

NAB TWO IN THEFT OF SCHWAB CASKET

Former Wideher Servant and Seaman Are Accused of Selling Gold Box in Germany

WORTH \$10,000; GOT \$450

Einar Dietrichsen, who says he was a steward in the employ of Joseph E. Widener, of Philadelphia and Elkins Park, on Mr. Widener's yacht, is held in New York on the charge of having stolen a \$10,000 gold casket from the New York home of Charles M. Schwab. Dietrichsen was arrested, with George Williams, a seaman, when the steamship Mongolia docked at New York yesterday. Disclosures from Berlin in recent weeks have been that many valuable jewels and art objects were being smuggled from this country, after having been stolen here, and were being disposed of in Berlin at figures which were ridiculous when compared to real values.

The Berlin adviser told of the finding of a massive gold casket which it was believed had been the property of Charles M. Schwab, whose New York home is at Seventy-third street and Riverside drive. Investigation revealed that the casket, presented to Mr. Schwab by the city of Baltimore nearly two years ago, had been stolen.

Dietrichsen and Williams were both under suspicion because of cubical descriptions and knowledge that the men had been employed when ashore in the homes of wealthy New Yorkers and Philadelphia. They were arrested when the vessel docked, and were grilled later by Inspector Coughlin and Detectives Regan and Repton.

Dietrichsen, it is declared, confessed the theft of the casket while employed as an assistant butler in Mr. Schwab's home, but said that Williams had disposed of the casket in Berlin for 15,000 marks, or about \$450 at present exchange rates, and that he had been given only \$10 for his work in stealing a \$10,000 object.

He further said he had worked at different times for the Vanderbilt and Bliss families, and after stealing the casket and leaving Mr. Schwab's employ he went direct to Philadelphia and secured employment with the Widener family.

The men will be charged with grand larceny and will have a hearing today in New York.

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To discuss what it terms the most critical situation it has ever faced, the board of directors of the Philadelphia Society for Organizing Charity will have its annual meeting at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the foyer of the Academy of Music. The public is invited to hear why the society has a deficit of \$28,000 and is so far from meeting its normal budget of \$250,000 a year that it lacks \$15,000 of the \$21,000 it needs for the month of December.

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THINK DEAD MAN SLAIN

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The crew of a Chester-bound trolley found him on the roadside, unconscious and suffering from a puncture wound at the end of the spine and cuts on the head. He never regained consciousness to explain whether he had met with an accident or foul play. Evidence of a struggle close by have led the Chester police to think he was murdered.

Cuts Wrist With Razor
Despondent, police say, because of ill health, Charles Ayllis, forty-four years old, 813 Berks street, who has lived the life of a recluse for several years, attempted to end his life at his home last night by cutting his wrists with a razor. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital.

BIG TREE HERE MONDAY

80-Foot Maine Balsam to Decorate City Hall Court

The giant Christmas tree, which is on its way here from Maine, which is to be placed in the City Hall courtyard, is attracting attention at all points along the route it is traveling.

The tree, which is expected to arrive next Monday, was last heard from when it passed through Northumberland, Pa., where it created a sensation and was the object of much admiration.

The tree, ordered at the Mayor's direction by Henry T. Baxter, chief of the Bureau of City Property, is a balsam and the largest that could be found in the state of Maine. It is about eighty feet high. Owing to its length, two flat freight cars were necessary to transport it. A third car is loaded with fifty small trees to be used in decorating the Mayor's reception room in the City Hall during the holidays.

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 - The Angels' Song.....John Spencer Camp
- TABLEAU—THE ANNUNCIATION
- 'Tis the Time for Mirth.....Nicholas Saboly (1614-1675)
Harmonized by DAVID STANLEY SMITH
 - Song of the Christ Child.....Geo. L. Osgood
- TABLEAU—THE WISE MEN
- TABLEAU—THE NATIVITY
- Unfold Ye Portals (from "The Redemption").....Chas. Gounod
- TABLEAU—CHRISTMAS CHIMES
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