

New Year's Eve in Jail, Fate of Bandit's Widow

Wife of Slain Desperado to Be Returned to New Orleans; \$12,000 in Theft Loot Found on Her.

New Orleans, Jan. 1.—Chief of Detectives Healy left here early today for Jacksonville to bring back to New Orleans Nellie Wright, 17-year-old widow of William E. Wright, bank bandit, killed by detectives in Mobile Tuesday, and the \$12,000 tucked away in the girl's baggage when she was arrested yesterday.

The recovered money is part of the loot taken by Wright from the Frenchman street branch of the Marine Bank and Trust company on the day before Christmas, according to the woman's story to the Jacksonville police. Superintendent of Police Molony indicated today that it was unlikely that any charge other than having stolen property in her possession would be placed against Mrs. Wright.

Jacksonville, Jan. 1.—Nellie Wright, 17-year-old widow of William E. Wright, watched the new year in from behind bars in the Jacksonville city jail.

Her brief period of widowhood, barely more than three weeks, came to an ending Tuesday as tragic and dramatic as has been her entire married career, when her husband was slain in Mobile by officers after he had injured two in a running fight.

Nellie Wright, however, faced the new year, and what it may bring with a smile, erased only by an occasional thought of her husband "Handsome Billy" Wright.

The disposal of the \$12,545 found in her possession worried her no more than did the approach of New Orleans authorities. She said the money was a portion of the loot from the New Orleans bank holdup in which Wright obtained \$18,000.

A saved-off shotgun, found in her trunk, was the weapon with which her husband intimidated employees of the bank and shot down a policeman in his dash for freedom, she admitted.

She met Wright in Des Moines, Ia., last September. There was a whirlwind courtship and then Wright left the city. One of his daily letters discovered by her mother brought an order to discontinue the correspondence.

Early last month, Wright returned to Des Moines and they were married December 5, in Kansas City.

Though "Handsome Billy" Wright was sought both on a warrant charging abduction and as a fugitive from the Kansas prison, her honeymoon was happy, she said. It trail led through various southern cities, and their funds ran low and upon arrival in New Orleans, Wright took her saved-off shotgun and went forth to rob the bank. She awaited his return anxiously in their apartment, she said.

He came home elated and filled her handbag with gold and currency, she continued, adding that they lived in the apartment until almost a week later they decided to leave for Albany, Ga.

"Yes," she said, "I knew he had a criminal record—that he had served time in the Iowa penitentiary and that he had escaped from the Kansas prison—but that made no difference to me."

Doctor Fells Three With One Shot; 15-Year-Old Nimrod Accounts for 97

By Associated Press. DENVER, Colo., Jan. 1.—The toll of rabbits, slain in a mammoth drive in northeastern Colorado reached more than 140,000, belated checkups today indicated.

The largest rabbit slain in the drive was reported by Joe Martin of Eckley, Colo., who declared he killed a white-tailed jack rabbit that weighed 13 pounds and six ounces.

Dr. Hochstetler, also of Eckley, claims the largest kill with one shot. Three mammoth jack rabbits fell before one discharge of his shotgun.

George Deahl, a 15-year-old Brush nimrod, accounted for 97 rabbits. Two one-armed hunters returned with goodly scores. W. W. Caldwell of Simpson, Colo., bringing in 67. He was closely pressed by Cyrus Chambers of Snyder, Colo., with 66 bunnies and jack rabbits.

Mother's Health Lost for Babes

Life of Sacrifice is Flickering Out; Three Shoeless Youngsters.

As the old year waned yesterday a woman wept in the two-room hotel which has sheltered her and her three small children for six years.

She has struggled against poverty and illness for three years. "Sad is her life story. Married at 18, she was left with the children six years ago. She has supported them by toil of the hardest kind but the candle is dangerously near flickering out. She has sacrificed her health for the three little ones.

She wept because she could no longer force her body to do the work that was necessary to support her little family. Particularly urgent was the necessity of shoes. The youngsters had none.

The case was brought to the attention of the Free Shoe fund and the children have been placed on the list, to be provided with shoes just as soon as the fund has sufficient cash to reach them.

Such cases are coming to light every day. Each case is investigated by school teachers without cost to the fund. Your money is 100 per cent efficient here.

More than 40 children are now on the waiting list. If you can help them the sorely-needed shoes, send your check, cash or money order to the Free Shoe fund, care of The Omaha Bee. Checks should be made payable to "Free Shoe fund."

Acknowledgment will be made in this column, with thanks from the waifs who wistfully wait the shoes.

Already Acknowledged: \$1,718.88 Gladys Chambers, Pleasant, Neb., 2.00 Mrs. J. A. M. Crumley, Bayona, Neb., 2.00 A. Friend, West Plains, Mo., 2.50 Cleo Greig, Community, Okla., 2.50 Columbia, Neb., 2.50 M. J. and M. J. Sells, 4.00 Freda A. Friend, West Plains, Mo., 4.00 Hannah Anderson, 1.00 H. Halderson, Newman Grove, 4.00 M. W. W. Harrington, Neb., 1.00 Freda A. Friend, West Plains, Mo., 2.00 M. M. Crumley, Bayona, Neb., 2.00 Rudolph Gemmer, Ogk, Neb., 2.00 Total \$1,700.00

BLAZE DESTROYS TWO HOSTELRIES

Mount Clemens, Mich., Jan. 1.—Two Mount Clemens hotels are in ruins today following a fire last night which did an estimated damage of \$45,000. They are the Fountain house and the White Star hotel. Starting in the Fountain house, the fire threatened damage to the Detroit house. Fairview hotel and other structures. The fire could be seen for miles, lighting up the sky as the flames shot from the ruins of the burning hotels.

Both hotels were closed for the season.

Volunteers Brave Cold To Rebuild Burned Barn

Mondamin, Ia., Jan. 1.—Neighbors of Emmet Beaman, whose large barn was recently burned, have constructed a temporary shelter for his dairy cows. Twenty-two turned out, some with frozen faces and noses, but all ready for work and there was no lagging. A big bonfire afforded an opportunity for those who needed to thaw out stiffened fingers.

Parent-Teacher Meeting

The Hawthorne Parent-Teachers' association will meet at the school at 3 p. m. next Tuesday. Miss Alice Lillegren, supervisor of speech correction, will speak. The school orchestra will play.

"John Doe" in Holdup Role

John Doe II, too full of New Year cheer, to tell police his real name, is being held at Central station pending time when he can explain why he thrust a gun against the ribs of a hellow and demanded a \$1 bill.

New Year's Eve Moving Day for Brandeis Store

Work of Transporting Burgess-Nash Stock Proceeding Satisfactorily, Says Harry B. Zimman.

Moving along the dimly-lighted streets early Thursday morning, a happy New Year celebrator gazed upon the weird spectacle of furniture for the living room and dining room creeping along the downtown sidewalk.

He rubbed his eyes and shook his head and looked again. The vision was not dispelled. There was also a kitchen cabinet and a piano, moving along in the direction of Sixteenth and Douglas streets.

"That last drink was too much for me!" he muttered thickly, and hurried home to make a New Year's resolution.

A number of Brandeis employees watched the old year out and the new year in by moving furniture from the Burgess-Nash store into the Brandeis store, trundling it along the sidewalk at its own castors.

"Few people not actively engaged in the work can appreciate the bigness of this job," said Harry B. Zimman, treasurer of J. L. Brandeis & Sons, referring to the work of transporting the stock of the Burgess-Nash company to the Brandeis store, where it is to be offered for sale.

"Under ordinary circumstances at least two weeks would be allowed for the inventory alone, and every clerk in the store is engaged in the work at that. Moreover, the transportation must take care of an amount of merchandise such as delivery facilities usually handle in not less than two months. Packing the goods so that they can be moved with no damage to them is another of our problems, and the mad scramble for containers, boxes, hampers and the like is really amusing."

"I am proud to say that. Any merchant will tell you that such an amount of merchandise cannot be moved in the time we have allowed. Some of our own staff said it could not be done."

"But the way our folks went right ahead and tackled the job and the way they plowed through it convinces me that 1925 is going to be a wonderful year—it couldn't be otherwise with people like these in our organization. There is yet much to do. We plan all night shifts both Saturday and Sunday nights, but Monday morning will see every thread of merchandise in the Brandeis store, ready for the big sale."

COL. HALSTEAD IS TAKEN HOME

Col. Frank Halstead of the Seventh Corps area who has been in Paxton Memorial hospital since early fall when he suffered a broken leg in a fall from his horse, returned to his home Wednesday afternoon.

Brakeman Loses Hand In Accident

G. T. Moore, 605 Bluff street, Council Bluffs, a railroad brakeman, suffered the loss of his right hand Wednesday evening when it was caught in the coupling of two cars in the Rock Island yards in Council Bluffs. He was taken to his home in the police ambulance.

Whitzels Off to Mexico.

Wymore, Jan. 1.—Jesse D. Whitzel and wife, old residents of Wymore, left today for San Mochas, state of Sonora, Old Mexico, where they will live the remainder of the winter. It is their custom to spend about six months of each year in the southern country, where they have large land interests. Mr. Whitzel has acted as superintendent the past three winters for a canning factory at San Mochas.

See Want Ads are the best business boosters.

DRY AGENTS RAID UNIVERSITY PARTY

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—Prohibition enforcement officers early today raided a banquet in the Latin quarter here, said to have been held under the auspices of University of Pennsylvania alumni members here.

John Allen, who said he was a Pennsylvania alumnus was the only person arrested. "He was charged with violating the federal dry law and gave bail immediately. The affair was held in honor of the Pennsylvania-University of California football game today."

COASTER CRASH VICTIM BETTER

Harry Gravel, 7, who was seriously injured while coasting on a hill on Sixty-fourth street, Tuesday afternoon, is reported to be in fair condition Thursday morning at Methodist hospital where he was taken. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gravel, 2713 North Sixty-second street. His parents are at his bedside.

RADIO

Program for Jan. 2. (Courtesy of Radio Digest.) WBR, Atlanta, (428), 8-9. Homecoming club; 10:45, quartet.

WBR, Chicago, (536), 8:35. Uncle Bob; 9:30, orchestra; 10:30, revue. WBB, Buffalo, (519), 8:30, dinner music; 9:30, musical program; 10:30, dance music.

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WBA, Columbus, (428), 7. Community concert. WBA, Dallas News, (476), 8:30. Opera and musical. WOC, Davenport, (484), 7:30. Educational musical. WBO, Des Moines, (526), 7:30-8. Quartet instrumental, vocal.

WBB, Detroit, (513), 8:30. New orchestra post. soloists; 9:30, music; 10:30, features; 11, amateurs; 11 a. m. orchestra. WOB, Jefferson City, (440), 8. Advertiser musical.

WDAF, Kansas City Star, (411), 6-7. School of the air; 8-9:30, popular music; 10:30, Nighthawk frolic. WBB, Kansas City, (411), 7-8. Varied musical. KFI, Los Angeles, (459), 8:45. Organ; 9:30, orchestra; 10:30, children's hour; 10:30, concert.

WBB, Memphis, (501), 8. Story; 8:30, concert; 11, frolic. WCCO, Minneapolis-St. Paul, (417), 8. Concert; 8:30, concert; 9:30, recital; 9:30, concert. WBB, Newark, (408), 8. Trio.

WBAF, New York, (431), 8:30. Story telling; 9, Happiness Candy; 9:30, orchestra. WBB, New York, (549), 8. Orchestra; 8:30, orchestra; 9, fashion chats; 9:30, orchestra; 10, orchestra; 10:30, orchestra.

WNY, New York, (524), 8:30. Talk; 9:30, program; 10, orchestra. WBB, Philadelphia, (428), 8:30. Orchestra; 9:30, orchestra; 10:30, orchestra.

WBB, Pittsburgh, (424), 8:30. Story; 9:30, program; 10:30, orchestra. WBA, Pittsburgh, (424), 8:30. Uncle Kabner; 9:30, musical; 10:30, Uncle Kabner; 11:30, Hoot Owl.

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New Year Fetes Reflect Omaha's Hopes for 1925

General Feeling of Optimism Lies Behind Celebrations; Banner Year for Omaha Forecast.

Omaha, carpeted with a light covering of snow, received the new year Thursday morning with respect due the occasion.

A large contingent of bon vivants beguiled the time Wednesday night with merry-making until the midnight hour when they "saw the old year out and the new year in."

Thursday morning was about as complete a holiday around town as the innocent bystander could imagine. Business was not as usual.

The University club, Omaha Athletic club, Omaha club, Elks' club, Young Men's Christian association, Young Women's Christian association, Knights of Columbus and similar institutions maintained open house on Thursday, with no formal programs. Hotels and cafes bid for public favor with special menus.

Behind the levity of the New Year's celebration, there is the background optimism which is strong in the mind and heart of every Omahan as he or she looks out upon 1925, destined to be another banner year in the history of the Gate City of West.

In accordance with custom, the district court judges met Thursday morning to meet with four new members and will name R. A. Van Orsdal as chairman of the board for the year. There will be four women on the new board: Dr. Jennie Callias, present member, and Mrs. A. H. Peters, Mrs. Hazel Dunbar and Mrs. A. A. Holtman, the new women members. Leo Beveridge is the only new man member.

The Metropolitan Utilities district board of directors will meet Wednesday afternoon for organization. Allan Tukey will be the new member of the board.

The school board will start the new year with a building program made possible by the authorization of \$2,500,000 school district bonds by the voters in November.

The first important event of the year for the Metropolitan Utilities district will be the placing in operation of the new gas holder, which has a capacity of 4,000,000 cubic feet. In connection with this improvement, the gas system will have increased distribution facilities.

Commissioner Joseph Koutsky of the public improvement department stated that he hopes during 1925 to see the completion of the opening of a thoroughfare from Twenty-seventh street and St. Marys avenue to Thirty-first and Leavenworth streets; also widening of Twenty-fourth street from St. Marys avenue to Farnam street, and widening of Harney street, west of Twenty-fourth street.

Woman Pastor to Speak.

Rev. Ada Stone Anderson, associate pastor of Plymouth Congregational church, will be the speaker at the noon meeting of the Kiwanis club Friday at the Hotel Rome.

Two New Year Babies, Both Girls, Born Here

Two babies, both girls, arrived in Omaha by noon on New Year's day to greet the new year. The first arrival was a girl weighing eight pounds and nine ounces, born Thursday at 5:10 a. m., to Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Gleason, 2510 South Forty-first street, at Methodist hospital. The baby is the third in the Gleason family and the second girl.

The second baby was a girl weighing seven pounds, born to Mr. and Mrs. George Whitmore, 4530 North Fortieth street, Thursday at 10:30 a. m.

Other Omaha hospitals reported no births.

CHALIAPIN FACES INJUNCTION SUIT

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The Chicago Civic Opera company today filed a petition asking that Fedor Chaliapin, noted operatic star, be enjoined from making any public appearances in Washington, D. C., prior to February 10, 1925. The company asks especially that he be denied the right to appear in "Faust" in Washington, January 25.

According to the petition this would be a violation of the baritone's contract with the company and also would tend to greatly reduce the ticket sale to the opera "Boris Godunoff" in which Chaliapin agreed to appear in the Chaliapin February 10.

Chaliapin's contract, the petition states, provides for appearances in 30 operas here this winter and a road trip of 10 weeks following the Chicago season. He would be paid \$3,500 for each appearance.

Iowa Woman's Poems to Be Published by Boston House

Missouri Valley, Ia., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Ward Steiner, wife of a machinist in the shops here, has received word that a volume of verse written by her has been accepted and will be published shortly by a Boston publishing house.

When in need of help try Bee Want

To Improve Reputation.

In announcing the consolidation of the two wholesale coal houses to the trade, Reynolds said:

"We feel that both of the former companies enjoy a reputation for fair dealing and for the ability to furnish good coal and good service. The new company proposes not only to live up to that reputation but to improve it."

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Wholesale Coal Companies Unite

Allen and Reynolds Consolidated With Carbon Coal and Supply.

Announcement was made Thursday of the consolidation of the Allen & Reynolds Coal company and the Carbon Coal & Supply company, both large Omaha concerns, under the name of the Reynolds-Udlike Coal company. The Carbon company was the wholesale coal department of the Udlike Lumber & Coal company.

The offices of the new company will be in the Grain Exchange building. Founded in 1912.

The Allen & Reynolds company was founded in 1912. Wood Allen, one of the founders and officers of the corporation, announced his retirement from active work in the wholesale coal business.

Samuel W. Reynolds will be identified with the Reynolds-Udlike Coal company. He is famous along other lines than wholesale coal, having six times been golf champion of Nebraska. At present he is Omaha city champion. He also has been a leader in the affairs of the American Legion, having served as commander of Omaha post No. 1, the largest post in the organization. He now is the Nebraska member of the national executive committee of the legion.

During the war he was in the army air service.

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