legally designated as a court of record.

Rules Committee
To further assist in maintaining this uniformity of lower courts would be a traffic court rules committee. This would include such people as the attorney general, superintendent of the state police, and director of the department of motor vehicles. This committee would establish minimum amounts of bail for various traffic offenses and perform other functions to maintain uniformity of traffic law enforcement.

Supreme court justices would be required to retire at the age of 75, according to another recommendation. Circuit and district court judges would have to retire at 72. No retirement age is specified now.

After a specified number of years' service the circuit court judge would retire at three-fourths of his annual salary. The circuit judge now retires at half pay.

Counties of more than 10,000 population would not allow district attorneys and their deputies whose salaries are paid even partly by the state to maintain private practice, according to recom-

mendations under the criminal law section.

Private Counsel

Counties would be allowed to retain private counsel for some matters, the committee will recommend to the state legislature, Judge Main noted.

District attorneys also would be allowed to obtain additional deputies if needed. The office of district attorney would be placed on a non-partisan ticket, according to another recommendation. The committee will recommend that district attorneys and judges salaries be increased according to the recommendations of the Oregon State Bar association.

The district court would be allowed to appoint a defense counsel for those defendants who cannot afford an attorney. However, this would be only in cases of felony charges. The court also would be allowed to determine a reasonable salary for such a defense counsel. He would be allowed a reasonable fee for such things as expert witnesses and interpreters.

Counties with populations 100,000 or more would be allowed to appoint a public defender if they desired.

Revision Recommended
The interim committee will recommend to the state legislature a complete revision of the juvenile code.

As part of this, the committee will recommend adoption of an interstate compact on juveniles. Delinquent juveniles out of the state would be supervised. Such an agreement would provide for return of runaways, juveniles on probation or parole and escapees.

This compact would authorize juvenile authorities in Oregon to, enter an agreement with another state to use special facilities.

The committee will recommend a new tobacco law. This would make it an offense for juveniles under 16 years old to smoke.

Those who sell tobacco to this age group would be given a maximum fine of \$100 and \$100 and 30 days in jail for a second offense.

Pupils smoking on school property would be given a maximum fine of \$25. This provision would apply to all minors.

A uniform curfew law for the state for all under 18 years old also would be established, according to another recommendation. This would set the curfew period from midnight to 4 a.m.

The Hollywood Scene

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Hollywood—(UPI)—Twelve years ago Lauritz Melchior would have subsidized classical musicians through a \$1-a-set stamp tax on radios.

Today he's cut the price in half—and assess each television set owner as well.

"They could sell them in the postoffices," the tall, silver-haired veteran of operas and screen said as he deplored the "lack of opportunity" for today's young artists.

Melchior's "art tax" is a subject close to his heart, a long-time project which typifies the sustained interest the operatic star has had in spreading the appreciation of "better" music.

Earlier this month, Melchior's first long-playing album was released. An RCA Camden recording entitled "The Lighter Side of Lauritz Melchior." "This is a back door way of getting the people to listen to Wagner," Melchior admitted. "The record people will get some of my operas out again if they find there's interest in this first recording."

Dead End Opera
Any time the towering heroic tenor is given half the chance he'll speak of his plan to set up a minister or secretary of art and culture in the U.S.

"If you study opera in the U.S., it's a dead end road," he said. "A disaster."

"That's why we need an

office to see about helping the young singer and musician. I would have the government sell a 50-cent stamp for art's sake... a stamp for each radio and TV set.

"Nobility could not afford it." Whenever the government needs entertainers for any purpose at all it doesn't hesitate to call on the singer or the musician, Melchior said.

"But it does nothing for music. It's ridiculous. We do everything for baseball or football, but for music we don't lift a finger."

European Tour

Melchior visits a country which has such a "socialized music" set up through its art minister this week—his native Denmark. On July 4 he'll sing "What Is America to Me," in Copenhagen where, as president, he will preside over the annual reunion of the King's Regiment of the Royal Danish Guard.

After a six-week European tour (with a tentative singing engagement at the Brussels fair), Melchior and his wife will return to their Beverly Hills home and a singing schedule limited to about 50 performances a year.

"I'm still taking it a little easier now," he said, although he admitted he's still a push-over for any cause which purports to help the beginning operatic singer.

And he's not given up on his radio-TV tax. "It may come along as soon as someone decides it would be a good plank in his political platform."

Bridge Dedication Has Near Mishap

Portland—(UPI)—Oregon and Washington dedicated the new bridge that links them across the Columbia River Tuesday but the ceremony narrowly avoided a mishap that could have taken the glitter off the occasion.

The dedication was one of ribbon-cutting and speech-making, and it started late and ran overtime. Moving upstream right on schedule was the tug Beulah H. Russell pushing a barge. The tug tooted for the lift span to open but the bridge at that moment was crowded with an official motorcade and scores of pedestrians. Getting them clear took some time and the pilot-house of the tug barely cleared the bridge as the span was raised.

24 Mumps Cases Reported Last Week

Twenty-four cases of mumps were reported to the Jackson County Health department during the week ending June 27, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

Medford, leading other cities in the county with 11 cases, was followed by Eagle Point, 5; Phoenix, 4; Central Point, 2; and Ashland and Trail, 1 each.

Other communicable diseases reported to the department for the same period include German measles, Medford, 4; Ashland, 1; Shady Cove, 1; Central Point, 1; and Eagle Point, 1; whooping cough, Central Point, 2; diphtheria, Medford, 1.

Pneumonia, Ashland, 2; chicken pox, Central Point, 4; Ashland, 1; Talent, 1; strep throat, Ashland, 1; measles, Ashland, 1; influenza, Medford, 3; Ashland, 2; and Shady Cove, 1.

DEAD MEN TALK
London—(UPI)—Spiritualist Maurice Barbanell lectured at a literary lunch here Tuesday. The title of his lecture was "Dead Men Do Tell Tales."

He won't go on until he's finished his

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