

FACTORY IS LOOTED OF \$10,000 IN CLOTH

Burglar Alarm Rang at 140 N. 12th St., but Protective Co. Thought Wires Were Crossed

THIEVES USE TRUCK

Robbers who set off a burglar-alarm system breaking into the factory of Lindy and Amsterdam, manufacturers of women's waists and dresses, at 140 North Twelfth street, rigged up a "detective alarm" of their own, then stole \$10,000 worth of dresses and cloth.

The robbery occurred at 1:45 o'clock yesterday morning. It was "discovered" by an electric burglar-alarm company, whose apparatus was set off when the robbers cut a pane out of a second-story window and removed an inside screen, but operatives who came on the run and could find nothing set the alarm down to crossed wires and went back to their office.

Class from the second-story rear window with a glass cutter. They then turned back the window catch and removed a protective inside screen. In doing so they set off the electric burglar alarm. It ran in the office of the protective company, a half mile away, at 1:45 o'clock.

Two operatives were sent to the factory. They tried the doors and found them locked. They had no key. As they could find nothing wrong they returned to their office, and after trying to get the partners in the firm, Albert Lindy, 1539 North Sixth street, and Louis Amsterdam, 3077 Fontaine street, on the telephone, gave the matter up. They did not notify police.

At 11 o'clock yesterday, Patrolman Simpson, who lives at 141 North Camac street, the one of which abuts upon the rear of the factory, noticed the broken window and telephoned to the Eleventh and Winter streets station. He was off duty and looking out of his own back window. He told police he thought something was wrong at the factory and district detectives were sent.

District Detective Walls got the partners on the telephone and they accompanied him through the factory. The workrooms had been almost cleared out. Finished dresses and waists as well as bolts of silk and cloth had been taken.

Police found the robbers had fixed a string to a small electric-light bulb and strung it down to the first floor from the ceiling, evidently leaving one of their number there on guard, to pull the string and extinguish the light if any one tried to enter. This was to be the signal for all to get out.

Police believe the stolen goods were carried piece by piece to the open sewer and dropped from the shed roof to waiting confederates, who placed them on the big truck.

Residents of the neighborhood say they saw a big truck, burgling around Quarry street, which runs near the rear of the factory, early yesterday morning. Police saw this truck unobscuredly was used to haul away the robbers' plunder.

The thieves went through a blind alley leading from Quarry street, waded a shed roof and removed a pane of

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PUT OFF INSURANCE HEARING

Case of Amos Knight, Accused of Conspiracy, Postponed. The hearing of Amos Knight, one of the alleged conspirators arrested in the war between several insurance adjusting companies and the State Insurance Department, has been postponed at the request of the prosecution, owing to the absence of counsel, who is engaged elsewhere.

No date has been fixed for the further hearing, but it will likely go over until November 30. Knight's arrest followed that of Insurance Commissioner Donaldson, who is under \$10,000 bail to appear in court together with George McCann, a private detective, and John Fox, a watchman, employed in a Walnut street building. They are all charged with conspiracy.

It is alleged by the insurance adjusters who caused the arrests that their telephone wires were tapped and that papers were taken from the office of Milton Young, an adjuster. Mr. Donaldson admitted making the investigation, but said he was on the hunt for a firing syndicate which is alleged to have been operating in this city.

Arrest Trenton Autoist. Peter Cramer, of Trenton, is under arrest here, charged with driving an

automobile while he was intoxicated, as a result of his having run into the automobile of Alfred Crawford, of 3 and Venango streets, at Broad and Bristol streets last night. Cramer, when taken to the City Hall by Policeman Bunn, was examined by Dr. Egan, who stated he was under the influence of liquor.

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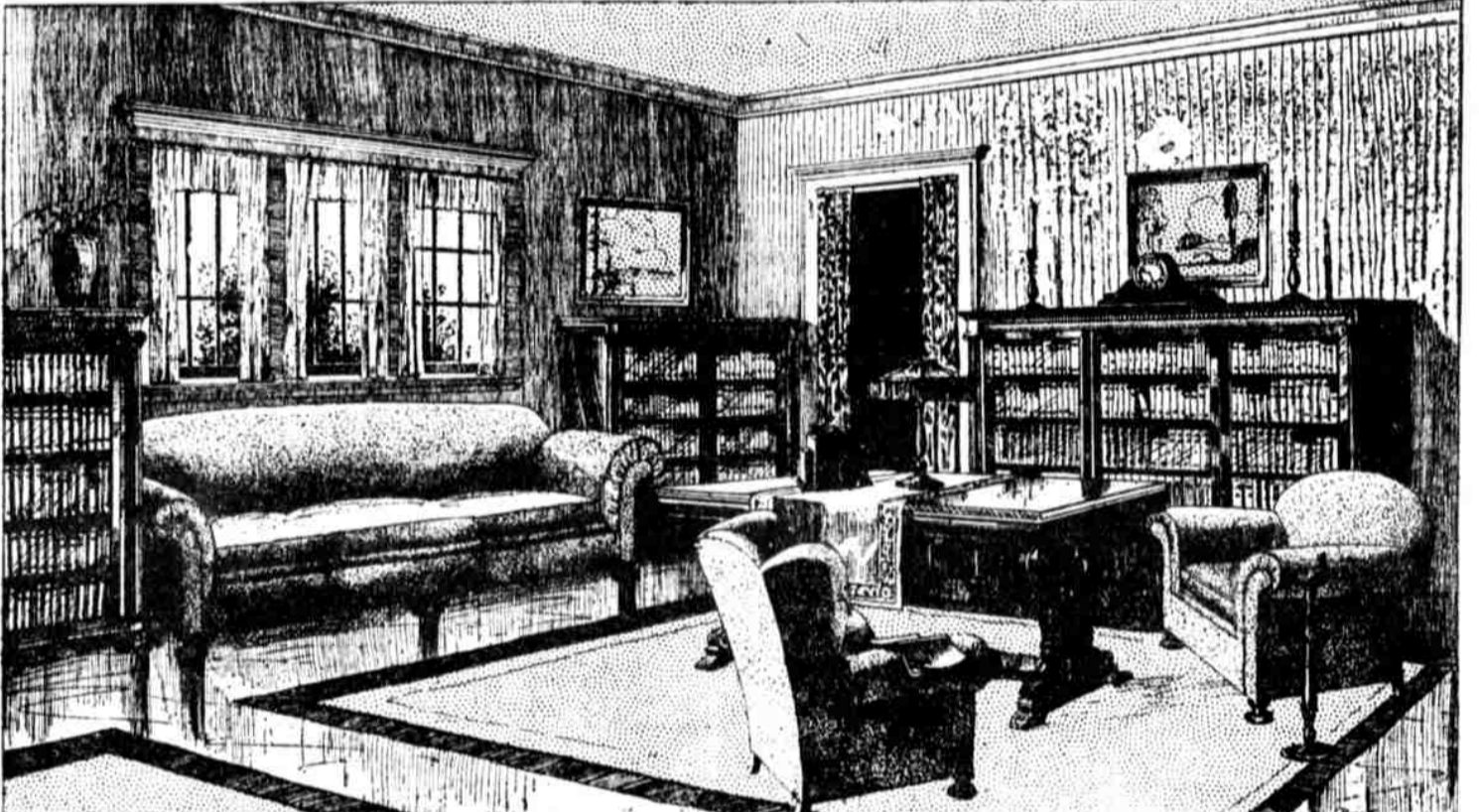
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