

5 PLEAD GUILTY TO HOME LOOTING

Boys Accused of Wholesale Robberies Make Clean Breast of It in Criminal Court

PROMINENT MEN ARE WITNESSES

Spencer C. Gilbert, Henderson Gilbert, Francis J. Hall and D. D. Hammelbaugh Testify as to Losses of Valuables

Details of wholesale robberies involving the looting of the homes of a dozen or more prominent Harrisburgers were related to Judge George Kunkel at the morning session of the January criminal court, which opened today. Five boys, none of whom is out of his teens, were called as defendants in connection with sixteen separate charges of felonious entry and larceny, one charge of robbery and one charge of larceny. Eight youths were accused in connection with the robberies. Two have evaded the police and one boy will be tried in juvenile court.

Pleas of guilty were entered in all cases by Paul Schubauer, Joseph Osborne, Milton Schreffler, Weston Ashenbarger and George Dare. Sentence was deferred until the afternoon session in order to give counsel for the youthful offenders an opportunity to offer a number of character witnesses. The robberies dated back to September, last. The loot consisted chiefly of jewelry, clothing, bathing suits and some provisions, the total value of which is estimated at \$1,000.

Heirlooms, timepieces, each valued at anywhere from \$50 to \$65; rings and other valuable articles, which the owners said had sentimental value, were taken. The most of the plunder was recovered.

Prominent Men as Witnesses
Spencer C. Gilbert, a member of the Capitol Park Extension Commission, and his son, Henderson Gilbert, president of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, who suffered losses at the hands of the youthful thieves, were called as witnesses, as also were Francis J. Hall, Oliver Sensening, D. D. Hammelbaugh, secretary of the Harrisburg School Board, and William McFadden.

The witnesses confined their testimony to telling, in so far as they knew, how entry was gained to their homes and what articles were stolen. No one witness attempted to accuse any individual defendant, but the five boys all made confessions.

Spencer C. Gilbert said jewelry valued at \$200 was taken from his home. William McFadden lost watches and jewelry valued at \$200; Ward Jacobs, one pair of gloves, \$1.50; Nathan Cohen, shoes and wearing apparel; A. Garner, clothing; Martin J. O'Toole, candy and cigars; D. D. Hammelbaugh, canned fruit and other provisions; Miss Fannie Eby, bank containing \$3; Harrisburg Park Commission, 174 bathing suits and rain coat from bath house at Seneca street; S. Rider, revolvers and other hardware; Henderson Gilbert, mandolin and jewelry; Francis J. Hall, watches and jewelry, \$150; Oliver H. Sensening, eggs and potato chips; David Greenfield, \$340 motorcycle; Charles Ensminger, athletic goods; Squash Club athletic goods.

Confesses Half a Dozen Robberies
Osborne pleaded guilty to being a party to more than half a dozen of the robberies. At the September criminal sessions he pleaded guilty to stealing a 4-pound box of apricots, and was sentenced to the reformatory on October 14, but he failed to appear in court and evaded capture until a few weeks ago.

Stewart Palmer pleaded guilty today to throwing a pint bottle of whiskey through a trolley car window, saying that he did so because he had been ejected from the car. Judge Kunkel sent him to jail for sixty days and imposed the regular \$5 fine and costs. Palmer frequently has been in jail, he said, all because, "I get liquored up and cannot navigate."

Stuart Acquitted of Assault
John E. Stuart was acquitted of a charge of assault and battery. His brother was the prosecutor. A jury in Judge McCarell's court set Stuart free. Immediately thereafter Joseph Sakinger was put on trial charged with soliciting insurance without having a license.

Five bills were ignored by the Grand Jury, as follows: Philip Fleck, false pretense; Clinton E. Maubley, felonious entry; Margaret Sullivan, Harry N. Warner and Strouder N. Fields, larceny.

MEETING AT REDEEMER CHURCH
Congregation Will Hear Reports and Elect Officers To-night
At Redeemer Lutheran church the annual congregational meeting will be held to-night at 8 o'clock. Treasurer Eric and the pastor, the Rev. E. Victor Roland, will make their reports. Members will be elected to the church council.

Coasting Accident Fatal
Kane, Pa., Jan. 11.—Joshua Bainbridge, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bainbridge, died last night from injuries received while coasting.

RUMANIA IS READY WITH 600,000 MEN

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masses of men to within easy reach of various points on her long fighting line. The levies of 1914, amounting to 100,000 men are just leaving the training camps, which will be occupied immediately by the 1915 levies now called out. Germany's newest levy, just announced, amounts to 600,000 men of the age of 19, and her masses of reserves already under arms enable her to rush heavy reinforcements wherever required without withdrawing troops already engaged at the front, in either the eastern or the western fighting zones. This was shown a few days ago in Alsace, when the Germans assembled a force sufficient to recapture Bannhaup from which point the French were threatening Muelhausen.

In the Western Field
For the moment the center of interest in the western field is Perthes, on account of the railroads in that region which are of great importance to both the Germans and the French. Should either side gain possession of the railroad now held by the other, the lines of communication would be cut and it would be necessary to evacuate trenches for a considerable distance. The Germans realized that danger, when the French captured Perthes and brought up large forces in an attempt to regain the lost territory. The fighting in Poland recently has been purely of a local character. The Germans are said to be contemplating an attack at a new point. Apparently the Russians are content for the present to maintain their straight line north and south without attempting to push westward.

Germans' Objective Hungary?
Doubt is expressed in some quarters whether the Germans who are reported to have gone south, supposedly to assist Austria in the campaign against Serbia, are actually destined for that service. It is suggested that their objective is Hungary, which is represented as much upon by the Russian advance against Transylvania and the activities of Rumania.

Hope is expressed on all sides here that Sir Edward Grey's reply to the American shipping note will prove acceptable to the United States. There is some disposition to regard the statistics in the reply as an indication that the British government has been derelict in its duty in permitting large quantities of commodities required by the belligerents to reach hostile nations.

FRENCH GAIN 200 YARDS OF TRENCHES IN FIERCE FIGHTING WITH GERMANS

Paris, Jan. 11, 2:40 P. M.—The statement given out by the French War Office this afternoon shows a continuation at certain points of intermittent cannonading, but these artillery duels do not appear yesterday to have brought any important results. In addition there was some trench fighting with French gains, according to the announcement, which is as follows:
"From the sea to the Lys there was yesterday an intermittent and not very intense cannonading. In the region of Ypres our artillery responded enthusiastically to artillery of the enemy and sent well placed shots against the German trenches.

"From the Lys to the Oise in the region of Boisselle, our troops took possession of a trench of the enemy after a violent fight. To the northeast of Soissons, on Spur 132, they yesterday repulsed a German attack. Following this they attacked and occupied two lines of the enemy's trenches along a front of about 500 yards, thus extending toward the east the trenches captured January 3, and assuring complete possession of 'spur 132.'
"On the Aisne and in Champagne as far as Rheims there have been artillery exchanges. From Rheims to the Argonne our artillery bombarded the first line trenches of the enemy and the shelters of the reserves. To the north of Perthes, after having driven back the counter attacks referred to in last night's communication, we made progress and gained two hundred yards of trenches.

"To the north Beausejour the enemy made a desperate effort to recapture the little fort which he had previously lost. His counter attacks were delivered with energy. In each of them two battalions were engaged, the second advancing in close formation. Each attack was carried on with determination, but each was repulsed.
"In the Argonne there were some small engagements and our front was maintained. Between the Meuse and the Moselle the day passed calmly. In the Vosges there was a heavy fall of snow. Some shells fell in Old Thann and on hill 425."

German Aeroplane Pilot Killed
Paris, Jan. 11, 2 P. M.—A German aeroplane flying over Amiens has been brought to the ground by a French machine. The French aviator went aloft the moment the German was seen approaching. He opened fire on his antagonist with the result that the German machine fell within the French lines. One of the German pilots was killed.

Belgian Relief Steamer Floated
Norfolk, Va., Jan. 11.—The steamer John Pardie, carrying Maryland's contribution for the Belgians, was floated today apparently undamaged after having been aground in Back river since Saturday. Her hull will be examined before she proceeds for Rotterdam.

HAGERSTOWN WEDDINGS

Pennsylvania Couples Recently Married in Maryland City
Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 11.—The following Pennsylvania couples were married here:
Miss Caroline Brewer and Baldwin Grover James, of Timber Ridge, by the Rev. E. K. Thomas.
Miss Elva J. Musselman, of this city, and Frank B. Lesher, a prominent business man of Chambersburg, by the Rev. Dr. C. L. Patz.
Miss Mary Misaras and George Johnson, both of Mont Alto, at St. Mary's Catholic parsonage by the Rev. J. H. Eckenrode.
Miss Carrie E. Eby, of Penbrook, and George W. Graham, of Harrisburg, by the Rev. E. K. Thomas.
Miss Nora M. Juny, of Liverpool, and Charles H. Laucks, of Pine Grove, by the Rev. George B. Townsend, at the parsonage of the First Christian church.

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First to present the new Chin-Chin sailors to Harrisburg women. Have you seen them?

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The First Harrisburg Baby Born In The New Year

Before the noisy greeting to the New Year had ceased, or to be exact, just ten minutes past twelve, New Year's morning, a little baby girl was presented to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Oyster, 627 Reilly street, to whom we present the prize for the first baby born in the New Year, as per our offer. We would like to have had a Fairy present this token, that she might bestow upon tiny Miss Oyster a Gift of Happiness for every New Year to come.

Just Unpacked The Daintiest Of Under Garments For The White Sale

These in addition to our already large assortment of handsome muslinwear, present an unequalled display, and of vast importance are the splendid price values in the last recievement. Included are:

- Dainty Corset Covers of batiste with wide ribbon-run beading front and back; special styles at 25c.
- Styles at 50c are pretty and varied. All-over embroidery styles, ribbon drawn at top; also sheer nainsook covers with wide embroidery insertion and lace. Another is embroidery trimmed, with lace edging, and many are the styles of embroidery beading run with dainty ribbon.
- Handsome Gowns at 85c—one is a good \$1.25 value; made in Empire style with yoke of wide embroidery, run with wide ribbon. Full length and low cut neck. Two models feature the high and V-neck with yokes of tiny cluster tucks and embroidery, while of soft nainsook is another style cut extra large, showing a yoke of tiny tucks and embroidered bands.
- Gowns at 75c—low, round neck styles; trimmed at yoke and sleeves with embroidery, run with neat ribbon.
- Gowns at 98c—Empire style with low, square necks, trimmed with wide Swiss embroidery.

Second Floor—BOWMAN'S.

Mid-Winter Clearance Reductions On Fur Coats, Fur Sets and Separate Furs

Offering Remarkable Savings On Good Quality Furs

Every fur coat, fur set, muff and scarf has been lowered in price for immediate disposal. Besides the very low prices offered, you also have the benefit of wearing these garments for the greater part of the winter.

Some Are Marked at Half, And Even A Third of the Regular Prices

- Fur Sets**
- Red Fox Sets, \$13.98, formerly up to \$20.00.
 - Black Syrian Fox Sets, \$10.00, formerly up to \$20.00.
 - Black Wolf Sets, \$12.00 and \$15.00, formerly up to \$25.00.
 - Hudson Seal Sets, \$25.00 to \$30.00, formerly up to \$50.00.
 - Jap Mink Sets, \$15.00 to \$30.00, formerly up to \$50.00.
 - Natural Wolf Sets, \$12.00, formerly up to \$18.00.
 - French Coney Sets, trimmed with Fitch, \$12.00, formerly up to \$20.00.
 - Natural Raccoon Sets, \$15.00, formerly up to \$25.00.
 - Genuine Civet Cat Sets, \$30.00, formerly up to \$50.00.
 - Hudson Seal and Mole Sets, \$40.00, formerly up to \$75.00.
 - Kolinsky Sets, \$15.00, formerly up to \$25.00.
- Splendid reductions on all Mink and Sable Sets.

- Fur Coats**
- 50-inch Pony Coats, \$25.00, formerly \$50.00.
 - Near Seal Coats, \$30.00, formerly \$60.00.
 - Pony Coat, new short model, \$25.00, formerly \$35.00.
 - Marmot Mink Coats, good for motoring, \$25.00, formerly \$50.00.
 - Two Near Seal Coats, short models; not the latest styles but splendid for driving, \$8.00 and \$10.00, formerly \$20.00 and \$30.00.

- Separate Pieces**
- Caracul Neck Pieces, 48c, formerly \$2.00.
 - Near Seal Muffs, \$1.48, formerly \$4.00.
 - Fox Muffs, \$4.98, formerly \$10.00.
 - French Coney Muffs, \$2.98, formerly \$10.00.
 - Odd lot of Neck Pieces at \$1.98, formerly up to \$12.00.

Second Floor—BOWMAN'S.



Of The Latest Henderson Corset Modes, We Invite Your Inspection

There is no part of woman's attire that deserves more careful consideration than the corset—the foundation of perfect fitting garments. Henderson Corsets are unsurpassed for style, beauty and comfort, as well as for workmanship and materials. They merit the universal approbation that is extended to them by thousands of women who are acquainted with their excellent qualities. You may be interested in a detailed description of several good models, and of the moderate prices.

Fine brocade model for the average figure, features a low bust, long skirt, and the free hip. Wide elastic gores at bottom, and heavy hose supporters. Priced at \$3.00.

Also at this price, is a front lace model with low bust and long skirt. Has ventilated tongue protector under front lacing vest. Elastic banded back.

Elastic Reducing Corsets for the even distribution of surplus flesh, comes in low and medium bust models with long hips for average or full figures. Elastic gores front and back. Price is \$3.00.

Several Models at \$2.00. Features low, medium and high bust, with elastic gores in skirt that adjust the body perfectly to every position. Made of coutil.

Coutil Corsets for the average figure, with soft top and reinforced clasp (low bust and long skirt), come at \$1.50.

Henderson Corsets at \$1.00—one model comes in light weight coutil for

slight and medium figures, and features free hip boning. Another model of double strength, has graduated clasp, and excellent for medium and full figures. Medium bust and long skirt; heavy hose supporters. A splendid Nursing Corset with high bust and medium hips also comes at \$1.00.

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STOUGH PLATFORM DROPPED

Section of Choir Loft at Altoona Tabernacle Collapsed at Men's Meeting Yesterday

Altoona, Jan. 11.—The Sunday afternoon meeting at the Stough tabernacle, which was for men only, was replete with thrills, being characterized by sensational attacks by Dr. Stough upon County Detective James G. Spangler and clubs which maintain sideboards, and with the collapse of a portion of the platform upon which the city clergymen and members of the chorus sit. No one was injured and the event did not interfere with the services.
Dr. Stough had just begun his address when the joists which held up several tiers of the seats gave way and the seats and their occupants sank to the floor with a crash. Shortly before, the lady members of the chorus and left the tabernacle and the seats had been filled with men who had been standing at the rear end of the tabernacle. Dr. Stough had spoken but a few moments when there was a loud report and a crash of timbers and the men found themselves sitting with their seats resting upon the floor. There was no outcry, for nobody had been hurt, and there were calls for Dr. Stough to proceed.
Professor D. S. Spooner, the musical director, jumped upon the platform and gave out a hymn, so that in the singing

a panic might be averted. But there was no panic. Everybody remained in their seats and an examination of the conditions revealed that there was no further danger. Some of the men took seats elsewhere and Dr. Stough proceeded with his address on "Winds and Whirlwinds."

PLAN FIGHT IN THE \$1,000 CHECK CASE

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here from New York against the pair. The local police say they have learned a good deal of the history of Mercer since his arrest. Two months ago, when a New York detective came to Harrisburg for requisition papers, he made a request to see Mercer, thinking he would recognize him. After seeing Mercer he told the local police Mercer has been known as an "ambulance chaser" in New York City and while engaged in that work forged an order of court, an alleged crime for which he was taken back to New York from Los Angeles, California.
Mercer would get damage cases for attorneys, the New York detective said, and during this work he was said to have forged the name of a New York Judge, permitting a case to be settled out of court. With this instrument, the police say, he collected \$4,000 damages and left New York. He was returned to New York on that charge, the police learned, and while in the Tombs made statements that were responsible for a number of prison employees being discharged and a young

lawyer being disbarred. During this time, it is said, District Attorney Jerome became interested in Mercer and he obtained a suspension of sentence in that case.

Mercer's Brother Here
This story was in the main confirmed, according to the local police, by a New York man who came to Harrisburg last Friday and who will likely be at the trial and a witness if need be. That Mercer did not confine his "ambulance chasing" to New York City is proved to the satisfaction of the Harrisburg police by a bit of conversation between Police Captain Thompson and Mercer while the latter was being "mugged."

Captain Thompson told Mercer that his face seemed familiar and he believed he had seen him somewhere before.
"That may be true," Mercer is quoted as replying. "I have been in Harrisburg several times and have been in your hospital and got some good damage cases. Your attorneys here are slow. I got one good case that took only four weeks to settle."

One of Mercer's brothers came to Harrisburg last week to aid in his defense. It was said around police headquarters this morning that a New York attorney will be brought on to Harrisburg to aid Mercer and LeBrun in the case.
Mercer and LeBrun, who wore fur coats and other costly apparel, are said to have started for Harrisburg from New York in an automobile, which broke down near Trenton, N. J., the rest of the journey to this city being completed by rail. In the party also were Mrs. LeBrun, a chauffeur and a maid. The auto is said to have been

FEW PRISONERS IN S. C. PEN

Governor Blease Has Granted Pardons to 1,674 During His Term

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 11.—Less than 125 prisoners are now in the State penitentiary here as the result of the large number recently pardoned or paroled by Governor Blease, it was made known today. Approximately 2,000 men remain in the country convict squads while there are 155 in the State reformatory.
The Governor's action Saturday in granting full pardons to about 1,000 paroled convicts was for the purpose of restoring their citizenship. Available records indicate that the Governor has granted clemency to 1,674 prisoners since he was inaugurated nearly four years ago. He will retire on January 19.

REHEARSING FOR CONCERT

Kolonial Kids Start With Feed of Frankfurters and Oranges
The Kolonial Kids yesterday started special rehearsals for their concert to be announced later with a feed of hot frankfurters and oranges. If this concert is played with the same vim the hot dogs were devoured, Harrisburg will have a chance to hear an even better performance than they did last spring when they scored such a hit. The band now numbers about forty, but considering the inducements offered, the capital city should have an organization numbering near the hundred mark.—Adv.

DR. SWALLOW AT GETTYSBURG

Spoke to College Students at Meetings There Yesterday
Three addresses were made yesterday by Dr. Silas C. Swallow at Gettysburg. He addressed the Brotherhood of Christ Lutheran church, composed of Pennsylvania College students, at 10 o'clock in the morning; the Methodist Sunday school at 11 o'clock and a men's mass meeting in the college chapel at 3 o'clock in the afternoon under the auspices of the college Y. M. C. A.
There is a well developed religious spirit at the college, and the students turned out in good numbers to hear Dr. Swallow's talks.

COLORED PEOPLE'S MEETING

Social Branch Will Hold Session at Baptist Church Friday
The next quarterly meeting of the Harrisburg branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock sharp, at St. Paul's Baptist church, Eleventh and State streets.
Members are urged to attend this meeting and hear the branch report and become familiar with branch activities.