

Burns Detectives Kept Up Chase For Fifteen Months

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New York, Dec. 19.—Fiction holds no more thrilling tale than the recital of the chase for fifteen months of the Wall Street street of September, 1920. How a trail was picked up before the mangled bodies of the 37 victims had been touched on the littered streets, how a trail was used to defeat the own purposes, and how a persevering hunt was kept 15 months of detectives kept 15 months of an exclusive interview given The United Press by William J. Burns, chief of the United States secret service bureau of investigation.

Burns, then the head of the Burns International Detective Agency, picked the trail and followed it until the arrests were cornered with the arrest of Lindbergh or Linde, as he was known to the New York police and the Burns agency, was a "spy" for the "Reds" but he was used to bring about the solution of the bombing.

LINDE WAS STOLEN PIGEON.

Linde according to Burns, had been used as a stool pigeon by the New York department and applied to the Burns agency for a position. He was suspected soon after being hired, but was retained to keep the agency in

touch with the activities of anarchist circles. He was an anarchist at heart although he did not believe in "direct action," belonging to the more conservative element which believed that diplomatic methods were better than violence in achieving their ends. He attended at the meetings of the anarchist groups and gave valuable assistance to the Burns agents.

"Three weeks before the explosion we learned that the anarchists were getting ready for a big job," Burns said. "Linde admitted it but denied he knew the spot picked out. Naturally, we thought it would be the financial district and we warned several of the big bankers.

"Developments failed to come and we had about reached the conclusion that they had learned of our knowledge of the plans and called them off. Then came the explosion. I was on the scene within three minutes after the outrage. Confusion prevailed and, strange to say, no one thought but what it was an accident.

"I rushed into the Morgan bank and a crowd of excited clerks asked me what kind of an accident it was. They appeared incredulous when I took them to the door, pointed to the mangled horse and the demolished wagon in the gutter and told them that the bomb was carried to the door in that wagon.

"Fifteen minutes later I put it up to

Linde. I asked him what he knew about it and he said—'Nothing.'

"I cided him a damn liar and kept after him. He knew that I had the goods on him and he didn't try to get away. I felt confident that he knew every detail of the story.

"As we worked on him, the story came out little by little but never lead to the identity of the actual conspirators.

FAILED TO TAKE REWARD.

"Thinking that he might be influenced by money I was able to have a reward of \$50,000 offered for information leading to the crres: of the guilty parties. We were surprised and disappointed that he didn't fall for the reward but we saw sure indications that it was working on him.

"Months slipped by and all the time we were waiting and making slow but sure progress. We began to get clues only to find that the leaders of the organization were getting away to Europe.

"Finally, Linde consented to tell the story. We sent him to Europe on his promise to roun-up the conspirators and place them under arrest. We had him watched all the time, however.

"As we rather expected, he failed to carry out his promise. He made no reports and the arrests were not made. It was then that we sent two of my former agents, now with me in the Department, over after him.

PREMATURE PUBLICATION.

"They have him now. Premature publication of his arrest and some of the details of the confession made public will mak it hard for us, but eventually we'll get every one of the band. Before long we'll be able to tell all the

FRENCH DEMAND NOT DISASTROUS

Unable to Finance Such a Building Program Even if it is Authorized.

By J. W. T. MASON, Written for the United Press.

France's claim to a naval rank equal to Japan's will not bring failure upon the disarmament conference. The French delegation is unable to discuss the matter seriously because, if such a building policy were undertaken, France would go bankrupt before finding the money.

The French proposal will be reduced in conference, or France can safely be left to her own devices. The United States, Great Britain and Japan can afford to make effective the naval agreement themselves, ignoring France completely, except in the matter of submarines. The French Government can find the money for a fleet of submarines as large as any other power. This is the position toward which the French naval experts are working.

They may be seeking a situation whereby, for abandoning their claims for capital ships, they can demand a larger submarine navy. America and Japan would not be strategically affected by such an agreement, but Great Britain would. The British will not consent to cutting down their submarines if France is to increase hers.

Should France remain obdurate, the naval agreement would have to be changed so as to give all the signatories freedom of action in constructing submarines. France would then be outbid and at the same time would create dangerous enmity against herself among her former allies.

ARE STRAFING ENGLAND?

The French Government is unhappily unable to refrain from introducing pinpricks into its foreign policies. French temperament is especially subject to irritation against England. That has been so for many generations. France's statesmen are now taking a special satisfaction in formulating tentative naval policies of their own on paper, not in accordance with France's true requirements, but because of a desire to twist the lion's tail. That, of course, is not the diplomat's art. The art of diplomacy since the ending of the war.

France desires, too, to secure acknowledgment of her right to a greater naval strength than Italy's. There is serious rivalry in Europe between the French and Italians. Italy believes France is rapidly declining in power and that Italy's turn has come to be the dominant Latin nation in the world. Italy has now embarked on a new colonial policy in Asia Minor as a result of the war. Italy, too, has colonial possessions on the coast of North Africa. The Italians require considerable naval strength in the Mediterranean for these reasons.

But France has given grave offense to the Italian people by appearing to

treat Italy's new ambitions with disdain. French leaders have given Italy the impression that the peninsula claims to greatness are too ludicrous to be seriously considered. The French naval great eutaoesitis cnbrnne plank, therefore, are regarded with suspicion by Italy.

The Italians know they cannot afford to build a large fleet. Italy is living more in a world of reality than France. But, if France should begin extensive submarine construction, Italy would have to follow suit, or be further humiliated. Under the old rules of diplomacy, the answer to France would take the form of an Anglo-Italian entente against her. France would then be friendless in Europe except for Belgium and Poland. Utter helplessness in any great crisis would be France's fate.

But the Washington conference is

battling against the old diplomacy. Another way than this will be found. In the end, France will have to be brought to reason by an application of prosperity. France is becoming neurasthenic through misfortune. Once economic progress begins to be made by France, the French people will have recovered their self-confidence and Europe's affairs will run more smoothly.

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A PLEASING COMEDY The Right Sort

details, even to the route followed by the wagon with its bomb.

"There is one point in the confession that is not true. The bomb was not intended for J. P. Morgan. The purpose of the anarchists was to terrorize the entire community. They actually thought that there was enough explosive in the bomb to wreck three or four buildings and bring down into a pile a building under construction on the corner. Strange to say, they picked out a spot right in front of two of the strongest buildings in the world. This might have been due, however, to the failure of the driver to carry out instructions.

"The Department will not be able to make any further arrests until a detailed report is cabled over by our agents who made the arrests. I am expecting the necessary information tonight, or tomorrow. We don't anticipate any trouble in getting Lindbergh back to America and when he is returned we will have less difficulty in completing the case."

Burns wanted to make it clear that the Department meant nothing unethical in making the arrests without judicial approval. He said the news of the arrest surprised them, exceedingly as they were planning to publish the confession, turn it to the police to work the New York end of it, and then publish the story after the arrests had been made.

Sherman Burns, secretary and treasurer of the Burns detective agency, tonight made the following statement:

"For the past number of years the Burns Detective Agency has been investigating the radical situation throughout this country and in Europe. In the course of our investigation one William Lindbergh, known in this country as William Linde, was furnishing us with information. He is a Socialist with anarchistic connections. Linde admitted Socialism, but denied any leaning toward anarchism and was opposed to 'direct action.'

"Linde's information led us on anarchistic movements and activities has been verified and it has been proven that he was in direct communication with the Third Internationale at Moscow. Linde in June, 1920, informed us of a contemplated demonstration by radicals by the use of explosives which was to take place some time during the Summer of 1920. This information was communicated by us to the public officials and interests in the financial district.

"Immediately after the explosion we came to the conclusion that Linde probably was one of the few men in this country who would be able to furnish us with information as to who was responsible for this disaster.

"We again got in touch with Linde who furnished us with information on this explosion, which information was run out and investigated by us. A good part of this we were able to check and verify by our other investigations. At this time we issued a \$50,000 reward as a bait to Linde, as we knew Linde had radical tendencies although he professed only to be a Socialist.

"Linde's information reached a point where we deemed it advisable to send him to Europe. This was done in February, 1921. On Linde's arrival in Europe communication with him became very difficult and it then became necessary for us to send a courier to Warsaw to get in touch with Linde. All this information was constantly being furnished to the Department of Justice by us.

"For obvious reasons any further statement concerning the activities on this investigation and as to who is involved will have to come from the Department of Justice.

"The investigation has been impaired and embarrassed by the premature breaking of the news."

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Monday, Tuesday Wednesday

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In "CAMILLE"

The Camille of modern France; chic with the charm of the Parisienne who gowns at the Rue de la Paix, dancing with the abandon of a gleesome pagan from the Casino in Montmartre, sparkling with the golden gaiety of champagne, and loving with the intensity of one who gives life for love.

Added International News

SOLDIERS CHARGED WITH THEFT ARRESTED

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 19.—Fifteen hundred dollars worth of stolen goods from Camp Jackson were recovered at midnight last night by city detectives when two soldiers were arrested. The property consisted of 25 automatic revolvers and ten artillery field glasses. Detectives followed the two men for four hours before the privates were taken with the goods in their possession. The theft was reported to the city by the Camp Jackson headquarters recently.

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Ivey's Weekly Store News

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Friendliness Prevails Here "THE STORE THAT REFLECTS THE TASTE OF THE CAROLINAS." Service, Courtesy, Appreciation

The Universal Appeal

The biggest idea that has come to the storm door of our alleged temple of reason, knocking for admission, is the thought of Christmas.

We sit by our desk this morning and indulge in the innocent pastime of watching the crowds at Ivey's. I can't keep back the realization of a wide-open domain is ruled by the Santa.

Millions of little children living under many flags and speaking many languages, will go to bed Saturday night with an abiding faith in the little man, and that he'll come out of the dawn, and call at their homes before the dawn.

Isn't it? And the book the angels probably hasn't a scratch in it since the lies mother tells in December that book never was intended for such foolish purposes.

So we say that during this week in the great cities of the old and new world, and into the utmost reaches of the desolate corners where the Christmas story has gone, there will be preparations going on for the great holiday.

Some, to be sure, will be sadly circumscribed preparations; others will go forward in the usual lavish proportions—all depending on the depth of the family purse.

The sailors on the wide seas will celebrate the day with something extra out of the cook's galley; Kings, Queens and Presidents will be effulgent with grandeur and deluged with precious riches, while out on the wide trails, where the lonely dwell, many a one Saturday will ride the long miles to the nearest trading post and carry back up through the wind of the river or shadow of the crystalline hills, small trifles for Mother to put into little woolen stockings before waking time Sunday mornings.

Briefs

We read in The News the other day—don't remember who wrote it, but think it was Mr. Miller—that it is "More blessed to give than to receive."

We chime this as a new thought to a few of our readers, and recommend that they give it a fair trial this Christmas, and let us know how it works out!

If we had any idea where old Santa Claus live we'd send him something real nice for Christmas, for he's the finest little trade developer Ivey's ever had.

It's nice to have a friend at court. A big tie manufacturer, one of the kings of the men's neckwear industry, found himself with a couple of thousand men's ties that he wanted to pass along to a good subject, and so he thought of Ivey's.

We got the two thousand Saturday and you can get them today at 50 cents each. They are worth up to a dollar.

Just Business

We came very near being satisfied with last week's business.

Of course, we weren't quite, for we never are; but then we hadn't a thing to complain about—in the size of the crowds and the amount of money they cheerfully left with us.

Every day was a good one, and the weather man smiled on us most all the while. Compared with last year, it was a wee bit better than an even break, and last year's wasn't bad.

Down in the Toy Section things are going beautifully, and Manager Shockley reports good gains.

Fancy Goods also are running ahead, and as for handkerchiefs and gloves—they are almost doubling up on any previous record.

We would like to say this morning that Ivey's will be a dandy place to shop this week, but the Reader probably will remember that we've said something very much like this before.

But really and truly, though, Ivey's will make a fine place to trade this week, for we have so many departments full of nice, sensible staple and holiday things.

But a statement like that loses a lot of its effect, coming from us, as we admit being more or less biased in the matter.

All the same, the best indorsement

The Very First

Santa Claus arrived the other day in New York a few days ahead of time, and brought the Ivey Store family its first real living grandchild.

Mr. Doxy got it wished on him, and now he's going about as proud and haughty-like as if he, himself, had accomplished something to be happy about—and it's a girl at that!

The little thing weighs eight pounds, and they do say it reminds one of Mr. Doxy in every way except his fixed habit of keeping quiet at night.

Our payroll last week had enrolled 235 names—about 100 more than regulars.

Mr. Etcheberger, our General Superintendent, says that we can use 25 more this week.

of Ivey's is the crowd one sees in here every day, for everybody knows you can't fool the buying public of this community more than once, especially when it is remembered that by far the biggest majority of it is made up of women of intelligence.

Our Midnight Follies!

At last—Charlotte has arrived! It took years, and a hard struggle, to do it, but the thing is all over, and now we can rise up, look the world square in the face, and call ourselves a real Metropolis—for did we not read in the newspapers the other day that our smartest society set is to have an all-night dance this Christmas season?

Looking back through the troubled vista of the years, to that day when John McKnit Alexander signed the immortal Declaration of Independence, we can see one long civic struggle toward this recherche achievement of the ultimate expression of an esthetic people.

And now, as we say, we've done done it—with our young people's party starting at midnight out at our newest Country Club.

As matter of fact, there'll be those low minds among us who'll be inquiring what our young bloods will be doing all the first part of the evening, and why they can't start the blooming thing earlier, but what of it if they do? Didn't all the great reform movements and the world's most important discoveries grow out of this same atmosphere of ridicule and skepticism?

And so we say, that when these youthful revellers stand in the rose-tinted dawn of a baby day and eat their fried eggs and bacon whilst the sun coldly creeps out of the shadows of a December night, they shall have accomplished a great new departure in the social ideals of this prosaic town, and shall have added a new note of smartness to a society already famed for its up-to-the-minute alignment with the advanced play-cultoms of the big places of the world!