BOY BANDIT ONE OF YEGGMEN WHO BLOW BIG SAFES

Youth, 18 Years Old, Covers Employes With Gun While Companions Loot Douglas Motor Co. Offices.

A boy bandit, but 18 years old, was one of the three yeggmen who blew two safes in the offices of the Douglas Motor company, Thirtieth and Spaulding streets, at 10:30 Wednesday night.

His companions were about 40 years old and 28 years old. The yeggmen bound a watchman and two other employes of the firm to automobile trucks while they worked on the safes.

Only $122 was found by the robbers. A third safe in the office of George Christopher, president and general manager, was untouched. The robber smissed $11,000 in checks and drafts by a few hours, Mr. Christopher said, this being deposited in a bank yesterday afternoon.

Overlook Liberty Bond.

A Liberty bond for $1,000 was overlooked by the yeggmen. The bond was in a desk in the main office.

The three gunmen escaped in an automobile. Authorities have good descriptions of them. Ten special detectives have been assigned to the case.

The yeggmen are believed to have entered through a rear door while C. E. Gunnell, 60 years old, 2409 Emmet street, watchman, was attending boilers in an outer shed.

A large safe in the main office was blown open first, Gunnell told detectives. The explosions of nitroglycerin tore the steel doors into strips. Drawers inside were ransacked.

A smaller safe in the purchasing agent's office was "cracked" by one explosion that made the building quiver, Gunnell said. The loot taken by the gunmen was stolen from this safe.

Gunnell had just entered the purchasing agent's office to eat his lunch when two masked men thrust revolvers at him and overpowered him. They bound him to a truck, tying his hands with oily rags.

The boy bandit, unmasked, covered John Behrens, 2531 Himebaugh avenue, a painter employed by the motor company, with a revolver in the washroom toward the rear of the building.

The yeggmen had no sooner gagged and bound Behrens to a truck than they overpowered Thomas Mills, 2511 Sprague street, another painter, who came from upstairs to investigate the commotion he heard.

The gunmen tied Mills to the stairway.

Pieces of steel torn from the safes by the explosions broke window glass in the offices. Several particles of steel lodged in the walls of the building.

The yeggmen proceeded leisurely about their work, cool and careless, their prisoners said.

Gunnell freed himself first and ran to the fire station at Thirtieth and Spaulding streets to notify police.

Omaha Man Who Tells Of Johnson's Machine Methods On West Coast

C. F. M'GREW.

SAYS JOHNSON MACHINE BOSS OF CALIFORNIA

C. F. McGrew, Back From Coast, of Opinion That Pershing Is Dark Horse for G. O. P. Candidacy.

"In my travels I heard many kind words and favorable expressions for General Pershing, especially from former Nebraskans, all of whom seemed to think that, as a matter of course, the Nebraska delegation would be for their own citizen," said C. F. McGrew, who has just returned to his home in Omaha from California.

Mr. McGrew has made two trips to California since last fall. "The tourist travel, the heaviest ever known," he said, "is now headed eastward."

"The California delegation to the national republican convention will be for Hiram Johnson," said Mr. McGrew. "Some of Johnson's political enemies, of whom there are many, have tried to start a boom for Hoover, but Johnson's machine is too well organized and too well oiled, and the senator will probably carry California by 30,000 to 50,000 majority over Hoover. Johnson is the 'boss' of a political machine in California that would bring a blush of shame to the cheek of a Bill Tweed or a Matt Quay, who were novices at the game as compared with Johnson. However, this machine will do Johnson no good in the end, for he will never receive the republican nomination for the presidency.

Between Pershing and Johnson.

"It appears to me that the contest in Nebraska lies between Pershing and Johnson, and it would almost seem like disloyalty to his home state for any citizen of Nebraska to question the result. Nebraska should be for Pershing and as I view the situation, is going to be for him. Frank Harrison, Johnson's manager in Nebraska, who is reckoned a right smart politician, has conceded that Pershing is the man that Johnson has to defeat, and he is endeavoring to curry favor with an opposnig delegation by requesting his followers to vote for them. It should be borne in mind that a vote for any other candidate than Pershing will help Johnson.

None Has Better Chance.

"I believe that no candidate stands a better chance than Pershing of receiving the nomination at Chicago. When he goes to the convention backed by the delegations from Nebraska, Arizona, Wyoming and Missouri no candidate will be any stronger, and I am positive that he will win on the final break.

"Every Nebraskan should be proud of the opportunity to vote for a citizen of this state who has become a world-wide figure and established a reputation for bravery, clear thinking and executive ability that has won for him the admiration not only of the American people but of our allies and our enemies in Europe. His neighbors in Nebraska cannot fail to appreciate his ability and to understand that, by honoring him they will honor themselves and their own state.

"Let me say again, and say with all the emphasis I can command, that a vote at the April 20 primary for any other candidate than Pershing will mean at least half a vote for Johnson."

Skinners Ask More Time to Pay Off Stock Indebtedness

Frank Chittenden, Jacob F. Papernick and Andrew C. Kastener, stockholders of the Skinner Packing Co., yesterday appeared in district court asking permission of Judge Sears to intervene in the injunction proceedings brought last week, for the purpose of compelling the Skinners to pay off $1,400,000 in notes underwritten by R. C. Howe at their request.

The Skinners are asking additional time in which to pay the notes or cover them with collateral, and if the notes are paid the injunction suit, it was said, would be withdrawn.

The suit for intervention, granted by Judge Sears, will not be filed until Monday, provided the case then goes to trial.

Nebraskan One of Sailors Drowned in Manzanillo Bay

Washington, April 15.—A dispatch to the Navy department from the Atlantic fleet gave the names of the eight sailors of the destroyer Preble drowned in Manzanillo bay, Cuba, April 11, after an accident to their launch.

They included Machinists's Mate Arthur P. Larison, Chadron, Neb.

Grand Jury Indicts 54 in U. S. Court

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exact exorbitant prices for foods, the specific instance being the sale of 25 bags of beet sugar to H. Mallison, an Omaha grocer, at the price of 19¾ cents a pound when they were apprised that 13¾ cents was the lawful and reasonable price for the commodity. This was the only indictment of a dealer on a charge of profiteering in violation of the Lever wartime act.

Many "Dope" Cases.

The remainder of the true bills returned have to do with the violation of federal laws involved in the operation of illicit stills, so-called "dope cases," or violations of the Harrison drug act; stealing from interstate shipments and schemes to defraud. There was one indictment against Emil Vanerputter for unlawfully manufacturing beer with an alcoholic content of more than one-half of one per cent alcohol, and two under the Mann white slavery act.

Those indicted for the operation of illicit stills, all of Omaha, are: Dan Felie, Joe Bogoglev, Philip J. Tobin, Steve Milobar, C. P. Chenoweth, Martin Lesac, Matt Dragon, Victor Litwins and Joe Prohaska.

The following were indicted for the violation of the Harrison law prohibiting the "peddling" of drugs: Charles Silverthorne, James Bell, Clarence O. Butts, Birdie Erwin, Harry Rudolph, Arthur Harrison, Glen Jones, Roy Alexander, Jack Collins, Garland Graves, Fred Stokes, James Hart, John Williams and William Mitchell, alias Coleman.

Otto Gamoll was indicted on four counts under the Mann act, charged with transporting Erna Kernstein from Waterloo, Ia., to Omaha for immoral purposes, February 27.

Mann Act Violation.

The only other indictment under the Mann act was returned against Wenceslo Canales, charged with taking Carrie Marriott from Paxton, Neb., to Julesburg, Colo., for immoral purposes.

Dave Phillips, alias W. L. Lewis, was indicted for an alleged attempt to defraud the National Cloak Co. Phillips is charged with ordering a quantity of goods of the company, enclosing a draft when he had no funds in the bank. The company, unable to make the entire shipment, enclosed credit checks to Phillips in the amount of $109.17.

Other indictments and the offenses charged are:

Hans S. Jensen, theft from U. S. mails; Charles Douglas, altering signature on bonus check made out to George Osborn.

Fred Long, alteration of Liberty bonds, the property of Fred Hanson.

Walter Clifford Johnson, charged with theft from an interstate shipment.

William Henry Bone, charged with theft from an interstate express shipment to D. J. Maloney, Reeder, Neb.

Charles Foley, alias Clark, and Harry Charrat, charged with theft of an interstate express shipmentt in Omaha.

Arnold Solomon, charged with theft of shipment from interstate shipment at the C., B. & Q. freight depot, consigned to John Brennon, O'Neill, Neb.

Charles Foley and Don Chrissman, theft of niterstate express shipment of tires in Omaha.

Conrad Field, theft of baggage from railway train near Chadron, September 11, belonging to Katherine McShane, Atkinson, Neb.

M. F. Boyd and Henry Overleese, theft of freight October 15 in Merrick county, Neb.

Charles E. Freeman and Leland Wright, Custer county, possession of liquor still.

John A. Jameson and Ernest W. Osborn, stealing from interstate shipment of baggage near Chadron.

Howard Houck and Abraham Petty, stealing from interstate shipment, tires valued at $199.35.

PRCENTAGE OF GAIN IN CENSUS LESS THAN 1910

Comparative Figures for 428 Places Show Decline of 22 Points in Last Decade.

By The Associated Press.

Washington, April 15.—A review of the population figures of the 449 cities and towns thus far announced was made public today by the census bureau. Comparative figures for 428 of these places in the last two decades show a decline of 6.5 per cent in the percentage of increase from 1910 to 1920 as compared with the 28.4 per cent gain during the preceding decade.

The remaining 21 places represent cities or towns which were not existing as separate communities in 1900.

Up to and including yesterday's announcement, the review showed an aggregate population of 10,058,315, an increase of 1,780,372 over 1910, or 21.9 per cent.

Decline Due to Flu.

Falling off in the percentage of increase for the places announced was largely due to the "check on immigration, which resulted from the world war," said Director Rogers of the bureau. Total immigration to the United States for the last 10 years showed a decrease of 3,364,000, compared with the preceding decade.

The recent influenza epidemic also probably had some effect in retarding the natural increase of population, Mr. Rogers said.

Easton, Pa., 33,831; increase, 5,290; or 18.5 per cent.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 35,000; increase, 7,064, or 25.3 per cent.

Salisbury, N. C., 13,884; increase 6,731, or 94.1 per cent.

Fulton, N. Y., 13,043; increase, 2,563, or 24.5 per cent.

Harrison, N. J., 15,721; increase, 1,223, or 8.4 per cent.

Kearney, N. J., 26,724; increase, 8,065, or 43.2 per cent.

Ilion, N. Y., 10,169; increase, 3,581, or 54.4 per cent.

Oneida, N. Y., 10,541; increase, 2,224, or 26.7 per cent.

O'Neill Paving Bids Are Rejected by Old Council

O'Neill, Neb., April 15.—(Special.)—Consideration of paving for the business section of O'Neill has been postponed until the new city administration takes office. The old council rejected all bids which had been on file for several weeks and which the contractoors had asked to have withdrawn after several property owners opposed to paving at this time had threatened to enjoin the city council from entering into a contract.

The paving district created by the petition of property owners still remains in existence and Mayor-elect Charles Daly will revive the project under the incoming administration.

Organize Overall Club.

Kansas City, Mo., April 15.—City officials of Kansas City, Kan., organized an overall club as a protest against the high cost of clothing.