

NEGRO OFFICER CHARGED WITH TAKING BRIBES

Tom Dennison Produces Note in Detention Home Case; Black Says Money Was to Hire Lawyer.

Jesse Black, negro police officer, charged with accepting bribes for allowing inmates of the detention home to escape, was bound over to district court in police court yesterday.

Black is charged specifically with having accepted \$50 for aiding in the escapes of Emma Brown and Gladys Thompson, former inmates of the detention hospital. They escaped during the latter part of November, 1918.

The principal defense offered for Black was that the home was being operated in defiance of personal rights and liberties. Attorney McFarland stated that inasmuch as the hospital had no legal foundation, Black, even had he accepted money, was not criminally liable.

Woman's Witness. Mrs. Gladys Thompson, a former inmate of the home, was the chief witness for the state. Mrs. Thompson was the first witness examined. She testified Black told her he would assist her and others to escape for \$50 each.

George Thompson, a packing house employe and husband of Gladys Thompson, was called and testified to receiving the note and giving \$50 for the escape of Black November 26, 1918. He said he was to pay the balance later.

Got "Cold Feet." Questioned concerning their release, he said he went to the home that night accompanied by Frank Burns, a watchman for the Union Pacific.

The women were released two nights later, he testified. Questioned as to what became of the note, he said, "Tom Dennison had it." He told of a visit to Dennison's office, where the matter was discussed and the note shown.

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Auto Thieves Have Trust Working in Connection With Officers of the Law

Startling Fact Proven by Sioux City Investigation Now Under Way; Gang Said to be Operating in Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Missouri.

Who is the king of the automobile theft trust? That such a trust really exists and includes the states of Iowa, South Dakota, Missouri and Nebraska, as auto dealers and owners have contended for many months, has been proven by the Sioux City investigation now under way and recent developments in Omaha.

And that there is a head, or "higher-up," a man with real brains, running the theft syndicate there is not a doubt, despite the feeble efforts of the police of this and other nearby cities to put their hand on him.

In the Sioux City investigation, like in Omaha, it has been repeatedly charged that certain police officers were in league with the thieves, but as yet the real head and brains of the organization remains a mystery. However, an underground current—restless, threatening, dangerous—is clamoring to reach the surface. Echoes of the subterranean rumblings denote something big is ready to break and break soon.

Owners of motor cars, automobile clubs and insurance companies of Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Missouri, have been driven almost to a point of exasperation by the wholesale thefts.

Particularly in Omaha the unrest has increased tenfold. "What is to be done?" is the question that is being asked on every hand.

Business men, owners and dealers in automobiles recognize the fact that for months the gigantic theft trust, unhampered, has been operating in the middle west and that Omaha furnishes one of the principal fields of activity for the agents of the syndicate.

Nearly Million Here. Here are the figures of the local thefts during the last year: total number of automobiles stolen, 1,039, aggregating an estimated value of \$831,200. Of this number 370-cars were never recovered. This represents a total loss of \$296,000. During December there were 18 cars stolen in Omaha and never recovered.

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CALLS M'KENNA STOO-PIGEON OF DETECTIVES

Officers Said to Be Afraid to Send Alleged Auto Thief to County Jail for Fear of Developments.

An Omaha private detective, who has requested that his name shall not be used in this connection, makes the statement that William McKenna, alleged star automobile thief, has been a "stool-pigeon" to the detectives, and therein he finds the answer to the question why McKenna is being held in the city jail instead of being sent to the county jail.

It is customary to send prisoners from the city to county jail as soon as they have been found over after their preliminary arraignment. In McKenna's case there has been more or less mystery on the outside as to why he should be held so long in the city jail, an unusual procedure.

Explanation Easy. "The explanation is easy to those who are on the inside of these affairs," said this private detective. "You should know, if you do not know, that the police have a staff of stool-pigeons who tip off their associates in crime. To be of real service it is obvious that the stool-pigeon must be on the job himself.

Waive Preliminary Hearing. Sensational disclosures against the police failed to materialize in the hearing of Red Neal and Maurice Katleman yesterday. Both waived preliminary hearing.

Council Bluffs Boy Finds Cousin With Hun Prisoners. William J. Greulich, Council Bluffs, Company L boy and son of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Greulich, 302 West Pierce street, in the Bluffs, has written to his parents detailing the unusual experience of finding his cousin among Hun prisoners he had helped capture in the St. Mihiel drive.

Butler Favors Probe. City Commissioner Butler declares that city council should take up the police department scandals and sift them to the bottom.

War Puzzles. A puzzle is being run in the St. Mihiel drive. The puzzle is being run in the St. Mihiel drive. The puzzle is being run in the St. Mihiel drive.

Railway Police Will Hold Banquet in Omaha Feb. 22. Association of Railway Special Agents and Police of the Central West will hold its annual banquet in Omaha the evening of February 22.

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COUNCIL TALKS OVER PLANS FOR WAR MEMORIAL

Ure Favors Remodeling Municipal Auditorium; Want City Ownership of Public Utilities.

Plans for a memorial to the men and women of Douglas county who entered war service were discussed informally yesterday afternoon by the city commissioners. They all agreed that the memorial should not be a mere monument of stone. These ideas were presented:

Mayor Smith—A museum of war relics, posters, photographs of Omaha war activities. This building to be in connection with an auditorium seating about 2,500 people.

Commissioner Butler—An athletic field for all sorts of events and including a mile track.

Commissioner Falconer—A smaller athletic amphitheater, to be built on the park property between Harney and Jackson streets, between Thirtieth and Thirty-third streets.

Zhyzsko Throws Henderson. Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 30.—Wladek Zhyzsko won from Mort Henderson in a wrestling bout here tonight in two straight falls, the first an arm-scissors, in 19 minutes and one second, and the second a head scissors in nine minutes and three seconds.

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Police Say Youth Has Confessed to Robbing Fifteen Omaha Stores

Henry Jackson, 15 years old, who says his home is in St. Louis, but who police allege was recently paroled from the Kearney reformatory, was arrested for investigation in connection with the burglarizing of several stores.

Police are continuing the investigation of the burglaries. Detectives say Jackson has agreed to lead them to the cache where the loot is stored. They expect to recover most of the stolen merchandise.

Creighton Team Defeats Drake by Score of 32 to 7. Creighton, 32; Drake, 7.

Following the wrestling bout Harry E. Reed, western representative of A. G. Spaulding & Bros., and F. P. Nusslock of Milwaukee, a representative of the Parker Motor Truck Co., gave an athletic exhibition.

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ATHLETIC CLUB SMOKER GIVES EVENING OF FUN

Pesek and Eklund Furnish Exhibition of Mat Skill; Athletic Bouts Round Out Program of Sports.

Goodfellowship, pep and enthusiasm abounded throughout last evening's smoker at the Omaha Athletic club.

Witness Mat Work. An exceptional line of cabaret features and a "jazz" band furnished entertainment. The gloom of a hard day's work rapidly disappeared and a jolly crowd attended the remainder of the athletic program in the gymnasium.

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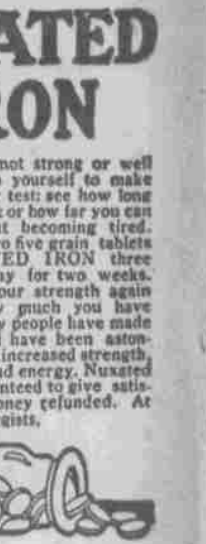
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