

CREDITOR BARES NEW ARSON RING

Three Men Held When Story
of Insurance Plot Is
Partly Verified.

ADJUSTING FIRM NAMED.

Says Shopkeeper Removed Favor-
ite Trinkets and Left Beer
for Incendiaries.

A confession and the arrest of two men brought to light yesterday another alleged arson ring.

Detectives from Fire Attorney Sullivan's office also questioned the head and an investigator of an adjusting firm on La Salle street.

The arrested men are charged with hiring firebugs to burn a building at 12 West Eighteenth street on March 19. The arrested men are Bernard Stein, former owner of the burned store, and Alexander Bromberg, 122 South Halsted street, wholesale cigar dealer, who, according to the confession, previously had hired the same ring to burn a building for him.

Herman Herrman, who confessed, according to the police, is being held. The two prisoners were released on \$3,000 bonds by Judge Maxwell and will be heard on July 25. Fire Attorney Sullivan promises more arrests tomorrow.

Find Tops of Gasoline Jugs.
Investigation began with the finding by Fire Marshal O'Connor of tops of several jugs that had contained gasoline and goods soaked with the same combustible after the fire. Detectives Rogers and Loftus located Herrman.

He told of having sold the store to Stein. Stein failed to pay him the entire amount.

"I had between \$700 and \$800 coming to me," said Herrman. "One day in February Stein told me he could not pay his debts. He added, however, that he had found a way whereby he hoped to make good on them. He said Bromberg, to whom he also owed some money, had told him that he knew a firm of fire adjusters who would have the building burned for the insurance and that after he had collected it he could pay me."

"He outlined the plan. He said that the fire would take place on March 12."

Incendiaries Gay Revelers.
"He also said that he was told to leave some sandwiches and beer in the store for the men who would set the place on fire."

"Shortly before the date set a postponement was made until March 19, because of delay in a final insurance policy for \$2,000 reaching Stein."

"Stein was also told to go to the theater on two Sundays before the fire so that he would not arouse the suspicion of his neighbors. He failed to do so on March 12, but instead sent his wife and daughter. He himself stayed in the store packing some goods he intended to steal out before the fire. Among the things he arranged to save were a fancy shawl that belonged to his wife, and a cane with a carved head. He gave these things to me. He also arranged to send a dog to a nearby kennel so that its life would not be lost."

Success of Fire Assured.

"He told me that there was no chance of anything going wrong because Bromberg had hired the same men a year ago to handle a deal for him and that they had done it successfully."

"The fire came off as scheduled on March 19. Stein collected his insurance, paid me a part of what was due me, and then when I asked him for more he said that he had gone through bankruptcy and could make no further payment."

Fire Attorney Sullivan says that a part of the story had been verified. Herrman still has the cane which belongs to Stein and the kennel to which he sent the dog has been located. It has also been found that Bromberg did have a fire a year ago.

According to the fire attorney, a quarrel between two adjusters for the business at Stein's place on the night of the fire was to be a part of the prearranged plan. The representative named by Herrman was to give a signal by which Stein, it is said, was to recognize him.

The quarrel between the adjusters took place as scheduled, according to the firemen. The fact that runners of one firm reached the fire before the first firemen were there is also said to be a point in the evidence that is considered of importance by the fire attorney.

UNESCORTED WOMEN THROG SOUTH SIDE CONCERT HALLS.

Conditions in Locality of Calumet Avenue and Thirty-ninth Street Justify Complaints Made by Neighbors.

Numerous complaints have been made by residents in the neighborhood against the cafes at Thirty-ninth street and Calumet avenue. That the complaints are fully warranted was proved by the conditions which were found there last night.

At the Loomis & Watts cafe maudlin singing by a half intoxicated musician was heard until after midnight. The city ordinance forbidding women entering cafes without escorts was openly violated. Half the women in the cafe entered alone and later joined men and boys at the tables.

Several girls between the ages of 16 and 20 were drinking with men in curtained stalls. At midnight one of the girls was carried out by a man twenty years her senior to an automobile.

At the Blake pavilion the conditions were no better. A quartet sang ribald songs which pealed into the night, to the discomfiture of the whole neighborhood. Girls under age were also drinking here.

RELATIVE OF MRS. PALMER CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY.

Edward York Alleges That Frederick Smith and Wife Wrecked Enameling Company.

In a suit to regain the value of stock in the Royal Enameling company Edward York yesterday made allegations of conspiracy and mismanagement.

The suit was directed at Frederick Smith and his wife, daughter of the late Milton Palmer and a relative by marriage of Mrs. Potter Palmer.

York claimed that he sold stock valued at \$30,000 to Smith for \$10,000 in cash and that the latter turned over the shares to his wife, withholding sufficient to get control of the company, and after getting control bankrupting the company.

"The charges are absurd," said Smith's attorney, "and if we are called upon to answer the charge in court we will simply say the charges are absurd."

Good Times for Convalescent Mothers and Children at "The Tribune" Hospital.

[From photographs taken for THE TRIBUNE.]



ON THE TRIBUNE DORMITORY VERANDA

HUNT FOR SCHWEIG'S SLAYER

Detectives Search West Side for
Murderer of Brother Officer.

HEAR THREATS WERE MADE.

Police Say Victim's Life Was Sought
by Many Captured Criminals.

Every detective in the West Chicago avenue district was detailed yesterday to hunt for the slayer of Detective Thomas A. Schweig.

Schweig was shot through the heart and in the back of the head and instantly killed shortly before 2 o'clock yesterday morning, while in front of 1033 West Ohio street, a hundred feet from his home, 541 North Ashland avenue.

His wife, Mrs. Mary Schweig, was preparing a meal for him at the time and heard the shots which ended her husband's life, but did not learn of their tragic portent until later.

There are no known witnesses to the murder. Eight suspects were arrested in a roundup of the district, but none of them is believed to be implicated in the murder, which is attributed to men who have threatened Schweig numerous times.

Was Threatened with Death.

Schweig made many enemies in the performance of his duties, and that one or more of them made good their threats to "get" him is the motive accepted by the police for the murder.

Schweig's annual furlough was to have started tomorrow. He had intended spending the fortnight with relatives in Racine, Wis., and had purchased his railroad tickets and fishing tackle for the trip.

Mrs. Schweig grieved when told of her husband's death, and is now in a critical condition due to the shock. Two children, Mary, 2 months old, and Thomas Jr., 10 years old, survive. Detective Schweig was 33 years old.

Detective "Pulled" Last Box.

Schweig had been on duty less than five minutes when he was shot. At 1:54 a. m. he "pulled" the box at North Paulina and West Ohio streets, his last report for the night. At 1:59 o'clock an unknown woman telephoned to the station that a man had been shot at West Ohio street and North Ashland avenue.

A moment later a message over the police wires brought news that the victim was a policeman, but his informant did not know his identity.

When the patrol wagon loaded with policemen, in charge of Acting Lieut. William Spain, reached the scene Schweig was found dead upon the sidewalk. He lay on his back with his right arm crumpled behind, as though he had attempted to draw his weapon. A theory that Schweig was shot by robbers was rejected by Inspector Healy, who attributes the murder solely to revenge.

Last April Detective Schweig saw "Nick" Meyers rob a man at Milwaukee avenue and West Erie street, and when he attempted to arrest him, Meyers fled. Detective Schweig fired two shots at him, both bullets striking him in the leg. Meyers was held to the grand jury, but forfeited his bonds. At that time he threatened Schweig with death.

Schweig was also threatened by John Nolan, an alleged latherer, when he arrested Nolan for robbing John Boyd, 1033 West Madison street. Nolan had invited Boyd for a cab ride, and attacked and robbed the latter at North Halsted street and Austin avenue.

LYON BROTHERS, OLD MAIL ORDER HOUSE, IN BANKRUPTCY.

Schedule \$175,000 Liabilities and
\$250,000 Assets—In Difficulties in
1907 and Had Partly Recovered.

Lyon Bros., a wholesale merchandise and mail order concern, 323 West Madison street, established in 1872, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy yesterday. The Central Trust company was appointed receiver for the business by Referee in Bankruptcy Eastman.

The liabilities of the concern are listed at \$175,000 and the assets at \$250,000. The bankruptcy proceedings are the result of a conference between members of the firm and a creditors' committee held last week.

The troubles of the big mail order house, once one of the largest in Chicago, began in 1907, when debts aggregating nearly \$1,000,000 threatened to ruin the company. Creditors granted time extensions, and two years later saw liabilities of only \$900,000. Then, in December, 1909, a friendly bankruptcy suit was brought and a receiver was placed in charge.

Reorganization of the company followed, and, under the direction of a committee of creditors, the business has been continued since. The liabilities have been reduced to \$175,000.

The company for more than ten years has done a business of approximately \$2,000,000 a year. David T. Lyon is president of the firm and Mark T. Lyon is secretary and treasurer.

COMPELS SUPPORT OF 12,000.

County Judge Owens Gives Figures on
Results of Adjudications in
Weekly Hearings.

More than 12,000 men, women, and children are being supported in Cook county under orders of the County court as a result of the "non-support cases" heard weekly by County Judge Owens. Judge Owens gave out the figures yesterday upon adjudication of complaints of minors against parents, parents against children, and needy relatives against those in better circumstances.

CATCH ROBBERS WITH AUTO

Woman Loans Car to Detectives,
Who Capture Highwaymen.

OUT OF JAIL HALF AN HOUR.

Three Thieves Just Released from
Bridewell Beat and Rob Man.

Half an hour after they had been released from the bridewell, three men held up and robbed Joseph Ruscha at West Twenty-sixth street and Sacramento avenue yesterday afternoon. They were captured after an exciting chase in an automobile loaned to detectives by a woman. Several shots were fired before the highwaymen surrendered.

Those arrested are James McKay, 3120 Lexington avenue; Edward Seesee, 501 West Forty-third street; and Frank Roberts, colored, 530 La Salle avenue. They are charged with highway robbery. The penalty is from one to fourteen years in the penitentiary. The bandits got 80 cents from their victim, who is a laborer living in South Chicago.

Beat and Rob Victim.

After having served out fines ranging from \$50 to \$100, the men were released from the bridewell at noon. Two blocks from the institution they met Ruscha. All three struck him and he fell to the ground. Then one of the thieves knelt on him while the others rifled his pockets.

Detectives Cagney and Kucera of the Fifth-man street station were a short distance away and heard Ruscha's cries for help. At the same time an automobile containing a well dressed woman and a chauffeur came along and the detectives asked if they might be allowed to use the machine to pursue the robbers.

"Yes, you can use it," said the woman.

Woman Loans Auto.

A moment later the chauffeur had opened the throttle and the policemen and the woman, who declared that she wasn't afraid to remain in the car, were speeding after the robbers. Twenty-sixth street was crowded with vehicles and pedestrians and the officers were obstructed for a few minutes. But at Marshall boulevard there was a clear path between the pursued and the pursuers and the car gained rapidly.

Several bystanders saw the chase from California avenue. When the weaving robbers ran toward them, one man collared McKay and Roberts and other men stopped Seesee. It was at first thought by Patrolmen Cagney and Kucera that there was a fourth robber. But Ruscha finally came on the scene and identified the three as his sole assailants.

In the excitement the automobile that had carried the policemen moved away. The name of the woman who had befriended the police was not learned.

In explaining the holdup, Roberts said: "None of us had a cent, and when we saw Ruscha we decided to hold him up and get enough money to make a new start with."

McKay is said to be an ex-convict, while Seesee and Roberts are also well known to the police.

"J. P." ON MAN'S CLOTHES.

Only Means of Identification Found
with Effects of Lake Victim at
East Ohio Street.

Hundreds of lake bathers off East Ohio street saw a man sink in the water yesterday, but when John Moran, 371 Rush street, and John Wichman, 18 Cedar street, took the dead body to shore none of the spectators could identify him. Underclothing worn by him had been marked "J. P." The man who drowned was about 30 years old, with light hair and gray eyes. His clothing was of blue serge.

JUDGES START ON VACATIONS.

Circuit and Superior Courts Will Close
for Summer—Emergency Ses-
sions to Be Held.

Work of the judges of the Superior and Circuit courts ceased yesterday for a vacation until Sept. 18. During the vacation period there will be an emergency judge sitting in both branches. Probate Judge Cutting will not adjourn court until July 29, and the main appellate court will not adjourn until July 27.

A YOUNG MOTHER



"HELP"

DORMITORY NO. 3 OPENS TODAY AT TRIBUNE SUMMER HOSPITAL.

New Building at Algonquin, Gift of
Board of Trade, Will Accommodate
500 Extra.

Dormitory No. 3 will be opened today at The Tribune summer hospital camp at Algonquin. This announcement will be received with joy by hundreds of impoverished Chicago children and mothers, helpless through illness. It means that more than ever can be nursed back to health and happiness at the sick camp.

The new building is a contribution of the board of trade. As an emergency hospital and a residence for the overflow of guests, it will accommodate about fifty persons. Its completion makes it possible to care for 500 more patients at the camp during the summer.

The dormitory will be opened with ceremony later in the month. This is the summer hospital's fifth year. There are now nearly 100 convalescents at the camp. They receive all the expert attention given at modern hospitals and the additional aid of the healthy environment of the locality.

The Tribune hospital cooperates with the summer camp of the United Charities. At the head of the combined institution is Mrs. Laura J. Collar and a staff of Chicago physicians. Every form of disease is treated in the convalescent stage.

Little ones who would otherwise languish and perhaps die in heated tenements are nursed back to health. Kindergarten classes, games, boating, bathing, and fishing are provided for the youngsters. An open air swimming tank, also a contribution of the Board of Trade, is a popular feature of the camp.

The wide verandas of the buildings give an unobstructed view of the Fox river valley. There the worn out mothers may sit during summer afternoons. It will take approximately \$4,000 to maintain the hospital for the summer.

NEGRO STABS WHITE FOREMAN.

Frank Vorhees Kills Employer Who
Dismissed Him from His
Position.

Michael Kaas, a construction foreman, was stabbed to death by Frank Vorhees, a negro employe, at 7023 South Green street. Kaas had discharged Vorhees who had been working for him. Vorhees was arrested shortly after the attack yesterday afternoon.

BOAT BLAST BURNS THREE MEN

Covered with Burning Oil, Leap
from Launch Into Lake.

SAVED BY NAVAL RESERVES.

Sailors Rush to Scene and Drag Vic-
tims to Safety.

Three men in a launch, which had been drawn up out of the water by a crane in the repair shops of the Chicago Boat and Engine company, were severely burned last night. The engine of the launch exploded. The flying gasoline ignited the clothing of the men. They were forced to leap into the water to extinguish the flames.

It also was found necessary to pull the burning boat out of the repair shop into the water to save it from burning down. The work of rescue, both of the boat and the men, was done by members of the Illinois naval reserves, on board the training ship Dubuque. They rowed over to the scene of the fire in a launch and extinguished the flames in a jiffy. This is the second rescue the naval reserves have effected within a week.

Following are the injured:

The Injured.
BENJAMIN RICHARD, 35 years old, 450 West Forty-second place, face, arms, and hair burned.
EDWARD ALGREN, 52 years old, 8639 Sheffield avenue, face and shoulders burned.

ROBERT DUNN, colored, 20 years old, 2523 South Wabash avenue, arms, face, and shoulders burned.
The repair house, which is at the foot of Randolph street, is built on piles over the lake in such a way that a boat may be run directly into it, then hoisted up high and dry. This had been done with the launch, which is a thirty footer. The work of repair was completed and the men were about ready to try the boat but when the explosion came.

Burning Oil Covers Men.
It is believed that the fire was caused from a spark from the engine, which was running at the time Dunne and Richard were filling the tank with gasoline.
A flash of fire which followed an explosion threw burning oil over the men who were repairing the boat. The injured men were removed to the Practitioners' hospital by the police.

EXTENDS FETE AT UNIVERSITY.

Committee at Loyola Finds Midsummer
Nights Carnival Too Much of a
Success to Quit.

The Midsummer Nights carnival on the campus of Loyola university in Rogers Park will be continued until Tuesday night. Last evening was to have marked the end of the fête, but it has proved such an attraction that the committee in charge held a special meeting in the afternoon and decided to extend the time. Proceeds of the carnival to go to the building fund of St. Ignace parish.

Italian on Way to Milan Missing.

Enrico Bartello disappeared from the Astor hotel, 38 South Dearborn street, July 11. He came to Chicago on July 10 from Hurley, Wis., and had arranged to leave the following day for Milan, Italy. The police have been asked to find him.

AUTO ROAD AGENT GANG CAPTURED

Maxwell Band, Which Terror-
ized Evanston and Vicin-
ity, Placed in Jail.

USED LAW FOR CLOAK.

Leader Wore Constable's Badge
and Exacted Cash; Robbed
Farmers.

Six members of the Maxwell gang, which has terrorized Evanston and vicinity recently, are locked up at the county jail. They are under indictment for robbery and burglary as the result of secret bills voted by the grand jury Friday.

Tomorrow it is expected that a score or more of automobilists, farmers and residents of the north shore suburbs, will come in to identify them for many crimes that are laid at their door.

The prisoners:
Frank Maxwell William Maxwell
Max Silverson William Silverson
John Doris Frank Mayer

Accuse Autoists of Speeding.
State's Attorney Wayman has about a score of letters and formal complaints lodged by automobilists of a novel form of highway robbery perpetrated within a few miles of Evanston.

The autoists complained that they were stopped on the road and accused of speeding by a gang of a half dozen men. The leader wore the badge of a constable.

"I'll arrest the whole gang of you," the "constable" would invariably say. "You are old offenders. Just get out of this automobile and walk with me to the court."

"When the motorists protested against such treatment the 'constable' would lead the conversation around to the question of compromise.

The autoist would hand over his bank roll, whatever it was—\$25, \$50, or more—as a surety that he would appear in court. Many motorists did appear before Justice Boyer in Evanston, only to be told that there were no cases against them.

Take Money from Motorists.

In other instances the autoists were held up outright for what they had.

In addition to the automobile holdup game it is alleged that the gang robbed farmers on the highway and levied a sort of blackmail on the operators of blind pigs in the vicinity. One owner of a resort, August Swanson, who refused to be blackmailed, was held up and robbed. His roadhouse, two miles west of Evanston, was literally cleaned out by the gang.

Eleven persons, including Swanson, have identified the indicted men as having entered the "blind pig" about midnight on the night of July 2 and by the display of a constable's star, the flourish of revolvers, and threats of arrest drove the proprietor and his customers out and robbed the place.

Swanson was struck on the head with a bottle and \$80 was taken from the cash drawer. The bandits then took three cases of bottled whisky, one barrel of whisky, and a dozen cases of beer. They loaded the stock into a wagon and drove away.

Scare Away Swanson's Customers.

While they were carrying the liquor out of the place, some of Swanson's customers drove up.

"This place is pinched. You better get away," warned the bandits. The would be customers hurried away.

William Maxwell has been seen displaying a constable's star the general times. He was elected constable last fall, but he failed to file a bond within the twenty days required by law, and therefore never qualified. He bought a constable's star, however, it is declared.

The arrest and indictment of the men is the result of an investigation made by the Commercial Men's association of Evanston.

INSANE WOMAN VISITS PARK.

Mrs. Milla Evenson Found by Police-
man Under Arc Light After Es-
cape from Dunning.

Mrs. Milla Evenson escaped from the asylum for the insane at Dunning Friday and was found in Humboldt park by a policeman early yesterday morning. She was returned to the institution. The woman was found lying on the grass under an arc light uttering loud cries.

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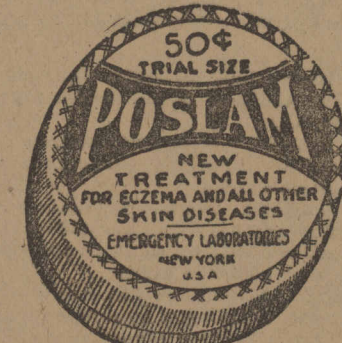
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