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BLACKMAIL BAND OF EIGHT NABBED IN CHICAGO HOTEL

Federal Agents Capture Men and Women Alleged to Have Been Preying on Rich Persons of East.

EVIDENCE BY DICTOGRAPH
Apartment Honeycombed with Machines to Furnish Information.

FEDERAL OFFICER PLEASSED

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Eight members of an alleged blackmail gang, charged with using the beauty of their women members and the fascinating powers of their male members to lure women out of more than \$250,000, are in custody of federal authorities here today and will be taken to Philadelphia for trial.

The band, including five men and three women, was arrested shortly before midnight last night in a raid by Department of Justice officials on a fashionable South Side apartment hotel.

Director at Large.

Those arrested gave the names of Henry Russell, Edward Donahue, Helen Evers, Mrs. Frances Allen, Mrs. Edward Donahue, James Christian, Frank Crocker, and George Bland. George Irwin, alleged director of the group, is still at large.

Get Quarter Million.

Clabaugh said there were fifteen known victims of the gang and that the amount obtained from these victims probably will reach \$250,000. Forty thousand dollars was obtained from one victim and \$35,000 from another, Clabaugh said.

Dictographs Give Evidence.

Federal authorities said tonight that one of the gang, Henry Russell, had posed as a brother of Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago and had used this alias in a plot.

Sixty in Syndicate.

There are at least sixty members of the "syndicate," according to the federal officials, one-third of whom are women. Others than the eight now under arrest as the result of the raid Saturday night are expected to be in custody soon. Only three victims of the swindlers in the entire United States, Mr. Clabaugh said, had declared themselves willing to face publicity and testify against the criminals.

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NEAR TWO HUNDRED VILLA MEN KILLED

Battle at Chihuahua Surprise Attack and Is Nearly Successful.

SOME PRISONERS FREED

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 17.—From an official dispatch received by General Gonzales in Juarez today, 153 Villa followers were killed in the attack yesterday on Chihuahua and 87 captured, who were immediately executed as bandits.

Army motor truck drivers arriving at the border today say that an American cavalry squadron operating fifteen miles south of Namiagua, surrounded and captured a band of sixteen bandits last Monday afternoon. One of the prisoners, according to the report, revealed the hiding place of a quantity of arms and ammunition. Prisoners and munitions are said to have been brought to Colonia Dublan in motor trucks.

Report of Battle.

Chihuahua City, Mex., Sept. 17.—(Delayed by cut wires.)—Villa's own troops executed a surprise attack on Chihuahua in the dark of this morning, which although successfully initiated, ended in a complete victory for the de facto government forces under General Jacinto Trevino, who received a flesh wound in the left forearm, under the fire.

Guard Driven Out.

The other rushed for the government buildings and the federal palace, driving out the small Carranza guard.

Villa Kept Out.

Although in command of the attack, Villa did not enter the city with his troops.

Trevino's Wound.

General Trevino received his wound, which is not serious, while directing the fire of the field guns. He remained with his men, however, throughout the fight. It is reported that not a single government soldier deserted his post during the fight.

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SETH LOW, FORMER MAYOR OF GOTHAM, TAKEN BY DEATH

Leader in Civics and One-Time President of Columbia University, Dies at Bedford Hills.

ILL FOR SEVERAL MONTHS

Pronounced Change for Worse Is Noted on Saturday Night.

WAS BEATEN BY TAMMANY

New York, Sept. 17.—Seth Low, former mayor of New York, and one-time president of Columbia university, died late today at his country home, Broadbrook Farm, Bedford Hills, N. Y., at the age of 66 years. He had been ill several months of a complication of diseases.

A change for the worse was announced last night, and it was then said the patient probably could not recover.

Mr. Low's most recent activities were exerted in an effort to find a solution of the differences between the railroad brotherhoods and the railroads.

Activities Were Varied.

Since the outbreak of the European war, Mr. Low had been especially active as president of the New York Chamber of Commerce and president of the National Civic Federation. He was chairman of the executive committee of Tuskegee institute, delegate-at-large to the recent New York state constitutional convention, and a member of a government commission appointed to investigate labor troubles in Colorado.

For three months prior to his illness, he devoted himself almost exclusively to trying to find a solution to the differences between the railroad brotherhoods and their employers.

Friend of Labor.

Even after stricken, he kept in touch with the brotherhood heads, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and other union leaders, with whom he was on terms of intimate friendship.

Leader in Civic Affairs.

Seth Low was twice mayor of Brooklyn, once mayor of New York, and for eleven years was president of Columbia university. In each of these offices he became distinguished for public service and he was known throughout the country as one of the leading figures in New York City life.

Educated in Brooklyn.

Young Low was educated at the Polytechnic institute in Brooklyn, and then at Columbia, from which he was graduated in 1870, at the age of 20. In college he had been distinguished both as a student and an athlete. He excelled in tennis and football, bowling and billiards, and on the gridiron he often lined up against the herculean form of Hamilton Fish. Dr. Barnard, the then president of the college, was particularly attracted by young Low's work and personality, and in the spring of Low's senior year, the president spoke of him in a letter to a friend: "I have just been having a long talk with young Low, the first scholar in college, and the most manly young fellow we have had here for many a year."

Prominent Real Estate Men To Talk at the Exchange

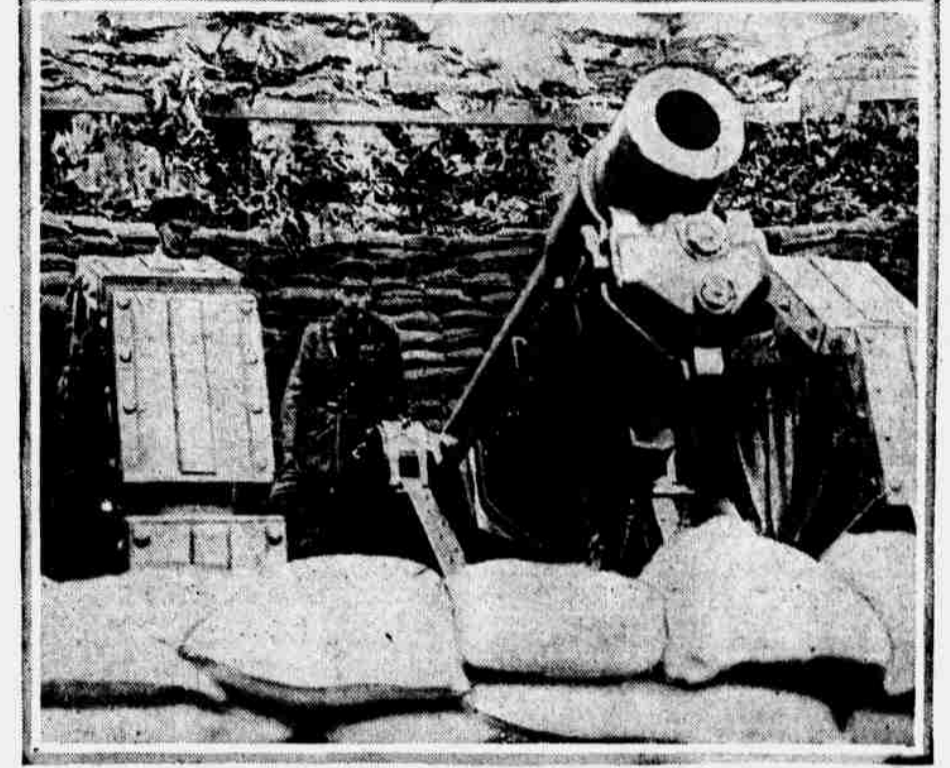
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From police headquarters comes this story of the Fate of a Flitting Flivver.

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KING GEORGE ON THE FIRING LINE INSPECTS BIG GUNS—This interesting picture shows King George of England inspecting one of the giant British howitzers in its pit on the western front, during a recent visit to the Somme fighting line.



KING GEORGE INSPECTING MORTAR ON FIRING LINE. (PHIL. FILM SERVICE.)

ST. MARY'S CHURCH TO HAVE NEW HOME

Congregation So Decides, and Also Will Endeavor to Keep Present Pastor.

PLAN EXTENSION WORK

Tentative plans for the purchase of a new church site, the erection of a modern house of worship and an increase of the pastor's salary were drawn at an enthusiastic meeting of members of St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church Sunday morning.

Need a New Church.

"What are you giving back to nature for what nature has given you?" asked Attorney Ed P. Smith. "We will not bother Dr. Hulbert with building plans, but will provide him with the proper equipment with which to conduct his laudable work in St. Mary's church. We need a new church, and with proper support we will soon have it."

Leaders Making Canvass

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Mr. Jiggs Is Back

Not yet fully recovered, but able to be up and around, Mr. Jiggs is back in the paper today. Advances from Mr. George McManus are to the effect that he is convalescing, and hopes to be able from now on to provide our readers with the daily doings of Jiggs and Maggie. This will be welcome news to many who have eagerly inquired as to the appearance of this most popular "comic." One good friend of The Bee sings of the affair thus:

"The Jiggs."
There seems to be a null and void
Each night when we read The Bee,
And its pages we turn o'er,
As we've done times before,
"Jiggs" and "Maggie" fall to see.
We're glad that George McManus
Convalescent soon will be,
And again in the papers
The pranks and the capers
We will see of "Jiggs" and "Maggie."
The reason that we like them,
Is because, you see,
There are "Maggie" and "Jiggs"
With the "high brow" and "brigs"
Today in society. — HELLVETTU.

DOUBT SUCCESS OF 'SYMPATHETIC' CALL

Service on New York Surface Lines Continues to Improve During Day.

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Boatmen to Go Out.

The Tide Water Boatmen's union, with a membership, it was said, of 3,000, tonight voted to go on strike. No date was set for the men to quit work.

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Mike Lee, chief inspector for the Metropolitan Water district and former member of the state legislature, is in a very serious condition at Lord Lister hospital, according to attaches of the hospital.

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Benevolent Neutrality To Allies Henceforth

London, Sept. 17.—M. Kallogeropoulos, the new Greek premier, declares that the new government will observe the most benevolent neutrality toward the entente, says a Reuter dispatch from Athens today.

NEW LONDON WAITS BREMEN'S ARRIVAL

An Undersea Boat Comes Into Harbor at 3 A. M. After Long Vigil.

MAY BE U. S. SUBMARINE

New London, Conn., Sept. 17.—A persistent report from apparently reliable sources that the German undersea merchantman Bremen was approaching this port tonight lacked confirmation at a late hour. The first report stated that a submarine was seen off Fisher's island in Long Island sound at 9 o'clock, headed for New London, a two hours' run. Credence was attached to the report when the ocean-going tug T. A. Scott, jr., put out to sea under hurried orders.

Second Subsea Appears.

Another submarine was sighted late tonight at Ocean Beach during a temporary lift of the fog. It was making its way slowly into the harbor. Nothing could be learned about its identity.

May Be U. S. Vessel.

The second submarine arrived in the lower harbor about 3 a. m. and anchored in a heavy fog. It is believed that it is a United States vessel of the L. class.

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Bee Want-Ads Are Making the Greatest Progress

1483 MORE Paid Want-Ads last week than same week year ago.

Hughes Starts West On Two Weeks' Trip

New York, Sept. 17.—Charles E. Hughes came to New York tonight from Bridgehampton, preparatory to leaving early tomorrow for the second trip of his campaign. He will deliver the first speech of his trip at Peoria, Ill., Tuesday morning.

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The Weather

For Nebraska—Partly cloudy and probably unsettled Monday and Tuesday; warmer in north and east portions Tuesday.

Hour	Temp.	Deg.
5 a. m.	52	44
6 a. m.	52	44
7 a. m.	52	44
8 a. m.	52	44
9 a. m.	52	44
10 a. m.	52	44
11 a. m.	52	44
12 m.	52	44
1 p. m.	52	44
2 p. m.	52	44
3 p. m.	52	44
4 p. m.	52	44
5 p. m.	52	44
6 p. m.	52	44
7 p. m.	52	44

Comparative Local Records.

1916	1915	1914	1913
Highest yesterday	82	82	84
Lowest yesterday	42	67	69
Mean temperature	52	70	66
Precipitation	.66	.52	.32
Temperature and precipitation departure from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and compared with the last two years.			
Normal temperature	52	52	52
Deficiency for the day	0	0	0
Total excess since March 1	1.29	1.29	1.29
Normal precipitation	10	10	10
Deficiency for the day	0	0	0
Total rainfall since March 1	1.29	1.29	1.29
Deficiency for cor. period, 1915	.34	.34	.34
Deficiency for cor. period, 1914	4.36	4.36	4.36