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A GANG OF BURGLARS IN THE CITY

The Reports of Robberies of Almost Daily Occurrence

FIVE THIS WEEK

Raleigh Suffering from an Epidemic of Petty Thieves—Becoming Bolder Each Day—Two Places Entered Last Night—Only a Small Sum Secured—Evidently the Work of Amateurs—Seem to be Familiar With the Premises—Attention Now Confined to Money Drawers—A Large Number of Petty Robberies Committed Recently—Thought to be a Gang of Negro Boys.

That a band of petty thieves is operating in the city is beyond all doubt, and the boldness of their depredations is daily increasing. For the past several months a report of some robbery is almost a daily occurrence, some days more than one is heard of.

That the rascals are thoroughly familiar with the object of their operations is quite evident from the manner in which their work is done.

For awhile pantries, chicken coops and wearing apparel were the sole objects of their attention, but becoming bolder at their success, they have broadened the field until it includes stores, business offices, etc., wherever money is likely to be found.

Last Sunday night entrance was made through a rear door into Bett's Ice Cream establishment, but as there was no money in the till their trouble was without results, so far as can be ascertained.

The same night entry was made into the Five and Ten Cent Store by breaking the lock on the back door, but this attempt was also fruitless, so far as is known.

Tuesday night the back door to Dugh's new store, near the Oak City Laundry, was broken open and four or five dollars secured from the money drawer. It is impossible to ascertain whether any of the goods were stolen or not.

Wednesday night they broke into Royter's candy store, breaking the glass in the transom over the back door. The cash register was not locked as it contained no money, and nothing has been missed from the store.

Not daunted by the poor success of the former operations this week, last night they sawed through the door in the Union News Stand and robbed the cash drawer of eight or ten dollars. This happened between the hours of 7:30 and 10 o'clock in the evening, during which time there was no one in the stand.

Not being satisfied with this, The Times office was the next object of their attention. This morning when Andrew, the general factotum of the shop, came to open up, he found the front door practically open, the door of the editor's office, and the door of the manager's office wide open and the money drawer in the office of the circulation department was torn out.

A big knife and two wrenches, which had been taken from the press room, were found on the floor near the drawer, showing the instruments with which the desk was opened. Nothing was missing, unless it was a few pennies, as Mr. Morris had removed all the money from the drawer yesterday afternoon.

All these robberies were evidently committed by some amateur, for none of the skill of the professional was displayed in any of them. It is also quite evident that the burglars were familiar with their ground, and had already planned their points of entrance, as well as locating the places where the money is usually kept. This was noticeable in The Times office, where just one particular drawer, out of the many in the desk, was opened, showing that it was known that the money was usually kept in that drawer.

A number of robberies have been committed lately, among them being the cash drawers in three stalls in the market house, where something like eighty dollars was secured. Since then the cash drawers in the sheriff's office and office of register of deeds have been broken open, though no money was secured.

Many residences have had their pantries relieved of flour, hams, steak, etc. Also several stores off Fayetteville street have been entered, sometimes successfully and others (Continued on Page Eight.)

Otto Mueller, Much Married Man



Frederick Gebhardt, alias Otto Mueller, the self-confessed murderer of Anna Luther, whose body, thrown into the bushes at Brentwood Moor, near Islip, L. I., in April, 1908, was not discovered until a year elapsed. According to his own story, he met the girl in 1907 and married her a year later and took her to Germany on a honeymoon, despite the fact that he was then married to a woman in Astoria, L. I. Returning in April, 1908, he took her to see friends in Newark, while he called on his wife in Astoria. Finding she had a baby, he decided to get rid of his second wife. A fanatic love of looking at real estate took them to Islip, where he tried to get her money from her. When she raised her head for a kiss he tried twice into her head. According to the police he had robbed several girls under promise of marriage.

MUELLER MADE MATRIMONY A BIG PAYING PROPOSITION

Was Married Many Times and Always Got Money From the Women He Married.—Police of Germany and Russia Aid in Tracing the Career of the Man

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Oct. 28.—International efforts were begun to trace the career of Otto Mueller, alias Frederick Gebhardt, alias Fritz Scharferlein, confessed bluebeard and ex-convict. The German government is involved in the hunt for further facts in his monstrous career and the St. Petersburg police are to undertake the tracing of his life in Russia, where his first known victim wedded him. Anna Luther, the woman he killed eighteen months ago near Islip, L. I., and the discovery of whose skeleton recently led to the baring of Mueller's atrocious record, was a German lass, with whom he went to Germany on their wedding trip. The announcement late today that Mueller had confessed he was a triple slayer caused the police to renew their efforts to prove him another "Hoch."

Here is the record which the authorities today declared they would fasten to Gebhardt: 1895, deserted Minne Rosenau, whom he married in Russia, taking \$400 of her money. 1896, deserted Lena Wessner, whom he promised to wed, getting \$240. Convicted of grand larceny and served in Sing Sing till August 18, 1905.

1905, disappeared after the mysterious death of Mrs. Marine Katz, of Long Island, taking \$700. She had been lured from her husband. 1906, married Anna Meinke in

February, with whom he was living as Gebhardt when arrested. Got \$800. 1908, married Anna Luther, Islip Woods, Got \$500.

1908, married Katie Katz, also February and disappeared. 1908, April, murdered Anna Luther.

1909, September, tried to kill wife, Anna Meinke.

The police are hunting two women believed to have been his prey, on Long Island and in Manhattan. Worcester, Mass., police think he committed triple murder there.

Mrs. Gebhardt, the woman with whom Bueller was living when arrested and the mother of the two children today reiterated her statement that she knew her husband had eight other wives, and that all had gone to their graves.

One of the crimes which police will try to fasten on the prisoner, came to light, when relatives of Mrs. Katz appeared to Gebhardt regarding her absence. A family in Brooklyn told how the man who, it is positive, was Mueller, drugged Mrs. Katz, a daughter of the head of the family, and while she was under his spell, induced her to leave her husband and child, sell her boarding house and flee with him with \$700.

The couple left Pamaica, L. I., and went to Jersey City. Three days later the woman died. This is believed to have been Gebhardt's first crime after his release from Sing Sing.

UNCLE SAM'S BIGGEST SHIP

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Boston, Mass., Oct. 28.—Ready for the test which will qualify her to become Uncle Sam's biggest peace maker, the battleship North Dakota steamed out from the Fore River Works this morning for Provincetown. Built at a cost of \$10,000,000 by the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, it is expected that her two Curtis reversible turbines, with their 25,000 horse power will drive her 29,000 tons through the waves at a 21 knot speed. After running a few times over the mile course at Provincetown for her builders trials the ship will head for Boston and drop anchor off the Charlestown navy yard at 10 o'clock Friday morning, if all goes well.

PRESIDENT ON LATE SCHEDULE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Vicksburg, Miss., Oct. 28.—President Taft is dashing down the Mississippi river in a frantic effort to catch up with his schedule, and other boats of the fleets headed by the Oleander, on which the President is a passenger, are doing their best to catch up with him. The low water and an accident to the Gray Eagle, which carrying a party of governors, was grounded near Helena after an accident to the boilers are responsible for the delay in following the itinerary arranged. The passengers of the Gray Eagle were transferred to the Illinois after the accident. Vicksburg is today putting up her best bib and tucker for the president, who is due here at 6 p. m. today.

WOMAN IN THE CENTER NEW YORK FIGHT

Woman's Municipal League Out in Letter Scoring the Tammany Leaders

MANY ACCUSATIONS

Entrance of the Woman into the Campaign Not Looked Upon With Favor by the Tammanyites. Was Cause of Many of the Charges. Their campaign charges and counter-charges by Tammany and the Women's Municipal League. From the Various Candidates Each Side. Gayer's First Charge. Move Made Because of Tammany Deeds. White Slave Charges.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Oct. 28.—The women campaigners have the center of the stage in New York's municipal campaign again today. Following the opening of headquarters by three combined women's republican clubs to fight for the election of Otto T. Bannard, the republican mayoralty candidate, the woman's municipal league is out today with a public letter inimical to Tammany.

This latest phase of the campaign was brought out by the charges published in a magazine article that Tammany used as a part of its organization "white slave" charges. The letter of the woman's municipal league calls on Tammany and Judge William J. Gaynor, the democratic mayoralty nominee, to disprove the allegations. The letter concludes with the statement, "we, the women of New York, will not rest until this is wiped out," referring to the alleged situation in the red light district. The document calls on "every decent man to cast his vote against the Tammany candidates."

This entrance in the campaign of women is not looked upon with favor by the suffragettes, who accuse Bannard of not favoring their cause. While accusations today few thicker than ever from the platforms of the various candidates, each side reiterated its claim to the best chance for victory.

Hector M. Hastings, an attorney, declared that Judge Gaynor's first reform move, which brought him into the limelight many years ago, the fight on John Y. McKane, Coney Island's former boss, who was sent to Sing Sing, was the result merely of spite and that Gaynor was previous to the battle a friend of McKane.

Tammany Hall and its ticket have defenders a-plenty. Former Police Commissioner White denied the "white slave" charge, and says that Tammany has always opposed the traffic. Other democratic speakers take the same stand.

William R. Hearst, civic alliance candidate, as far as possible is directing his fight against Tammany. In his speeches he pledged himself to the destruction of Tammany Hall, whether he is elected or not.

Mr. Bannard escaped an accident last night by taking the wrong automobile. The one he was to have taken was smashed up.

HOUSE COMMITTEE OFF FOR PANAMA

Washington, Oct. 28.—All the members of the house appropriation committee, except Mr. Burton, of Texas, who is detained by the death of his wife's mother, will leave New York tomorrow for Panama, to hold a hearing on the estimates of the canal commission. The committee will visit Culbreth headquarters of the constructing engineers, and look over the work accomplished. It is the purpose of the committee to give all the money necessary to carry on the work in the next fiscal year that can be economically expended. The committee is to return about the end of November.

Deputy Sheriff Shot. Baltimore, Md., Oct. 28.—Charles E. Bichy, a deputy sheriff, was found today today with a bullet wound in his head, sitting in a back room of the sheriff's office. He died on his way to the emergency hospital.

Prince Ito Laid to Rest Yesterday



Prince Ito was laid to rest yesterday in the presence of a large number of dignitaries. He was the assassin of Emperor Meiji. He resigned that post to become a member of the Privy Council of Japan and was raised from Marquis to a Prince. He was Prime Minister at the time of the Japanese war with China and one of the few Japanese who rose from the lowest rank, being the child of a peasant.

CHARTER AMENDED THE GAME LAWS

Stock of Peace Institute Raised from \$30,000 to \$100,000

Game Warden Upchurch Explains the Game Laws

The Charter of Peace Institute to be Amended in Two Paragraphs—Decided Upon Last Monday—The School to be Conducted for the Higher Education of Women Under the Auspices of the Presbyterian Church.

At a meeting of the trustees of Peace Institute, held in the office of Hon. J. R. Young, president of the board, last Monday, it was unanimously decided to make several changes in the charter of Peace Institute, the principal one being an increase of the capital stock from \$30,000 to \$100,000. The amendments are as follows: Strike out paragraph 2 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The general purpose of the corporation is to promote the cause of education by conducting a school for the higher education of young women under the auspices of the Presbyterian church of North Carolina and to this end to hold the Peace Institute lot in the city of Raleigh and such other property, real and personal, as may be conducive thereto and obtained by purchase, gift, devise or otherwise."

Also by striking out paragraph 3 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The amount of authorized capital stock shall be one hundred thousand dollars, divided into one thousand shares of the value of one hundred dollars each."

James R. Young is president of the board of trustees and B. W. Kilgore is secretary.

The trustees who will sign the amendment which will be filed with the secretary of state, are J. R. Young, H. W. Jackson, E. Chambers Smith, George Allen, B. W. Kilgore.

LOVETT PRESIDENT SOUTHERN PACIFIC

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Oct. 28.—Robert S. Lovett, formerly right hand man to the late E. H. Harriman, was today elected to the presidency of the Southern Pacific Railroad, one of the best roads under control of the late railroad wizard. William Mahl was elected vice-president of the same line. Before the announcement of the election of Lovett to the presidency of the Southern Pacific it was announced that he had been elected a director of the Delaware and Hudson, where he again assumes an office left vacant by the death of E. H. Harriman. With the election of Mr. Lovett today as the head of the Southern Pacific, he has resumed the duties of his former employer in all the enterprises left vacant at the death of Harriman.

KOREA IS IN OPEN REVOLT AGAINST JAPS

Japan May be Forced to Rush Troops to Southern Part of Country

PEOPLE AROUSED

Southern Korea, excited by the assassination of Prince Ito, is in open revolt and Japan may be forced to send troops to Peninsular-Japanese people and press demanding severe measures. Reiterating call for absolute annexation of Korea—This has been the object of Japan from the first is the general belief in every foreign office in the country.

(By Cable to The Times) London, Oct. 28.—Southern Korea, excited by the assassination of Prince Ito, the Japanese statesman to whom the rebellious Koreans attribute the sedition of their country, is in open revolt today and Japan will be forced to rush troops to the peninsula, according to dispatches received here today.

The announcement by the Tokio government that the mild policy outlined by Ito in the exploitation of Korea would be followed has aroused the Japanese people and the press is demanding severe measures, reiterating its call for absolute annexation of Korea. The making of Korea an actual part of the Nipponese domain at present, a nominally independent nation tributary to Japan, has been the object of Tokio from the first move on Korea, according to the belief general in the foreign offices of every European nation.

The first move in this direction has been awaited with anxiety. That it is not far off was the declaration of a statesman, who has closely studied the far eastern problem.

A Russo-Japanese Entente, reported in despatches received here, adds to the complexity of the Korean and Manchurian problem. It is declared that the object of Ito's trip to Harbin, where he was shot, had as one of its objects the completion of tentative arrangements for the agreement between the two nations. The Russian finance minister, M. Kakavoff, who was at Harbin to confer with the leader of the "elder statesmen," was prepared to discuss the financial and commercial aspects of the pact, it is asserted here in credible quarters.

COTTON MAKES RECORD PRICES

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Oct. 28.—Record prices for the year were made on the New York Cotton exchange today in one of the liveliest sessions of the season. Trading was unusually active.

At 11:30 o'clock the January option was quoted at 14.63 to .64, more than 10 points above yesterday's closing. March was 14.67 to .68, 12 points up, and May was 14.78, about 11 points up. The other points were proportionately strong.

Feeling was decidedly bullish on the floor and enthusiastic predictions of further jumps in price were freely made. In the face of the optimistic feeling little or no attention was paid to the report of the failure of a cotton factory in Liverpool.

During the noon hour a heavy volume of profit-taking orders caused price reversals in the various options averaging about 10 points from the high marks of the day.

BELIEVED MEN ARE TO BE SEARCH CONTINUED FOR BOAT TOLD OF MON BUT WITH LITTLE HOPE OF SUCCESS.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Eastport, Me., Oct. 28.—The patrol of the Bay of Fundy and the Atlantic outside, in the search for the boat load of men who succeeded in putting off the steamer Hostia when she was wrecked off Grand Menan, was maintained today, but there was little hope of success. It is believed that the score or more in the lifeboat are lost, making the death toll at least 35.