

Hollywood Home Loses Paintings Worth \$500,000

Burglars Loot Galleries of Art Collector; Works of Renaissance Artists Taken.

Hollywood, Cal., Feb. 20.—Renaissance paintings and other art treasures valued at nearly \$500,000, missing from the Hollywood home of a German art collector, were being sought by police and private detectives here today.

Martin Weinschenk, president of the Dantzig firm of M. Weinschenk & Co., owner of the stolen collection, discovered the loss when he returned to his home from Catalina island last night, he told police.

Among the paintings cut from their frames or carried away frames and all by the looters he listed: Coelle's "Daughter of Philip II of Spain and Elizabeth of Valois," valued at \$135,000; "Vocal Lessons," by Metsu, valued at \$125,000; Murillo's famous "Boy Blowing Bubbles," valued at \$60,000; a number of pictures by Teniers, a "Madonna and Child" and other paintings by Correggio, and other works by Backer and Lorrain.

Old Laces Stolen.

The thieves also obtained, he said, old laces valued at \$12,000 and other art objects, but left behind them practically as valuable a collection of paintings and other treasures as they had taken away.

In a locked closet, for instance, undisturbed amid the general disarray of the looted home, was antique silver valued at \$50,000.

Some of the precious objects which the thieves left behind, however, were destroyed or damaged by the vandals' carelessness or haste of the looters.

A white marble Christ lay shattered to bits where it had fallen; one canvas lay on the floor with the mark of a shoe imprinted on it.

Investigators advanced two theories of the theft. One was that the paintings and other valuables were taken by thieves hired by a private collector willing to go to any length to obtain them for his own collection. The other theory was that an international band of criminals familiar with the value of the collection and the practical impossibility of disposing of it without revealing their guilt, plan to hold the loot up to the insurance company involved, is willing to offer a "no questions asked" reward for the return of the paintings.

Heavily Insured.

An English company is said to have insured the stolen canvases for an aggregate of \$216,000.

All of the paintings carried away are so well known that it would be impossible to dispose of them to any reputable art dealer, art collector or museum.

The thieves apparently obtained entrance to the home by breaking a pane of glass in a rear door. The detectives asked, however, for a list of all persons who had been employed in the house and might be in a position to obtain keys to it.

Road Chief Named.

Ponca, Feb. 20.—Andrew E. Bagley, supervisor of District 5, Dixon county, has been chosen as highway commissioner of Dixon county by the board of supervisors, with power to hire a highway patrolman.

Farm Sold for \$11,925.

Table Rock, Feb. 20.—The quarter section farm of Thomas P. Clark, southeast of Table Rock, was recently sold at public auction by Sheriff Avery to Patrick Glynn for \$11,925.

Nebraska News Nubbins

Beatrice.—Stine & Co. have sold the old shirt factory building on South Sixth street to Dan Hill of Lincoln, who is to take charge of Stine metal business at this point.

David City.—Theodore Glock and Miss Esther Hinz were united in marriage this week and will make their home on a farm three miles east of Rising City, Neb.

Red Cloud.—Funeral services for Mrs. Fred McPeeters, 25, who died Monday following an operation, were held Thursday. Besides the husband she leaves two children, Virginia, 7, and Kenneth, 5.

CAILLAUX' TALK HAS LITTLE EFFECT

Paris, Feb. 20.—Re-appearance of Premier Caillaux on the stage of active affairs has modified neither the political situation nor the financial outlook, it would appear from the trend of the press comment and opinion among members of the chamber of deputies regarding the ex-premier's speech at the banquet tendered him and Louis Malvy, former secretary of the interior last night.

Guard Officers Visit Kearney

Preparedness Keynote of the Talks at Banquet for General Paul and Staff.

Kearney, Feb. 20.—Members of the 120th Wagon company, Nebraska National guard, and the medical detachment, gave a dinner last night, the guests of honor being Gen. J. H. Paul and staff, Maj. Harry Stein, Maj. Marcus Potes and Capt. Jack Meyer, U. S. A. Capt. I. D. Beynon acted as toastmaster.

Not war, but preparedness, seemed to be the keynote of all addresses made during the evening. General Paul expressed the fear that pacifists were beginning to get in their work by influencing the holding down of appropriations necessary to carry on.

Major Stein advocated acquisition of a rifle range and the development of marksmen. This suggestion will be taken up by the local National Guard company.

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

Who gets puffed up will rue the day And find, alas! it doesn't pay. —Peter Rabbit.

Foolish, Foolish Peter Rabbit. Peter Rabbit was so puffed up over having done something that none of the other little people of the Green Forest, excepting his cousin, Jumper the Hare, had done that everybody noticed it.

"What are you so puffed up about?" demanded Sammy Jay, peering down at Peter.

"I'm not puffed up!" retorted Peter indignantly. "Even if I were it would be no business of yours."

"Oh, well, whatever it is it doesn't amount to anything," declared Sammy, his sharp eyes twinkling.

"You'd think it amounted to something if you knew what it is," retorted Peter quickly.

Sammy Jay laughed right out, and Peter wished he had kept his tongue still. "So you admit that you are puffed up over something," cried Sammy. "Tell me what it is."

Peter turned his back and wouldn't say another word. Sammy Jay chuckled and flew away. Presently Peter could hear him screaming over in the Green Forest, telling everybody within hearing that Peter Rabbit had a secret and was all puffed up over it. Peter could have bitten his own tongue for having let

Reddy Fox laughed harder than ever. Sammy Jay knew that he had a secret. He knew that now he would have no peace at all. Everybody would want to know what he was puffed up about. He knew that he would be teased half to death and that he would be made fun of wherever he went. There was nothing for him to do but to keep out of sight as much as possible, and this he did.

But he couldn't keep away from the Green Forest. He spent most of his time over there, and it was over there that Reddy Fox surprised him. It was over near the place where Buster Bear was sleeping the winter away. Peter was under a pile of brush where Reddy couldn't get at him. Of course, Reddy had heard about how puffed up Peter was, and of course, Reddy began to tease him about it.

"The idea of one who is afraid of his own shadow thinking he has anything to be puffed up about," said Reddy in the most unpleasant way. "Ha! ha! ha! The idea! You wouldn't dare do anything to be puffed up about, and you know it, Peter Rabbit. They tell me you have a secret. That is a joke, too. I don't believe there is anything you know that I don't know. The idea of such a fraidy as you getting all puffed up! That's the funniest thing I ever heard of."

Then foolish Peter Rabbit couldn't keep his tongue still. "I dare do something that you don't dare do," he boasted.

Reddy Fox laughed louder than ever. "My, how brave we are getting!" he exclaimed.

"Just the same I do," retorted Peter.

"What?" demanded Reddy Fox. "If you'll go over by that old log and give me a fair start I'll show you," replied Peter.

Reddy went over by the old log. Peter crept out from the pile of brush. "Catch me if you can!" he shouted, and away he raced.

Monroe Community Club Largest for Town of Its Size in State

Columbus, Feb. 20.—Monroe, a village of 250 population in Platte county, probably has the largest community club, in proportion to its

population, in the state. It has 77 active paid-up members, and in its present form is little more than a year old. Reports submitted by the officers at the second annual banquet Wednesday evening, attended by 72 men and women showed that the club had a long record of achievements to its credit along community lines during the last year, chief among which was

the graveling of the streets of the village and the procuring of a mile of state highway passing the village. The usual small-town jealousy of a larger neighboring city finds no fertile soil in which to thrive in Monroe. The business men there invited several representatives of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce to

attend their banquet and participate in the program. York Style Show March 19. York, Feb. 20.—At the meeting of the retail trade committee of the York Commercial club the date for the annual style show in York was set for March 19. It is expected the committee will secure some outside en-

tertainment and possibly an announcer. Woman Breaks Hip in Fall. Columbus, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Margaret O'Connell, 65, broke a hip in a fall off a chair. She is under the care of physicians at a local hospital. Scout Week Observed. Alma, Feb. 20.—Boy Scout week

was observed in Alma in a celebration of the 15th anniversary of its organization. A program was given Thursday night by the local scouts and on Washington's birthday a union church service will be held. Harvard.—A. P. Erickson, well known old resident here, was removed to a Hastings hospital for general treatment.

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