

Girls Sought as Auto Theft Gang Leaders

Bobbed-Haired Flappers Believed "Brains" of State-wide Ring Uncovered in Nebraska.

Two bobbed-haired, winsome flappers, of good family, are being sought by police as the brains of what they declare is one of the biggest auto theft rings in the state. The girls, according to Police Capt. Jack Pzanoski, are only in the auto stealing business for the "kick" they get out of it.

They have a circle of "sheiks" who do the work; and up to within a short time ago, according to police information, the cars which they picked out to be stolen, were driven to a garage at Wilbur, Neb., where the numbers were changed, and from where they were later disposed of.

14 Cars Recovered.

Discovery of the ring came with the arrest of Ed Mares, proprietor of the garage, who is now at liberty on \$10,000 bond, on information obtained from Leroy Reese and Charles Elliott, arrested on a charge of auto theft at Red Cloud, Neb., and turned over to Omaha police.

As a result of their disclosures, Omaha police and state sheriffs already have recovered 14 stolen cars, and, according to Capt. Pzanoski, expect to recover 60 more.

Concerning the identity of the two flappers, the ruling minds of the ring, Reese and Elliott, while admitting their existence, are mute.

Parallel Case.

Members of the auto theft bureau say that every effort on the part of police officials to bring about their capture is being eluded with a cunning worthy of a master mind of the underworld.

Police point to a parallel case in Chicago, where a pretty girl, arrested following a series of big robberies, promptly informed the authorities that "My sheik gets 'em. Sometimes I have to use a gun on him, but he gets 'em."

Thirty-five cars were reported stolen in Omaha during June, and the auto theft bureau recovered 45.

"Weeping Water" Costly.

B. O. Coffman, like young Lochinvar, came out of Weeping Water, Neb. There wasn't any there, he said. He found it in South Omaha.

Thursday he forfeited a \$15 bond when he failed to appear to answer a charge of drunkenness.

National Adjutant of Legion Visits Omaha



Lemuel H. Bolles, national adjutant of the American Legion, with headquarters in Indianapolis, spent two hours in Omaha yesterday with eight officers and members of the Douglas county post of the legion.

"The adjusted compensation bill is certain of passage by congress at the next session," he declared. "The legion's poll shows that enough senators and representatives are determined to pass the measure to overcome a possible veto by President Harding."

Bolles declared that the legion was way ahead of Harding on the world court plan.

Omaha Clubs Violate 9-Hour Law for Women, Charge

Happy Hollow and the Omaha Country clubs were threatened with prosecution by the county attorney's office if they continue to allow women to work after 10 p. m. or more than 54 hours a week.

Complaint was made by Jerry Howard, deputy labor commissioner, that these exclusive clubs and almost every cafe in town were violating the state law.

County Attorney Beal informed Howard he would file complaints if given names of women who worked in these places.

The Metro cafe, owned by C. Anderson and P. Psaros; Glenn Wharton of the Country club, and D. A. Johnson of Happy Hollow were warned.

Car Hits Crowd; Five Are Injured

Machine Skids on Grassy Slope During Celebration at Fontenelle Park.

Five persons were hurt when an automobile plunged into the crowd watching the fireworks at Fontenelle park Wednesday night.

The injured are Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Howard, 1024 South Twenty-third street; Mrs. Mary Smolinsky, 2926 South Twenty-third street; her daughter, Mrs. Clara Harding, and her grandson, Charles Harding, living at the same address.

The car belonged to Walter Duckworth, Fifth and Q streets. Witnesses said he was not to blame. The car stalled on top of a knoll, and when bystanders offered to push it over the rise, the wheels slipped on the grass and it skidded into the crowd.

Injuries Not Serious.

Mrs. Howard, who was taken to Swedish Mission hospital, was reported to be resting easily Thursday morning. Her injuries are not believed to be serious. Her husband returned to work.

Mrs. Clara Harding, together with her mother, Mrs. Smolinsky, and her infant son, Charles, were sitting on the grass with their backs to the oncoming machine.

Mrs. Smolinsky, warned by the cries of the spectators, managed to throw the baby to one side, the car running over her leg and pinning her underneath. Mrs. Harding was hit on the back of the head by the front of the car.

Taken to Hospital.

An X-ray of Mrs. Smolinsky's leg was taken Thursday to determine the extent of the injuries. She is under the care of Dr. J. W. Koutsky, at Nicholas Senn hospital.

Mrs. Harding and her son were reported to be recovering Thursday morning.

Kermit Heinisch, 2209 Harney street, employed at the Grain exchange, who was burned Wednesday when someone put a lighted firecracker in his pocket, was reported to have recovered Thursday.

John Paracchini, 619 South Tenth street, was arrested Wednesday after he shot and slightly wounded Fred Helton, watchman at the Winthrop Coal company yards, Fifth and Jones streets.

Policeman Shoots Man.

Wallace Osborne, 2613 Grant street, was shot and probably fatally wounded by Harry Buford, police emergency driver, in front of 2120 North Twenty-fourth street, after Osborne

had fired at John Howard, 2301 North Twenty-seventh street.

J. W. Nebinsky, 1401 South Fifteenth street, received burns on the arms and hands when he attempted to extinguish a fire which destroyed his automobile.

Harding Pays Tribute to Centralia I. W. W. Victims

By International News Service.

Centralia, Wash., July 5.—President Harding paused in his strenuous journey across the country today to decorate the graves of the four American Legion men who were shot down in an Armistice day parade here in 1919.

The president and Mrs. Harding left their special train early this morning and motored to the little graveyard where the ex-soldiers are buried. The nation's chief executive left flowers on the graves of Warren Grimman, Arthur McElfresh, Dale Hubbard and Ben Casagrande.

Indian War Veterans Are Sought by State Officer

W. J. Wilkins, York, Neb., state recruiting officer for the National Indian War Veterans, is seeking to locate persons eligible to membership, in all parts of the state.

Wilkins served in the Fourth Infantry at Fort Morgan, Colo., Fort D. A. Russell, Fort Laramie and Fort Peterman, Dakota territory. He was discharged at Fort Laramie, August 27, 1865.

Dave Dickinson Back.

David Dickinson, secret service agent, has returned from a trip to the west, in advance of the Harding party, to arrange adequate protection for the president along the route.

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

Gifts there are worth more than gold. They're neither bought nor are they sold. —Old Mother Nature.

The Little Grouse Is Comforted.

"I declare, I do believe you are one of the Grouse children!" exclaimed Whitefoot the Wood Mouse in his squeaky voice, after looking long and hard at the lost little Grouse, crouching in the end of the hollow log where she had planned to spend the night. "What are you doing in here, my dear?" he continued. "Where is your mother?"

At the mention of her mother the young Grouse began to whimper. All her misery returned to her. "I—I don't know," she faltered. "I—I'm lost."

"Tell me about it," said Whitefoot. So the young Grouse told all about her troubles. Whitefoot didn't say a word until she was all through. Then he gently scratched one of his round little ears. Then he scratched his

nose with one of his little white feet. He was trying to think of some way to help the young Grouse.

But the only help that he could think of then was to try to comfort her. "Don't you worry any more to-night, my dear," said he. "Just close your eyes and go to sleep. I shall



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I'm sure there will not be. You are just as safe as though you were under your mother's wing. Now I am going out after something to eat, but I'll be right near."

Whitefoot turned and scampered out of the hollow log. The little Grouse was sorry to see him go, for somehow his company made her less fearful. But she was much comforted. She felt better for just knowing that there was a friend close at hand. You see, much of her fright had come just from loneliness. Now, knowing that Whitefoot was close at hand, she felt much less lonesome.

So, because she was quite worn out, she very soon went to sleep. Whitefoot went about his business, and his business was filling that little stomach of his. But every now and then he peeped in to see that the little Grouse was all right. It tickled him to think that he, Whitefoot, the most timid little fellow in the Green Forest, was actually keeping guard over some one else. It gave him a sense of importance which was very strange to him. It was a new and delightful feeling.

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