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PRICE THREE CENTS

PAIR ARRESTED AT ELLENVILLE PLEAD GUILTY

Charges Against Them are Highway Robbery, Larceny and Assault

Audubon, N. J., Dec. 9.—William H. Tracey, and his pal, Sampson James, the sailor highwaymen who recently beat up and robbed William Bishop, of this city, pleaded guilty Monday night when arraigned before Recorder S. A. White, and are being held without bail to await the action of the Camden county grand jury now in session.

The pair was taken into custody recently in Ellenville, N. Y., by Chief Harrison Barnes, head of the police department there. He thought they acted suspiciously Thursday night while in a restaurant in that village and took them in for questioning. It was later learned from Captain William Schrogler, of the Camden detective bureau that the Hudson car they occupied was stolen.

Further investigation revealed the car and license numbers corresponded with one stolen here and immediately the authorities were positive they were the bandits who assaulted Bishop, relieved him of \$50 and took his car. Earlier that night they had hired Bishop in Camden and directed him to go to Audubon. They were half way there when the assault was staged.

After positive identification was made, the men broken down and confessed their guilt.

MONROE'S COMPANION ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY

Newburgh, Dec. 9.—Charged with burglary, Harold Barrett, 20 years old, companion of "Bad Bill" Monroe on the trip into the Fishkill mountains when Andrew Barrett, uncle of the prisoner was murdered, for which offense Monroe is now doing time in Sing Sing, was arrested in this city last evening. The crime of which he is accused was committed early yesterday afternoon in the former home of Rev. A. J. Palmer in Milton, now owned by the latter's son, Dudley B. Palmer. The house is unoccupied. A rug, silverware, cut glass, china and other articles taken were recovered.

WOULD REDUCE COST OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Wornout Pavements Would be Salvaged, Resurfaced With Asphalt Concrete

Goshen, Dec. 9.—Resolutions looking to a reduction of the county expenditures for reconstruction of highways, and to be referred to the Bureau of Highways of the State Department of Public Works, were adopted by the Board of Supervisors this morning and sent to the highway committee. The resolution was offered by Supervisor George F. Gregg. The resolution points out that other states have found it practicable to make use of wornout pavements by leveling and asphalt concrete and surfacing this wearing surface, resulting in a cost of approximately one third the present reconstruction cost per mile.

The resolution follows: "Whereas it has been the custom in this county for a number of years to reconstruct roads by ripping up old macadam and replacing it with new sub-base without any effort to salvage existing pavements, and

"Whereas it has been found practicable in other states to make use of worn out pavements by leveling with asphalt concrete and surfacing with asphalt concrete wearing surface completed pavements two inches thick at the center and five inches thick at the sides, 20 feet wide, being built at a cost \$18,225 per mile or about one-third of the cost of roads now being reconstructed in this county, be it

"Resolved, that the Highway Committee of this Board be directed to take up this matter with the State Bureau of Highways for the purpose of ascertaining if the same or similar methods cannot be adopted here with the view of securing the reconstruction of a greater mileage of highways at a greatly reduced cost."

BOY SHOT GIRL; QUARRELED OVER PHOTO

Camden, N. J., Dec. 10 — Stanley Curtis, sixteen, confessed today that he shot and killed his sixteen year old school mate, Betsy Ross. According to Prosecutor Westcott, the boy said he and the girl quarreled over an improper picture she found in his possession.

"NOT GUILTY" IS VERDICT OF JURY IN CASE AGAINST VERE EVANS

Defendant Acquitted of Charge of Assaulting Woman on Canal Street—Trial Held Before Justice Bevens and Jury

The jury in the criminal action of the People against Vere Evans for alleged assault in the third degree on Mrs. Mabel Lozier of Amity, Orange County on Saturday night November 29th, brought in a verdict of "Not Guilty" after deliberating 37 minutes, Tuesday afternoon.

Evans was tried before Justice W. S. Bevens and a jury in a court of special sessions. The paneling of the jury took exactly 25 minutes and when announced by both attorneys that it was satisfactory it was composed of Mario Mori, Samuel Wood J. W. Lewis, E. E. Noe, Raymond Adams and Leroy Carpenter.

Corporation Counsel W. A. Parshall prosecuted the case and E. P. Jones of the law firm of Cuddeback and ones conducted the defense. Evans was accompanied in court by his mother and wife, who sat beside him throughout the trial.

Corporation Counsel Parshall briefly outlined the case to the jury. He stated that the defendant had accosted Mrs. Lozier and asked her to get into his automobile on Saturday night November 29, about 7:30 o'clock and that she refused and walked up Orange street to Canal street. That Evans followed her and touched her. Fortunately her cry was heard and he was prevented from harming her.

Mrs. Lozier the first witness called for the prosecution testified that her home is in Amity, Orange County that on Saturday evening, November 29th she was in the City of Port Jervis. That she had come to this city for work. She had been walking about the city early in the evening and was carrying her small baby in her arms. She walked up the left of west side of Pike street about 7:30 o'clock. The defendant met her in front of Slade's store and asked her to go for a ride in his automobile. She refused to go, made no outcry, continued across Main street to Orange street, crossed Orange street and went up the right side of that street to Canal street where she turned right. The defendant again met her on Canal street. She did not either see or hear him until he touched her and said "I am going to fix you right now." She further testified that she screamed and Mr. L. L. Bush came along. The defendant ran away. This occurred a short distance from Bush's house. She went to city hall after Evans was brought there by Messrs. Slade and Bush.

Messrs. Bush, Slade, Love and Evans were at the city hall when she arrived. She again went to the city hall the next day and made a complaint against Evans. She withdrew the complaint in the presence of Justice Bevens, Attorneys Jones, Parshall, Evans and his mother, Mrs. Rita P. Evans.

On cross examination Mrs. Lozier said that she had lived Amity for about five or six years, that she was married to John Lozier and was not living with her husband. She had lived with her husband up until about two weeks ago last Wednesday. Had been in Port Jervis about a week before the alleged assault occurred and had been staying with her aunt, Mrs. Thorn who resides at 92 Jersey avenue. She had been endeavoring to get work. First saw defendant in front of Slade's store on the sidewalk. He said he had a car. This was about 7:30 o'clock. She had never seen him before and didn't know if anyone else had heard him ask her to go for a ride. She then told of taking the same route as testified to on direct examination. She didn't see nor hear Evans approach and didn't know of his presence until he took hold of her shoulders with his both hands and said "I am going to fix you right now." She screamed for help. Didn't call for help at Slade's store. She thought if she went up there she could get away from him and that he wouldn't follow her. She was going to see a man by the name of Jim. Didn't know just where he lived. Had been there before with two other girls. Attorney Jones asked if it was Jim Lord and she answered yes. Knew him about one year. Had been at his house about a year ago. First met him when he said "Hello." Went to his house with Charles Mead was working in Port Jervis at that time. When a child she lived with her parents on Canal street next to where Myers' barns used to be. The house was burned down. Went away with her mother after her father died. Had been away about ten years. Visited an aunt, Mrs. Thorn, about once

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DREW DRAMATIC CLUB ENTERTAIN LARGE CROWD

The three one act plays presented by the Drew Dramatic Club in the Drew Methodist House Tuesday evening were well acted and enjoyed by a large audience. The auditorium was filled to its capacity. The characters proved by their excellent acting that it is possible to present dramatics under Christian leadership.

During intermission E. Gillinder gave a short address on dramatics. He also extended an invitation to anyone, who desires to join the Drew Dramatic, whether a member of the Drew church or some other church.

The program was as follows: Piano Solo, Notturmo... Ethebert Thelma Bell. Prologue... Helene Langan The Maker of Dreams... Orliphant Downs Pierrot... Helen Bierlein Pierrette... Sylvia Barber Manufacturer... Viola Rust Piano solo, Adieu... Frim Eleanor Hammond.

The Silent System... A. Dreyfus The wife... Dorothy Harsch The Husband... Sheldon Bell Address... E. B. Gillinder The Hour Glass... W. E. Yeats The wise man... Leroy Brooks Teigue, the fool... Alexander Thompson. The Angel... Gladys Bell Bridget... Edna Ames Versteeg The children... Thelma Bell Byron Harding

The pupils—Lyle Wells, Paul Spangenberg, Frank Sudderly, Raymond Sharp. Properties and lighting—Harold Nash and committee. Costumes—Mrs. Leroy Brooks and committee. Furniture used for "The Silent System" loaned by Terwilliger-Woolsey Company.

CHRISTMAS TREES COME FROM SWAMPS

By The Associated Press. Saranac Lake, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Adirondack land owners are making the usual reply to the annual protest of those conservationists who deplore the cutting of small evergreens throughout the mountain counties to be used as Christmas trees.

The reply is that practically all the trees are taken from swamps, or wind swept mountain pastures where, according to Adirondack lumbermen, the little evergreens could never amount to anything as timber. There are hardly any trees taken from the forests except a few for Adirondack homes.

The cutting and gathering of the trees furnishes work for several weeks to scores of men and boys. But the strongest argument of the mountain folk is that the little trees bring joy and happiness on Christmas morning to thousands of children in the cities of the state who would be bitterly disappointed without them.

CONTRIBUTE MONEY TO WORTHY OBJECTS

The monthly meeting of Machackemech Chapter D. R. was held Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the residence of Mrs. R. Grant Thorpe, East Main street. Lunch was served at 12 o'clock, followed by the reading of monthly reports and the transacting of the business brought before the society. It was voted to give \$25 to the Home of the Aged in memory of Mrs. W. H. Neapass and contributions to the Salvation Army and Associated Charities.

Chamber of Commerce

At the December meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, held last evening in the Chamber of Commerce office, several matters of importance were discussed and acted upon.

Acacia Club Dance

The Acacia Club has issued invitations to a social dance which will be held at Mechanics' Hall Friday evening. The Harmony Club orchestra will furnish the music. This is a strictly invitation affair and the hall rules will be strictly enforced.

AMERICA WILL JOIN GENEVA ARMS PARLEY

Secretary Hughes Announces Acceptance of League of Nations Invitation

Washington, Dec. 9.—Secretary Hughes announced today acceptance by the American Government of the invitation from the League of Nations to participate in the proposed international conference on traffic in arms, munitions and implements of war to be held at Geneva in April or May, 1925.

The reply to the League's invitation was made in the form of a note handed to the Secretary General of the League today by Hugh S. Gibson American Minister to Switzerland. Its text was made public by Secretary Hughes late this afternoon as follows:

I beg to inform you that I have been instructed by my Government to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of Oct. 7, 1924, transmitting the text of a resolution adopted by the Council of the League of Nations with respect to the holding of an international conference of the States, members and non-members of the League of Nations in April or May, 1925, for the purpose of considering the conclusion of a convention with respect to the international trade in arms, munitions and implements of war. In this communication you inquire whether my Government would be prepared to take part in such conference.

In reply I take in referring to the communication addressed to you on Aug. 29, in which it was stated that my Government would be disposed to give favorable consideration to an invitation to participate in an appropriate international conference of the powers for the aforementioned purpose. My Government still holds this attitude and is agreeable to the suggestion that the time of holding the conference should be in April or May, 1925.

BUILDINGS BURNED BUT BOOZE IS RESCUED

(By The Associated Press) Bisbee, Ariz., Dec. 10.—Fire caused by overheated stove in a saloon, destroyed a block of saloons and cabarets in Naco, Sonora, Mexico, nine miles south of here last night. Considerable liquor was lost, most of it being stolen as it was carried into the streets from the burning building. A report that a fuselage of shots followed the outburst of flames was denied by Mexican customs officers, who said the bursting of bottles could have been mistaken for gunshots.

LADIES' AUXILIARY ELECT OFFICERS

The American Legion Auxiliary elected the following officers on Monday evening: President—Mrs. Mary Bockover. First Vice—Mrs. James Hurr. Second Vice—Mrs. Leroy Bockover. Secretary—Mrs. Charles Croopin. Treasurer—Mrs. Levi Perclval. Chaplain and Sergeant at Arms—Mrs. J. E. Noll. Executive Committee—Officers and Mrs. J. Fitzgibbons, Mrs. J. E. Noll and Mrs. J. W. Stoll. County Committee—Mrs. J. E. Noll, Mrs. M. Bockover and one other appointed each month.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ELECT OFFICERS

The regular meeting of Court Madonna No. 114 Catholic Daughters of America, was held in the K. of C. home Tuesday, December 9th. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Grand Regent—Margaret C. Mahan. Vice Grand Regent—Anna Moran. Prophetess—Mary Mackin. Historian—Mae C. Lord. Financial Secretary—Elizabeth Murnen. Treasurer—Nellie R. Cannon. Monitor—Bessie E. Boland. Sentinel—Rena Goodfellow. Organist—Mae Clancy. Trustee, 3 years—Mary Cleary and Anna Reddington.

Cynical Definition

History is a narrative of events by a man who does not personally know them, compiled from writings of other persons, probably misinformed.—Exchange.

HUDSON COUNTY MAY BE RULED BY MARTIAL LAW

If Civil Law Is Inadequate, Appeal Should be Made to Governor and President

Jersey City, Dec. 10.—The December Hudson County Grand Jury was empanelled in Jersey City yesterday to investigate the charges that a bootleg syndicate bribed Hewanen police and officials to furnish protection for the landing of millions of dollars worth of liquor on the water front there. In his charge to the Jury Supreme Court Justice Samuel F. Minturn said that the possible inability of the civil governmental machinery to deal with the situation might make the declaration of martial law in New Jersey a necessity.

"If it is to be conceded that we cannot succeed in this struggle to enforce the law," he said, "and that failure is to be the inevitable result of your labors and that hereafter ours is to be a government of official corruption identified with the black flag of piracy, in which murder is the logical penalty of exposure, then the time has come for you and the Prosecutor and this Court to retire from our posts by a confession of ineptitude, and request the President and the Governor to enforce martial law upon our water front as the only alternative to state wide anarchy."

Justice Minturn told the grand jury men they must disregard personal danger and make a thorough investigation into the liquor situation in the county in order "to combat the wild beasts that surround us." He declared that the murder of Frank d'Agostino, bootlegger, found shot on the Baldwin avenue dock, Weehawken, the morning of Sept. 12 last, should be the starting point of the grand jury's inquiry.

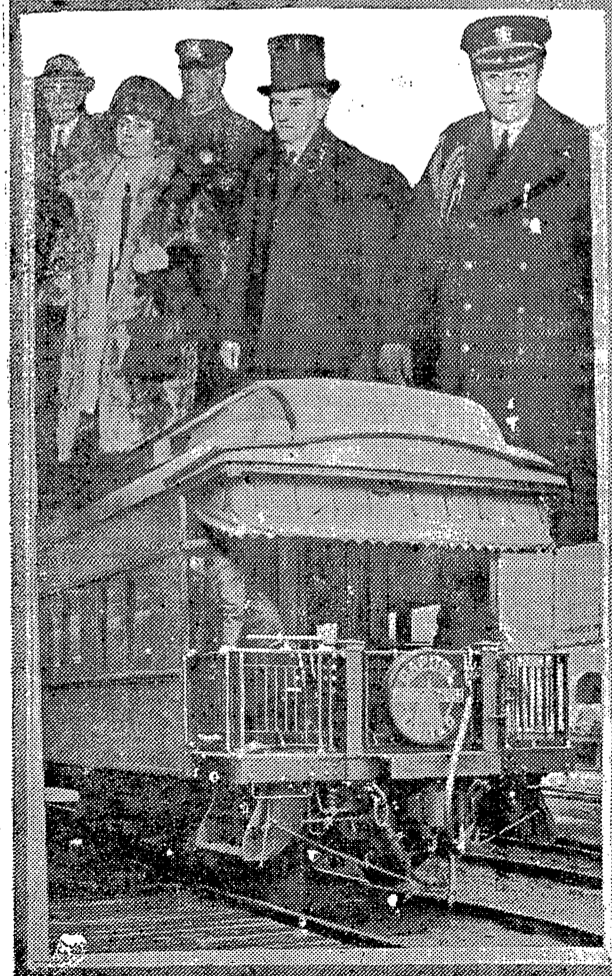
AMERICAN LEGION ELECT OFFICERS

The following officers were elected by James C. Bilz Post American Legion Monday evening: Commander—C. A. Lefferts. First Vice Commander—D. S. Haring. Second Vice-Commander—Westbrook Stoll. Third Vice-President—Fred Tuthill. Adjutant—Fletcher Gillinder. Finance Officer—Fred Weigle. Historian—Francis Murray. Chaplain—Rev. Boyd Greenwalt. Chairman of Executive Committee—Fred Weale. Sergeant at Arms—Charles Croopin. Service Officer—Dr. J. E. Noll. Athletic Officer—James Hurr. Trustees—Dr. J. E. Noll, Fred Weale, W. N. Bloomer, D. S. Haring, Carl Warner, F. D. Salmon, Ben Clark and G. D. Reese. It was voted to have a Christmas tree at Orange Square and present the children with candy, etc., on Christmas eve. A committee for this work was appointed which is composed of J. C. Oilear, D. S. Haring, G. D. Reese, Peter Dunwald, Walter Foskett and C. A. Lefferts.

MUSKRATS HAVE TROUBLE IN HOME MAKING

A peculiar condition exists among the muskrat families of the Shawangunk Kill above the Bloomingburg dam. Previous to the operations at the bridge, when the water was drained from the stream bed to allow for dry abutment placing the genial and gregarious tribe of muskrat had been enjoying their normal quarters in well stocked bank burrows for the winter. However the Kill was drained for some weeks and the frightened little aquatic rodents looked forth unto an arid world from rapidly drying burrow openings, once under water. At once they set about making additions to their labyrinth of chamber openings to allow for the drought. But, when all excavations had been completed and the fur bearers had once more settled down to normal dwelling, the dam was fixed, and water rose to the old level. Again there was a moving of aquatic furniture. And now, due to the rains the Kill surface is far above normal and the muskrat may be seen building nests in the trees in desperation. They are throwing away their water wings for climbing irons and tall feathers. The works of nature are indeed singular.

President and Mrs. Coolidge Practice Economy; Arrival in Chicago, Car That Saved Them \$1,700



Shown above with Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge is Captain Adolphus Andrews, naval aide to the President, who accompanied them when they went to attend the International Live Stock Exposition at the Chicago Stock Yards. Also shown is the Capitol Limited car in which the Coolidges traveled instead of using the President's special car. By traveling in the regular train, and taking their meals in the regular diner, the Chief Executive and the First Lady of the land reduced their expenses from \$2,300 to \$500.