

2 HOLD-UPS HEAD LIST OF CRIMES

Pedestrian Is Relieved of \$200 While Woman in Store is Threatened by Men

ALARM SCARES ROBBERS

Two hold-ups headed the list of crimes reported last night. In both cases guns were used by the bandits to terrify their victims.

For thieves, window smashers, pick-pockets, automobile thieves and just plain sneak thieves combined to make the final report at City Hall like a P. R. T. traffic report, in so far as figures were concerned.

Police now believe the woman driver of the hand car who made her escape and drove two companions to safety with several policemen firing shots at the automobile in which the three were riding, was also connected with the robbery of a man downtown, early yesterday.

Three young men walked into a grocery store at Mather and Lippincott streets, late last night. Mrs. Nellie Rietz, owner, was preparing to close the shop for the night, and was standing behind the counter, near the cash register.

The bandits pointed guns at the woman and told her to make no outcry, or they would kill her. Then one man reached over the counter, opened the cash register and took \$30. All three men backed to the doorway and then turned around.

Herbert S. Frientun, of 6200 Woodland avenue, was held up by two men as he neared his home last night. One man pointed a revolver at Frientun, and asked "got any money? We want it. Hand it over."

Frientun handed over a roll of bills amounting to \$200. The men then turned around and walked away. Frientun followed them for a short distance, but they did not look back.

Frientun gave up his watch and chain, worth \$100. The diamond stickpin looks good. Frientun removed the \$75 gem and "passed it over."

"Run along now. Don't look back, or we'll shoot you," the men said. Frientun "ran along"—or walked rapidly. He did not look back. The police are doing the looking—for the bandits.

William Brooks, furrier, 4808 Baltimore avenue, carried a \$50,000 stock of furs for the Christmas season. He put on a burglar alarm as a protective measure, and it was a good move. Furtive thieves who tried to gain an entrance set off the alarm, and then angrily hurled a brick through a big show window. When Brooks looked out an upstairs window after the crash all he could see was the tail lights of a motor-truck disappearing over Baltimore avenue.

Escape After Gun Fight Investigation has virtually satisfied the police that John J. Gildea was held up by the same gang of two men and one woman who were interfered with while attempting to break into a West Philadelphia house. The police have good descriptions following the gun fight with the men and the woman as they escaped over Fifty-second street, with the woman at the wheel of the car. Gildea was held up two hours after the West Philadelphia affair and was robbed of \$155.

After a chase along the water front, in which many shots were fired, Police-man Monaghan, of the Third district, arrested Walter Jones, a Negro, of



GEORGINA W. DEAN Of Washington, She named the Lone Star State at the New York Shipyard in Camden Yesterday

Twelfth and South streets, who is charged with attempting to steal fifty-two pairs of shoes and a phonograph from the Pine street wharf. Jones was held in \$1500 bail for court by Magistrate Harrigan.

Thieves stole fifty-three phonograph records from a physician in front of the store of the Louis Buchs Co., 833 Arch street. They had been placed there ready for shipment to Pittman, N. J.

The records were valued at \$60. Thieves took \$50 and silverware from the home of Mrs. Anna Christine, 1803 South Ringgold street, after forcing a side window. Two batteries, valued at \$30, were stolen from the motortruck of the Camden Tobacco Co., Broadway, Camden, which was standing at Twentieth street and Montgomery avenue.

Five automobiles were stolen, one of them by taxiab strikers, it is believed. While Edward Bradford, of 1813 Vine street, was telephoning from his stand at the West Philadelphia station, Thirtieth and Market streets, strikers took a \$3000 Quaker City taxiab which they later wrecked and abandoned at Thirty-eighth street and Powelton avenue.

The \$850 touring car of George Fine, 5829 Catherine street, was taken from in front of his home, Harry Paul, 239 Lombard street, reported the theft of his automobile from Third and Catherine streets. A \$350 roadster, owned by Samuel Sussman, 5609 Springfield avenue, was taken from Eighth and Arch streets.

Judge Monaghan imposed a sentence of three years in the county prison on Thomas McAuliffe, on a charge of larceny. Three years is the maximum sentence for larceny. The defendant was convicted of assault and battery and robbery as well as on the charge of larceny, but Judge Monaghan ruled that an atrocious robbery with the use of a weapon had not taken place and sentenced the defendant only for larceny.

McAuliffe engaged S. Litzman, of 226 North Twelfth street, in conversation in a saloon on December 6 and then throwing his arm around Litzman's neck stole his pocketbook containing \$7. The defendant is an old offender, having been arrested seventeen times.

P. R. T. VALUE HEARING JAN. 5 Hearings on the valuation of the P. R. T. system before the Public Service Commission will start on January 5. This will be a crucial test for the company as a ruling on a permanent fare will be based on the value of the P. R. T.'s entire system.

FAMILY OVERCOME BY GAS ON VISIT

N. J. Man, Together With Wife and Child, Found in Stupor in N. Eleventh Street Room

SPENDING CHRISTMAS HERE

A family from Cedarville, N. J., who came to this city yesterday on a Christmas visit, were found early this morning in a semiconscious state in their apartment at 140 North Eleventh street. It is believed by the police that one of the family blew out the gas and all inhaled the poison while asleep.

About 3:20 o'clock this morning, Mrs. Catherine Miller, wife of David Miller, the owner of the rooming house on Eleventh street, awoke and heard a strange moaning. At first she thought it was her dog, but when it continued for an hour she called to her husband and asked him to investigate. He went to the second-floor back room, which Charles Stahl, his wife Fannie and their two and a half-year-old son, Kenneth had rented yesterday afternoon.

His knock on the door at first brought no response, but when repeated, a weak voice said "Yes."

"Open the door," shouted Miller, pounding upon it, and the reply came, "Open it."

By this time Miller had smelled gas, and he broke open the door and found the family of three all partially unconscious and lying partly on the bed and partly on the floor.

Miller immediately notified the police of the Eleventh and Winter streets station, and a patrol took the gas-poisoned family to the Haberman Hospital. Stahl, who is forty-five years old, has an artificial leg and a crippled arm, and it was with great difficulty that he was gotten out of the room and down the stairs into the patrol.

Although their condition is serious, all were reported as likely to recover by physicians. Mrs. Stahl, who is the least affected, said she had not smelled any gas and did not remember whether she had turned on or blown out the jet before going to bed.

Miller, however, said the jet was turned on when he first entered the chamber. Police do not suspect an attempt at suicide.

Autotruck Damaged by Fire An automobile truck owned by Cosmo Dobello, of 2508 Richmond street, caught fire early this morning near the corner of Beech and Palmer streets.

The fire extinguished before the arrival of the firemen who were summoned by Dobello. The damage was very slight and is estimated at less than \$100.

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"GOOSE HANGS HIGH"

Christmas Present Excuse Doesn't Go and Robert Pays With 10 Days

BULLET WOUND FATAL

Four Are Arrested as Result of Shooting in Market Street Garage

James Brannon, thirty years old, a Negro, of 1902 Ogden street, died as he was being taken to the Haberman Hospital from a bullet wound through his head, received at 7 o'clock this morning in Paul's garage, 1608 Market street.

The bullet entered Brannon's right eye and came out the back of his head. According to investigations made by Detectives McFarland and Haggerty, of the Twentieth district, James Lewis, a Negro, of 730 South Fifteenth street, accidentally shot Brannon while they were both examining the Lewis revolver.

Four men, all Negroes, were arrested. They are, besides Lewis, who lives at 739 South Fifteenth street, Frank Brown, 143 Nectarine street, Sam Handon, 215 Jessup street, and Lord Morgan, 1929 Ulmer street.

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