

2 Columbus Boys Confess to Thefts That Baffled City

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Columbus, Neb., June 9.—Police today solved the mystery of 25 burglaries in Columbus during the past three months by the arrest of Pearl Shaw, 11, and Henry Ernst, 8. After being grilled for several hours following their capture while on one of their midnight escapades they admitted to Chief of Police Jack Lehman and County Attorney Otto Walker that they had looted a barber shop, twice robbed a grocery store, twice entered a wholesale house, removing the glass from the rear door and after obtaining their swag put the glass back carefully.

The Columbus laundry was prowled every Sunday by the boys, who tapped the till for mole and tobacco money. A grocery, a coffee shop and a butcher shop were entered four times.

Thefts of pocketbooks, money from automobiles, watches and other articles were among the activities said to be admitted by the Ernst and Shaw boys. The youngsters told police that they planned entrance into the buildings through windows carefully left open and at other places with skeleton keys.

The Shaw boy was captured in entering a meat market through the ice chute. Four awaiting police officers caught him. His confession implicated the other boy, who also confessed.

Henry Ernst, when asked why he indulged in the midnight raids, said: "Oh it was just lots of fun—just like the movies."

Both of the youngsters came from good families and have had good grades in school. Their activities in the past few weeks have compelled Chief of Police Lehman to put extra men on the night force. The Shaw boy at the request of his father, will be sent to Kearney Industrial school. The Ernst boy's father demands that his son stand trial. Both are confined in the county jail.

Nels Urdike to Join Party on Leviathan Trial Trip

The Leviathan, largest steamship afloat, has been named flagship of the United States shipping lines, and will shortly make a trial cruise of six days with 600 prominent Americans on board.

Afterward it will be placed in regular transatlantic service.

The party, which will include N. B. Urdike of Omaha, will leave Boston June 19 and will return to New York City June 24 after a cruise in Cuban waters.

Tex Back With Carnival; Asserted Independence

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Waco, Mo., June 9.—After causing consternation in Davis county, Iowa, where it broke its shackles after talking at continuing with a carnival show, Tex, a powerful 18-year-old elephant, returned to its home here.

Driven by Jim Cunningham, a trainer, on horseback, Tex made his way to headquarters without creating much excitement, although it broke several farm fences.

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Chicago, June 9.—Approximately 15,000 maintenance of way employees of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad will receive an increase in pay ranging from 1 to 6 cents an hour by arrangements just completed and announced by J. P. Stout, president of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railroad Shop Workers.

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Moscow, June 9.—Since his arrival in Moscow several days ago, Irving T. Bush of New York has had interviews with Leon Trotzky, commissar for war; Leon Kameneff, president of the Moscow soviet; George Tchitcherin, commissar for foreign affairs; and Maxim Litvinoff, assistant commissar for foreign affairs.

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2 Held in Slaying of Girl Whose Body Found in Culvert

Youngstown, O., June 9.—Two men and three women are being held for questioning by the police tonight in connection with the death of Miss Helena Maria Drachmann, 21, whose mutilated body was found near here yesterday.

Miss Drachmann, a salesgirl, disappeared on the night of May 31. The body was found in a culvert. A linen duster had been wrapped tightly around the face; there were stab wounds in each breast and the left hand had been nearly severed from the wrist.

Colorado Governor Is Opposed to Hangings

Denver, Colo., June 9.—Capital punishment for crimes committed in Colorado will be reduced to a minimum during the administration of Governor William E. Sweet.

The Colorado executive, in acknowledging protests and criticisms arising from his action commuting the sentence of John J. Jones, negro, from death on the gallows to life imprisonment, yesterday declared he would allow the death penalty to take its course only in the most extreme cases.

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Judge Campbell was called upon to take sides when A. S. Graham, an attorney, was arraigned before him on the charge of punching Joe Taylor, hair dresser. The cost of permanent waves at \$45 per wave and bobbing hair, curling hair, etc., at \$1.00 per curl, also was taken under consideration by Judge Campbell in deciding that poor hubby was justified.

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Officer Kills Ship Captain, Radio Man, Fellow Officer

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The shooting was done with a revolver. After running amuck the officer took refuge in his cabin from which he was taken by the police when the vessel arrived at Oporto. The prisoner put up a severe struggle with the police and attempted to commit suicide. The Brave Coeur sailed from Hamburg June 1 for Galveston, Tex. Latest shipping registers name Captain Selme as her commander.

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