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SEIZE ROBBERY GANG; TOTAL LOOT SET AT $100,000

Small Arsenal Is Found in Bandits' Hideout.

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gun, of a model intended for sale to law enforcement officials only. This weapon is a repeater, capable of discharging six charges of large size leaden slugs. There was a single shot .410 gauge shotgun, too. There also were three pistols, a .45 caliber automatic, a .38 caliber revolver such as the police use, and a .32 caliber Spanish model of the kind sold by some mail order houses.

Police were particularly interested in a toy revolver of standard size with a mother of pearl handle. It bore the name of Gene Autry, the movie cowboy, and is said to be modeled after his favorite weapon. These harmless guns, the police said, are sold for half a dollar in many stores and have a dangerous appearance in the hands of a robber.

The club's caretaker, William Sieg, 58 years old, was arrested, although the police said they had no evidence against him.

Loop Store's Truck Stolen.

Credit for the capture of the accused men was given to Lieut. James Kerr of the police cartage detail and Lieut. Maurice Schwartz and Sergt. John Weiss of the state police.

Although the police have been on the bandits' trail for months, Kerr was not called in until two months ago, when a large truck was stolen from a Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co. garage. Kerr guessed that it was to be used in robberies. Soon he linked the truck with the gang. The loop store's name had been painted out.

The gang would drive the truck up to stores. The bandits then would hold up the employés and carry out stocks of clothes. Because of their elaborate plans, the robbers always escaped with their loot before the police arrived. But from the victims the police gradually pieced together descriptions of the robbers.

Loot Worth Thousands.

When the Bridgeport Clothing store at 3312 South Halsted was moving six weeks ago the gunmen took possession, stole $5,000 worth of clothes, and hauled the loot away while the employés lay terrified on the floor. Lillian Star has identified two of the prisoners as the men who took $2,500 worth of dresses from her shop at 3527 West 16th street.

Mrs. Mae Fritz identified two of them as bandits who forced her to stand by while they piled up dresses in her shop at 3610 West 26th street. But as they were taking the last of the dresses from the racks, they scraped a coat hanger against a burglar alarm and fled without their loot.

Five Cars for Holdups.

When they were seeking only cash, they left their truck behind and rode in one of the five automobiles they had stolen.

They took one car from Dr. Peter Hatzis of 3358 Lake street for an ambulance unit. In it they kept Dr. Hatzis' medical kit for first aid in case they were wounded, and supplemented it with extra supplies of bandages.

Although the Goldblatt robbery in Joliet had been carefully planned, it proved the gang's undoing. Several persons saw the robbers attack the policeman, George Lamping. With descriptions and information gathered from other robberies, it was easy for the police to get identifications of the men they suspected. Eventually all were arrested in their homes.

Search for the Finger Man.

Police said the case would be more or less cleaned up with the arrest of the man who pointed out the Goldblatt messenger in Joliet. While they were searching for him, they learned of the arrest in Kansas City of a man who appeared to fit the finger man's description. He was seized in a saloon disturbance Friday night.

The Kansas City prisoner identified himself as Oscar Duddrear, 40 years old. Kansas City police said Duddrear denied participating in the Joliet robbery. He refused to waive extradition. He is an ex-convict.

Russo was sent to the Pontiac reformatory Feb. 9, 1930, on a one to ten year sentence from Kane county for robbery. He was paroled March 20, 1933. On Jan. 15, 1934, he was sent to Joliet for attempted robbery after he had been wounded while attempting to hold up John Arczas with a shotgun in Arczas' drug store at 5044 Archer avenue. Russo was discharged from Joliet on completion of his sentence last Oct. 16.

Gentile and Cataiano were sent to the Michigan state penitentiary at Jackson for three to ten years in 1933 for a robbery in Grand Rapids. They were paroled Nov. 25, 1935, and later were released from parole.

Gentile and Russo were charged last night with robbery, larceny of an automobile and attempted robbery.

Soon afterward, Gentile was visited by Andrew W. Euzzino, assistant attorney general of Illinois.

Seize Robbers and Their Arsenal

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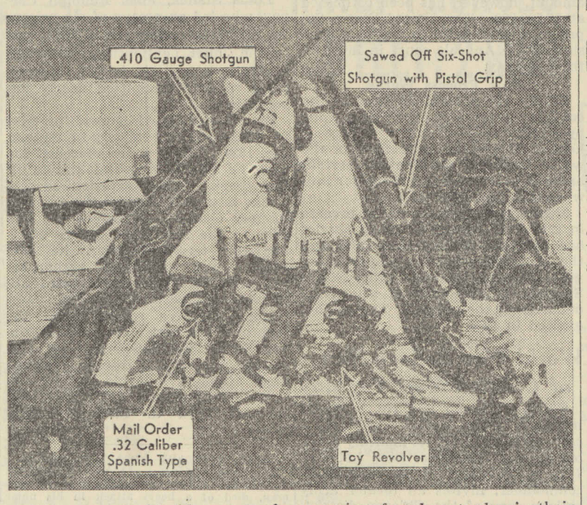
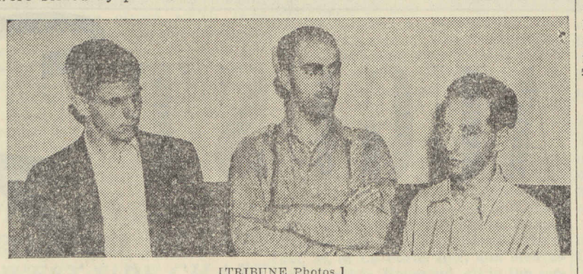


The arsenal of holdup gang of ex-convicts found yesterday in their hideout, a small athletic club at 830 Arthington street. The robbers were seized by police.



[TRIBUNE Photos.]

Tony Catalano (left), Lawrence Russo (center), and Frank Gentile, charged with having taken more than $100,000 in merchandise and cash in holdups.

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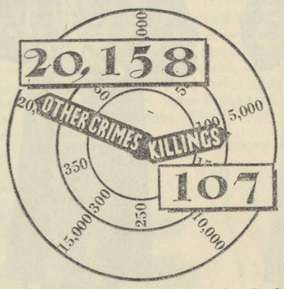

"Half of all the crimes in Cook county are committed by repeaters."—The Chicago Crime commission.

FOLLOW 5 THREE MONTHS; HELD AS COUNTERFEITERS

Five men who have been followed by authorities 24 hours a day were seized yesterday on counterfeiting charges. Capt. Thomas Callaghan, head of the secret service in Chicago, said at their arraignment that they are members of a gang that has passed $100,000 in counterfeit bills in the midwest in five years.

Capt. Callaghan examines counterfeits.

Callaghan's men seized $6,000 in counterfeit $10 silver certificates with the men. He said police had police had aided his agents in keeping watch on the suspects for three months. Alex Rossi, who died July 15 after a battle with police, was said by Callaghan to have been one of those under suspicion. He was an ex-convict.

The prisoners, held to the federal grand jury, are Alfred Florest and Louis Archibique of 3844 Sheffield avenue; Florest's brother, Samuel, and a half brother, John Costello, of 4339 Hazel avenue, and Michael Catalona of 4611 Broadway.

Ragan's Dog Sleeps Well; His Master Fears Insomnia

Atlanta, Ga., July 23.—(AP)—A burglar snipped a screen at Thomas Ragan's house, climbed in the window under which Ragan's dog slept, stole $170 from Ragan's trunk, stepped back over the sleeping dog out the window. Ragan found out about it in the morning. He isn't feeling so chummy with the dog today.

HAIL DAMAGES CORN CROP.

Morrison, Ill., July 23.—[Special.]—Severe hail riddled 700 acres of corn here yesterday afternoon causing damage estimated at $15,000 by Frank Shuman, farm advisor. The storm also damaged apples, grapes, and other crops.

CHICAGO SLAYER IN TRIANGLE CASE ORDERED FREED

Samuel Willeford, who in April, 1937, shot and killed his wife's sweetheart, was ordered freed yesterday from the state penitentiary at Joliet. He was serving a manslaughter sentence of 1 to 14 years. He was one of eighty-three convicts given paroles by the state pardon board at a special session.

Willeford's parole was in keeping with the recommendation of the jury that convicted him that he be given clemency. The evidence showed that Willeford tried to break up a romance between his wife, Floris, and Charles Truchan, 21 years old. Willeford was then 37. They refused, he testified at his trial, and he drew a gun, and in the scramble Truchan was shot. Willeford, a mild mannered man, said he had tried to prevent his home and family from being broken up. Willeford has three children.

The eighty-two other men paroled committed a variety of crimes. Their cases were originally among 391 that had been considered for parole, but had been held up because of their failure to meet requirements regarding homes, sponsorship, and employment.

Many of the eighty-two were paroled from Pontiac reformatory. Among them are John Ragan, member of a gang of young automobile thieves sentenced by Judge John Lupe in February, 1936. When lawyers for Ragan and his co-defendants pleaded "they were just babies," Judge Lupe remarked: "Remember, it's this kind of babies who end up killing people."

TWO AND WOMAN AID SEIZED AS CHECK FORGERS

Two men and a woman were being held by the Shakespeare avenue police last night in connection with a clever attempt to pass forged checks. They are Evangeline Mayette, 23 years old; Thomas Higgins, alias Gilbert, 30, and Joseph Miller, alias Levine, 28. They were arrested by Sergt. James Lynch.

In their room Lynch found blank checks and a list of several persons' bank balances. The name of E. J. Lovett, 5851 Kenmore avenue, had been forged on a check for $200 that had not been cashed. Lovett after seeing the forgery said it was so good he would have had to admit it was his signature. In all cases the correct checking balances of Lovett and the others had been obtained.

This was done, Lynch said, by rifling their mail boxes after the first of the month and opening bank statements.