

\$14,000 IN BOOTY TAKEN BY THIEVES

Burglars Smash Tea Merchant's Trunk, Taking \$2250 in Liberty Issues

WOMAN'S HOME IS LOOTED

Thieves, window smashers and hold-up men obtained loot valued at more than \$14,000 in different sections of the city late last night and early today.

Furs worth \$5000, Liberty Bonds amounting to \$2250, and six automobiles worth another \$5000 are included in the plunder. Several house robberies were reported.

Three thieves, operating in an automobile, took the furs from the establishment of M. Gittelman & Sons, Arch street east of Tenth. They halted the car at the curb line and smashed a window with a brick.

Yoshi Hashimoto, Japanese tea merchant, who had invested his surplus cash in Liberty bonds, reported to the police that a thief had forced entrance to his apartment, Pine street above Ninth, and smashed open a trunk. Four bonds of \$500 denomination, two of \$100 denomination, one \$50 bond and \$40 in cash were taken, the total loss being in the neighborhood of \$2000, based on the present values of Liberty bonds.

House Robbed of \$500
During the absence of the family of Mrs. Margaret Steppberger the house at 4880 Fleming street was robbed. Mrs. Steppberger reported to the police her loss exceeded \$500 in jewelry, clothing and silverware.

Six automobiles were reported stolen. A \$1500 car, owned by Joseph Lang, of 1037 South Fifth street, was taken from Fifth and Lombard streets and later found abandoned at Fourth and Wharton streets. Herbert S. Wessler, of 2021 North Park avenue, missed a \$900 machine from in front of his home.

A \$1200 car, owned by Charles M. Weatherly, of Red Bank, N. J., was stolen from Twelfth and Locust streets. Frank G. English, of 1009 North Fifteenth street, reported the theft of a \$1200 car from the Board and Spruce streets. Willie John F. Meisenberger, of 3816 Pulaski avenue, was visiting friends at 1205 South Bucknell street, a thief drove off with his machine, valued at \$1300. An \$800 car, owned by B. A. Wilson, of 2214 South Twentieth street, disappeared from Sixteenth and Market streets.

Take Alleged Car Thieves
Two alleged automobile thieves were arrested last night by Abington police, who took them from a southbound trolley car on the Old York road. The men gave their names as George Johnson, twenty-one years old, 48 East Horter street, Germantown, and Theodore Jay, 6062 Germantown avenue, Germantown.

When Policeman Steppberger and McKee arrived at the station a telephone message had been received of a car abandoned on the Easton highway, north of Willow Grove, an hour previously, and the suspects admitted they had abandoned the car.

Police found the machine had been driven with licenses issued to Clay H. Kohler, of Easton, Pa. In one of the car pockets they found the real license tags for the car, issued to S. F. Kramer, 1305 Sixty-eighth avenue, Oak Lane.

Efforts will be made to connect the

men with the theft of Dr. Frederic Beale's car from the Huntington Valley Country Club, 1 Noble, last Friday. The Easton authorities will be communicated with in the matter of the theft of the Kohler car. Failure to connect the men with the theft of the Beale car will mean they will be turned over to the Philadelphia authorities.

Jewelry Stolen
Jewelry and clothing, valued at \$30, were taken from the home of Alvin Zimmerman, 804 North Sixty-fourth street. Entrance was gained by breaking a panel in the front door. Clothing and silverware, worth \$104, were stolen from the home of Jean B. McCormick, 6434 Emien street, Germantown. Thieves entered the home of Louis Taylor, 302 Sears street, and stole clothing worth \$50. From the home of Mrs. Mattie Pickle, at 35 State street, \$50 in clothing was taken.

Because he refused to throw up his hands at the command of two Negro bandits last night, Albert Que, twenty-three of 3011 Market street, is in St. Joseph's hospital suffering from injuries received when the bandits struck him on the head with a lead pipe.

When he regained consciousness in the hospital, Que said the Negroes approached him at Sixteenth street and Columbia avenue and after knocking him unresponsive stole his watch and chain valued at \$100.

For the second time within a month, the week-end campaign by the police department has resulted in the arrest of more than 1000 persons. Saturday afternoon, 180 picked men in civilian clothes went out under special orders of Assistant Superintendent Ferguson to investigate clubs and social organizations where gambling was suspected. That squad worked in conjunction with 400 men assigned to run down automobile bandits and highwaymen until long after midnight.

GUN SCARED STOREKEEPER
Sailor, A. W. O. L., Arrested When Revolver Drops Out of Pocket

When a revolver slipped out of the pocket of a visitor to his store early last evening, Lewis Freedman, proprietor of a haberdashery store at 301 South street, thought that he was the victim of a hold-up and called for the police.

Patrolman Miller, of the Third and De Laneoy streets station, who responded to Freedman's call, then placed under arrest Samuel Abrams, nineteen years old, of 209 Lombard street.

Abrams was given a warning this morning before Magistrate Harrigan, at the Third and De Laneoy streets police station, where he confessed that he was a sailor on board the U. S. S. Manning, now at Baltimore, Md., and that he had been absent from his ship without leave for four days. He explained that he entered Freedman's store last evening to get some money changed and that when he reached into his pocket his revolver dropped to the floor, causing Freedman to call for the police.

Magistrate Harrigan did not believe Freedman's charge that the sailor had planned to hold him up, so he turned Abrams over to the local naval authorities, owing to the fact that he was absent without leave from his ship.

Three Wills Probated Today
Wills probated today were those of Mary A. McMill, 1254 North Fifty-sixth street, \$37,000; Elizabeth Taws, 6654 Lincoln drive, \$19,000, and J. Miller, 2315 North Eleventh street.

Executives were filed in the estates of Josephine C. Mehl, 5230 15; Janna Goetz, \$16,518.93; William A. Suitts, \$5422.65. Letters of administration were granted in the estate of Charles Haux, 1394 North Twentieth street, \$30,000.

ALLEGED ROBBER SHOT IN CHASE

Man Caught Prowling in Rear of Store Tries to Escape When Arrested

WOUND IS NOT SERIOUS

Patrolman Kean, of the Fifty-fifth and Pine streets station, early today saw a man prowling about trying window in the neighborhood of Cobbs Creek Park. Kean followed the man to the American Stores at Sixty-first and Lombard streets, where he was playing a flashlight on the window in the rear of the store. Kean demanded an explanation. The man said he lived there and had lost the key to the door. The patrolman said he would have to take him to the police station and have him identified. The man tried to escape and Kean was forced to pull his gun.

"Now will you come?" the officer asked. But before he could receive an answer the gun had been dashed from his hand and he was also knocked down. The man ran east on Hazel

avenue with Kean in hot pursuit. The officer fired two shots, the last one taking effect, lodging in the intruder's back. At Sixtieth street and Hazel avenue Patrolman Clark jumped on the man's back and held him until Kean caught up.

Lieutenant Montgomery and Sergeant Connelly, who were making the rounds in search of highwaymen, heard the shots and rushed to the scene. They found the two patrolmen standing by the man. He was placed in the lieutenant's car and taken to the Mierford Hospital, where it is said his condition is not serious.

A flashlight and screw driver were found in his possession. At the hospital he gave his name as Charles H. Sturges, thirty-four years old, with no address.

JAMES TRIAL TOMORROW

Man Indicted in Camden Bank Messenger Murder to Face Court

Jointly indicted with Raymond W. Schuck for the murder of David S. Paul, Camden bank messenger, who was slain October 5, Frank J. James will go on trial tomorrow in the Camden Criminal Court before Supreme Court Justice Katzenbach.

It has been rumored that the insanity plea intended for James by his counsel will be abandoned. Instead a fight will be made to save the accused from the electric chair. Counsel for James would not confirm reports that the three alienists who examined James had agreed that the prisoner is sane.

Schuck, the other prisoner, will go on trial on January 4.

FRENCH PLAYS AT PENN

Student Clubs Will Present Two Comedies Tonight

The Cercle Francais and the Salon Francais, the men's and women's French clubs of the University of Pennsylvania, will give their preliminary show at 8:30 o'clock this evening at the Philomusian Club, 3914 Walnut street.

The "prelim" show this year will consist of two short plays, "La Grammaire," by Labiche, and "L'Etincelle," by Pailleur. They were coached by Prof. Albert Hurlbut.

The leading players are Gaston Cournoyer, president of the Cercle; Dorothy Buckley, Estelle Newman and Francis Taylor. Both plays are light comedies.

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