

EDGAR S. COOKE MAKES DENIAL.

Returns to His Home After Avoiding Reporters for Several Days.

Edgar S. Cooke has returned to his home in the Lessing Annex, Chicago, from the place where he had been avoiding reporters for a week, and one of the first things he did after his reappearance was to deny he is a black-mailer.

"I don't believe Charles L. Warriner will even insinuate that I ever got a dishonest dollar from him," declared Cooke when asked to what he attributes the action of the "Big Four's" former treasurer in dragging Cooke's name into the scandal surrounding acknowledged thefts said to aggregate \$643,000. Cooke went on to describe how he was occupying the position of chief clerk in the treasurer's office of the "Big Four" Railroad at Cincinnati several years ago, when he met Mrs. Jeannette Timmins Ford, who had obtained a divorce from her husband.

"She became infatuated with me and was around the railroad office so much that I was discharged in September, 1901," said Cooke. "I came to Chicago and she followed. Soon there were stories afloat that I was \$23,000 short in my accounts. I went back ready to face the charges, but it was explained that the whole thing was a mistake. I want to deny emphatically a report in one of the dispatches that Mr. and Mrs. Warriner met me in a certain hotel and paid me \$25,000 to cease my alleged blackmailing operations." Cooke said he would go to Cincinnati voluntarily with counsel when Warriner's case goes before the grand jury there.

Charles L. Warriner, charged with a shortage of \$643,000 in his accounts with the Big Four Railroad, is a physical wreck, according to statements of friends of the family. It is denied by members of the family, however, that Warriner's condition is serious.

STEEL PLANT TO GO UP.

McClintic-Marshall Concern Buys 50-Acre Site at Indiana Harbor.

Indiana Harbor, the Standard Oil town, which sprang, like its neighbor, Gary, from the lake front sand dunes of Northern Indiana, was given a boom Monday which was such as it probably never felt before. Announcement was made that Honore and Potter Palmer, Jr., have negotiated the sale of a tract comprising fifty acres in Indiana Harbor to the McClintic-Marshall Construction Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., manufacturers of structural steel. The purchasing company is to erect a giant structural steel plant on the ground at once. The plant and the dock and railway shipping facilities incident to it will occupy the entire space, and the new Western home of the Eastern concern is to be established at a cost of half a million dollars, aside from the purchase price of the land.

NO EDDY WILL CONTEST.

Christian Science Leader Gives Son \$245,000 and Adopted Son \$45,000.

Financial peace has been quietly effected between Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy and her sons, according to a statement made in Boston by Alfred Farlow, local publication secretary of the Christian Science Church. In consideration of money set aside for George W. Glover, a son of Mrs. Eddy, and Ebenezer J. Foster Eddy, an adopted son, these men relinquish all rights in their mother's estate. "A family settlement between Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy and George W. Glover and Ebenezer Foster Eddy, an adopted son, has been concluded," Mr. Farlow said, "and the deeds evidencing the terms of said settlement have been duly executed and delivered. Under these settlements, arrangements and the trust heretofore established by Mrs. Eddy, George W. Glover and his family receive the sum of \$245,000 and Ebenezer J. Foster Eddy the sum of \$45,000."

DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST MINERS.

Homestake Mining Company Brings \$10,000 Action in South Dakota.

A decisive step in the agitation over the efforts of the Western Federation of Miners through the Lead territory to make Lead, S. D., a closed camp was taken the other afternoon when the Homestake Mining Company brought suit in the United States Circuit Court in Deadwood against the Lead miners' union for \$10,000 damages. No injunction was issued. The company alleges threats of bodily harm and intimidation against nonunion men by the miners, and charges the union's efforts with reducing the efficiency of the employees last month. The union voted not to work with nonunion men after Nov. 25th, and this suit shows the company's stand.

GIMLET BURGLAR IS KILLED.

Watchman Shoots Robber While He Is Trying to Enter Home.

The "gimlet burglar," who has been robbing St. Louis homes for a year and a half, was shot dead by William F. Mannion, watchman in the yard of Colonel Edwin A. Batdorf's home, 5057 Washington boulevard. The burglar, a negro, was surprised while trying to break into the residence of James Kavanaugh, next door to the Batdorf residence. In the dead man's pocket was found the gimlet with which he had bored holes in the slats of window shutters, loosening them so that he could lift the latch. His identity has not been established.

WHITE MAN AND NEGRO LYNCHED BY CAIRO MOB

Negro Confesses Attacking and Killing Miss Pelley and Is Shot and Burned.

WHITE UXORICIDE IS HANGED

Illinois City in Hands of Frenzied Throng—Women Are Prominent in Rioting.

The city of Cairo, Ill., all Thursday night was in the hands of a blood-maddened mob. Ten thousand persons, a large number of whom were women, after lynching a negro and burning his body, broke into the local jail and dragged forth a white man, whom they hanged almost before he had time to pray.

The men roaming the streets all night had access to many saloons, which remained open all night. Mayor Parsons and the chief of police were unable to close the saloons because they were shut up at home by the mob.

James, "The Frog," after having been trailed by bloodhounds, was arrested for attacking and murdering Miss Anna Pelley. On Wednesday, after being spirited out of the Cairo jail by Sheriff Davis, and after having remained hidden in the custody of that officer in the woods near Dongola, James was found by members of the mob which during two days had been scouring the whole southern part of the State, and brought to the city on a freight train commandeered for that purpose.

Surrounded by a great crowd, he was marched to the public arch of the town. Here he confessed. There, after all the electric light had been turned on, he was hanged. The rope broke and the mob shot him to death. The body was then dragged to the spot where he murdered Miss Pelley and burned to cinders on a pyre built by his slayers. Women helped pull the

GIRL VICTIM OF THE NEGRO LYNCHED AT CAIRO.



MISS ANNIE PELLEY

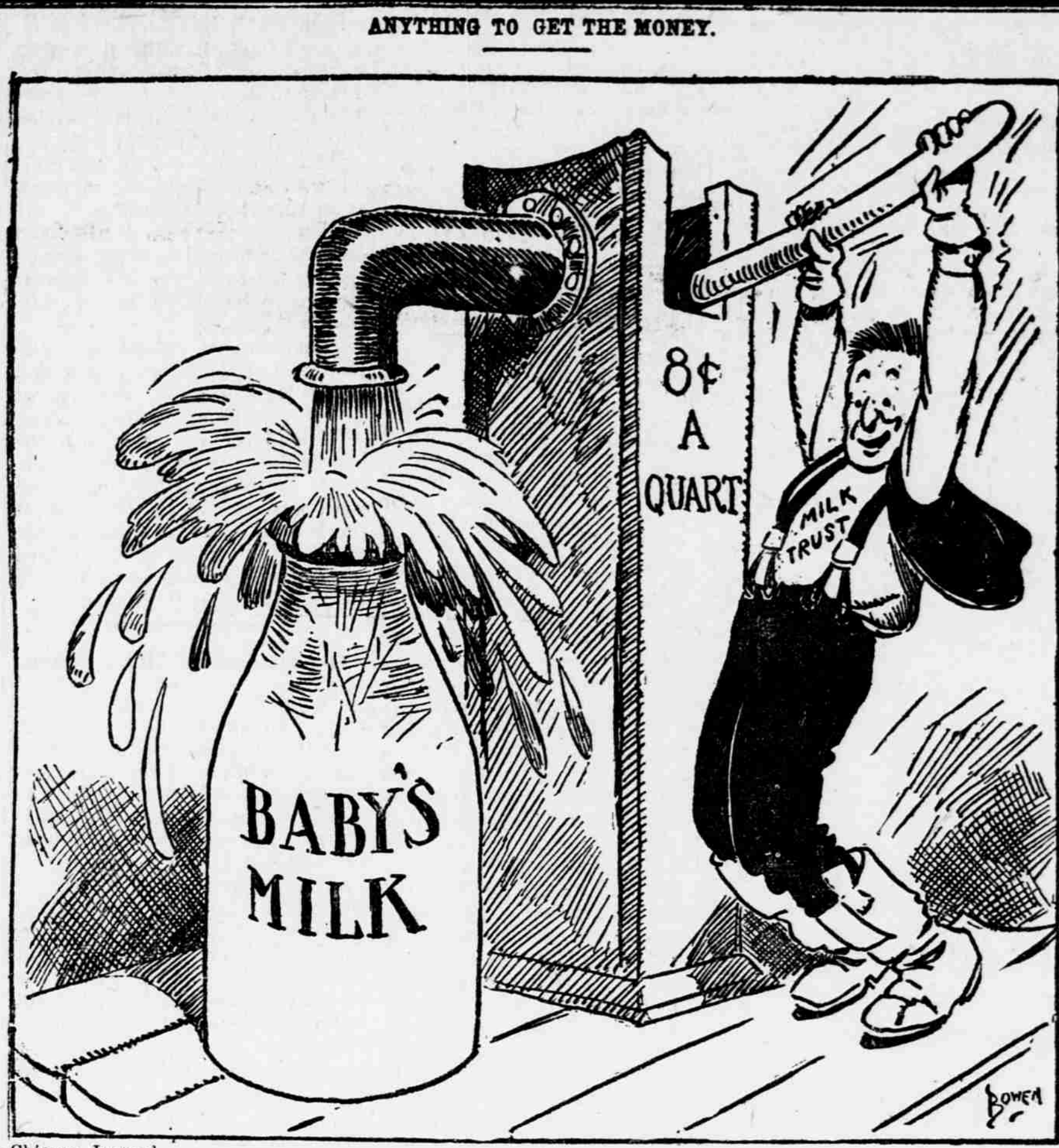
body up to the arch and women set fire to the pyre.

The white man, Henry Salzman, a photographer, was killed after the negro's body had been burned. A section of the mob broke into the county jail and battered its way into the steel cage where Salzman was confined on a charge of having murdered his wife. The prisoner, almost speechless with terror, was dragged into the street, given a minute in which to compose his soul for eternity, and then hanged to a telegraph pole.

Before he died Salzman made a full confession of his crime. He said that his sister was responsible for his murdering his wife. He cried and begged piteously for his life, but the mob only hooted and beat him.

Company K, Fourth Regiment, was sent out in squads to guard the homes of Mayor Parsons and Chief of Police Egan against possible attack. Telephone calls to both of these residences failed to bring any response and the whereabouts of these two officials could not be learned.

Governor Deneen, who was in Chicago, immediately upon being informed of the foregoing occurrences, ordered several outside companies of militia to the scene and placed the city under martial law. Five outside companies arrived before Friday noon and quiet was restored.



—Chicago Journal.

"DARK HORSE" MADE SENATOR.

Gov. Burke Appoints F. L. Thompson, Former Illinoisan.

Passing all of the favorites, Fountain L. Thompson of Cando, born at Scottville, Ill., in 1854, and a "dark horse" in the race, was Wednesday appointed United States senator from

ANYTHING TO GET THE MONEY.

BLACKMAILERS KILL 250 HORSES

Use Poison on Many New York Animals When Demands Are Refused.

More than 250 valuable horses in east side stables in New York have been poisoned to death in the last few months by a gang of blackmailers, for whom the police are eagerly searching. Detectives declare that owners of horses in that section of the city have already paid at least \$10,000 to the blackmailers, and that their animals have so far enjoyed immunity. Dr. H. Stark, chief inspector for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, declares that while more than 250 and less than 500 horses have been killed by poisoning, more than 2,000 animals have been given poison, but saved. The method of the blackmailers is to demand, through a letter, several hundred dollars from the proposed victim on penalty of having his horses killed. After the second demand has been ignored one or more of the victim's horses die. Later it is found that the horses have been given arsenic.

IDENTIFIED AS MAIL ROBBER.

Man Held for Express Hold-Up Accused of Daring Deed in 1908.

Charles D. Howell, charged with holding up the clerks in the Great Northern Express office in Seattle, Wash., and stealing \$12,000 a short time ago, was identified the other day as the bandit who impersonated a postal inspector, boarded a Great Northern mail car at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, March 15, 1908, and rifled the registered mail. J. H. Hoagland, a hotel man of Bonners Ferry, and J. W. Nystun, a mail clerk, identified Howell. The bandit boarded the west-bound Oriental limited as it pulled out of the Idaho town, and holding up the two mail clerks at the point of a revolver, locked one of them in a clothes closet and tied the other to a chair. Then he rode 109 miles to Spokane, devoting four hours to rifling mail and loading and unloading sacks along the way.

PASTORS BAR OUT REVIVALISTS.

Agree That They Will Do Their Own Conversion Work.

At a meeting of the pastors of fifty northern Ohio Baptist churches resolutions were adopted barring professional revivalists from that field, so far as the Baptists are concerned. The Rev. James A. Francis, of Boston, who advised the move, addressed the preachers, and at the close it was resolved that when revival services are wanted the regular pastors will do the work, exchanging churches for the purpose. Cleveland, Ashtabula, Lorain, Wooster, and other large Ohio towns are affected.

\$4,000,000 TO MOTHERLESS BOY.

Lad of Ten on Georgia Plantation Shares Standard Oil Millions.

Hunt Tilford Dickinson, a 10-year-old motherless boy, now with his father on a Georgia plantation, has inherited \$4,000,000 from the estate of his granduncle, Wesley Hunt Tilford, a former vice president of the Standard Oil Company, who died last March, leaving an estate worth more than \$11,000,000. The will gives \$7,000,000 outright to Henry M. Tilford, his brother, and the balance is divided among other relatives.

Indicted for Graft; Freed.

Louis H. Young, a contractor indicted in connection with the graft investigation in Mahoning County, O., was found not guilty. This is the first of the cases which has been allowed to go to the jury.

ROBS BANK SECOND TIME.

18-Year-Old Bandit and Companion of 17 Are Hunted Down.

Earl Ross Bullock, a boy of 18, who robbed the State Bank of Eudora, Kan., Oct. 11, returned to the bank Friday with Willie McKay, aged 17, and attempted a second robbery. In the first robbery Bullock escaped with nearly \$1,000, went to Lawrence, his home, and shot Policeman Pringle, who attempted to arrest him, and escaped.

When Bullock entered the Eudora bank this afternoon with his partner there were three men present: E. E. Wilson, cashier of the bank; Fred Starr, cashier of the Kaw Valley Bank of the same place, and Wilson's son. Bullock commanded the trio to hold up their hands, then without a word of warning, shot Starr, who fell with a bullet through his jaw. The two Wilsons had their hands high in the air by this time, while Bullock's companion stood guard at the door with two revolvers. Bullock gathered up all the money on the counter, took the bag which Starr had, then looted the vault and the two boys fled through the back door.

They ran south to a small river on the edge of town and started up the river. A posse, led by the two Wilsons, followed them and about a half mile up the river overtook the boy bandits. A running fight took place in which Bullock was shot through the head. The McKay boy gave himself up without firing a shot. He was immediately taken to Lawrence in an auto and placed in the county jail to await lynching. The money was all recovered and returned to the bank, while Bullock was taken to Eudora in a dying condition. He was shot through the temple, the ball passing clear through his head, and was not conscious after the shooting. Bullock has been reading dime novels and his parents in Kansas City blame this fact for his crimes.



Work has been started on the new \$85,000 Yale boathouse, the memorial to George A. Ade, '67, by graduates interested in Yale boating.

At Folkstone, England, the Moderate 2-year-old Plate of 100 sovereigns, distance five furlongs, was won by J. R. Keene's Coronal. Twelve horses ran.

Incidents during the recent Latonia meet were plentiful, the main one developing with the running of the handicap, when Woolwinder and Old Honesty scored a dead heat.

Carlton's eleven played the University of North Dakota at Northfield, Minn., and each side scored three points. The game was somewhat slow as the rain had made the field a sea of mud and open playing was almost impossible.

A race for motor boats from Philadelphia to Havana, Cuba, the longest ever held for this type of water craft, has been arranged by Thomas Fleming Day, the yachting editor, with the yachtmen's club of Philadelphia and the Havana Yacht Club. The race will take place in the spring.

James J. Jeffries will not accept any theatrical engagements between now and the time that he fights Jack Johnson, but will retire to the mountains of California and devote the entire period to active and systematic training for the championship battle, according to Sam Berger, his manager.

TAFT GAINS WISDOM AND WEIGHT ON TRIP

President Back in Washington After Traveling 12,759 Miles in Fifty-seven Days.

HE SURVIVES FIFTY BANQUETS

Has Crossed Thirty-one States, Visited Seventy-six Cities and Made 250 Speeches.

With his arrival in Washington Wednesday night, the President completed a journey of 12,759 miles, extending over a period of fifty-seven days. During that time—the trip extending from Boston to the Pacific coast and back again by way of the South to Washington—the President crossed thirty-one States and Territories, visiting seventy-six cities, not to mention as many more towns where brief platform speeches were made. He has made 250 speeches and attended at least fifty banquets.

During the journey he left United States territory for a brief period and met and dined with President Diaz of Mexico. He went down into a copper mine, climbed down a mountain trail, participated on horseback in a cattle round-up, sailed down the Mississippi, rambled through the Yosemite Valley and the Grand Canyon of Colorado, saw the Seattle Exposition, visited an ancient Indian village in the New Mexican Desert and saw the rebuilt city of San Francisco.

From 8:15 Wednesday morning until 5:15 o'clock that afternoon Mr. Taft was the center of an enthusiastic demonstration in Richmond. Summing up the results of the trip, President Taft said that they would be valuable to him all through the four years of his term. From time to time the President will consult with the Congressmen through whose districts he has traveled in order to straighten out the impressions he has formed. The President returns slightly heavier than he was, but in perfect physical condition.

YOUNG WOMAN IS STRANGLED.

Cairo Dry Goods Clerk Is Left Dead in Alley.

The body of Miss Anna Pelly, 24 years old, was found in an alley in Cairo, Ill., Tuesday morning. She had been strangled to death. The clothes had been torn from her body and she was bruised in numerous places, showing that she had made a terrible struggle for her life and honor. A gag of toweling cloth was in her mouth and her wrists were torn and skinned. It is thought the deed was committed about 7 o'clock Monday night. Miss Pelly, who was a clerk for the Pupkin Dry Goods Company, left the store about 6 o'clock with Miss Ella Dolan, a friend. When she left Miss Dolan at 14th street and Commercial avenue she stated that she would take a car at 14th street and Washington avenue for her home. This was the last seen of her alive.

As there was absolutely no clue, Chief of Police Egan decided to put bloodhounds on the trail and secured several. The mouth gag was taken in the hope that the dogs could get the scent from it. Two hounds from Kentucky followed the trail through the alley from the spot where the body was found to the rear door of 2515 Poplar street twice. A pair of hounds from Charleston, Mo., arrived on the scene about 2 o'clock and were placed on the trail with the other dogs. Twice again the four dogs followed a trail to the house mentioned. Six times in all the dogs made this trip. No one was found at home at the cottage where the dogs went, but later a negro named Green was arrested. Three negroes, Arthur Alexander, Will James and Will Thomas, who were frequent callers at the cottage, were also placed in jail.

OFFICIALS SHOT BY ROBBER.

President and Cashier at New Albany, Ind., Wounded.

Cashier Carrett Fassett of the Merchants' National bank at New Albany, Ind., was shot and fatally wounded, and President J. K. Woodward of the same institution was wounded severely about 11:30 o'clock Thursday morning by a man who entered the bank and ordered them to hold up their hands. The man was captured a short time afterward and it is reported that he has taken poison. The man had two confederates.

SLAYER IMPLICATES A WOMAN.

Kansas Claims She Told Him How Much Poison to Use.

Following a confession that he murdered Mrs. Mary Short in the hope of gaining possession of her property, Fred Fanning in Topeka, Kan., implicated Mrs. Minnie English in the crime, and she was arrested as an accomplice. Fanning in his original confession said he put poison in Mrs. Short's coffee. Now he declares Mrs. English told him how much poison to use, and that he gave her \$1,460 of Mrs. Short's money. Fanning had prepared to go into the restaurant business with Mrs. English.