

Broadway Butterflies Prey Fortunes of the Republican Ticket New York Jewelry Thieves In the Hands of William M. Butler, Early Political Ally of President

Girls Who Receive Lavish Gifts from Heavy Sugar Papi as Spotted by Gang Which Has Two Murders and Scores Robberies to Its Credit

By HARVEY ANDERSON

New York, Sept. 19.—Hidden somewhere in the vast spaces of the city, is a gang of jewel thieves that preys upon the "Broadway butterflies" who receive lavish gifts of precious gems from "heavy sugar papi" and flash them in the cabarets of the city.

Piecing together bits of information that are slipping in to shed light upon the robbery Monday night of Miss Edith Bobe, the police see in the execution of the hold up the same hands that have taken more than half and have left two murdered women, Dot King and Louise Lawson, in their wake.

It is, the police say, a ruthless, cunning, daring band who study their intended victims' every move for several weeks before crime is committed and then, their natural cowardice hidden behind dope, carry out their intentions, even if murder is necessary.

Methods used in most of the recent gem thefts from women known in the white light sections of the city, have differed little. Mrs. Irene Schoellkopf, wife of a Buffalo millionaire, and possessor of a \$200,000 collection of jewelry, was chloroformed in a hall-way; Francine Larcomore, a stage star, fainted sleep as a man stood over her to kill her if she made an outcry while another robbed her room; Dot King was chloroformed to death; Louise Lawson was suffocated with a towel; Charlotte King Palmer was chloroformed and stripped of half a million dollars worth of jewelry; and Miss Bobe and her male companion, Robert L. Hague, a married man, was threatened with death and saved only by the pleas of Miss Bobe that she would give the bandits everything in her house. Two of Miss Bobe's teeth were knocked out by the burglars who attacked her and Mr. Hague as they entered a darkened hallway of her home upon her return from the Theater.



CHARLES G. DAWES



PRESIDENT CALVIN COOLIDGE



WILLIAM M. BUTLER

Most important to everyone in the coming election is, of course, President Coolidge. With a phenomenal record for his administration of a little more than a year, during which he has saved literally billions of dollars to American taxpayers, the President is the outstanding figure of the day in the country—indeed, in the whole world.

His running mate on the ticket, Charles G. Dawes, is a world figure also. His record of achievements in the field of economics is known wherever newspapers are read. It was his suggested solution of the problems with which Europe has been coping unsuccessfully for five years that gave the first ray of light and hope for a business-like

settlement satisfactory to all concerned. The record of Dawes at the head of the Budget Bureau, which he organized and administered with notable results in huge savings of money to every American taxpayer, is widely known. He has a fine record of service overseas during the war and afterward. Only the older voters will remember that under the beloved McKinley, Charles G. Dawes was Comptroller of the Currency when only slightly more than 30 years old—a position of great responsibility which he held with exceptional merit for four years.

President Coolidge has publicly said that he is too busy being President now to take time of to run his own campaign, or take much of a hand in it—that he has

a responsibility to the nation which he cannot shirk. But his campaign is in excellent hands—the hands of William M. Butler, old friend and early political ally of Calvin Coolidge, when both men were deep in the state politics of Massachusetts.

Right now, and for several months past, Mr. Butler has been about as busy as one man could be. After successfully handling the pre-convention campaign for Mr. Coolidge, he was made chairman of the Republican National Committee and has been at the helm in a stiff up and breathing the complicated machinery for informing the men and women of the country of the records, the platform, the personalities and the beliefs of Calvin Coolidge and Charles G. Dawes.

ted his friendship for her. He was married.
Mr. Hague has admitted his friendship for Miss Bobe.
The police see a significance in the fact that women who have married friends are picked as prey. The gang believes that there is a certain immunity in that the victims' friends do not want publicity and can afford the losses. All three of these men have "faced the music," however, and aided the police. But none of the mysteries has been solved.

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LAFOLLETTE PAYS RESPECTS TO BOTH
New York, Sept. 19.—Senator Robert LaFollette in his first speech of the campaign here yesterday held up the Republican administration to terrible criticism and at the same time paid his respects to the Democrats. He declared that Coolidge cannot escape responsibility when he continued corrupt officials in office.

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