

### DARING RAIDS OF CRIME BANDS TERRORIZE CITY

#### Police Hold Back Information On Wave of Lawlessness—Brave Woman Routs Highjackers.

Highjackers, holdup men, sneak thieves and an army of criminals of other descriptions, unmolested and unafraid, operated in Omaha Thursday night, victimizing men and women in various sections of the city.

A squad of Commissioner Ringler's hand-picked plain clothes men devoted their energies to looking for vagrants up and down Sixteenth street in the vicinity of the Hayden Bros. store, which was burglarized last Sunday night, when the thieves made their getaway with loot amounting to \$63,000 without leaving a single trace as to their identity.

#### Calls Fire Department.

Mrs. Catherine Allison, 410 South Thirty-ninth street, widow of the late Dr. C. C. Allison, called the fire department at 3 yesterday morning to rout "high-jackers" from her home after her daughter, Grace, had fired six shots at the house-breakers.

"I knew the firemen would respond sooner," Mrs. Allison said. The Allison home was evidently in the hands of nine "high-jackers" stationed at various points of vantage for escape when Miss Allison was awakened by a noise below a window of her bedroom.

#### Use Two Cars.

"I peered from the window and saw two cars standing in front of the house," Miss Allison said. "I awakened mother and asked her for the gun. She cautioned me to be careful as Mr. Adams, the night watchman, might be the man standing outside.

"I fired at one man apparently standing on guard in front of the house. He just turned and walked slowly to the cars. Soon, I saw four men come out of a basement window carrying a case, which contained nothing but Pluto water. The men dropped the case and ran to the cars. In all I counted nine persons in the raiding party."

Miss Allison said she was not nervous about shooting at the man. She is a crack rifle shot, and not even her mother's caution held her from shooting at the "high-jackers."

"I wanted to show them how we welcome a party like that," she said.

When firemen arrived on their unusual errand, they obtained descriptions of the "high-jackers" and made a search of the neighborhood. The police were notified later of the burglary.

#### Highwayman Robs Man.

L. F. Fickbohn, 2207 Davenport street, was held up by a highwayman at Twenty-fourth and Cass streets. The bandit, who was armed with a revolver, took \$3 from Mr. Fickbohn's pocket.

The multitude of reports of burglaries, holdups and robberies daily pouring into central station has overwhelmed police officials to the extent that the complaints are no longer given to the newspapers. Who is responsible for holding back this information from the public could not be ascertained at headquarters.

Officers in charge at the station this morning deny that such reports are being hidden away.

It is known, however, that scores of complaints of holdups and robberies are being buried by members of the police department and the public is not permitted to know anything about them.

Regardless of the great many complaints of crimes being committed night and day in Omaha, and being hidden away from public knowledge, since November 18 there have been committed here, according to police reports, approximately 75 holdups and burglaries. Of this unusual number, which is far in excess of all crime records in the history of the city, not a single high-jacker, burglar or sneak thief has been apprehended by the police.

So far as is known, the heads of the departments have not even taken any extra precautions to handle the situation which is terrorizing the people of the community. Policemen are walking their beats as usual, with the exception that one of the new members of the force sometimes is assigned to walk with an older man and keep him company during his long hours of the nights along the darker streets of the city. Detectives still are relentless in making war on bootleggers and life miserable for men and women who are suspected of frequenting disorderly houses.

### Salvation Army Launches Christmas Fund Campaign

#### Original "Lassie" Watches Huge Doughnut As It Collects Coins to Bring Necessities of Life to Needy of Omaha—Started First Organization.



Commandant Eliza Symmonds, original Salvation Army "lassie," who is in Omaha conducting revival meetings, is assisting in the organization's campaign here to raise funds to furnish clothing and food for the needy on Christmas. She stands watch over one of the huge doughnuts used as a receptacle on the downtown streets for the Christmas fund.

Huge doughnuts are stationed on the principal downtown corners as mute reminders to the people of Omaha that the Salvation Army is again preparing to provide for the needy and bring a little cheer into otherwise dreary homes on Christmas day. No solicitation is being made by this organization, but the workers are collecting the contributions made by the generous of the city.

In previous years kettles, presided over by a "Santa Claus" in full uniform, were used to collect the Christmas fund. The doughnut, which became associated with this organization during the war, has been substituted this year as the receptacle for the fund. The money thus collected is used to provide clothing and baskets of food for the needy. Huge trucks deliver the necessities of life, purchased with the money collected in this way, to all who are penniless on Christmas.

#### Original U. S. Lassie.

The original Salvation Army "lassie" is in Omaha this week conducting a revival campaign. She was recently appointed spiritual specialist and will conduct campaigns in Nebraska and Iowa until the middle of February.

In telling of her experiences 40 years ago in Philadelphia, when the organization was first formed, Commandant Symmonds, then 16 years old, Eliza Shirley, says stones and

bricks, jeers and hisses and other indignities formed their first reception. Mrs. Symmonds was the first Salvation Army captain in America and is the real pioneer of the work in this country.

The story of how the first start of the organization was made in this country as told by Commandant Symmonds is interesting.

#### Started in Philadelphia.

"My father, mother and I rented an old chair factory in Philadelphia for our first meeting house," she relates. "We worked hard to make our place presentable, but when the opening night came nobody attended our meeting. After failing to get people to come to us we went out in the streets, in front of the saloons, where we could meet the fallen."

"We did not have tambourines or uniforms then, but when we sang crowds gathered. When father started to speak they hurled stones at us and said terrible things. The mayor ordered us from the streets and the newspapers made fun of us, but we continued to work and gradually our efforts were rewarded."

Three years ago Commandant Symmonds was called to Philadelphia to take part in the laying of the cornerstone to mark the spot where the army was born in America. On the very spot where her parents held the first meeting she told her story of pioneer days to a respectful audience of thousands.

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#### One Minute Store Talk

"You people deserve the congratulations of the West for such a complete stock of clothing. You have every argument in your favor—from enormous selections to unequalled money's worth," said an enthusiastic patron whose work takes him into all the larger cities.

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The Nebraska

WM. L. HOLZMAN, Treas.

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## The Supreme Service Standard of This Greater Store

is reflected in our wonderful selections of warm winter clothing. The supreme buying power of this store was never better demonstrated. For instance, by long odds here's

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FINDING headquarters is every man's first thought in overcoat selection—making it easy for him is our achievement. Thousands upon thousands of overcoats from more than a score of America's foremost overcoat makers sets this store apart as overcoat headquarters.

#### Unparalleled Overcoat Displays

## \$25, \$30, \$35, \$40, \$45, \$50, \$60, \$75, \$85

Up to the finest fur and fur lined overcoats, \$75.00 to \$250.00

Great Coats, full-belted, double-breasted and belt back ulsters and ulsterettes.

Warmth without weight knitted overcoats in novel new colorings and models for young men.

Fur collar, full-belted and half-belted overcoats. Lined or fancy back materials—a style show.

Chesterfields—ever the dress overcoat supreme. Many richly silk-lined styles. Strictly hand-tailored.

Fur and fur-lined overcoats in all the luxury and warmth nature provides. Unequaled selections.

Mackinaws, Lamb-lined and Sheep-lined pelt collar, warm canvas and moleskin coats. Best values.

#### Young Men's Distinctive Suits \$25 to \$75

Finest examples of the newer type of young men's suits. High waistline, rope shoulders, peak lapels; belted or English sack. All the late editions of premier clothes makers.

#### Younger Young Men's Special Styles \$20 to \$50

Specializing in a great collection of strictly youthful models for younger young men. Breezy, dashing styles in one, two and three-button. Single and double-breasted models.

#### Business Men's Hand Tailored Suits \$25 to \$85

From the happy-medium style to the most conservative. From the "regular" to the "hard-to-fit," stout, tall, short, slim or heavy built man. Perfection of fit and finish is here in winter suits.

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Never Before Such Preparations Here--Most Extraordinary Showing of

## Haberdashery gifts for "Him"



Never such a year for making practical gifts. Something warm to wear will meet with a welcome everywhere.



Comfort, warmth and health have their foundation in good underwear, hosiery, sweaters and gloves.



#### New Silk Shirts

Beautiful showing of silk crepe, broadcloth, crepe de Lyons, Peau de crepe and tub silk shirts, \$7.50 to \$16.50.

#### Holiday Glove Headquarters

Crowded with gloves and what a hit it makes with the crowd of glove buyers. Fabric, kid, cape, Mocha, fur and fur lined dress, auto and driving gloves, \$1.00 to \$25.00.

Bath and Lounging Robes for Men—Luxurious brocade silks, moire, Matalasse, worsteds, plaid back, Beacon blanket, Navajo blanket and Terry robes, \$5.00 to \$30.00.

Thousands of good gift ideas in men's novelty jewelry, safety razors, collar bags, canes and umbrellas, silk mufflers, dress and Tuxedo vests, leather belts, initial belt buckles; silk, lisle and wool hosiery; traveling bags, suit cases, Wardrobe trunks. Sweaters in wide variety of popular styles—coat or pull-over.

Men's Smoking Jackets for Christmas—House coats speak for themselves as a gift idea par excellence. Velvet Moire and plaid back worsteds at \$8.50 to \$25.00.

#### Warm Underwear

Largest showing of Vassar, Superior, Duofold, Winsted, Taunton, Stephenson union suits, at \$1.50 to \$12.50.

#### Holiday Neckwear Headquarters

Again we are enabled to offer silks in fine neckwear from every quarter of the globe. Italian, Swiss, Oriental weaves, Persians and our own beautiful American designs. Supreme selections at 50¢ to \$5.00.

MEN'S AND BOYS' HOLIDAY SLIPPERS

## Nebraska Clothing Co

JOHN A. SWANSON, Pres. WM. L. HOLZMAN, Treas. FARNAM AT FIFTEENTH ST.

MEN'S AND BOYS' HI-TOP SHOES

CORRECT APPAREL FOR MEN AND WOMEN

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Elimination helps to avoid colds, headaches and epidemics

ANYONE who has watched himself knows there is nothing so important to health and comfort as regular daily elimination. Half of the minor illnesses of life are due to neglect of this. The five million men who were in our army know the importance the doctor attached to this function.

By all means try to regulate yourself by intelligent diet and exercise, but when these fail you will need a laxative, one as near to nature in its action as skill can make it. In the opinion of many thousands of good Americans such a one is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which is a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin. It acts promptly, gently and without pain and will with certainty regulate any tendency to constipation that you may have.

Take it when you feel drowsy, dizzy or bilious, when you feel a cold or a fever coming on, when there is an epidemic, when you have eaten anything about which you are in doubt. It is at such times that you need to be free of poisons and of fermenting foods. You can buy Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin at any drug store for 50c and \$1 a bottle. Thousands of families have it constantly in the house against emergencies.

In spite of the fact that Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the largest selling liquid laxative in the world, there being over 6 million bottles sold each year, many who need its benefits have not yet used it. If you have not, send your name and address for a free trial bottle to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 511 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.

## DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN THE PERFECT LAXATIVE

#### Plan Campaign to Sell Irish Republic Bonds

The Nebraska executive committee of the American Commission on Irish Independence met Thursday night at the Henshaw hotel and took initial steps for the sale of bonds of the Irish republic. This issue has been authorized by the people of Ireland through their national assembly, the Dail Eireann, and the proceeds will be used for the economic improvement of the condition of the Irish people by developing the natural resources of Ireland and by establishing direct trade relations with the United States and other countries.

Local interest and the generous responses coming in to P. C. Healey, chairman, from points throughout the state assures the success of the movement, he says. Frank P. Walsh, national chairman, has notified Mr. Healey that December 10 has been set for opening the sale of bonds in the United States.

#### Three Placed On Trial for Looting Store During Riot

James Brazos, James Maschek and John Yach were placed on trial yesterday before a jury in District Judge Sears' court, charged with breaking and entering the store of Bessbaum Bros., 1314 Dodge street, the night of the court house riot and stealing \$73 worth of goods. This store was completely wrecked by a mob and the proprietors reported that the entire stock, worth about \$6,000, was carried away.