# GENTLEMAN AND "PAL" GET $500 LOOT IN ROBBERY

### Enter El Beudor Apartment Through Window and Chat 40 Minutes With Occupants.

A flash from a pocket light in the hands of the "gentleman burglar," who has for the past three months invaded Omaha homes, awakened Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Powers in their apartment at the El Beudor, Eighteenth and Dodge streets, at 4 yesterday morning. A short, heavy set "pal" entered the room several minutes later and at the point of a revolver told the surprised couple to "stay in bed and remain quiet."

Both burglars chatted for 40 minutes with Mr. and Mrs. Powers while the long-haired and gloved "gentleman" thief sat on the library table covering the couple in bed with his revolver. The "gentleman" burglar's accomplice ransacked the apartment during the conversation.

**Leave Him One Suit.**

The thieves packed all of Mr. Powers' clothes, excepting one worn business suit, in two suitcases and slipped quietly out the window through which they entered. The "exquisite" thieves also took a bracelet and a ring belonging to Mrs. Powers and $82 in money from a bureau drawer.

"Well, how do you do?" was the greeting given by the tall "gentleman" burglar as he flashed a light into the faces of the sleeping couple.

When both awoke, they looked into the muzzle of a revolver. At a whistle of the masked thief, an accomplice entered and a lengthy conversation started with the tall visitor asking: "Where do you keep the stuff?"

**Burglars Offer "Tip."**

"All our valuables are in that room," Mr. Powers said, pointing to his wife's boudoir.

Before leaving the slender thief remarked: "Let me give you a tip: Don't rent an apartment so easy to get into."

Mrs. Powers said both men spoke in excellent English. Mr. and Mrs. Powers caught sight of the masked couple walking leisurely down the alley, each carrying a suitcase.

Police were called and made a search of the neighborhood, but to no avail.

## Newspaper Men Are Shown Workings of Big Telephone System

Twenty representatives of daily and weekly Omaha papers were shown the workings of the great Nebraska Telephone system yesterday afternoon by F. A. Secord, manager of the Douglas, Tyler and Red districts.

They were first taken through the old headquarters at Eighteenth and Douglas streets, and then the new building at Nineteenth and Douglas streets. During the tour Mr. Secord quoted statistics showing the immensity of the great system.

Tyler and Douglas districts will be operated automatically by 1921, he said. Asked if the automatic machinery would do away with positions for a large number of telephone operators, Mr. Secord declared that almost as many girls would be used after the operating became automatic as before.

Work of installing the automatic system will begin by January 1, he said.

## Omaha Congressman Will Be Unable to Take Vacation

Washington, Nov. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Jefferis, who had hoped to go home during the short congressional vacation, stated that the subcommittee of the war expenditures committee, of which he is a member, would go to Pittsburgh to investigate conditions at Neville island and would then go to Cincinnati to investigate the anchor nitrate plant. This investigation will make it impossible for him to go to Omaha later.

Two members of the Nebraska delegation, Congressman Evans and Andrews, left for their homes in Dakota City and Hastings, respectively. Congressman Reavis will leave for Falls City Wednesday.

# AT THE THEATERS

THERE is great interest in the coming of Richard Bennett in "For the Defense" to Boyd's theater for the week beginning next Sunday night. Seats go on sale today for all performances, including the special matinee on Thursday, Thanksgiving day. The company includes not only Mr. Bennett, but a supporting cast embracing players who are very seldom seen outside of New York and Chicago.

**"Twin Beds."**

"Twin Beds" will be the attraction at the Brandeis theater for three days, starting tomorrow night. "Twin Beds" really comes under the head of roaring comedy, by which is meant a comedy that brings continued peals of laughter from the audience. The cast that will be seen here embraces Antoinette Rotche, Josephine Saxe, William Cournee, Bess Stafford, Margaret Phillippi, Ten Eyck Clay, Frank May and others.

The plot of "Oh, Lady, Lady" now playing at the Boyd is better than its predecessors. Its bright lines and scintillating wit hold out consistently to the end of the story of the interrupted wedding of Willoughby Finch and Molly Farrington. The story of "Oh, Lady, Lady" is presented in a beguiling form, and with the really excellent dancing and the well dressed and well trained ensemble girls, as well as the staging of the two acts. A special matinee will be played this afternoon.

Are you pleased to be told that you look like a player or that you have dramatic ability? The answer is given in the one-act comedy, "The Flattering Word," which George Kelly and his company are presenting as one of the stellar features this week at the Orpheum. Included in the program of Carl Jorn, the eminent tenor, are selections which range from dramatic grand opera selections to appealing ballads. He was formerly identified with the Metropolitan Grand Opera company and also with the Royal Opera of London.

Memories of Sousa, Liberatti, Pat Gilmore and the rest of the great band leaders and orchestra directors are lost sight of when one sees Al K. Hall (Alcohol- conduct the orchestra at the Gayety this week during a portion of the exceptionally clever performance being given by "The Sporting Widows" before audiences that are literally pasking the theater at every performance. Among the most interested spectators at the evening performances are scores of visiting grain dealers who are attending the convention. Ladies' matinee at 2:15 daily.

A delightful one-act playlet is "Honor Thy Children," which will be presented at the Empress for the last times today. The big hit of the bill is the minstrel and musical revue headed by Marion Gibney. Saxophones, cornets and trombones are used and a program of instrumental musical numbers are given. High Johnston, besides being an excellent magician, is a wit and reconteur. His offering is a great novelty number replete with surprises.

With "My Sunshine Lady," the newest to the minute of our ladies of the stage. A full-fledged, made to the order, dimples and all, little lady, whose charms are hinted (positively irresistible), and she's attended by 30 real "sun goddesses." To be seen at the Brandeis next Sunday for four days, starting with matinee.

## Police Arrest Two Men on Charge of Stealing Tires

William Brannif, 2807 Mormon street, and William Robertson, 715 Leavenworth street, were arrested yesterday by Detectives Franks and Graham and charged with grand larceny. The detectives claim Brannif and Robertson are the men who broke into the garage of Police Sergeant Ezra Ferris three weeks ago and stole two of Ferris' automobile tires. Two tires found in the possession of Brannif and Robertson were identified by Sergeant Ferris.

**Newlyweds Start Home.**

Washington, Nov. 18.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. James Hartnett of Omaha, who have been spending their honeymoon in the east, called upon Congressman Jefferis enroute home. Mr. and Mrs. Hartnett, who was Miss McDonald, were married two weeks in the Gate City. Mr. Hartnett is a member of the Omaha Grain Exchange.

# BURGLARS MAKE ROUND OF 'JOBS' IN AUTO TRUCK

### Drive From One Place to Another and Carry Away Loot Worth Thousands of Dollars.

An automobile truck was used by a gang of burglars that operated in the north part of the city Monday night, according to evidence gathered by detectives in the investigation of six robberies reported to police. In each instance the thieves drove the truck alongside of the buildings which they robbed.

More than $400 worth of carpenters' tools were stolen in four "jobs" committed by the gang, according to reports made to police.

**Tools Are Stolen.**

J. E. Jarvis, 534 South Thirtieth street, told police that all his tools were missing from a garage under construction at 2769 Titus avenue. A complete set of tools belonging to E. C. Van Leuven, 2619 Capitol avenue, was stolen out of the same place. Entrance was gained by breaking a temporary joist across the door of the garage.

Frank E. Kurtz, 919 Lincoln boulevard, reported the theft of his tools, valued at $100, from a house under construction at 4211 Leavenworth street.

A tool cart belonging to the Nebraska Telephone Co. was broken into at Thirty-sixth and Z streets and a lot of tools taken.

A side window of the garage of Hester and Lowe, Sixteenth and Binney streets, was broken open and $600 worth of tires stolen from the stock room.

Detectives discovered tracks of an automobile truck alongside the building.

A complete report of the burglary of the Fashion store, 111 South Sixteenth street, gives a total list of $2,885 worth of fur coats stolen from the place. Police say they have learned an automobile truck was used in the robbery. Entrance was gained through a rear window.

Burglars stole a revolver, bracelet and a watch from the home of William J. Hawley, 3140 South Seventeenth street, while the family was at a theater Monday night, according to a police report. The thieves entered a rear window. Bureau drawers and a writing desk in an upstairs room were ransacked and the contents strewn on the floor.

**Church Is Robbed.**

While the congregation of the United Presbyterian church was at a meeting in the church at Twenty-fourth and Dodge streets Monday night, a thief entered the cloak room and took his choice of a pile of men's coats and hats.

The thief stole a complete winter outfit belonging to C. E. McCague, 347 North Forty-first street. A new overcoat, silk gloves, scarf and cap made up the loot.

Dr. J. J. Foster told police he caught sight of a poorly dressed medium sized man loitering about the cloak room of the church during the evening, but paid no particular attention to him. Police say the lone thief answers the description of the house prowler who has been operating throughout the city during the past week.

## Postpone Hearing of Street Car Company On Skip-Stop System

Officials of the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company will be notified to appear in the city council chamber next Tuesday morning, to answer inquiries relating to the skip-stop system and paving between the rails of the company's lines.

This hearing had been set for yesterday, but it was deferred another week.

A letter from R. A. Leussler, vice president of the company, to the city council, stated that he deemed it inadvisable for his company to participate in the proposed skip-stop hearing, for the reason that the State Railway commission held jurisdiction. He added that the company is endeavoring to adjust its schedules to meet the best interests of patrons.

## Hassel Buys Interests of Petros in Woodrow Cafes

John Dick Hassel, one of the proprietors of the Woodrow cafes at 214 South Fourteenth street and 1811 Farnam streets, announced yesterday that he had purchased outright the interests of Louis and George Petros in the Woodrow cafes and that he was now sole owner.

Hassel paid $22,000 for the Petros interests. The Petros brothers have been associated with Hassel since the opening of the first Woodrow cafe on Fourteenth street three years ago. With the opening of the new Woodrow on Farnam street it was decided to dissolve the partnership.

## Five Men Indicted In Riot Probe Freed On Recognizance

Five men, indicted by the grand jury on charges connected with the riot of September 28, were released on thenr written recognizance yesterday to await trial. All are men with property in Douglas county. Those released are Walter McGill, charged with assault with intent to murder Mayor Smith; Mack Cosgrove, charged with assault with intent to inflict great bodily injury; Everett Kunold, charged with conspiracy to break and enter stores the night of the riot; John Nafsinger and L. H. Behring, charged with unlawful assemblage and rioting.

## Chief Eberstein Announces Peterson Will Resign Dec. 1

Chief of Police Eberstein yesterday announced that O. P. Peterson, policeman, will resign December 1. Peterson was the officer against whom Anson H. Bigelow, in behalf of Fred Miller, filed information with the police commissioner, asking that charges be brought against Peterson for alleged rough treatment in connection with the arrest of Miller a few weeks ago.

# FLASHES from FILMLAND
### PHOTO-PLAY OFFERINGS FOR TODAY

A GOVERNMENT submarine chaser was chartered for "Loot," the famous melodrama, which will be shown at the Sun theater for the last times today. A specially strong supporting cast was selected to play opposite Ora Carew and Darrell Foss. The picture story of "Loot" shows the efforts of a notorious gang of crooks to obtain a valuable diamond necklace, and how they are foiled by a musical comedy actress who saves the jewels and a young Englishman's life.

**Strand**—Does it pay to advertise? Ask Bryant Washburn, who is to be seen for the last times today at the Strand theater in a picturization of the recent Broadway stage success, "It Pays to Advertise." He portrays the role of a young man who makes a fortune on advertising by building up a trademark and then selling it to his father.

**Sun**—"The Illustrious Prince," a sensational mystery-drama, starring Sessue Hayakawa, will have its last showing at the Sun today. The photoplay, settings and lighting effects are superb, the well-known London fog coming into its own in a sequence of striking night effects showing London streets shrouded in a vapory mist.

**Muse**—A fascinating romance of the borderland, replete with thrilling incidents, is "Heart of the Sunset," Rex Beach's screen classic of the southwest, to be seen at the Muse theater today and Thursday. It tells the story of a beautiful American woman's terrible experience with Bexican bandits, the murder of her husband and her perilous escape from being forcibly wed to the bandit chief.

**Empress**—Albert Ray and Elinor Fair will be seen today for the last times at Empress theater in "Vagabond Luck," the story of an old racer who "came back," won a race that saved the family home, and did several other nice things for two young hearts. It is full of good, clean wholesome fun.

**Rialto**—An actual theatrical stage was used for the settings in many of the scenes of "Mind the Paint Girl," with Anita Stewart in the leading role and which will be shown for the last times at the Rialto theater today. To miss seeing this picture would be like missing a good dinner; you feel sorry afterwards.

### Neighborhood Houses

**APOLLO—29th and Leavenworth**—ALICE JOYCE in "THE WINCHESTER WOMAN," and a special two-reel comedy.

**GRAND—16th and Binney**—GLADYS LESLIE in "THE GRAY TOWER'S MYSTERY" and "ELMO, THE MIGHTY," chapter 15.

**LOTHROP—24th and Lothrop**—OLIVE THOMAS in "THE SPITE BRIDE" and a Mack Sennett comedy.

**HAMILTON—40th and Hamilton**—VALESKA SURATT in "THE SOUL OF BROADWAY" and Mutt and Jeff comedy, "LANDING AN HEIRESS."

**COMFORT—24th and Vinton**—An all-star cast in "WHOM THE GODS WILL DESTROY." It is a big eight-reel picture.

**DIAMOND—24th and Lake**—JUNE ELVIDGE in "CLOUDED NAME," Pathe News and comedy.

## MAN WHOSE BACK WAS BROKEN GOING ABOUT AS USUAL

### Case of Edward Bjorkgren Attracting Attention in Surgical World.

In filing away naturalization papers yesterday in the clerk's office of the district court in Council Bluffs the record of the application of Edward Bjorkgren was found and on the top of the order citing him to appear for final hearing on September 12 appeared the notation "back broken September 8."

The final record showed that he walked into the clerk's office November 13 and secured the copy of his completed naturalization.

He is the man who fell a distance of 25 feet at the Transmississippi grain elevator and had his back broken in three places, and who was restored to a normal condition in just 10 weeks by modern surgery applied by Dr. Fred P. Bellinger. The story was exclusively printed in The Bee last Sunday morning. The case has attracted a great amount of attention in the surgical world, and Dr. Bellinger is receiving an avalanche of congratulations.

When Roy Hardesty, chief deputy in the clerk's office, waited upon Mr. Bjorkgren when he walked into the office last Thursday to get his naturization papers he saw the notation at the top.

"Why, are you the man whose back was broken?" he inquired in astonishment.

"Yes, I am," the man replied, "and when they came to Mercy hospital on November 2 to take my final acknowledgement as I lay in the plaster cast I didn't even then expect to ever move again. I was completely paralyzed, but I'm all right now. Back a little lame but I can get around as good as ever and will resume my regular work on December 1."

Mr. Bjorkgren is now down in Kansas with his family.

## Sidney Has Largest Delegation in Class Taking Scottish Rite

One of the largest classes ever assembled in Omaha for Scottish Rite work is taking degrees at the cathedral here the first four days of this week. Members of the class come from all parts of the state.

The Scottish Rite Woman's club is serving luncheon and dinner at the cathedral. The reunion will close Thursday, when the 32d degree will be conferred.

More than 40 men from Sidney, Neb., are taking degrees with the class. Theirs is the largest group from any one town in the state. They will stay over in a body for the Shrine ceremonial which will be held on Friday night.

## Motorist Robbed by Bandits While On Way to the Bluffs

H. Marrian, 1421 Farnam street, reported to police that he was held up at 1:30 yesterday morning by two young bandits about 100 yards east of Douglas street bridge in Council Bluffs, and relieved of $18 in cash.

Marrian was driving to the Bluffs when the young bandits stopped him to tell him he had a flat tire. Marrian told police, and then covered him with revolvers, while they searched him.

**Blind Man Dies**

Gideon Shaw Custard, 50 years old, 623 North Twentieth street, died of heart disease yesterday after a short illness. He had been blind for several years. He lived with his brother, W. P. Custard, his only close surviving relative. Funeral services will be held from his home Wednesday afternoon at 4. Burial will be in Forest Lawn cemetery.

## PRINCE OF WALES SEES NEW YORK FROM ALL SIDES

### Receives Splendid Welcome and Is Recipient of Many Gifts

New York, Nov. 18.—The prince of Wales received about everything New York had to offer today, from a royal welcome from some hundreds of thousands of citizens and the official freedom of the city to a book containing newspaper clippings recording his journeyings in Canada and United States.

Othere gifts presented to him included a silken Stars and Stripes; a bible given by the New York Bible society, a replica of the one presented to his grandfather, King Edward VII, when he, then prince of Wales, visited this country 60 years ago, and a gold medal donated by the representatives of 30 races who have contribute to the building up of America.

From the moment when the prince's special train arrived in Jersey City, until midnight when the royal guest retired to his quarters on the British cruiser Renown after a gala performance at the Metropolitan Opera House, the young British heir had scarcely a moment to call his own. In warmth and enthusiasm his reception rivalled that give by New York to his famous royal cousin, Albert, king of Belgains, and again and again, throughout the day the prince expressed his keen pleasure at his welcome.

After his official reception at the city hall and visits to Grant's tomb and the statue of Joan of Arc, at the foot of both of which memorials he laid wreaths, the prince was taken on a launch to the Renown, anchored in the North river, and with the royal standard of Windsor floating from its masthead. There the afternoon was occupied in receiving various delegations.

The prince had planned a visit to Fifth avenue, but his visitors were too numerous and he was unable to leave the cruiser until it was time for him to go to the Waldorf hotel, where he was the guest at dinner of Henry P. Davison, representing the former war council and the American Red Cross.

## County Commissioner Replies to Attacks of Taxpayers' League

Continued assaults by the Citizens' and Taxpayers' league on the proposal to advertise bonds to the extent of $235,000 to restore the records in the county register of deeds office brought an explanation from County Commissioner O'Connor yesterday.

"The Citizens' and Taxpayers' league says it will replace these records for $200,000," said Mr. O'Connor. "But the county, doing the work by the day may replace them for much less than $200,000.

"The $235,000 bonds being advertised for this purpose need not be issued if the work costs less. In fact they will be issued just as fast as the need arises. When we get the work done we may still have $50,000 or $75,000 of the bonds left in the county treasury. We believe the work will be done for much less than the $235,000, but we have to advertise enough bonds to make sure the work can be completed. We have to issue only as many as it actually requires to do the work."

Three shifts of copyists are being employed and a schedule has been arranged of the number of instruments that each must copy for a day's work. County commissioners believe the work will be done for less than $200,000.

An international conbustion engine with a axially revolving cylinder that constitutes its own valves, reversing gear and water pump has been invented by an Englishman.

# START CAMPAIGN TO BOOST ZONE PLAN FOR OMAHA

### City Planning Committee Will Appear Before Civic Bodies to Explain Ordinance and Maps.

The City Planning commission has started its intensive educational and publicity campaign for the new zoning ordinance which it hopes to submit to the council within a month.

The planners want to go before every organization in Omaha with the zoning maps and ordinance, to get objections that any citizen may have, before asking the council to approve the law.

Monday night the zone plan was considered by the Nebraska chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Chairman Morton of the planning commission and Architect George B. Prinz presented the plan in detail.

Wednesday noon the plan commission members will appear before the real estate board with the zone maps and ordinance. A letter sent to all realtors today said with reference to the zone scheme: "Bring on your kicks."

Mr. Morton says that in most cases the objectors can be made to see that their objections are not good.

"But, if the plan commission is wrong," he said, "we want to know it. If the ordinance will work an injury, we want to change it so it will not be injurious, but helpful."

Friday, the planners will go before the Building Owners and Managers' association. The municipal affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce is now considering the ordinance.

**Apartment Area Small.**

"We want to present the plan to all improvement clubs," Mr. Morton said yesterday. "If a club will ask for the maps, a member of the planning commission or some other person who understands the new scheme, will present it."

"We'll go any place in the city and be glad to do it, with the ordinance and maps."

Some of the architects Monday night thought the "40 per cent area" provision for apartment houses was too small.

"Some of them changed their minds," Morton said, "when we showed them that the Garvy apartment house at Thirty-eighth avenue and Dewey will cover only 30 per cent of the ground, and that the big Metz home at Thirty-seventh and Dewey covers only 23 per cent of the ground."

## BILL RESTORING PREWAR RATE MAKING VETOED

### Interstate Commerce Commission Loses Out by Action Of the President.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Holding that the authority of the railroad administration over rates, schedules and classifications was necessary to enable it promptly to meet operating emergencies arising during the existing period of heavy traffic, President Wilson vetoed the senate bill restoring the pre-war rate-making powers of the Interstate Commerce commission.

Because of the short time intervening before the roads are returned to private operation on January 1, leaders in the senate and house were agreed that no effort would be made to pass the measure over the veto. Republican Leader Rondell of the house said flatly he never had approved the bill and consequently was in accord with the president's action.

The president's message disapproving the bill, of which Senator Cummins, republican, Iowa, was the author, was transmitted to the senate, but because of the cloture on the peace treaty it was not formally presented.

## Terminal Coal Head Back to Duties Here After Trip to Mines

W. M. Jeffers, general manager of the Union Pacific Railroad Co., returned to Omaha yesterday, after spending three weeks in the coal fields of southern Wyoming. He will take immediate and personal charge of the terminal coal committee here, replacing H. L. Snyder, acting chairman during his absence.

"I haven't had a chance to look over the coal situation here," he said, "but I want the people to know that the coal situation in every terminal in the country is critical. The visible supply of coal is very low, and there must be a further reduction of consumption."

Mr. Jeffers said the attitude of coal miners, even in southern Wyoming, where it was reported they had returned to work, was uncertain. Practically every miner had returned to work in the Rock Springs district yesterday, he said, but no word has been received by railroad officials today regarding the situation.

**Newsie Hit by Auto.**

Gus Terzakis, 13-year-old newsboy, was struck by an automobile on Fifteenth street between Farnam and Harney streets at 7 last night. The lad suffered minor bruises. B. H. Kirschner of Bennington, Neb., was operating the automobile. The lad was able to go home unassisted.