

# Third Degree "Chi" Police Proves Bit Too Effective

Recently Wrung Confession of Same Crime from Two Suspects and Two Had Then to be Sweated All Over Again to See Which Telling Truth

By OWEN L. SCOTT

Chicago, June 9.—The gentle art of wringing "confessions" from suspects, long known as the "third degree," has been developed to such a point by the Chicago police in their "gold fish room" efforts to solve the murder of young Robert Franks that it has turned into a boomerang in their hands.

So vigorous were the police tactics that human welfare societies are threatening action, while friends of Walter Wilson, one of three instructors of the exclusive Harvard school which the Franks boy attended, are planning criminal action against certain police officials as a result of their efforts to make Wilson "confess."

Meanwhile, it is being freely predicted that the confessions of Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, the youthful "thrill slayers," will be attacked in court on the ground that they were not voluntary. Here, though, it is admitted the third degree was merely mental, and was fully justified by the results.

But Wilson and his two fellow instructors at Harvard school stand out as exhibit A, B, and C, of what is not justified in the way of third degree. These now forgotten figures in the Franks case had once made some remark that sounded as though it might be incrimination. As a result, they spent seven days in the "gold fish room," undergoing experiences which they assert make the tactics of the Russian cheka appear humane.

The "gold fish room," be it known, venient little sections of rubber hose which, wielded by a strong arm, inflict cruel punishment, yet leave no marks. The undulations of the hose as it is brandished before the victim reminded some imaginative policeman of the motions of a gold fish—derives its name from the fact that it is plentifully equipped with conchance the title "gold fish room."

Whisked away from their homes without warning, with no word to their friends as to where they had

been taken, the three instructors were taken to the "gold fish room." Not a chance for habeas corpus proceedings. No one knew where they were. All that was known came out in newspaper stories, apparently inspired, which announced that the prisoners were at the point of confessing the Franks murder.

Here, in the words of Walter Wilson's lawyer, is what happened to Wilson in the "gold fish room."

"He was beaten with a rubber hose until it was torture for him even to breathe. Of course, during this time, he was bound. Twice he was assaulted by a police lieutenant in person. Two policemen held the prisoner while the lieutenant knocked him down with his fist. The point was to argue Mr. Wilson into confessing that he had kidnaped and killed Robert Franks.

"The prisoners got little or no sleep. During their inquisition, the gold fish operators would tell him stories about the horrors of hanging. One of their favorite yarns was about how Carl Wanderer had gone to his death singing 'Pal of Mine'."

Seven days of this—days so filled with horror for the victims that even King Philip of Spain must have turned in his grave in jealousy of this new inquisition—and then the three suspects were released and forgotten. Not a breath of suspicion attached to them, although incriminating stories had been blazoned before the public. No charge had been made against them.

Such tactics have proved extremely successful in the past. They were so successful in one recent case that two sets of persons confessed the same murder—and more "gold fishing" had to be done to find out which confessors were telling the truth.

But the pretty little gold fish won't wiggle for future suspects if the three Harvard school instructors go successfully through with their plans to punish the fishermen.

# Arrested Dry Agents Till They In Turn Arrested Him

Popular San Francisco Patrolman Used Nightstick on Raiding Parties and Locked Them in Hoosegaw and Now They are Retaliating

By I. C. OWEN

San Francisco, June 9.—A Federal grand jury began delving today to find out whether Patrolman Emil Michael Hearn, proud monarch of the North Beach section, is opposed to the Volstead Act or whether, as he claims, he is just hurt by the way the Federal enforcers of the act go about enforcing it. Whatever the reason, there is general unanimity that Patrolman Emil Michael Hearn has done a rip-roaring good job of blocking the act's enforcement in his balliwick.

The North Beach, be it known, bears a reputation a little more than local, of being San Francisco's great unmopped section. It is the city's most cosmopolitan district, and in it you can quench your thirst in the Italian manner—the Greek, the French, the Chinese, the Scandinavian, in fact just about any manner that your fancy dictates.

Patrolman Hearn has pounded the sidewalks of the North Beach section for many years. He takes great personal pride in being the sole arm of the law there during his hours on duty. He also interprets the Wright state prohibition enforcement law as giving him precedence even over the Federal authorities in matters intoxicant.

So, when a quartet of dry sleuths drove up to a well known cafe on his beat some months ago and started to raid it, Patrolman Hearn took umbrage in large quantities. He hurried in and lodged a heated protest against this invasion of his rights. Failing to get what he assiduously—and then arrested the raiders for violating a traffic ordinance setting forth the precise angle at which a standing auto shall be parked. His interference with their raid annoyed the prohibition sleuths, but by dint of brawn and his nightstick, Patrolman Hearn loaded the four into a patrol and trundled them off to the hoosegow.

That started things, since then the feud has progressed right merrily, invariably with the advantage on the side of Patrolman Hearn. A couple of times more he found it necessary to crown hardboiled enforcement agents with his nightstick in order to persuade them to desist. But always he managed to persuade them.

All the time, Patrolman Hearn kept maintaining that if the sleuths would only come to him and seek his aid before attempting a raid, he would throw all his power into the enforcing of the law as they saw it. The agents apparently were mistrustful however, for they continued to play a lone hand and to be enrolled at every turn. At last they decided to seek his indictment for interfering with enforcement of the law.

Patrolman Hearn is standing pat, and most of the police force is standing right behind him.

"I'll have no snooping rum beagles tryin' to raid places on my beat without my help," says Patrol-

man Hearn in a good rich Irish brogue. "Tis a reflection on me, should they find something and me not along to make the arrests. Sure, and the law holds us responsible for all the strong liquors found in our balliwicks and these Government officers should have a little more than try to find any forbidden rum without us along to help."

**Nags Head Season Open**  
Manteo, June 9.—When a number of couples who were down at Nags Head on a house party visited our town Wednesday it marked the beginning of the Nags Head Season, a season that the people of this town, merchants more particularly, look forward to, as a great number of the people who spend the summer down there do a great deal of their trading here and there are a number of the tourists over here nearly every day.

**MISS POOL'S SCHOOL OPENS**  
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### FAYETTEVILLE PREPARING FOR 30,000 VISITORS JULY 4

Fayetteville, June 9.—Thirty thousand persons are expected to be in this city on July 4 to attend the celebration that will be staged at Fort Bragg on that day, according to estimates made by the joint civil and military committee in charge of the arrangements. Besides a short formal patriotic ceremony the events of the day will be a picnic, athletic contests, flying stunts, dancing, and radio concert.

### BAKER-JAMES

A quiet wedding was solemnized Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock when Mrs. Maggie James of Weaverville became the bride of Augustus H. Baker of this city, by Rev. E. F. Sawyer at his home, 208 Pearl street. Mr. Baker is an employee of the Elizabeth City Iron Works and Mrs. James is the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Baker will make their home at Weaverville.

### MUSIC RECITAL TUESDAY

A music recital will be given by the pupils of Mrs. Mary Worin Jones in the First Methodist Sunday School auditorium, June 10 at 8 p. m. All interested in music are cordially invited to attend.

### AUTO SLUMP REAL

Detroit, June 9.—The extent to which the recent curtailment of sales has struck the automobile industry was shown today by figures issued by General Motors showing that sales in May were approximately 45,000 cars as compared with 75,393 in May 1923 and 46,736 in May, 1922.

### LOWDEX WON'T PLAY

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### FRENCH FLYER SUCCESSFUL

Tokio, June 9.—Captain Pelletier d'Oisy, French aviator, ended successfully his flight from Paris, landing here this afternoon.

A thorough investigation will be made at once of the demonstration, the Japanese foreign office informed the Associated Press today. Owners of motion picture theaters in Tokyo have launched a boycott against buying, renting, or showing American films and are resolved to cooperate in an effort to make the boycott nationwide.

Another protest by suicide over the exclusion clause of the new American immigration law is reported from Miyazaki.

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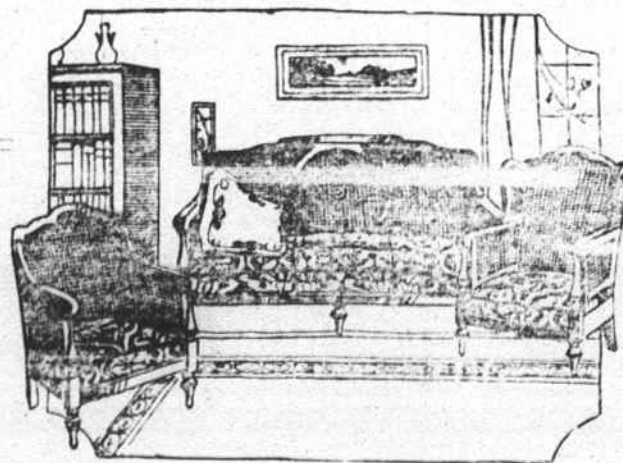
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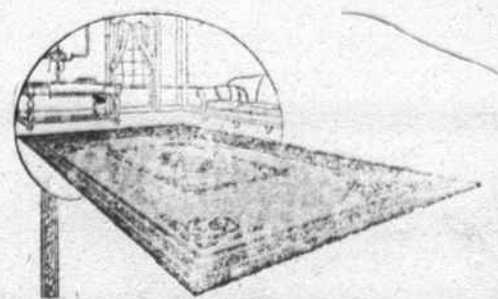


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