

## POLICE SURPRISE FOOD THIEVES IN GROCERY RAID

Three Youths Steal Autos to Carry Off Plunder; One Confesses to Participation in Holdups.

Police yesterday arrested three food thieves whose operations during the last two months have resulted in the robbery of at least 15 grocery stores in Omaha. The men arrested are:

Gus George, 575 South Sixteenth street.  
William McManus, 4138 North 38th street.  
William Bixler, 3436 Taylor street.

The men were surprised by patrolmen during a raid on the Johnson grocery at Twentieth and Lake streets early Thursday. Two of the gang escaped and the third was taken while sitting in a stolen automobile in the rear of the store, where he awaited the appearance of his pals with the loot.

Gus George was the man arrested in the automobile, which had been stolen from D. M. Johnson of Weeping Water, Neb. He gave information which resulted in the arrests of McKenna and Bixler. Both these men are under 21 years of age and both were recently released from the state reformatory at Kearney, Neb.

**Confesses to Holdups.**  
Bixler when questioned by the authorities admitted complicity in the grocery store robberies, automobile thefts and two holdups, one at Fortieth and Cass streets, and the other on the high school grounds.

The automobiles were taken usually on the afternoon of a day when a robbery was contemplated, he said, and abandoned the following morn-

## Pershing Sees Big Caverns and Quarries Yield Up Prisoners

(By Associated Press.)  
With the French Armies in France, Oct. 25.—General John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American forces, was present throughout today's battle northeast of Soissons, accompanied by General D'Esperey of the French army. When the splendid victory by the French had been accomplished the American commander went over the greater part of the territory, visiting, among other points, the Vaurains farm, which is more than a quarter of a kilometer beyond the original French line.

Several squadrons of tanks participated in the battle and did excellent work in company with the advancing infantry. It was by means of these most modern war implements that the Filain farm was captured.

Most of the prisoners taken, who, up to tonight numbered about 8,000, were caught in quarries, while others were still pouring out of the deep caverns.

One group, composed of 400 men, was led out to surrender by a German soldier who spoke French and who assured his comrades that they need not fear bad treatment from their captors, despite the assertions currently made to them by their officers that the French massacred prisoners. Another batch of prisoners fell into the hands of the French just as they alighted from motor trucks, in which they had hurried to the battle field as reinforcements.

The losses of Germans were extremely heavy as was testified to by the heaps of dead found beneath the ruins of quarries, which crumbled under the French bombardment. The French casualties were rather below normal.

ing when the loot had been disposed of.  
Records of the police department substantiate this statement. At least one car would be recovered following the robberies and would usually be found in some out of the way spot smeared with bacon grease, flour and sugar.

**Former Reform School Inmates.**  
McKenna gives his occupation as musician and was, until the latter part of August, band leader at the reform school during the absence of the leader employed by the state. He had overstayd his sentence because he wished to become proficient in that line.

Bixler and McKenna left the institution at the same time and came to Omaha together. Bixler obtained employment at the Buffet grocery store at Fourteenth and Harney streets, but was discharged, according to one of the juvenile officers, because of the theft of provisions from the store. He was employed there as delivery clerk. Later he worked at the Ribble Paper company, where De-

etectives Dolan and Murphy arrested him this morning. Detectives Rich and Pzsanowski arrested George. It is not known whether McKenna and Bixler will face burglary charges through regular court channels or be turned over to the juvenile authorities.

## Confirmation of Report Michaelis Resigns is Awaited

London, Oct. 25.—Nothing had come from any source up to early today confirming the report of the resignation of Dr. Michaelis, the imperial German chancellor. The London newspapers either ignore the report or print it inconspicuously. A dispatch from Amsterdam says everything published concerning the position of Chancellor Michaelis is based on supposition.

## POLITICS WARM AMONG WOMEN OF FEDERATION

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lecture, "Is God Tired of Kings?" at Friday morning's session.

The library committee with Mrs. D. E. Wherry of Pawnee City, state chairman, presiding, held a large luncheon at the Fontenelle. Miss Charlotte Templeton of Lincoln, secretary of the state library commission, Miss Ione Armstrong of Council



MRS. A. E. SHELDON.

Bluffs and Miss Zora Shields, Central High school librarian, told how the library is helping win the war. Prof. Sarka Hrbkova, head of the women's committee, State Council of Defense, and Judge Howard Kennedy will address tonight's session. Miss Hrbkova is head of the department of Slavonic languages at the state university.

## John Brus Sells Liberty Bonds to Keep Out of Jail

Aspinwall, Ia., Oct. 25.—John Brus, wealthy Aspinwall business man, who refused to allow Liberty loan boosters to use his hall, which resulted in his arrest and the disclosure of a plot to obstruct the Liberty loan drive, is today selling the bonds himself.

Following his incarceration at Council Bluffs, Brus was released pending good behavior and was told that if Iowa township, in which he resides, buys \$25,000 worth of bonds, loyal citizens would use their influence to have the charges against him withdrawn.

## World's Wheat Crop Shows 1 Per Cent Decrease

Washington, Oct. 25.—The world's wheat crop is 1 per cent less than it was last year for the countries that thus far have reported to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome. Cablegrams to the Department of Agriculture from the institute, issued today, place the production at 1,775,000,000 bushels. Production of rye shows a 5.2 per cent decrease, barley a decrease of three-tenths of 1 per cent and rice a decrease of 10.7 per cent. Corn production increased 23.7 per cent over last year and oats 16.3 per cent.

## Lincoln Man Is Vice President Farm Congress

Springfield, Mo., Oct. 25.—J. M. Kimble of Deposit, Mo., was elected president of the Farmers' National congress, in session here today. He was also re-elected legislative agent to represent the farmers at Washington, D. C. Among other officers elected were: First vice president, O. G. Smith, Lincoln, Neb. Treasurer, John M. Downer, South Dakota. Persistent Advertising Is the Road to Success.

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