

# POLICE ARREST THREE AS BURGLAR SUSPECTS

## Car Which Drove In Neuse River Identified Today

### THREE BOYS CONFESS TO HAVING ENTERED PLACES OF BUSINESS

Toler Boys And Garney Gilbert Are Also Being Held in Connection With Burglary of Several Houses Here Recently

### THEY DENY HAVING ENTERED HOMES

Youths Admit They Entered Places of Business But Claim They Know Nothing of the Other Burglaries

In the arrest last night of three young white men, local police officials are inclined to believe that they have a clue to the identity of the men who have been breaking into a number of houses in this city within the past several days.

The men arrested are Braxton and Garrett Toler, twins, age 20, and Garney Gilbert, age 17. They admitted breaking into the business houses of Sam Lipman and Joe Gaskine and also state that they entered several places in the Elks building. They deny, however, of having any connection with the burglary of seven residences.

The police have been suspicious of the three young men for some time and when the boys were arrested last night a confession of the store thefts was forthcoming in quick order. With reference to the house-breakings, however, the youths were silent. They said they knew nothing about the burglaries and swore that they had nothing to do with any of them.

Glenn Hearing Tomorrow  
In the meantime, the boys are being held, awaiting a hearing before the mayor tomorrow. The police are out scouting for evidence that will tend to indicate that the three were responsible for the burglaries.

Three or four inmates of the homes which were robbed had a feeling of surprise at the arrest and they will be called upon to identify the Tolers and Gilbert.

The two Tolers have been in trouble before. Some time ago they were sent away because of thefts which they are alleged to have perpetrated in this city.

### SLANG BRINGS MANY NEW WORDS IN ENGLISH

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 23.—French slang is of a higher quality than English slang, which has been improved but little since its invention according to Dr. Clarence Stratton, director of English in the Cleveland public schools. The French slang is more suggestive and more picturesque, it is clever—while English slang often is not, Dr. Stratton said.

"Take the case of George Ruth, the world's champion home-run hitter, for instance," the director continued. "To call him Babe and then to translate Babe into Bambino—there's nothing clever in that. But the man who first called a left-handed pitcher a southpaw had a real idea. Likewise to say a pitcher has a glass arm, is clever and descriptive."

"Has somebody handed you a lemon? That's an ancient bit of slang. Likewise, to find yourself in an awful pickle. Probably both expressions originated because of the sour quality of lemons and pickles. They are expressive and suggestive. The boy who first called a girl a peach also had a real idea."

"One of two things always happens to slang. It is discarded quickly or it is incorporated into the language of three or four generations later."

"Slang originates in a desire for emphasis. Seeking emphasis we resort to figurative language. And figurative language at its best, becomes a figure of speech."

Dr. Stratton said he is not an advocate of slang. A constant use of it is the resort of the man or woman too lazy to seek out the proper words.

MUNICIPAL TREE IS BEING GREATLY ADMIRER BY ALL

Thousands of people have admired New Bern's municipal Christmas tree since it was erected near the intersection of Broad and Middle streets and many declare that it is the prettiest of the several trees that have been erected here in numerous years.

# ARMSTRONG HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

## Dr. Armstrong And Family Had Narrow Escape From Blaze Which Burned Home

### Car Was A Big Buick: Owned By Glenn Dunn

A big Buick automobile and four men took a sudden and unexpected dive off the Neuse bridge at the draw last night shortly before midnight, resulting in a narrow escape of all four men from drowning. The car belonged to Glenn Dunn, of Aurora. In the machine with him was William Zink, one of the crew of the cutter, Pamlico. The other two men, who were leaning on the draw-gate and who were knocked overboard are still unknown.

According to the report of the accident, received by the Sun-Journal this morning, Mr. Dunn was driving by himself from Aurora to New Bern. As he struck the Neuse bridge at the Bridgeton end, he saw Zink walking along and offered him a ride. Zink accepted the offer. The car was not running at an excessive rate of speed, it is said. About fifty feet from the drawbridge, Zink called Dunn's attention to the fact that the bridge was open. Dunn became confused. He reached for his emergency but pulled his gear-lever by mistake. He stripped the gears of his car; the machine crashed into the railing of the bridge, bounced off, went through the gate and dove into the river.

THE INNOCENT VICTIMS  
As is usually the case, the well-known Innocent Bystander is the person who always gets it in the neck. On this particular occasion there were three of them. They were standing at the draw, leaning against the gate, at peace with the world and mankind. They had no warning of what was going to happen until the car hit the gate and knocked two of them into the river. The other managed to postpone his bath until Saturday night.

RESCUED BY BOAT  
The tug, Columbia, happened to be near the draw and aided the four men to get out of the water. Dunn and Zink had a hard time extricating themselves from the machine after it leaped into the river. The side curtains of the car were up and they had to unfasten them before they could free themselves.

Zink, especially, had a narrow escape from drowning. He swallowed quite a lot of water before he could get out of the machine. When he finally did manage to liberate himself, his neckerchief got caught in the side of the car and refused to be torn. He was on the point of giving up when, by a lucky twist, he succeeded in freeing himself and rose to the top.

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THE LATEST OF A LONG LIST OF BURGLARIES IN NEW BERN OCCURRED LAST night when thieves invaded the premises of H. H. Glass, 18 Change street, and took a bicycle, a coat, a hat and a suit of underclothes from the back porch of the residence.

It is believed that the robbers also tried to enter the house but they were frustrated in their attempt. All of the windows and doors had been securely locked and they could not effect an entrance.

Mr. Glass takes his loss calmly. He wishes to inform the thieves that they overlooked a bicycle pump, which was also on the porch and as he can't use the pump without the bicycle, he invites them to return and get it.

Various agricultural and business associations and civic bodies in Ireland are said to be planning meetings to pass resolutions favoring the treaty, and although it is recognized that there will be some declaration against acceptance, it is believed the large majority will support the stand of Arthur Griffith, Michael Collins and their treaty advocates. The adjournment period will thus be equivalent to a popular referendum.

Some of the correspondents also dwell upon what they consider Eamonn De Valera's loss of prestige indicated by the vote for adjournment, which he opposed.

WATTERSON'S BODY TO BE PLACED IN VAULT  
JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 23.—"Marse" Henry Watterson, content with the fullness of his life, rested today from his labors. With only the members of his immediate family present and with the hour of the service unannounced, the body of the venerable Kentucky journalist, who died here yesterday, was placed in a vault to remain until spring, when it will be taken home to be given a final resting place beside his mother and father in Louisville.

COUPLE WEWE MARRIED HERE ON YESTERDAY  
In the presence of a few friends Mr. Edward McLawhorn and Miss Annie Lee Jones, of Ayden, were married at noon yesterday in the office of the registrar of deeds by Mr. L. S. Wood. They left on the afternoon train for home. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Jones and is a very popular young woman. Mr. McLawhorn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin McLawhorn, all of Ayden.

POWER CABLE ACCIDENT CAUSES TRAFFIC TIE-UP  
BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Traffic was stopped for two hours today and thousands of commuters and Christmas shoppers were trapped in trains underground when a main power cable in the Cambridge subway grounded and exploded.

Confusion ensued in the vicinity of the explosion when volumes of smoke poured through the tube.

ELLIS YARD IS IN NEW HANDS  
The Ellis coal and lumber yard has been purchased by Hilton Hudnell, according to announcement made yesterday afternoon. Mr. Hudnell has taken over the business and will conduct it on the same basis as did the former owner.

"We're going to make some changes," said Mr. Hudnell, when interviewed by a representative of the Sun-Journal "and we hope that these changes will make for an improvement of service to our customers."

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A controversy arose over this question in Raleigh, which elicited some interest throughout the state, but no definite word was obtained from Jeannette as to what he intended doing. He laughed yesterday afternoon at the question, "Are you going to Carolina after Christmas?" and made his "no" emphatic. He stated that he was going to return to N. C. State, and that the rumors to the contrary were all bunk.

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### MAYOR HYLAN IS FACING TERM OF IMPRISONMENT

He And Other Members of Board of Aldermen Held in Contempt of Court

BAD MUDDLE IN N. Y. FINANCES THE COUSE

Believed That Legal Action Necessary To Straighten Out Tangle

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Mayor Hylan and other members of the board of estimates of this city face a jail sentence for contempt of court unless they restore to the city budget not later than December 25 some \$3,000,000 alleged to have been illegally deducted from the pension funds for police and civil service employees. The appellate division of the supreme court, as upheld the writ of mandamus issued by Supreme Court Justice Mulvaney, directing the restitution of the deducted items.

City Comptroller Craig had requested a reduction of \$10,000,000 in order to have the budget comply with the constitutional amendment that it must not exceed 2 per cent of the assessed valuation of the city's real and personal property. The reduction, the comptroller asserted, should come from the appropriation allotted to the board of education.

Instead, the board of estimates deducted only \$278,000 from the regular appropriation and failed to provide or pension funds of \$3,000,000, made mandatory by the state constitution.

City Comptroller Craig asserted legislative action would be necessary to straighten out the financial muddle.

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### Entire Second Floor of Their Handsome Brick Residence on New Street Was Guttled By Fire Early This Morning

THE FIRE GAINED HEADWAY RAPIDLY

Second Story Was Ablaze When Doctor And Family Were Awakened.—Barely Managed To Reach The First Floor

Awakened from their sleep shortly after five o'clock this morning by fire which had crept to the second floor of their home and which had almost reached their beds, Dr. E. C. Armstrong and family were forced to flee from the house, having only time to seize a little clothing, and managed to make their escape from the residence with their lives.

The entire second floor of the house was gutted, the fire floor was also damaged considerably and most of the contents of the second story were lost. Firemen and neighbors managed to get out most of the furniture on the first floor, but much of this was damaged by water.

The cause of the fire is unknown. Dr. Armstrong stated this morning that the house was fully insured but that the insurance on the furniture would not cover his loss.

Fire Spread Rapidly  
The fire started on the first floor of the house and crept to the second story, keeping close to the chimney. There it spread rapidly and when Dr. Armstrong and his family were awakened, the entire floor was in flames. "It must have been burning for a good while before we were awakened," said the doctor this morning. "For the fumes of the blaze woke us up and my throat is still sore from having breathed in so much smoke. We didn't have time to dress. Each of us managed to grab a few clothes and these we put on when we reached the porch. By the time the alarm had been turned in and people in the neighboring houses had discovered the proximity of the fire, the firemen did splendid work, as did also those who helped to get out the furniture."

House Was a Handsome One  
The Armstrong residence, located on New street across from the Centenary Methodist church, was one of the most attractive in town. It was a two-story brick structure and was built about two years ago, costing in the neighborhood of \$25,000. It will take considerable money to repair the house. The entire second floor will have to be rebuilt and practically all the wood-work on the ground floor will have to be torn down and replaced. The handsome hardwood floors in the home were completely ruined.

Went Through Burning House  
Rev. Joseph A. Gallagher, priest of the local Catholic church, showed considerable bravery last night when he went through the burning house, making sure that all members of the family had left the residence. The entire house was in flames at the time, but he searched every room thoroughly.

Will Have Home Rebuilt  
Dr. Armstrong said this morning that as soon as the fire insurance had been adjusted satisfactorily, he intended to start work at once repairing the house. In the meantime he and his family are staying with W. W. Gaskins on Hancock street.

Services at Riverside  
No Sunday school will be held at the Riverside church Sunday morning. The Christmas services will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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FRENCH AWAIT NEW COMMANDS  
No Instructions Received As Yet by Delegates Relative To U-boat Issues

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Failure of the French delegation to receive expected additional instructions as to auxiliary naval craft from its home government promised to lead to further discussion today of the submarine question by the Washington conference in the single meeting likely to break a pre-Christmas lull.

The further instructions, awaited by the French delegation, had not been received up to noon and it appeared improbable to delegation members that they would come through in time to be of use at the meeting of the full naval committee, set for 3 o'clock. Under a tentative understanding the submarine discussions opened yesterday with a plea from the British delegation for abolition of submarines.

automatically are resumed in event of announcement by the French that they had nothing to present.

While the various delegations prepared for the afternoon meeting, suggestions came from the Italian representatives through an authorized spokesman that another conference be arranged soon after the adjournment of the present gathering to take up further the question of auxiliary naval craft.

BALDWIN WILL COACH LEHIGH UNIVERSITY  
BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 23.—Jas. Baldwin has been selected as resident coach of football and baseball at Lehigh University for three years, according to announcement made at the university today. He has been professor of physical education and coach at Rhode Island State University of Main and Trinity College, Durham, N. C., where he is located at present.

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