

## POLICE UNABLE TO COPE WITH MOTOR THIEVES

Incompetency of Omaha Department Shown in Comparative Table of Unrecovered Cars in Cities.

Innumerable burglaries, thefts and the general wave of crime which has swept Omaha in the last few months are not the only evidences of police incompetency here.

Automobile bandits, daring and reckless, have plied their lawless trade in and around Omaha with exceptional success. Cars of varied makes, sizes and horsepower have disappeared from the principal thoroughfares of the city with startling regularity, with but few arrests or even suspects for the crimes.

A study of statistics makes the incompetency of the Omaha police department in this particular line, over and above the recent avalanche of high-jacking and downtown robberies, more apparent.

In the list of 15 cities of the United States, Omaha leads in the percentage of stolen automobiles not recovered, with a high record of 36 per cent.

The lack of leadership in the police department has been roundly scored, both from within and from without. Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood and the grand jury which probed the riot of September 28, both being placed on record as emphasizing this fact.

The total percentage of stolen automobiles not recovered in 15 of the principal cities in the United States follows:

City	Percentage of Cars Not Recovered
Salt Lake City	1 per cent
San Francisco	1 per cent
Oakland	1 per cent
Seattle	1 per cent
Los Angeles	2 per cent
Portland	2 per cent
Cleveland	3 per cent
Oklahoma City	3 per cent
Chicago	3 per cent
Cincinnati	3 per cent
Columbus	3 per cent
Chicago	3 per cent
Indianapolis	3 per cent
Detroit	3 per cent
Denver	3 per cent
Omaha	36 per cent

## Use of Surplus Trees for Firewood Urged By District Judge

District Judge W. G. Sears declared that a "registration" of trees in the city that can be spared should be made at once by the city authorities with a view to putting men to work cutting them in firewood to relieve the coal shortage.

"There are thousands of trees in parks, streets, on vacant lots and elsewhere that could be used for fuel," he said. "No railroad transportation would be required. Green wood will soon freeze into good fuel in cold weather."

"Every person having trees that can be spared should list them with a city registration bureau created for that purpose and then forces of men should be put to work cutting the trees down."

"Thousands of cords of wood could be cut on this plan and it will probably be needed."

## Pershing Will Not Leave Train On His Stop Here Dec. 24

The passenger department of the Burlington railroad yesterday received information that the train on which General Pershing will travel from St. Joseph to Lincoln, via Omaha, December 24, will be due here at 6:40 a. m. and will proceed to Lincoln at 8:25 a. m., allowing one hour and 45 minutes here.

The general and staff of 20 will travel in two special cars and will not leave their cars at Omaha.

The general will visit his birthplace at Laclede, Mo., on the way from St. Louis to Omaha.

The Chamber of Commerce anticipates that the general will favor Omaha with a formal visit after the Christmas season.

**Sheriff Clark Says "Army" Of 16 Deputies Must Drill**

Sheriff Clark has organized his "army." It is 16 men "strong" which, the sheriff says, is considerably stronger than the standing army of the South American republic of Cabbagana.

"We are going to drill every day, all 16 of the deputy sheriffs," he said. "The guns are on the way. Deputy Sheriff Pat Welch has been appointed 'captain' and drill master."

**Unsettled Weather for Coming Week Is Promise**

Washington, Dec. 6.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday, issued by the weather bureau today, are: Upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, unsettled weather, occasional rains in California and rains and snows in Washington and Oregon; temperatures will be somewhat below normal in Washington and Oregon and normal in California.

**Omaha Men Break Jail In Missouri and Come Here**

Two Omaha men, who are reported to have broken out of jail at Albany, Mo., Friday night, are believed to be in hiding here, according to a telephone report received by Omaha police yesterday from the sheriff at that town. Both men are said to have stolen an automobile from the sheriff and started toward Omaha.

Both men were in jail at Albany for the theft of an automobile at St. Joseph, Mo.

## Urges Gentleman Burglar to Reform and Return His Loot as Christmas Gifts

Woman Appeals to His Better Instincts to Close Successful Career and Direct His Culture and Education Into a More Accepted Profession—Admires His Spunk and Ability, but Not His Vocation.

Expressing keen interest in the secret motive which has propelled the Gentleman Burglar into his adventurous profession, and a firm belief in his inherent cultured instincts, another Omaha woman, in an open letter to The Bee, proposes a course for the fearless, yet cunning, Mystery Man.

Probing deep into his apparent deep respect for womanhood, and attempting to focus his thoughts on that dearest friend of man, his mother, she appeals to Mr. Burglar, as a sporting proposition, to forsake his chosen profession, and, enveloped in the universal Christmas spirit, return the valuables which he has purloined from Omaha homes in the last few months, and, without disclosing his identity, wind up his adventurous career with the sense of a noble deed done.

**Interested in Letters.**

The letter to the Gentleman Burglar follows:

"Omaha, Neb., Dec. 5.—Mr. Gentleman Burglar:

"Hoping the editor of The Bee will be kind enough to publish my letter to you. I wish to say:

"Glad to hear from you again, Mr. Burglar. I, with many others, have read your letters in The Bee with interest and I dare say, read The Bee continually, hoping you would write again.

"The second letter, however, disappointed me—and frankly I was glad when I later read your denial of having written it. Then for weeks we heard nothing from or about you except your visit at the Donahue residence, which was rather interesting, not only to you, but to a good many readers of The Bee.

**Admires His Spunk.**

"Then your letter in Monday's Bee. 'Mr. Burglar' frankly I admire you, your spunk and ability, but not your vocation.

"Yet in spite of all I believe in your better self, and firmly believe you would make just as good, would you apply your talents, education and energy to something honorable and worth while.

"Nor would I put your chosen career to the lack of ambition or call it a lazy man's work—indeed not. I am sure it takes both skill, ambition and lots of courage to be as successful a burglar as you seem to be.

"Yet I dare—bet—a bunch of posies against anything that you don't really and truly enjoy your chosen profession and that you, deep down in your heart are not near so proud of your success as your letters indicate.

**Maybe to Forget.**

"You have started the game. Maybe for the sake of adventure or excitement—or to forget—perhaps someone or something of the past, and have been successful so far, but the future is yet unknown to you as to anyone else.

"Neither did I think for even a moment that you are 'a born woman hater' or afraid of women, as seemed to be the impression of your first letter. Yet perhaps—I am not so sure—that it is not a woman who is behind it all.

"But why sacrifice your good name, reputation and future happiness for just a woman—when there still are so many to be had.

"And also remember, Mr. Burglar, that perhaps there is another little woman 'true to the last,' who

cares and whose heart you are breaking—should she know—your mother.

**Not for a Livelihood.**

"As you see, I do not believe you are burglarizing, even for the sake of a livelihood, nor that you are working for some one else, and for one I would not be surprised in the least, should there some fine day be shouted: 'Extra! Extra!' And the big head lines should state the fact that our gentleman burglar had quit his job, and that somewhere could be found—packages—shall we call them Christmas presents, all done up in tissue paper and green and red ribbons with owner's name and address on each package—the valuables, perhaps dark keep-

sakes, which you had chosen to borrow during the last few months.

"And as Christmas is soon at hand, and after that the beginning of a new year. Why not make the resolution, 'Never to burglarize again.' And, going back to the statement I made before about the 'bet', shall we say a bunch of posies against a box of candy?

"Can you convince me in any way I am wrong and therefore have lost. I shall be glad to pay the penalty, and as I have an idea that you do not wish to send me your personal address. Why not agree—that the loser shall pay the 'bet' in the form of a Christmas greeting to Miss Fairfax.

"I am one of her admirers, and constant readers of her Lovelorn column, and I am sure you like her, too; everybody does.

"Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

"I am (a woman, of course),

"C. A. L."

**Another Letter.**

"Merely a woman," who wrote such an interesting letter to the 'Gentleman Burglar,' has also answered Mystery Man's last letter, and it is even more remarkable and daring than her first. It will be published later.

A transparent shield to be fastened to one side of an umbrella has been patented to enable a person to see where he is going in a driving rain.

## JONES MAY HAVE TO GO BACK TO STATE PRISON

State Witness for Police Chief Probably Will Be Returned for Violation of His Parole.

Lovell C. Jones, who with William McKenna, was a state witness for Chief of Police Eberstein in the case of Morris Kattelman and "Red" Neal, alleged "higher-ups" of a gang of automobile thieves, probably will be returned to the state penitentiary for violation of his parole. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail yesterday by Police Judge Foster in Central police court for vagrancy.

"Please, judge, let me go," Jones pleaded. "I was paroled from the pen" on November 20, and they'll sure send me back if I'm sent to jail."

Jones' pleading failed to move the police judge.

Jones was arrested Thursday for investigation in connection with the sale of narcotics here recently. He gave his address as 607 South Thirteenth street.

He was paroled from prison with William McKenna. Both were sentenced for automobile stealing. Jones and McKenna alleged before being taken to prison that they were promised immunity by Chief of Police Eberstein in case they would testify against Neal and Kattelman.

The recommendation for parole was signed by Judge W. A. Redick.

## Hog Thieves Use Autos.

Albion, Mich., Dec. 6.—Farmers in this section are being harassed by "hog thieves de luxe" who are capturing young pigs and meat hogs in large numbers, using high-powered automobiles to haul away their "swag."

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