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**GIRL'S LETTERS
TRAP FUGITIVE**

Hoboken Police Watch Post Office Six Weeks and Capture Alleged Jewel Robber—Faces Cincinnati Charge.

New York, May 29—After watching the Hoboken Post Office for six weeks, detectives succeeded in arresting Barney Haberman, 24, wanted by the police of Cincinnati in connection with a \$60,000 jewelry store hold-up there on March 23. At 7.30 in the evening the prisoner was attacked with acute appendicitis, and was hurried to St. Mary's Hospital, Hoboken, for an operation.

Ward's arrest was made possible by letters of a woman friend to relatives in Detroit. The police gave the woman's name as "Mac Le Marc," admitting this was fictitious. They said she was a member of a prominent family in Detroit and disappeared soon after the hold-up in Cincinnati. Haberman, who described himself after his arrest as a dentist, said he had been living at 28 West twenty-third street, Manhattan.

On March 23 the jewelry store of Samuel Savin, 86 East Sixth street, Cincinnati, was held up by five men, the leader of whom, the police charges, was Haberman. While the proprietor and five clerks were held in a rear room, the robbers rifled two safes. Subsequently two men alleged to have participated in the hold-up were arrested. A reward of \$2,500 was offered for Haberman's arrest.

Relatives of the "Le Marc" girl in Detroit received a letter from her a short time after the hold-up, advising them to forward mail to Hoboken, general delivery. Chief of Police Hayes of Hoboken was notified, and assigned detectives to watch the post office.

A young woman, whom the police described as unusually attractive, called at the post office for letters addressed to "Mac Helma." As she left the building Detectives Fullum and Cornell followed. At First and Madison streets they saw her give the letters to a man. They seized the man. Advised by the Cincinnati authorities to take no chances they pinned the prisoner's hands behind him and handcuffed him, although he was unarmed. He wore a diamond stick pin and two diamond rings, which the police declare were a part of the loot from the Cincinnati robbery.

The prisoner admitted his identity but denied having participated in the hold-up. The young woman was not arrested.

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YEAR IN JAIL FOR DRIVER OF TRUCK

Man who Injured Two Children Given Term with Hard Labor.

"The rights of pedestrians must be protected, and I hope that the sentence I am about to impose will serve as a deterrent to others. One year in jail at hard labor."

In these words Chief Judge Decarie, sitting in the Court of Special Sessions, Montreal, disposed of the case of Arthur Laviolette, who was arrested on April 18 last, on a charge of injuring two children by wantonly driving a Ford truck at a furious speed in St. Lawrence street. In passing sentence on Laviolette, Judge Decarie denounced the carelessness of motorists who disregard the speed laws in the city streets, exposing innocent passersby and children to loss of life or limb. He hoped that the case in point would serve as a lesson for the speed demons of the city.

GUNMEN MOVE TO BOSTON

Boston, May 29—Information that a gang of notorious gunmen, assisted by a band of women confederates from New York City, have invaded Boston and are ready to make a "clean-up" is now in the hands of the police. Several haunts of the gangsters have been under surveillance for a number of days, and wholesale arrests are expected momentarily.

The men, the police say, are all well known throughout New York's underworld. They have rented expensive suites and have furnished them elaborately in order to dispel suspicion. There are at least seventy-five men and thirty women in the gang.

It is believed that the gang is about to launch a number of robberies in the many houses left deserted during the summer months. In the meanwhile the pickpockets in the gang have been reaping a harvest in the streets.

KILL ROBBER, SAVE \$16,000 IN CAR CHASE

Bridgeport, Conn., Police and Firemen Capture Three New Yorkers After Pistol Battle.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 29—One bandit was killed and three others, one wounded, were captured after they had stolen the \$16,000 payroll of the Connecticut Company. The money was recovered after a running automobile pistol fight between policemen and five men and the fugitives.

The dead robber and his companions were New Yorkers. The dead man was Louis Stone of Brooklyn. His captured companions were Edward Kiviat, nineteen years old, of 22 Pike street; Max Becker, twenty-one, of 821 Clinton street; and Herman Kraut, twenty-four, of Willet street, New York.

As Sidney Tibbals, paymaster of the Connecticut Company, accompanied by William Dunn, a guard, left an automobile in front of the Connecticut Company's office and started to carry the \$16,000 payroll into the car bars, an automobile halted beside them. It held four men. Two jumped out, called Tibbals and Dunn by blackjacks, seized the payroll box and leaped back into their car. One fired before the car sped away.

Before the robber car had got out of shot range, Dunn, only slightly stunned, had got to his feet and began firing at the fugitives. One of his shots pierced the heart of Stone, who was in the rear seat of the fleeing car. As the robbers kept on, with the dead man slumped beside them, they fired at the policemen who were pursuing them in cars. Firemen, hearing the shooting as pursued and pursuers passed the station, jumped into one of their fast cars and with revolvers at work joined in the chase.

The fugitive car doubled back and forth through side streets with police and firemen in hot pursuit. The bandit car at last succeeded in getting outside the city limits. On Barnum Terrace, in the town of Stratford, three miles from the scene of the hold-up, the car drove up to a house and two of the robbers got out, placed the money box on the step of a house which resembled one where the hold-up, the police say, was perfected last night. But the robbers made a mistake in the house.

Kiviat and Becker left the money on the sloop, telling a woman in the house they would be back for it later. They then sought to escape by way of the New Haven Road tracks. They were captured five miles from the scene of the hold-up by Captain Water and Sergeant Arnoldsky of the Bridgeport force. As soon as the car stopped on Barnum Terrace to let Kiviat and Becker get out with the money, Kraut, the chauffeur, stepped on the gas and sped up a side street, Broad Bridge, where he abandoned the car with the dead man in it, intending to return to the house on Barnum Terrace to join his two companions. He was captured by Motorcycle Policeman Holmes of Stratford.

Two young men, far from being John McQuillen and Louis Buerle, looked up from their work in an onion patch to see Kraut decline from the car containing the dead man, and telephoned a police station.

The three men, now held for trial here, made signed confessions to the police giving the details of how the hold-up had been planned and how they tried to carry it out.

LAUNCH VETERANS' POLITICAL PARTY

Members Pledged to Support Candidates Acceptable to Returned Men.

Toronto, May 29—"Canada Ever First" is the motto of the Veterans' Political Party of Canada, which has been formed. A meeting of the Toronto section of the new party was held at Occident Hall, when the objects and platform of organization were explained.

Following are the officers of the organization: President, F. O. G. Wood; Toronto, vice-president, Thomas Brown and H. Y. Cox; secretary, George Seymour; treasurer, A. S. Lucas.

The preamble of the party sets forth that it will be the duty of the members to pledge themselves to their utmost in assisting to administer the affairs of the dominion in a way which will prove a real benefit to the people as a whole and to see that these principles are upheld and advanced.

Under the constitution it is provided that the members will recognize their duty as electors, and the necessity of each and every one studying and voting on all matters, local, provincial and federal; and further, "To give our whole-hearted co-operation and support to every public officer, servant of candidate, platform or party, who, or which, meets with the approval of this party, and to place candidates in the field in such electoral districts as appear to this party to be inadequately represented."

"LIGHTNING ROD" LIFE ELIXIR JAILS PARIS ALCHEMIST

Rain Water, Scrap Iron and Alcohol at Six Francs a Bottle.

Paris, May 29—What is a bottle of water and sunbath worth? This question must be decided next week by a Paris court following the arrest of the seventy-year-old medical alchemist, Pierre Guerbet, who claims to have discovered a life-preserving fluid capable of curing everything from cancer to toothache.

Guerbet, upon whom was conferred the Legion of Honor for his faithful service in the Postal Ministry, when he retired several years ago, decided to increase his fortune. He erected a lightning rod coated with aluminum paint, just outside his bedroom window which he insisted collected sun fluid, which, by means of wires he carried into bottles of ordinary water. This and a few pieces of scrap iron and a small quantity of alcohol produced a hundred bottles of the panacea known as heliorine, for which a druggist friend collected six francs a bottle.

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