

Bomb Suspects Break Silence Under Grilling

Two Additional Members of "Sluggers Gang" Confess to Chicago Outrages—More Arrests Promised.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, May 22.—With startling information in their hands as the result of new confessions by two members of the "sluggers gang" which is charged with bombing scores of Chicago business houses, the police scoured the city in search of new suspects.

Members of a second band of master bombers are said to be known to the police. Their arrest is promised. Revelations which will clear up several labor murders and tear the veil of mystery from scores of bombing outrages which have gone unpunished, are expected before the investigation is 24 hours' older.

The two who confessed today, following a long grilling by Chief Detectives Michael Hughes and First Assistant States Attorney Edward S. Day, are James Sweeney, said to be the real leader of the bombing squads, and Harry Bartlett. Both told of several bombing expeditions in which they participated.

Habeas Corpus Thwarted. Their confessions came just in time to thwart the efforts of five of the nine men held in connection with the bombings who sought release on writs of habeas corpus. Judge Sullivan refused to release Thomas J. Corcoran, a business agent of local 402, Engineers' union; Albert Peterson, a business agent of local 401 of the same union and Sam Gibson, said to be a dangerous releasee, member of the I. W. W., and a sluggish Charles Bordgen, another suspect, and Joseph Borgara, an organizer and said to be the driver of bombing cars, were refused their freedom by Judge Michael McKinley.

In opposing the writs, Assistant States Attorney Charles Wharton declared that the investigation was so big and so vital to the welfare of the 3,000,000 people in Chicago that the police should be given more time.

Asks for Guard. Andrew Keer whose confession to Chief of Police Fitzmorris Friday uncovered the operations of the labor terrorists, today asked the police for a bodyguard to protect him from sluggers still at large. Three heavily armed men were assigned to watch him day and night. A guard was also placed around his home.

Bartlett was the first to break under the grilling of the police. He admitted he had participated in several bombings and verified much of Keer's confession.

Sweeney, known to the police as "the swaggering slugger," is said to have collapsed under questioning by Chief Hughes and Assistant States Attorney Milton D. Smith. Chief Hughes refused to verify this, but said Sweeney admitted he worked with sluggers which he worked would bomb any location if given the price. Sweeney is said to have implicated "Con" Shea, labor leader, who is still being sought.

Chief Fitzmorris declared he would not be surprised if Sweeney's partner would clear up the mystery of the murder which has been committed during the labor feuds.

Hays Takes Trip Over Mail Route

Postmaster General Flies to New York With Brigadier General Mitchell.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, May 22.—In line with his general policy of learning everything about the mail service at the source, Postmaster General Hays took to the air today, flying to New York air mail route with Brig. Gen. Mitchell of the army air service as his pilot.

The postmaster general was driven over the route in an army plane instead of a regular mail plane, which has been planned for a public purpose. One was the postmaster general's desire to go over the air mail route in person and the other was General Mitchell's purpose to do the same thing in view of the plan for the army to take over the postal air service, which is under consideration.

Reports received here say that the trip was accomplished without undue incident and that both the postmaster general and General Mitchell enjoyed it.

Mr. Hays wants to learn all about the postal air service and has ideas concerning its development. For one thing he believes it should be expanded to a nation-wide service and that to accomplish this it should be taken over by commercial companies, just as the railroads now carry the mail, the rail mail, the postal service in Mr. Hays' opinion, offers a fruitful field for development of commercial aviation which could be drafted into the national service in time of war.

Eastern Star at Kearney Installs New Officers. Kearney, Neb., May 22.—(Special.)—Tuscan Chapter No. 35, Order of the Eastern Star, installed the following officers: Miss Beattie M. Manek, worthy patron; Mrs. Clara M. Cune, associate matron; Mrs. Marie Bower, secretary; Mrs. Caroline Herman, treasurer; Mrs. Julia Noyes, conductress; Mrs. Grace Lett, associate conductress; Mrs. Gladys Benson, marshal; Mrs. Metta Ayres, warden; Dr. C. L. Ayres, sentinel; Mrs. Nancy M. Smith, chaplain; Mrs. Daisy Nystrom, Adah; Mrs. Ethel Webb, Ruth; Mrs. Henriette Nelson, Esther; Mrs. Leah Inks, Martha; and Mrs. Ellen Bann, Electa.

Father Walks 1,000 Miles In Effort to Cure Baby



Los Angeles, May 22.—A remarkable case of parental devotion was disclosed with the arrival here of James F. Watkins, an electrician of Vallejo, Cal., who pushed his 11-month-old son more than 1,000 miles in a baby buggy over California highways, in a successful effort to save his life.

Watkins' wife died of bronchial pneumonia early in March. Doctors told him his little son, James F. Watkins, Jr., or "Buster," as the father calls him, had contracted pneumonia germs and that if he were kept in the open air, he had a bare fighting chance to live.

The father started out from Vallejo for eight successive nights held "Buster" in his arms. The baby grew better as the strange journey continued from northern to central, then to southern California. Watkins journeyed as far as San Diego, and had proceeded as far north as Los Angeles, when a number of "movie" stars took up a collection and provided him with enough to rest a while and seek a job.

C. of C. Body to Take Up Safety Traffic Work

New Committee, Headed by H. A. Abbott, to Carry on Program Started by Volunteer Traffic Cops.

The work of the traffic safety committee and volunteer traffic police has been taken over by the Chamber of Commerce and after June 1 this work will be under the direction of the new traffic safety committee, headed by H. A. Abbott. The action was taken at a meeting of the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce Saturday afternoon because of the broad scope the safety committee intends to cover. The organization will now be known as the traffic safety committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

The committee will be composed of the following: H. A. Abbott, chairman; Alvin F. Johnson, Dr. C. W. Pollard, John A. Rine and Victor B. Smith, representing the municipal affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce; A. C. Scott, Omaha Manufacturers' association; W. A. Pasley, Omaha Auto Trade association; F. L. Nesbit, Omaha Automobile club; W. S. Stryker, Associated Retailers; Ernest Buffert, Retail Grocers and Butchers association, and J. H. Beveridge, Omaha city schools.

While the traffic safety committee had headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce, it was not a part of the organization, although the latter body co-operated in every way. With the new arrangement, the Chamber of Commerce will take charge of all activities, finances, educational and publicity phases of the work.

The task of making Omaha streets safer deserves the support of every citizen of Omaha. I only hope the support the committee received in the past will be continued." Chairman Abbott said.

Congressmen Delay Meeting to Recommend Successor to Dahlman. Washington, May 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Anxious candidates for United States marshal, numbering 30 or more, must remain in suspense for another two weeks at least. The six members of congress from the lower house were to have met Saturday to decide upon the nominee for marshal, but failure of congressmen Evans and Andrews to report caused a postponement. As Congressman Reavis leaves on Monday for Nebraska to be gone for several weeks it will not be possible for the delegation to choose the candidate until his return. Even then a decision may not be reached as Congressman Evans is planning a trip to Nebraska shortly after June 1.

Peace Settles Over Scenes of Mine Conflict

Only Few Scattering Shots Fired in Mingo County War—Organization of State Police Continues.

By ARTHUR M. EVANS. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Williamson, W. Va., May 22.—All was quiet along the Tug last night, except for a few shots fired from the Kentucky hills against two men who were gathering sand near Merriam. A few shots were fired from the rifle pits on the Kentucky slopes, but a detachment of Kentucky troopers from Stringtown drove the belligerents out and pursued them into the mountains. One was wounded. A man was arrested at Chattoog for beating up a man over a personal grudge. Otherwise, peace settled over the valley.

Major "Tom" Davis, military agent of the governor, traveled around the settlements and a proclamation of martial law was tucked up. Organization of the state police kept up a swift clip. West Virginia just now has no national guard and martial law is being enforced by the state constabulary, composed mostly of overseas veterans, assisted by the "vigilantes."

Resembling Steel Strike. The situation as regards the controversy is something like the steel strike. The 76 mines in the Williamson field are non-union and up to the present troubles, had no strikes for 20 years. The United Mine Workers of America, after the coal strike, sent men to organize this region. The organizers say they were asked by the miners to come in. The operators say the unionization movement has been stirred up by "agitators" from outside.

Unlike the steel strike, however, it is pointed out, this was not a movement to organize an union, but to get the men not identified with the industry, but it was simply a movement on the part of a national organization to attach a new suit.

Cost of Living Shows Decrease Drop of 17.5 Per Cent Reported Since July 1920—Peak Reached Last Year.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, May 22.—A report made public by the National Industrial conference board shows that the total cost of living has fallen 17.5 per cent since July, 1920, but in March, 1921, was 68.7 per cent higher than in July, 1914. Costs of clothing are shown to have decreased and rent and cost of fuel and light to have increased since last year.

This analysis of changes in the cost of living in the United States is based upon material gathered from a large number of representative retail dealers in clothing, furnishings and fuel, and from persons representing interests in many sections of the country.

The total increase in the cost of living since the beginning of the war, the investigation shows, was 68.7 per cent in March. The rise in the cost of the major items of wage-earners between July, 1914 and March, 1921, is estimated to have been as follows: shelter, 71 per cent; clothing, 74 per cent; fuel and light, 87 per cent; sundries, 85 per cent.

The report shows that the peak was reached in July, 1920. Food has decreased 29 per cent and clothing, 35 per cent, while shelter has increased 8 per cent, and fuel and light, 13 per cent, no change having taken place in the cost of sundries.

Machinery has been invented for filling metal pipes that are to be bent with sand to prevent them being crushed.

Barbed Wire Is No Impediment to The Real American Boy

Manhasset, N. Y., May 22.—Georges Carpentier landed today that the wire fences mean nothing to the real American boy.

To protect Georges from curious eyes, Manager Francois Descamps had the fence around the camp crested with barbed wire, guaranteed to rip the seat of any trousers, "sniv," he said, "we shall have secrecy."

Chicago Facing Beer Famine Due to Order Issued by Judge Landis

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, May 22.—There is likely to be something of a beer famine in Chicago and just as the hot weather hits the town, too.

Judge Landis issued a temporary injunction restraining the E. Porter Products company and the Joliet Citizens Brewing company from brewing beer of greater alcoholic content than the historic one-half of 1 per cent.

According to the district attorney's office, most of Chicago's "good" beer supply of late has come from these two Joliet breweries. The prosecution trucks would take Chicago about a ton, pick up 20 or 30 barrels of beer each night at Joliet and return here in the darkness. The daylight hours were spent in collecting the empty kegs to be returned that evening.

Court Approves Plan to Settle Reading Tangle

Philadelphia, May 22.—Approval of the modified plan for segregation of the Reading companies, decreed by the United States supreme court, was given by the federal district court and disposes finally all questions in the unscrupling of the properties controlled by the Reading company, a holding company, unless some of the matters referred to the court are accepted.

The two big points decided were: Equal rights given to the common and preferred stockholders in formation of a new corporation.

Copper Breaks Up Lynching Party

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, May 22.—A lynching party was interrupted by Policeman Robert McCaull of the Evanston department, when he arrested four men, but the rope with which they had intended to hang their victim, and marched the would-be executors to the police station.

The intended victim escaped without thanking his rescuer.

The four arrested are George Logan, Donald Stewart, Charles Butler and William Miller, all of Evanston.

According to the story McCaull gathered from the disjointed remarks of the men, they had been sitting on the bank of a canal, singing, laughing, telling stories and occasionally taking a nip from a bottle. The coolness of the early dawn, the libation, the laughter made them all youngsters again. A man passed driving a wagon.

He stopped and had a drink. Then he had another. His new friends joined him in each sip.

But the rest McCaull cannot be sure. He believes one of the men is a "cowboy." At one of the other mentioned Klux Klan and the idea was taken up by the rest.

Anyway, when the policeman came upon them they were dancing and singing around the wagon man. A rope was around his neck, the other end over the branch of a tree.

Postal Inspector at Alliance on Robbery. Alliance, Neb., May 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Postoffice Inspector Smith of Denver, investigating mail robbery, reports the prisoner still refuses to give his name or talk. He claims he bought the stamps found in his possession in St. Joseph, Mo., from a man named Henry.

Mayor and Dunn Will Decide on Health Officer

New Commissioners Name Committee to Report on Referendum Against Rate Ordinance.

Mayor James C. Dahlgren and the city commissioners held a conference Saturday afternoon, this being the first of a series of "family gatherings" of the new administration, it was announced.

The conferees appointed the mayor and Police Commissioner Dunn as a committee to decide on a new health commissioner and make a recommendation to the city council not later than June 1. No intimation was given as to who the successor to Dr. J. F. Edwards, present health commissioner, may be. There are several applicants in the field.

Another action of the conference was the appointment of City Commissioners Zimmerman, Butler and Hopkins as a committee to examine the merits of the recent referendum filed against the electric light rate ordinance and to report to the city council. During the closing days of the old administration this referendum petition was checked and it was stated that some of the signatures were not acceptable.

Opposed to Special Election. Mayor Dahlgren stated that he was opposed to holding a special election for the submission of the new city charter as the basis of a home rule charter. He explained that a special election would cost the taxpayers about \$10,000 and he believed the city council would not open a special election this year unless there were other matters which might be submitted at the same time.

The other matters referred to were the eight major improvements, proceedings for which were started by the former city council. These improvements include the widening of Twenty-fourth street, Pacific Cuming streets, innerbelt trafficway, river drive, opening Twenty-second street, Howard to Douglas streets, widening and opening Douglas street, west of Twenty-fourth street, and a few other projects.

Commissioner Koutsky of the public improvements department explained that the entire paving situation must be checked over. There are pending many bids received by the city council during a period when prices were higher than the present quotations. Most of these bids will be rejected and new bids advertised for. In cases where contracts have actually been entered into, the work will be pushed as soon as the bonds are sold and the contractors thus assured that they will be paid as the work progresses.

Commissioner Koutsky also explained that he expects new bids will have to be advertised for the paving of the Dodge hill district. The J. J. Parks company was awarded the contract for this work, about two years ago, but Mr. Koutsky said these contractors are holding out on the technical grounds that the district was not ready for them at a time when they were ready to do the work. He also points out that materials are now slightly higher than at the time when this contract was let, which is another, and perhaps the real argument, why the contractors will claim default on the part of the city.

Apply for Receiver in Council Bluffs For Bonding Firm

Petition was filed in district court at Council Bluffs Saturday by the Department of Trade and Commerce of Nebraska, asking the appointment of a receiver in Iowa to co-operate with the receiver recently appointed in Nebraska to assume charge of the affairs of the Lion Bonding and Security Company of Omaha.

The petition alleges that the condition of the defendant corporation is such that its further transactions of business among its patrons in Iowa would be hazardous to its policy holders, stockholders, creditors and to the public.

According to the petition, the corporation was chartered under the laws of Nebraska and does its main business in that state, with a capital stock in excess of \$200,000, for the purpose of handling liability insurance.

Fight for Insurance Of Pender Ax Murderer

Norfolk, Neb., May 22.—(Special Telegram.)—A fight over the \$5,000 insurance policy which was left by George Dinklage, who nearly wiped his family near Pender, Neb., with an ax November 24, 1920, has opened in federal court here. An insurance company of Lincoln asks the court to settle the question as to who is to receive the money, claiming Dinklage left a letter changing the beneficiary from his wife to his mother, Mrs. Anna Dinklage.

Administrators for the estate of the wife claim the money. Dinklage killed all of his family except an infant daughter named Edna, who is the only survivor and who incidentally becomes the applicant with the mother for the \$5,000 insurance money. For days before he killed the most of his family, Dinklage wrote a letter asking the insurance company to make his mother the beneficiary for his insurance.

Stockville Farmers Will Build School

Stockville, Neb., May 22.—(Special.)—At a meeting of farmers near here enthusiasm was manifested to build a school that will be the real community center. A school and a hall for both a social and an educational center is planned. They say it will cost no more to build a place of learning for the children than a sales pavilion for stock.

The vote will be taken May 27. A committee was appointed to obtain facts and figures from County Superintendent Stark. An estimate was made as to cost of the building and all the men present volunteered to haul two loads of material as this is 12 miles out.

Many Bootleggers May Go Free as Result of Laying Off U.S. Agents

Washington, May 22.—Thousands of bootleggers may escape punishment for violation of the liquor laws as a result of the furlough of 700 federal prohibition agents until July 1. Commissioner Kramer declared. In any event, he added, many cases will have to be continued over the 40 days, which will add to the congestion of crowded court dockets.

Most of the government's important witnesses, Mr. Kramer explained, are the agents. Most of these men, he said, would return to their homes, making it necessary either to subpoena them and pay their way to the places of trial or continue the cases.

At present, he said, it is too soon to gauge the effect on the illegal liquor traffic, as a result of the agents' furlough.

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