

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

POLICE BARE STORE THEFT RING

3 MERCHANTS ARE NABBED IN BIG STEAL

Seven Men, Including Three Watchmen, Are Now Held as Leaders of Gang in \$100,000 Robberies in This City.

LOOT VALUED AT \$30,000 RECOVERED BY POLICE

Expensive Silks Found in Hotel Rooms Occupied by Chorus Girls, Who Say Articles Were Given Them.

Theft from Omaha department stores of more than \$100,000 worth of goods in the last three months was revealed Saturday, police say, when seven men, three of whom were employees of the A. D. T. Co., were arrested and nearly \$30,000 worth of goods, alleged to have been stolen, was recovered from a downtown hotel.

City and store detectives claim the plan, whereby it was possible to rob stores of several thousand dollars worth of merchandise nearly every night, was the most cleverly devised and executed of any in the history of Omaha.

Those arrested were W. A. Swan, chief operator for the A. D. T. Co.; Thomas B. Robel, Henshaw hotel, and Bernard Dolan, Millard hotel; also employees of the A. D. T. Co.; Guy Huff and Joseph Grady, employed in a Douglas street theater; Sam Frohm, merchant, 3225 California street; Tony Stuffer, merchant, 330 North Twenty-fifth street, and F. J. Welch, merchant, 330 North Twenty-fifth street.

How System Worked. The plan, detectives say, was followed by A. D. T. employees, who had keys to the large downtown stores, to unlock the buildings and be on the lookout for city police while their accomplices removed the merchandise from the store. Private detectives for the Brandeis and Burgess-Nash stores have been working on the case nearly six months, they said, but were unable to secure sufficient evidence to warrant any arrests earlier than yesterday.

It is believed others implicated in the affair might have been apprehended had it been possible to keep the matter a secret longer, but it was learned Friday night that at least one of the men under suspicion was preparing to leave the city.

It is believed more of the stolen merchandise will be recovered, but detectives say much of it has been disposed of to unscrupulous merchants, who may or may not have known where it came from.

Police May Be Involved. Nearly every article sold by the larger department stores was included in the missing goods, but women's clothing seemed to have first choice and men's clothing was second in popularity.

Acting Chief of Detectives Anderson refused Saturday night to discuss details of the raid, particularly a report that several of the men when arrested had stated that they went to the pen they would take several members of the Omaha police force with them.

Many articles of clothing recovered in the raid on the hotel Saturday night, although several had been questioned by detectives.

So well planned was the raid, which occurred between 12 and 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, that police had no trouble in locating all of the men wanted.

Four of the chorus girls said they were awakened by unusual noises and saw three men searching dressers and drawers and their trunks and carefully stacking their clothing in the middle of the room.

"I thought we were being robbed but I had just as well be sweet about it," said a blonde dancer Saturday night as she tucked up a stray curl and dabbed at her nose with a powder puff.

Girls Protest Innocence. "When I realized they wouldn't be robbing us that time of day, so I asked what they wanted. They explained the stuff was stolen. It's sure hard luck. None of us ever suspected our friends were that kind of guys. Maybe we ought not to have taken the stuff but you know everybody is riding with Marshall, was hurt so severely it was thought she would not recover."

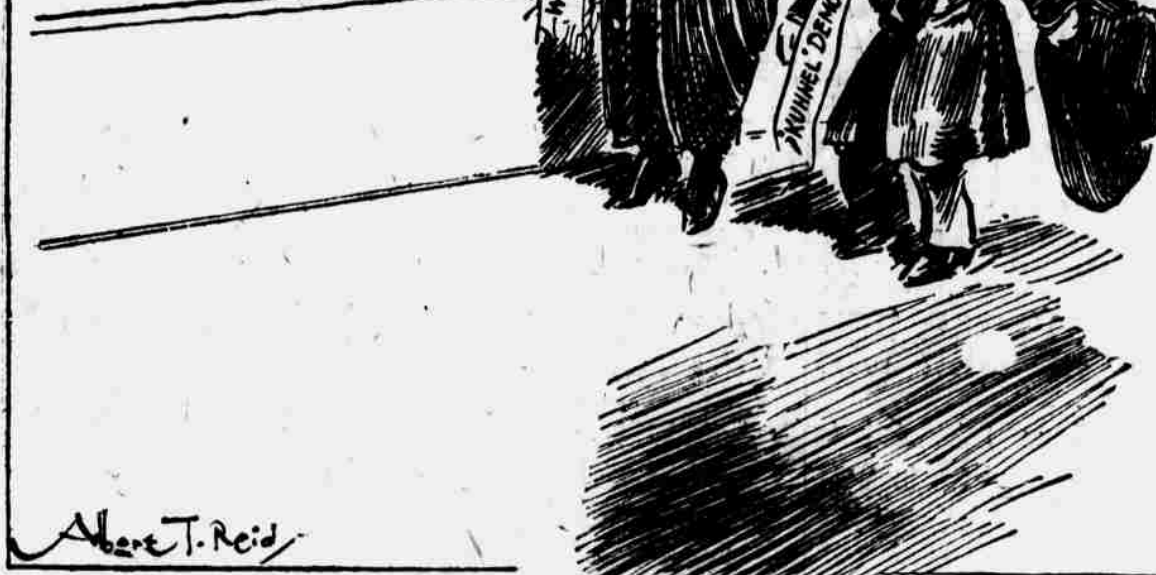
Flyer Killed and Woman Passenger Injured in Fall

San Jose, Cal., July 17.—George Marshall, San Francisco aviator, was killed when his airplane fell during a lodge celebration here.

Miss H. Bronot, San Jose nurse, who was riding with Marshall, was hurt so severely it was thought she would not recover.

What Makes the Suffrage

SUFFRAGE. STATE LEGISLATURES THAT HAVE RATIFIED THE AMENDMENT. REPUBLICAN 29 DEMOCRATIC 6. LEGISLATURES REJECTING AMENDMENT. REPUBLICAN 1 DEMOCRATIC 7. GOVERNORS CALLING SPECIAL SESSIONS TO RATIFY AMENDMENT. REPUBLICAN 16 DEMOCRATIC 9.



She—'You're Long on Talk and Very Short on Results.'

OMAHA HOLDING SECOND RANK IN 1920 BUILDING

Follows Akron in Per Capita Figures—Value of New Construction Is Fourteenth.

Table with 3 columns: City, New Bldg. Val. \$, and Pop. 1919. Cities listed include New York, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Philadelphia, etc.

Princess Puffs at Cigar at Breakfast While Natives Stare

Fremont, Neb., July 17.—(Special.)—Princess Warhoochee of Omaha, drove here from the city today in two of her three automobiles.

House Probers Visit Angel Island to See Jap 'Picture Brides'

San Francisco, July 17.—The house immigration and naturalization committee investigating the Japanese situation in California went to the Angel Island immigration station today to witness Japanese 'picture brides' being claimed by their husbands.

Wilson Opposes Retiring Aged Willing to Work

Washington, July 17.—President Wilson is strongly opposed to the retirement law of civil service employees who have reached the retirement age of 65 years, but who are in good physical condition and desire to continue to work.

Joe Sodomaka Fined \$105 For Distilling Moonshine

State Officers Moore and Schmidt raided the home of Joe Sodomaka, Thirtieth and Y streets, Friday, and seized one still and a quantity of mash.

The Weather FORECAST. Fair Sunday; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures table with columns for time (7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m., 11 p.m.) and temperature.

MARION WILL PREPARE FOR LARGE CROWD

Ohio City, Home of Senator Harding, Plans Entertainment for Notification Day—Thousands Will Attend.

WHOLE CITY ABLAZE WITH GAY FLAGS AND PENNANTS. Nearly Double Population of City Expected as Guests—Special Decorations and Refreshments Provided.

By PHILIP KINSLEY. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Lead Wire. Marion, O., July 17.—Flags and pennants are blossoming all over Marion as the biggest day in its history approaches. The downtown district is ablaze with colors, welcome signs and the triumph arch along the court of honor in Mount Vernon avenue, in front of the home of Senator Warren G. Harding is being erected.

Court Action Bares Name of Sa... Who Is Heir to Big Estate

Reared by Wealthy Parents as Adopted Son, Robert Edwards Ridgely Bares Mystery Romance to Protect Mother, Who Is Known as 'Best Dressed Woman at Waldorf Astoria.'

Chicago, July 17.—Robert Edwards Ridgely, a national bank examiner under President McKinley, who died a few years ago, said today he took that action to protect his mother and have no questions asked. He told the court he was the son of Edward R. Ridgely, who was the son of Edward R. Ridgely of Springfield, Ill., national bank examiner under President McKinley.

Tried to Avoid Scandal. Robert, who is 36 years old, says he was kept in ignorance of his father's identity to avoid a family scandal. He submitted a certified copy of a marriage license issued at Little Rock, Ark., in 1883 to prove that Edward R. Ridgely and Miss Fannie Clark were married secretly. He told the court he was the offspring of the union. Later there was a fashionable wedding in Springfield, but Robert says he was in the east where he was raised to believe he was the son of a friend of Ridgely.

WOMAN AND SEVEN CHILDREN KILLED WHEN HOME BURNS. Husband and Father of Idaho Family Is Held for Investigation.

Bonners Ferry, Idaho, July 17.—Mrs. John Roesch and seven children were burned to death, early today at their home at Copeland, 20 miles north of here. The house was destroyed by fire. The husband and father is being held pending investigation.

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Charles Wolfe Is Arrested For Impersonating Officer

Charles Wolfe, 3103 W street, was arrested by the police, who say he is one of the men who visited the home of Anna Parigri, 5024 South Twenty-fifth street, on July 1 and represented himself to be a federal agent in search of liquor.

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YACHT RACE CALLED OFF AFTER START

Shamrock IV and Resolute Unable to Finish Contest Within Six-Hour Time Limit Because of Light Winds.

DEFENDER LEADING AT END OF ABOUT 20 MILES

Challenger Left Floundering Along Toward Second Mark in Virtual Calm When Flag Announcing End Is Hoisted.

Resolute Leads All Way

The first leg of the race was a beat to windward of 10 miles in a southeasterly direction in light air. Resolute crossed the starting line at 1:46:28, nine seconds ahead of Shamrock, which crossed at 1:46:37.

Cotton Planter and 20 of His Relatives Tour U.S. in Machine

Cincinnati, O., July 17.—John A. Manget, Atlanta, Ga., cotton planter, left Cincinnati for Niagara Falls today, accompanied by 20 of his young nieces and nephews, with whom he has been touring the western states by automobile.

Hams, Ignoring Locks, Execute Houdini Stunt

Lewiston, Pa., July 17.—It took Fern Dupert, a Ferguson valley farmer, several days to discover how hams valued at \$100 could get out of a smokehouse without the lock being opened or broken. He and his friends finally discovered that the entire building had been raised with a jack, the hams stolen and the building again placed in position.

When Dupert moved to Burnham he brought with him enough pork to last for several months. It was placed in a smokehouse and the door carefully locked. Several mornings later the smokehouse was empty and nothing left to indicate how it happened. Marks of a jack at the side of the building were discovered later.

Iowa City Grows. Washington, July 17.—Iowa City, Ia., 11,267; increase 1,176 or 11.7 per cent. Piquemuth, Pa., 16,500; decrease 496 or 2.9 per cent.