THE WEATHER
Fair today and Wednesday; moderate temperature; light variable winds.

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BANDITS RAID CAFE; GET CASH REGISTER WITH ABOUT $350

Four Men Hold Up Patrons and Restaurant Force on South Broad Street

ESCAPE IN AUTOMOBILE WITH SIGNED BLANK CHECK

Customers Finish Supper, Then Lined Against Wall at Points of Thugs' Pistols

Twelve men eating a "midnight lunch" at 2502 South Broad street, at 1:45 o'clock this morning, were interrupted by four men who entered the place. One intruder placed himself at the door, another at the entrance to the kitchen and one in the centre of the floor. The fourth faced Alfred Meyers, the manager.

At a whistle all four drew revolvers. The man near the kitchen covered the cooks and dishwashers. The man at the door kept a lookout, while the bandit in the center of the floor ordered the patrons to line up against the wall.

With much scraping of chairs and clattering of knives and forks the men did as they were told, lining along the walls with their hands held above their heads. There they stood, munching mouthfuls of food while the fourth bandit, the apparent leader of the gang, gave his attention to the manager.

"Stand to one side," he said quietly.

The manager obeyed. Then the man walked over to the cash register. He punched a key, looked into the drawer as it shot open, then slammed it shut again.

"It's a pretty good machine, boys," he said. "Lend a hand."

Two of the bandits aided him and they walked out of the door carrying the cash register between them. The fourth man backed away, keeping the men in the restaurant covered. Then they all turned and ran as fast as they could, hampered as they were with the heavy register.

An alarm was shouted, and the customers, waiters, cooks and dishwashers ran from the restaurant in pursuit. The bandits ran as far as Seventh and Porter streets, the lookout keeping the crowd at a distance by flourishing his revolver. Then the bandits turned the corner, an automobile engine was heard running, and when the pursuers reached the corner no trace of the thieves was seen.

In the cash register were $350 and a blank check on the Federal Trust Co., signed by Alfred Meyers. Mr. Meyers lives at 2011 Earp street. Payment on the check has been stopped at the bank.

$200 FUNERAL FOR BIRD

Cobbler's Pet Buried to Music From Fifteen-Piece Band

Newark, N. J., Aug. 3.—(By A. P.)—The scriptural assurance that sparrows shall not fall unnoticed was given tangible application to a pet canary bird today. Jimmie, the little songster, choked to death yesterday on a watermelon seed, and so grief-stricken was his owner, Emidio Russomanno, a sixty-five-year-old cobbler, that friends contributed $200 for a funeral, including a hearse, five mourners' coaches and a fifteen-piece band.

"He sang, ah! so sweet like Caruso!" sobbed the cobbler, as the little plush-lined casket, six by twelve inches, was lowered into the grave. He plans to erect a monument later.

2 MORE CASES OF TYPHUS

Three in All Reported on French Liner La Savoie

New York, Aug. 3.—Two more cases of typhus developed today among steerage passengers on the French liner La Savoie. The patients, boys aged nine and ten, were taken to Hoffman island where the steerage passengers underwent sanitary inspection. One case of typhus was reported when the ship arrived Sunday night from Havre.

More than 1300 steerage passengers arriving today on the Italian steamship Duca Degli Abruszi also were taken to Hoffman island for vaccination as a precautionary measure. Most of the passengers came from the vicinity of Naples, Italy, where smallpox was reported prevalent.

DRY AGENT ARRESTED

Prohibition Officer Accused of Accepting Bribe From Saloonkeeper

New York, Aug. 3.—(By A. P.)—Patrick Burke, a detective sergeant, and Benson B. Laverty, a federal prohibition enforcement officer, were arrested in Brooklyn today by federal agents on the charge of accepting bribes from saloon keepers.

Three saloon proprietors claimed to have paid Burke $125, the federal agents stated. Laverty, it is charged, threatened to close a Coney Island hotel barroom unless he received $200. The complaint alleged that he compromised on $100. The defendants denied the charges.

The arrests are said to be the forerunner of others in which police and authorized federal agents are involved.

BLOW SAVES MAN'S LIFE

Fellow Workman Knocks Him Away From Electric Light Plug

Fremont, Neb., Aug. 3.—(By A. P.)—Arthur Thomas, an employe of the City Electric Light plant, was saved from death today by a blow on the jaw. He had taken hold of a plug which had become charged by a short circuit, and could not free himself. Clyde Newton, a fellow worker, saw his predicament and swunk his right to the point of Thomas's jaw, knocking him several feet away. Thomas's jaw was slightly fractured, but he says he is satisfied.

SIGNAL TOWER BURNED

Loss at Salem and Railroad Streets, Gloucester, Estimated at $7000

A signal tower at Salem and Railroad streets, Gloucester, where the Reading tracks cross the West Jersey and Seashore, was destroyed by fire last night.

The blaze started from a defective flue. The loss is $7000.

"BIG FELLOW" GREETS CITY AGAIN

Ledger Photo Service

Senator Penrose had his first outing today since his illness, which began before the Republican National Convention. The photograph, taken at the side of his automobile, shows the effects of his long confinement

AUTO DRIVER SHOT, BUT ROUTS BANDITS

Three Attempt to Hold Up Taxi Chauffeur Near Bryn Mawr, But Are Foiled

WOUNDED MAN IN HOSPITAL

A Bryn Mawr jitney driver, shot in the jaw, fought off three bandits last night who had hired his automobile and then tried to rob him.

The plucky driver is William Holmes, thirty-five years old, Holland and Spring avenues, Bryn Mawr. He is in the Bryn Mawr Hospital. Surgeons operated on him late last night. His condition is not regarded as critical.

Holmes was at the Ardmore station shortly after 10 o'clock with his automobile. Three men asked to be driven to Gladwyne near Bryn Mawr.

One of the passengers sat beside Holmes as the latter drove his car. The others sat in the rear. As the motorcar was speeding up the Gladwyne hill the man beside Holmes drew a revolver.

Holmes saw the stealthy movement, shut off the "gas" and pressed the footbrake, at the same time reaching for his own revolver. The armed bandit fired three shots as Holmes swung at him.

Two bullets plowed into the framework above the driver's head. The third struck Holmes in the jaw. Holmes began firing his own revolver at his assailant, and the two other bandits leaped from the car and ran away.

After the bandits had disappeared, Holmes walked nearly a mile for help. He was taken to the hospital. An operation was performed shortly before midnight.

HAD TO SHOOT AT GUNNERS

Two Men Are Arrested After Woman Is Almost Hit

Two men were fined $10 and costs each today for shooting blackbirds and robins. They were arrested yesterday after a chase during which a mounted policeman abandoned his horse and finally compelled them to halt by firing several shots at them.

The men gave their names as Edward Richardson, twenty-two years old, 1028 East Fletcher street, and James R. Moore, forty-eight years old, 811 Wildey street. They were arrested by Mounted Patrolman Schwartz, of the Branchtown district, after Mrs. Anna Kessler, D street and Wyoming avenue, had claimed that a bullet from the gun of one of them had narrowly missed her.

AUTO DRIVER IS HELD

Boy's Ribs Broken in Crash With Upland Man's Car

Samuel Galachnich, five years old, 2635 Corlies street, is in the Women's Homeopathic Hospital with injuries received, yesterday when he was struck by an automobile. Several ribs were broken and his skull may be fractured. The accident occurred at Thirtieth and Oakdale streets.

The machine was driven by Charles Jones, Sixth and Main streets, Upland, who was held in $500 bail today by Magistrate Oswald in the Nineteenth and Oxford streets station.

TRUNK VICTIM NOT POISONED

No Trace of Lethal Drugs Found in Brain of Woman

New York, Aug. 3.—(By A. P.)—The autopsy on the body of Mrs. Eugene Leroy, whose body was found jammed into a trunk here recently, showed no traces of poison on the brain, according to a report made today by Dr. Benjamin Swartz, deputy county medical examiner. Since all other vital organs were removed from the body, medical officers were unable to determine how the young woman met her death.

PENROSE ENJOYS LONG AUTO RIDE

Senator Makes First Appearance Since He Was Stricken Weeks Ago

"FEELING FINE," HE SAYS

"I'm well again, all but a little stiffness. I tell you it is good to be out of doors."

That was Senator Boies Penrose's greeting when he left his house at 1331 Spruce street this forenoon for the first outing he has enjoyed since several weeks before the Republican National Convention.

The Senator was whirled out to Fairmount Park in the big red car familiar to many Philadelphians, and for more than an hour enjoyed the perfect sunshine and sparkling atmosphere of the day. On Broad street, where politicians resort in the neighborhood of City Hall, he was greeted by scores, who scarcely could believe their eyes to see the "big fellow" out once more, smiling and apparently in what at least approached his usual robust health.

The senator's reappearance after his long illness had been intended as a surprise. As a matter of fact, only the newspapermen had learned of it, and merely by the accident of seeing the well-remembered car on its way to the house.

Senator Appears Jovial

The senator appeared at 11 o'clock exactly. Walter Mancer, his chauffeur, had driven the car up and was waiting with the tonneau door open.

Dr. Charles Penrose, the senator's brother and physician, appeared first and seemed astonished to see the reporters waiting. A little later the chauffeur brought out a big cushion and the senator's light overcoat. Senator Penrose himself followed a few moments later, walking alone and with a firm step. He smiled at the newspaper men, calling out a greeting in a firm, resonant voice. Doctor Penrose had got into the machine ahead of his brother.

"I'm feeling fine, boys," said the senator. "It's a wonderful day, isn't it? I'm getting back in my old form again, though a bit stiff, as you can see."

"Come on now, don't be fooling around," cautioned Doctor Penrose.

"All right," said the senator. He stopped again, however, to look up and down the street in pleased fashion.

"Come on, now," urged his brother. "We want to get started."

The senator found it hard to climb into the tonneau, and the chauffeur gave him an arm. The senator sat down, smiling. He kept up a quick fire of conversation with the reporters. One remarked on his good color.

"Yes," he replied. "It's wonderful, isn't it, when you consider I have been in the house all this time."

Not long before his illness the senator bought a new car, bigger and brighter, if anything, than the one in which he rode today.

Wants to Test New Car

"I'll have the new machine out in a few days," he said. "It's over in the garage now. Then you can all have a chance to go riding."

The senator put on his overcoat and settled himself comfortably on the cushion. He was wearing a brown suit and tan shoes, the outfit topped with a very large new Panama hat. Though he had lost some weight, his color was almost as rubicund as of old and his eyes were bright and clear. The peculiar vibrant quality of his voice, one of his familiar characteristics, was notably present.

The big red machine was held up a moment by a traffic blockade. Wagons and motortrucks streamed by in a long line, and the senator sat back enjoying the succession of human faces.

Many smiled back at him. Especially the driver of a big department of public works truck. He recognized the "big fellow," and grinned as he went past

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Booze Soon to Be Hardest Thing in the World to Buy

New York, Aug. 3.—Whisky will be one of the hardest things in the world to buy before another month elapses, according to John F. Kramer, United States commissioner of prohibition, who arrived here today from Washington personally to discover if liquor can be bought here as easily as reported.

Mr. Kramer said he based his prediction chiefly on orders issued to the local office to refuse all permits to wholesale dealers in liquor.

MISHAP LAID TO MOTORMAN

Death of Motorist Due to Carelessness, Coroner Declares

Trenton, Aug. 3.—(By A. P.)—Following the death of Alonzo Haring, of Kingersville, Pa., today from injuries received Sunday night, when an automobile truck in which he and his family of ten members were riding near Yardley, Pa., was struck by a trolley car of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Traction Co., District Attorney Keller, of Doylestown, ordered the state police of Pennsylvania to begin an immediate investigation of the accident.

Two daughters, Bessie and Violet, are expected to die. The other injured members of the family will recover.

Coroner Joseph Reading, of this city, issued a certificate giving, as the cause of Haring's death, carelessness of the motorman operating the trolley car.

BACK TO FARM—90 DAYS

Magistrate Gives Prisoners Wish, but Without Pay

"We like farming, Judge, and want to go back to work. We work on a farm near Paoli and get $60 a month."

"Glad you like farming," Magistrate Harris replied, as he judged the case of two men in the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue police station. "I've got just the place for you, but no $60 a month. You're going to the House of Correction for three months. They need farmers."

The men were Frank Sullivan, 3665 Stanton street, and James McHenry, 3614 Calumet street. They were arrested for drunkenness at Ridge and Allegheny avenues last night.

GIRLS ROBBED IN PARK

Policeman Chases Man and Fires at Him Without Results

Screams from an isolated section of League Island Park at 10:30 o'clock last night attracted the attention of Sergeant Gill, of the mounted police. He galloped to the spot just in time to see a man turn and run.

Two girls, clinging to each other, sobbed that they had been held up. The policeman galloped about in the dark seeking for trace of the man. He got a glimpse of him as he vanished into a thicket and fired shots at him but without effect.

MEXICANS SEEK PEACE

De La Huerta Men Confer With Governor Cantu

Mexicali, Lower Calif., Aug. 3.—(By A. P.)—General Angel Flores and Senator Juan Pratt, representatives of the De La Huerta government, today were on the way to Los Angeles, where they expect to telegraph to Mexico City the results of a conference held here with Governor Esteban Cantu, of Lower California.

An effort was made in the conference to compose the differences which caused Cantu to break off relations with the federal government.

HELD FOR SHIRT THEFT

Store at Fifth and South Streets Robbed in Early Morning

Baptista Rizzo, nineteen years old, giving an address on Twelfth street below Washington avenue, was held in $1500 bail for a further hearing today by Magistrate Harrison, charged with the larceny of twenty-one silk shirts from the haberdashery store of Charles Krengel, Fifth and South streets.

The store was robbed, according to the police, about 2 o'clock this morning, entrance being gained by throwing a brick through the plate-glass window. An hour later Patrolmen Marchiano and Rago, of the Seventh and Carpenter streets station, saw a man with a bag acting in a suspicious manner at Eighth and Christian streets. The man, who, according to the police, was Rizzo, dropped the bag and ran on being hailed by the patrolmen. He was caught after a chase of several blocks. The bag was found to contain the twenty-one shirts taken from Krengel's store.

BOLSHEVIKI DELAY PARLEY; WITHIN 60 MILES OF WARSAW

Polish Delegates Sent Back to Capital for Mandate to Sign Peace Protocol

BEATEN ARMIES POUNDED TO PIECES BY RUSSIANS

Soviet Regime Set Up in Parts of Poland Which Bolsheviki Occupy

The Polish armistice delegation not only failed to obtain terms, but was sent back to Warsaw by the Russians, who demanded the emissaries obtain a mandate to take up peace negotiations. This delays even the beginning of the armistice parley until tomorrow at the earliest.

Meanwhile resistance of the Polish armies, which apparently had been stiffening, has again relaxed under tremendous pressure of the Bolsheviki.

Warsaw, from which the Russians now are only sixty miles distant, is critically menaced, if not doomed to capture. Americans remaining there have received official intimation they stay at their own risk.

Coincident with the military Soviet government has been portions of Poland which the Bolsheviki have overrun, Moscow announces.

By the Associated Press

Warsaw, Aug. 2 (delayed).—While this city is impatiently waiting for news of an armistice the Russian Bolsheviki are pounding the Polish armies to pieces over a front of twelve miles at Brest-Litovsk.

This, the last great fortress guarding Warsaw from the east, has apparently fallen before a tremendous assault by the Bolsheviki. North of that place the Russians, advancing rapidly, have penetrated westward to a point only sixty miles east of this city.

Bolshevik hordes are being hurled into battle in a desperate effort to capture Warsaw before the conclusion of the conference at Kobrye. Re-enforcements are everywhere being hurried to this force by the Russians to complete the defeat of the Poles before hostilities are halted.

An official statement last night showed the Soviet armies had a line running from Mossaki to Ciechaniwicz, only sixty miles from this city, with which it is connected by an excellent automobile highway.

Poles Rush Re-enforcements

Great masses of troops have been hurried to the Polish breastwork defending the part of Brest-Litovsk east of the river Bug. Fugitives who arrived here last night from that city reported the Soviet forces were in control of the eastern half of the town. It is officially admitted the Russians have reached Meilnika, northeast of Brest-Litovsk.

Meanwhile, at various distances to the north, northeast and east of the Vistula, in a great semicircle, the work of building trenches and erecting barbed wire defenses is being carried on with great haste.

It is estimated that already about 120 American women and children have left Warsaw, most of them proceeding to Danzig. Many women welfare workers, however, are still attending to their customary duties.

Far to the southeast, near Brody, the Bolsheviki have rushed reenforcements into the line and it is expected a terrific attack will be launched there for the purpose of capturing Lemberg before an armistice is declared.

On the northern sector Soviet troops have advanced and have reached the region of Ostrolensk, sixty-six miles from Warsaw. Cavalry regiments from the extreme tip of the right wing of the advancing Bolsheviki line, and here, too, fresh forces are being brought up. Apparently it is planned to carry the drive much nearer this city before Wednesday, the earliest date set by the Soviet plenipotentiaries for reaching a decision relative to the armistice.

"The Bolsheviki," said last night's official statement, "have reached the line running through Kossaki, Mazowiecz,, Vyszonki, Koscielne and Ciechanowicz.

Defenders Making a Stand

"On the northern front, the line from Ostrolenka to the Prussian frontier is unchanged. In the region of Lomza the Poles are making a stand against Soviet cavalry, but fresh enemy re-enforce-

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GUARD FEDERALIZATION GIVES U. S. 2,000,000 MEN

Process of Enrolling New Units Under New Plan Is Going on at Mount Gretna Camp

By a Staff Correspondent

Camp Wallace W. Fetzer, Mt. Gretna, Pa., Aug. 3.—The new federalization of National Guard troops throughout the country, which includes the 6000 men scheduled to pass through this camp in the next three weeks, is the first big step in a definite military policy that will eventually place 2,000,000 trained men at the service of the government and do away with the necessity of universal military training.

This is the opinion of Major General William G. Price, division commander of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, under whose supervision additional units of troops will be federalized here next week.

"If the federalized National Guard plan is successful, it means that the government will have 450,000 well-trained troops at its call," explained General Price this morning, "and this number plus the 300,000 of the regular army and the proposed federalization of the reserves, will make a total force of 2,000,000 men.

"With a military force of this size in readiness, universal military training, with the immense expense to the country that it would entail, will be entirely unnecessary.

"The federalization act of June 4 puts the National Guard on a new national and professional basis which has distinct advantages both to the organizations and the country.

"It means that the government and not the state pays all the expense of the equipment and maintenance of the organizations. In addition to this and in contrast to the old plan, both enlisted men and officers will be paid for their attendance at drill throughout the year as well as during the summer encampment period.

"The National Guard will also have the advantage of having regular army officers and noncommissioned officers attached, as inspectors and instructors, to the various organizations through the whole year.

"The advantage to the government is that this body of trained men are, for fifty weeks of the year, subsisted in their homes and enabled to work in the productive occupations of civil life."

The National Guard, while still retaining its old name, is no longer a separate military organization. All of the 4000 men now in camp have been federalized under a dual oath of allegiance to the state constitution and the constitution of the United States, and are subject to the call of the Governor of the state and the President of the United States.

In this way the troops can be called directly into the federal service without the involved procedure necessary when the National Guard was called into service at the outbreak of the recent war.

Process of Federalization

In federalizing the guard a company of sixty-five enlisted men under a captain appointed by the Governor of the

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PREDICTS FINDING OF COUGHLIN BABY SOON

Chief Postal Inspector Leonard this afternoon declared that the arrest of "The Crank" at Egg Harbor late yesterday will "result in the recovery of the Coughlin baby." He said "The Crank" would probably be turned over to the state authorities, to be charged with kidnapping, after the inspectors have finished with him. Kidnapping is punishable by life imprisonment. "The Crank" could be given five years on the federal charge of using the mails to defraud.

DE PAIVA TO BE BRAZILIAN VICE PRESIDENT

RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, Aug. 3.—Bueno de Paiva, chairman of the Senate finance commission, has been nominated for the vice presidency of Brazil in succession to Delfin Moreira, who died last month. The election will be held September 5. The nomination, however, is equivalent to an election.

MACKEY MAY QUIT CITY COMMITTEE

Intimates He May Follow Governor's Suggestion After Letting Things "Simmer"

SACRIFICE FOR FRIENDS

Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the state workmen's compensation board, agreeing with Governor Sproul that he should drop ward politics, may withdraw from the Republican city committee.

The Governor, intimating yesterday that he would not "fire" Mackey from the board chairmanship at the demand of the city administration, suggested that Mackey, Vare leader of the Forty-sixth ward, should seek a "broader field" in politics.

Mackey was seated yesterday as city committeeman from the Forty-sixth ward over the vigorous opposition of Moore members of the central body. Asked today if he would resign from the committee, Mr. Mackey said:

"I won't say anything about that right now. I will let the situation simmer awhile."

Wouldn't Desert Friends

The Forty-sixth ward Vare leader was asked today what he thought of Governor Sproul's statement which was made following a week-end trip with Mayor Moore on the city boat M. S. Quay.

"I agree with Governor Sproul that somebody else should run the Forty-sixth ward," he replied, "but the Governor knows that I remained at the front because of a situation which would have caused me to be classed as a deserter from my friends if I had withdrawn.

"I am a student and I prefer to stick in my own library studying the law. At any time that I am in a different situation it is only because of loyalty to my friends."

Mr. Mackey paused for a few moments and added:

"This attack on my by the Mayor was inspired by some one not friendly to party harmony."

Solms May Succeed Him

Mackey's chief lieutenant in the Forty-sixth ward is Benjamin Solms, supervisor of children's agents in the city commissioners' office.

It is believed that if Mackey decides to withdraw from the city committee he may try to seat Solms in his place.

Such a move, as well as the continuance of Mackey in the ward leadership, will be fought by the Moore leaders through a newly organized club, the J. Hampton Moore Republican Club of the Forty-sixth ward.

Mackey was tied for the city committee place with John Fisler, administration leader of the ward. Each had fifty-eight votes. Because of the undecisive ballot, Moore leaders may carry the fight into the courts.

Administration leaders, discussing the possibility of Mackey's withdrawal from ward affairs, say Solms will not be able to carry the ward committee. Mackey, they say, is the one Vare man in the ward who would stand a chance of election to the city committee.

WETS FOR "WETS ONLY"

New Jersey Liquor Dealers Adopt Campaign Slogan

Trenton, Aug. 3.—(By A. P.)—"Wets" and wets only" will be the slogan of the New Jersey Wholesale Dealers' Association in the primary and general election campaigns in this state this year. Announcement to this effect was made today by the J. H. Buckridge, secretary of the New Jersey federation of liquor interests.

To build up the "wet" campaign, Buckridge is sending out circulars urging members of wholesale and retail liquor dealers' organizations to be particularly interested in convention conferences and outings of their respective associations this summer.

The liquor dealers' protective league of New Jersey, which is to hold its convention at Atlantic City September 7, 8 and 9, Buckridge announced, would throw its strength to Cox and Roosevelt and work for wet candidates for Congress and the state legislature regardless of party.

RESOURCE AND SKILL

These are qualities desirable in a good detective.

They are equally desirable in the teller of a good detective story.

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Don't forget to read the first installment of

THE PARADISE MYSTERY

SAY CHRISTIAN ST. IS 'DOPE' CENTER

Is Worth Policeman's Life to Arrest Peddler There, Witnesses Declare

TRIAL OF CAPT. M'COACH

Tales of dope peddling and vice, apparently protected, in the First police division, were related before the Civil Service Commission today.

The occasion was the trial for alleged neglect of duty of Captain David M. McCoach, captain of the division, now under suspension because of the charges.

Christian street, between Eighth and Ninth, is the dope headquarters of the state, City Hall detectives and police officials in the downtown districts declared.

Wholesale dope peddlers ply their business from speedy automobiles ready to make a quick getaway in case of police interference, witnesses said. So intense is their rivalry, it was said, that some wear thin suits of mail under their clothes to prevent serious injury from a knife stroke or revolver shot.

Patrolmen testified that the making of an arrest in some parts of the district is so precarious that the only safe way is to grab the prisoner and run, trusting to getting out of the neighborhood before the prisoner's friends arrive.

Had Pull "Higher Up"

Captain McCoach was relieved from duty last May. The specific charges against him are that he did not suppress the sale of dope, gambling and vice and did not maintain proper discipline or instigate proper investigations of law breaking.

Captain Smiley, of the Fifth district, West Philadelphia, formerly lieutenant in the Nineteenth and Fitzwater streets station, testified that it was almost impossible to keep down the growth of vice when he was there.

"Vice sprang up over night," he said. "The proprietors of houses apparently were protected and running in defiance of the district lieutenant because of knowledge of a 'pull' higher up."

Charles Brendley, a detective from the superintendent of police's office, testified that he made an investigation of conditions in the district bounded by Sixth, Ninth, Christian and Catharine streets and found narcotics being sold openly.

"The district is one of the worst 'trouble districts' in the city," he said. "Shootings and other forms of outlawry vie with dope selling. The uniformed patrolmen could get the same evidence I did if they were properly instructed and encouraged and supported in their work."

Can Buy Dope Anywhere

Daniel Nice, another detective from the superintendent's office, supported Brendle's testimony. It was Nice who said that the Christian street neighborhood was the "dope headquarters of the state."

"But you can buy dope any place in the city if you have money enough to pay the 200 per cent profit asked," he said.

Nice also said that detectives operating in the district frequently received letters threatening their lives if they continued their activities against the dope peddlers.

Acting Captain John Moon, of the First division, admitted that conditions there are still bad, but said they are improving. He also supported the report that Christian street is the state headquarters for dope dispensing.

Between January 23 and June 30 of this year, he said, 173 arrests for dope peddling have been made in the Christian street district and 471 for vice.

"Conditions there are bad," he testified.

Lieutenant Joseph Van Horn, of the Seventh and Carpenter streets station, which embraces the Christian street locality, characterized the conditions as "fair."

District Detectives Joseph McGinn and Ralph Comdico upheld the stories of dope peddling and vice.

Sergeant Harry J. McCarrick, of the Twentieth and Fitzwater streets station, testified that Captain McCoach made frequent rounds of his division and made every effort to correct evil conditions.

J. Washington Logue is attorney for Captain McCoach, and Harry Felix, police bureau lawyer, is prosecuting him.

"GOUGING" ON INCREASE

Massachusetts Commission Notes Activity in Boosting Prices

Boston, Aug. 3.—(By A. P.)—An increased tendency toward profiteering, especially in the meat and produce business, is noted in a report today of the state commission on necessaries of life covering the six months ending July 31.

The cost of living in Massachusetts has increased 1002.6 per cent since 1913, according to the commissioners, who, however, predict an early reduction, due to an abundance of raw materials, prices of which it is pointed out have dropped sharply of late.

Wages as a general rule have kept pace with the advancing costs, the commission says, but adds that in reality the laborer is not as well off as formerly, because of interrupted employment in many lines. Salaries and incomes it finds are still behind the advance in prices.

MAN ARRESTED AS 'THE CRANK' IS UNDER GRILL

Chief Postal Inspector Says Prisoner Is Writer of Letters to Coughlin

LURED TO EGG HARBOR BY PROMISE OF $10,000 RANSOM

Armed Officers Surrounded Suspect in Swamp—Prisoner May Expose Kidnappers

FATHER STILL IS DUBIOUS

Wife Not Told of Latest Development Until Facts Are Proved

BLAKELY COUGHLIN

"The Crank" is now in custody, according to a positive statement made today by George Leonard, chief postal inspector for this district.

"The Crank," so called because of the name he signed to many letters, is the man who claimed he was the kidnapper of Blakely Coughlin, infant son of George A. Coughlin, of Norristown, stolen from his crib June 2.

The father, in response to demands made by "The Crank," placed $12,000 in a place designated at Swedeland. The money was taken, but the child was not returned.

Captured at Egg Harbor

According to the postal inspectors, "The Crank" was caught yesterday afternoon in a swamp near Egg Harbor, N. J., when he went to get an additional sum of $10,000 which the postal inspectors led him to believe had been hidden there.

"I can say positively 'The Crank' is in custody," said Leonard today. "I do not know where he is at present. I do know positively that he is with the inspectors from this department. By early afternoon I expect to be able to divulge the whole story, the whereabouts of 'The Crank' and the manner of his arrest. There is no doubt whatever about the identity of the man under arrest. I cannot tell anything more about him at this time."

Coughlin Is Dubious

"We have exhausted ourselves to such an extent mentally and physically that we have now assumed an 'I'm from Missouri' attitude," said Mr. Coughlin as he sat on the porch of the summer home at Curran Terrace from which the baby was kidnapped. He refused to place any credence in the report that "The Crank" had been arrested yesterday near Egg Harbor.

"I'm waiting," he said stoically, as he nervously smoked a cigarette, crossed and recrossed his legs and made an ill-concealed effort to hide his emotion.

"Up to date," he said, "we have heard nothing. I am keeping my wife in her room. Her hopes must not be raised again until we know positively that the man who abducted Blakely is in the toils of justice.

"Countless times her hopes have been raised by stories without foundation only to be shattered again."

According to Adolph Goller, mayor of Egg Harbor, a force of 110 postal inspectors, with two bloodhounds, were engaged for several days in investigations around Egg Harbor. Their search took them to various towns in the neighborhood.

Says Prisoner Is Foreigner

The mayor said he learned they were postal inspectors when he became suspicious of so many strange men, all of them armed, in the district, and they showed him their credentials.

The mayor saw the suspect after he had been captured yesterday, and describes him as a foreigner of middle age, apparently a working man but well dressed.

Mayor Goller said the trap was set for the alleged kidnapper with the greatest secrecy.

"My first intimation that anything was afoot," he said, "was when Egg Harbor police began reporting suspicious characters in and around the town, all of them armed.

"I immediately ordered a round-up of the strange men. The first one approached quietly showed his credentials as a postal inspector.

"The chief postal inspector then took me into his confidence and explained that he had 110 men in Egg Harbor, Mays Landing, Hammonton, Elwood and Pomona.

Had Bloodhounds at Work

"He told me the men also had two bloodhounds and were prepared for a chase in the event the man attempted to escape.

"Yesterday morning the postal inspectors redoubled their watch of all railroad stations, while a score of men hid themselves in the underbrush at a spot a mile from Egg Harbor, where, I was told, 'The Crank' was to come for his ransom.

"The postal men did not know of

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