

INCENDIARY GIVES DETAILS OF FIRES

Firebug, in Confession, Tells How He Terrorized Whole District—Gets Long Term

BURNED THIRTY BUILDINGS

Uniontown, Pa., Feb. 3.—Exact details as to how he fired or attempted to set fire to thirty buildings are contained in a written confession of Albert Smith, who has been sentenced to the Western Penitentiary for a virtual life term.

"My first fire was on October 28, 1920, when I set fire to the Mason school house. I got a piece of oil waste from the Pittsburgh Steel Co. plant at Monessen and, after lighting it, I placed it in room No. 7. The building was entirely destroyed. My next fire was the Winsans dance hall. I set that on fire by using a potato sack in our cellar and I got the potato sack in our cellar and the oil from one of our lamps. I started the blaze under the front steps of the dance hall.

"At Charles Lynn's barn I piled straw up against the door and set a match to it. At Braznell I set fire to a school house by using oil rags and the window blind. I don't know whether or not it burned down. At Andrew Brown's barn I used a pile of straw and a match to start the blaze, which burned the building. Then I set a house on fire on the hill nearby. But just as I left Brown's barn I yelled fire. But at the white house which I fired after the barn, I used carbon oil, a pint of which I carried in a bottle. There were rags hanging on the clothes line and I used them with the oil to start the blaze. I think a family by the name of Lutes lived there.

Threw Gravestone Into Church

"Then came the little red church. I guess it's the Redstone Church. I threw a gravestone through a window, tore up a song book, saturated a rag with oil and applied a match. They say the church didn't burn, but I started a pretty nice fire there. At the Albert Smith house nearby, I took two brooms, put them together and with a bundle of papers I placed up against the house I started the blaze.

"There was a bench on the back porch of the John Jane house, under which there were shoes and a sack. I lit the sack and put it over the shoes. I guess there wasn't much damage there. Before going home that night I took an oily flower out of a vase and with a candle I set the whole business on fire. With rags, carpet and a broom I started another fire in a house nearby. I took paper out of a toilet, got a sack from a coal house and fired another house close there. I had no oil then.

Matches and Hay Fire Barn

"Then I set fire to the barn with plain matches and hay. Just as I started this fire I saw a little red brick house nearby, which I marked and tried to set it on fire with a piece of sack from a pig pen. At the home of a man by the name of Grant I took a sack, put carbon oil on it, got a board, put that on the end of it and placed it under the porch. I got the sack I used there and the part of a sack and paper. I used to set fire to 'Jack's' store in my own cellar. At the store I placed the fire back of a window screen. I placed oil in a bucket and set it on fire under steps at the home of Albert Montgomery. I took oily waste from a railroad car, placed it up against a door of the Favette City Lumber Co.'s plant and applied a match.

Similar methods were followed in a score of the fires. Questioned as to his motives, the youth could give no reason, except an impulse to burn. Revenge for fancied wrongs also played a part in the destruction of property.

JURY RELIES ON PRAYER

Kansas City Clergyman Has Vision of Prisoner's Innocence  
Kansas City, Feb. 3.—A jury in Circuit Court yesterday prayed and then returned a verdict acquitting W. V. Spencer of a charge of murder. Spencer killed Elmer Bennett during a night in a rooming house. His plea was self-defense.

Later the foreman of the jury, J. E. Foulkes, an ordained minister, explained that as he prayed, the principals of the killing appeared before him in a vision. Spencer, he said, was surrounded with a bright glow while Bennett appeared in a darkness.

"Then it was I decided that death was not the truth," said Foulkes. The vision appeared to him, Foulkes said, after the first ballot. When the second ballot was taken, he said, the verdict was for acquittal.

MAIDS OF NIPPON STUDY SILK MAKING



These dainty little ladies presented themselves at the School of Industrial Art yesterday and announced they wanted to see how silk was made in America. They saw. They can't speak a word of English, but through an interpreter they told an interviewer they liked American clothes and American dancing. The young women are (reading from left to right) the Misses T. Nakagawa, Y. Nakada, K. Yoshiohka and S. Gomi

FRESHMAN HELD FOR THEFT

Wesleyan University Student Said to Have Robbed Philadelphia Middletown, Conn., Feb. 3.—Seymour W. Ely, of Yonkers, a freshman in Wesleyan University, was arrested in the Middlesex Hospital yesterday charged with theft of \$100 from W. R. Stecker, of South Philadelphia, Pa., also a freshman in the university. Dr. Edgar Fawcett, of the college faculty, and Captain Robert T. Harley, of the state police, announced that Ely had confessed that he committed a dozen or more thefts in a Wesleyan dormitory. A score of thefts from Wesleyan students since last fall were under investigation, when Ely was found last Thursday night unconscious in his dormitory room. An hour later he regained consciousness at the hospital, and told members of the faculty that he had been attacked by a robber in his room. Tuesday night Ely admitted he had assaulted himself, using a poise to render himself insensible after he had disarranged the furniture and lacerated his face with a razor blade. Ely was bundled into the police patrol yesterday in his pajamas and taken to the police station.

\$150,000 FOR CHILDISH CRY

Bequest Follows Warning of Danger Twenty Years Ago  
Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 2.—A childish cry that warned Mrs. Anna Potter of impending danger from a toppling chimney during a windstorm twenty years ago, has resulted in Mrs. Ella Potter Jones inheriting the entire estate of the late Eli Potter, insurance man. The estate is valued at \$150,000. The will of Mr. Potter, which was filed Tuesday for probate, contains this paragraph: "Twenty years ago a little girl named Ella Drysdale probably saved the life of my wife when she was threatened by a tottering chimney. The childish cry resulted in our raising this little girl, who was known until her marriage as Ella Potter. In consideration of this service it is my desire that she inherit all my property except the sum of \$50, which I bequeath to my sister, Eliza Huse."

PHONES WITH HANDS BOUND

Woman, Victim of Robbers, Uses Her Teeth to Lift Receiver  
New York, Feb. 3.—Bound and gagged by two robbers who entered her brother's house in Kearny, N. J., yesterday, while she was alone, Mrs. Paul Hart, of California, displaced the gag by rubbing her head against a staircase, crawled to a telephone and lifting the receiver off with her teeth set a call for help over the wire that brought police to her rescue. When Mrs. Hart, who was alone in the house, answered the doorbell the robbers, at the point of a revolver, backed Mrs. Hart into the kitchen, where they gagged her with a towel. Then they dragged her to a bedroom, tore a sheet into strips and bound her wrists and ankles. Then they started a search of the house but found nothing and disappeared. When the police arrived they found the doors locked. They broke in and released Mrs. Hart.

NEW JUDGES URGED FOR JERSEY COURT

Walker Backs Rowland's Bill for Two Additional Vice Chancellors

PLAN NEW UTILITY BODY

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger  
Trenton, Feb. 3.—Chancellor Walker, head of the Court of Chancery, is authority for the statement that there is real need for the appointment of two additional vice chancellors, making ten assistants for the state's equity court. Provision for the appointment of the two extra vice chancellors is made in the bill by Assemblyman T. Harry Rowland, of Camden, offered in the Legislature this week.

Lawyers and litigants realize the volume of work piling up in the Court of Chancery. Vice chancellors are compelled to hold open court at least five days a week, the sixth day being given over to reference work. South Jersey lawyers, other than those in Camden, are subjected to most inconvenience by reason of having only one vice chancellor, Edmund B. Learning.

Mention Atlantic City Man  
Political equilibrium of the equity court is maintained. The eight vice chancellors were selected because of allegiance to either one of the major political parties. Creation of two new jurists will involve the selection probably of a Republican from South Jersey and a Democrat from the northern tier of counties, where the state's legal business is heaviest.

George Bourgeois, of Atlantic City, is mentioned in connection with one of the appointments. William B. Gourley, of Paterson, is spoken of here as a possible appointee from North Jersey. Adoption by the Senate of the Wallworth bill to reorganize the Public Utility Commission raises a fair presumption that the measure will be supported by the Republican House. Irrespective of whether the Court of Errors and Appeals sustains or reverses Governor Edwards' action in dismissing the old board.

Camden county representatives are credited with the move to bring about a new deal in public utility regulation.

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and the Wallworth bill is their solution. Retaining appointment in the governor, concessions are exacted from him in preventing dismissals.

Must Withdraw Names

The governor will be faced with the possible embarrassment of withdrawing two and possibly five of the nominations to a new utility board. The Wallworth reorganization bill calls for three nominees. An executive veto may await the bill, but the Republicans have the votes to take care of a veto. Rejection or withdrawal of pending nominations would leave the governor a free hand to select men for the new three-man board.

John J. Treacy, of Jersey City, Democrat, member of the utility board in 1920 under which an engineering firm is valuing the property of the Public Service Railway Co. in New Jersey. The league is carrying on a campaign to secure amendment of the law so that the valuation report will not be mandatory upon the utility board in fixing rates. Senator Parry, of Essex, has out-

terred a bill to permit the valuation determined upon under the jurisdiction of the state valuation commission to be only an element in arriving at a basis upon which trolley rates shall be fixed.

Plot to Blow Up Legion Building  
Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 3.—An attempt to dynamite the American Legion building here last night was frustrated by Henry G. Lancaster, a legionary, who discovered the smoking fuse of a package of dynamite planted beneath a corner of the building and stamped it out.

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Uncut Stone Weighs 630 Carats and Was Mined in South America  
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To Wed Girl He Met in Poland

Harrisburg, Feb. 3.—The engagement of Dr. George R. Moffitt, former city bacteriologist, and Miss Lilian J. Gustin, of Harrisburg, Pa., was announced yesterday. Dr. Moffitt was a major during the late war and was sent to Poland on typhus service. There he met Miss Gustin. Both recently returned to America.

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First Mortgages on Real Estate... \$16,093,079.43  
U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds (Amortized Value)... 4,896,138.49  
Municipal, Railroad and Corporation Bonds (Authorized Value)... 10,961,463.59  
Real Estate Owned... 1,675,081.83  
Loans on Policies... 7,113,757.31  
Loans on Collateral... 106,000.00  
Bank and other Stocks (Market Value December 31, 1920)... 164,592.54  
Cash in Banks and in Office... 416,307.35  
Premiums in Course of Collection... 1,306,772.63  
Interest and Rents Due and Accrued... 561,770.33  
\$43,294,963.50

LIABILITIES  
Reserve for Mature Policy Contracts... \$38,016,445.57  
Reserve for Policy Claims Awaiting Proof... 171,158.37  
Reserve for Premium Reductions for 1921... 1,169,326.16  
Reserve for Deferred Distribution Policies... 1,660,633.02  
Reserve for Apportioned Surplus Left on Deposit at Interest... 310,234.65  
Premiums and Interest Prepaid... 258,792.74  
Federal and State Taxes Accrued but not Due... 133,705.86  
Miscellaneous Liabilities... 99,368.15  
Reserve for Contingencies (Surplus)... 1,475,298.98  
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