

MODERN YEGGIS MUCH DIFFERENT TO OLD-TIMERS

Capt. Briggs Tells How 1920 Variety of Safe-Blower Accomplishes His Purpose.

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If some of the old-time safe blowers, who are "doing the long bit" in lands beyond the grave, could drop into being for a short time to get an idea of the methods used by their present-day prototypes, it wouldn't take them long to realize this is a day of progress.
No more does the genus "yegg" encumber himself with tools enough to load a pack mule. Gone are the days of black powder and the bullseye lantern. The railroad handcar, favorite means of making a getaway in the old days, has been tossed into the discard and the speedy automobile has taken its place.
"Progress is the watchword of the crook just as well as the business man," says Captain of Police John Briggs of South Side station and former chief of police of South Side and captain of detectives at Central station. "Each time a safe manufacturer puts a so-called burglar-proof safe on the market, a 'yegg' comes along with some means to prove it isn't burglar-proof at all."
"In bygone days a gang of 'yeggmen' would spend a month arranging the details of a bank robbery and when they finally approached the job it was with tools enough to stock a young machine shop. Up-to-date 'peter men,'—the term applied to safe blowers in the underworld jargon—put in a week 'locating' a job. They carry all the implements and appurtenances of their craft in a small handbag and they can do their work without soiling their hands.
"The favorite, and, in fact, the only way in the early days, was to blow a safe with black powder. Some would knock off the combination and work on the spindle. Others would drill holes around the combination in which to insert the powder, and still others would resort to what is termed 'decking it.' This consisted in drilling a hole through the top of the safe at about the middle of the door.
"Favor Nitroglycerin Now.
"Nowadays, while a majority of safe robbers in the country cling to explosives as the most expeditious method of operation, they use nitroglycerin or 'soup' instead of black powder; the hand drills of the old days have given way to electric drills and the old-fashioned bulls-eye lantern is replaced by an electric flashlight.
"But the up-to-the-minute safe robber has abandoned the use of explosives entirely. To begin with, nitroglycerin is a dangerous thing to pack around in a hip pocket and there is the additional and very obvious drawback that an explosion is likely to draw attention.
"Safe rippers and acetylene torch workers are now the elite of the profession. The former class work on the back of a safe. An electric drill is used to bore holes near the top on either side and a sectional crowbar, which can be carried without attracting attention, is utilized to rip the back out of a safe. The latter class use an acetylene torch to melt the metal around the combination and the rest of the work is simple.
"Two Strata of Yeggmen.
"There are two strata in 'yegg' society. The lower strata is of the roving kind generally found in the summer camps in the outskirts of a town or city or drifting up and down the various railroads. The upper class are the ones that go in for safe last winter."
"Yeggmen" as a class are recognized by the police as the most dangerous crooks with whom they have to deal. They shoot without provocation to bluff their way out of a tight fix, but they shoot only to kill when their life or liberty is at stake.
It is related that William A. Pinkerton once tried to worm a confession from a "yegg" who had been mortally wounded in a revolver battle with detectives. "You are dying," he was told. "Why not tell who your confederates were and go before your Maker with at least one good mark to your credit?"
And he is said to have replied: "Yeggs don't give information. Watch me and see how a 'yegg' can die."

California Man Dies; Officials Detain Family
Boston, May 1.—One of the most pathetic cases in the annals of the local immigration bureau came to light in the death in a Providence hospital of Manuel Amaral of Irvington, Cal. With Amaral in the hospital were his wife and five children, the oldest seven, who has just come to this country with him from their home in the Azores.
Amaral had lived in this country, with frequent visits home, for 25 years. Eight years ago he married Amelia Souza, of the island of Horta. About three months ago he went back, broke up his home in the Azores and brought his family to this country to live. On the voyage over two of the children contracted measles. In order not to separate the little family the authorities sent them all to the hospital. While there the father contracted pneumonia.
The tragic situation of the family is puzzling the immigration authorities. While no barrier existed to their entry into the country, Amaral was alive and while they had a home waiting for them on the west coast, they are without means of support. Pending consultation with relatives both in the Azores and in California the family will be brought here and held at the immigration station.

Grecian Coiffure Latest.
London, May 1.—Paris has thrown a serious scare into London bobbed hair circles with the announcement that the Grecian coiffure is the next thing in tresses. Coiffures are besieged with bobbed young misses who want to know how to regrow their short hair.

Woman's Club Janitor Ran Brewery, Is Charge
Trenton, N. J., May 1.—Indignant that their settlement house should have been transformed into an alleged profitable brewery business, members of the Contemporary, a fashionable woman's club here, caused the arrest of Frank Odas,

caretaker of the house, located at No. 74 Poplar street. Odas was later held in \$1,000 bail by United States Commissioner Richard Wilson, charged with violating the Volstead act by brewing home beer, selling ingredients and distributing recipes.
The women, some days ago, detected what they thought were beer fumes coming from the cellar of

the house. They notified the federal authorities and the place was raided.
Alderman Dares City Officials to Don Overalls
Providence, R. I., May 1.—City government officials are dared by Alderman Jeremiah E. O'Connell, a dapper member of the bar, to wear overalls and old clothes in an effort

to decrease the high cost of living. "It is the only way to bear this increasing cost of living and bold profiteering, which will mean disaster if not curbed," said "Jerry," while the well-groomed city officials looked on with a smile. Alderman O'Connell told the gathering he would be the first to don overalls and would go a step farther and wear old clothes and promise not to

buy any more clothes until prices took a tumble.
It is understood that a city hall organization is seriously considering the question and may appear shortly garbed in old clothes and overalls. If this is a reality, the alderman says he will stick to his proposition to the city government.
See Want Ads Prodiges Results.

Mother's Mistake Causes Death of Her Baby
Afton, Okl., May 1.—The mistake of Mrs. Elgin Wilson cost the life of her 2-year-old baby the other day.
Mistaking a glass of cyanide of potassium for a glass of water, Mrs. Elgin gave the deadly liquid to the child. It immediately went into

convulsions and died within a few minutes.
Monkey Fur In Style
London, May 1.—Monkey fur has joined feathers as a feature in the trimming of coats and cloaks shown in the spring style shows in London. The evening gowns remain backless.

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