

BURGLARS TIE UP WATCHMAN AND ROB CITY BAKERY

SAFE BLOWERS ROB CITY BAKING PLANT

Gang of Burglars Escape With \$1,250 After Tying Up Employee.

EARLY SUNDAY MORNING

City Police Believe "Job" Was the Work of Professional Cracksmen.

Securely tying the hands and feet of an employee, William Taylor, aged 37, 486 Piccadilly street, and throwing him into a corner, where a man stood guard over him for almost two hours, safe blowers, believed by the police, to be professionals, blew the safe of the Neal Baking Company, Carlton avenue, Sunday morning, and escaped with \$1,250 in cash and checks.

The loss is covered by burglary insurance, which was taken out on Friday.

Entering from the yard through a door which is always open, they surprised Taylor, who was working on a dough machine on the second floor. Owing to the noise of the machine he did not hear their approach. A stern command of "hands up," and Taylor wheeled about to face two men with levelled revolvers. They threatened to shoot him if he moved or spoke.

Acting on the advice of his companion, who, according to Mr. Taylor, seemed to be running the affair, the taller of the two men trussed Taylor, while the other man still covered him. Using bag cord which hung nearby, the bandit quickly tied the victim and ordered him to lie down. Taylor was then dragged into a corner, and was jabbed occasionally with the barrel of a revolver in the hands of the man on guard.

Heard An Explosion.

The taller man went downstairs, and after some little time Mr. Taylor said he heard an explosion. Still the man stood watch over him, and when Taylor endeavored to look up from his cramped position the man walked over and struck him on the head.

With the dough machine still running, Mr. Taylor said he could not make out exactly what was taking place in the office, but immediately when the report of the second charge was heard the man watching left him. All this, according to Mr. Taylor, happened after 5 o'clock.

C. Charles, manager of the plant, told The Advertiser that he believed his office has been under the eyes of the cracksmen for some time, judging from the time they chose for the robbery and from their general knowledge of the layout of the plant. He stated that they even went into the basement of the plant to secure two heavy hammers to aid in wrecking the safe.

Detectives say the men were evidently well acquainted with the methods of safe-cracking, for they soaked the cracks about the door of the safe, and from the way in which the knob on the door was extracted it is evident that a puller was used. Within this accomplished it was an easy matter to inject the nitro-glycerin.

Jumped To Coal Pile.

During the time that intervened between the second charge and escape of the burglars, Mr. Taylor was slowly loosening the cords which bound him. Finally he set himself free. Hearing no noise he crawled over some floor slugs into an adjoining room. Here he removed a window and made his escape, jumping 14 feet into a coal pile. Suffering from shock, he made his way to the manager's residence at the back of the bakery. As he reached the door he fell in a faint. Mr. Charles was aroused by the noise, and immediately investigated.

Recovering, Mr. Taylor told of what had happened and the police were notified. Inspector Nickle and Detective Bolton were on the scene shortly after 6 o'clock.

A good description of the two men was furnished to the police by Mr. Taylor. One was about 40 years of age, five feet, ten inches in height, stout build, smooth face, wearing a dark suit and with a peaked cap. While the other appeared to be about 25 years old, five feet, three or four inches in height, smooth face, he also was dressed in dark clothes.

Loss Fully Covered.

C. Charles, the manager, stated that the loss would be fully taken care of by burglary insurance. The office this morning presented a rather dishevelled appearance with pieces of the wrecked safe lying about. An old rusty screw driver, which the safe crackers neglected to carry away was still there.

Some money, lying between vouchers, on the manager's desk was overlooked.

Although only two men were seen by Mr. Taylor, it is the belief of the police that more took part.

Mr. Charles stated that about 3:30 Sunday morning he heard the motor of what he thought to be a high-powered car, but paid no attention to it. A woman residing on William street, near the scene, informed him yesterday afternoon that she was awakened by the noise of a powerful motor passing her place.

With the number of places entered into during the last two weeks now almost a dozen, police are guarding entrances to the city and planning a drastic move to check the outbreak of crime.

REBELS ARE PREPARING TO DEFEND VERA CRUZ

Associated Press Despatch.

Vera Cruz, Feb. 16.—The United States cruiser Richmond has arrived from Puerto Mexico, where a battle is brewing, bringing 42 refugees.

The new arrivals say the rebels are feverishly engaged in erecting fortifications and otherwise preparing to defend Puerto Mexico, against attack by government forces from Santa Lucrécia.

In addition to Puerto Mexico, the rebels also control Minatitlán.



BOUND BY BANDITS.

William Taylor, employee of Neal's Baking Company, who was bound and thrown into a corner while safe-blowers escaped with \$1,250. He jumped from a second-story window to give the alarm.

"LABOR" IS PROPER TERM, SAYS WHIP

British Party Official Contends Name "Socialist" Is Wrong.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Feb. 17.—As already intimated, the government's whip says the proper term for the party is "Labor," not "Socialist."

Irresponsible bands of Labor Party men are making the eyes of the cracksmen for some time, judging from the time they chose for the robbery and from their general knowledge of the layout of the plant. He stated that they even went into the basement of the plant to secure two heavy hammers to aid in wrecking the safe.

VETERAN COUNCILLOR LAID TO REST SUNDAY

Mayor, Aldermen and Masonic Officers Attend Funeral of William A. Wilson.

Hundreds of citizens turned out yesterday afternoon to pay their last respects to William A. Wilson, well-known business man, a veteran councillor, who died early Friday morning at his home, 234 Hyman street.

Long before the funeral, left the house in all walks of life called to pay their last respects to the man who had been one of London's most public-spirited citizens.

The funeral, held under the auspices of the worshipful master of Kilwinning Lodge, of which he was a member, the lodge attended the funeral in a body. Mayor George Wenlock and members of the 124 council also attended.

The pallbearers were all pastmasters of the lodge, as follows: W. Lancaster, E. Flock, J. J. Dyer, T. Cope, W. W. Gammas and George Perry.

Interment was made in Woodland Cemetery.

W. S. Haney Now An Indian Chief

Chippewas Confer Honor on Lambton's Young Member.

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Feb. 17.—Indians of Sarnia reserve have conferred a notable honor on William S. Haney, Lambton's young member in the Ontario House, by taking him into membership with the Chippewa tribe and conferring the title of chief. His Indian name is Oga Mah-Ba-Na-Sia, which means King Bird.

Mr. Haney was adopted at a full tribal ceremony.

LOVED HIS CAR BETTER, SO MUST PAY WIFE WEEKLY

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, Feb. 17.—A mechanic who loves his motor car better than his wife, was ordered to pay the wife \$10 a week to help support her and their 11-month-old son, when he was convicted of non-support in police court at Windsor Saturday.

The man was Donald Best, 27 years old, 192 Monmouth road, Walkerville. His wife, May, 25 years old, charged him with making her live in a garage for a home. Best pleaded not guilty through his attorney, A. J. Gordon, who asked the court to refuse an appeal for separate maintenance.

SAYS GOVERNMENT DRIFTS WITH TIDE

Hon. Hugh Guthrie Tells Elgin Conservatives Conditions Are Very Bad.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Feb. 16.—At the annual Liberal-Conservative banquet, held in the Grand Central Hotel Saturday, the speakers were Hon. Hugh Guthrie, M.P., and Hon. Thomas McGarry, former provincial treasurer, who took the place of Hon. Charles McCrear, who was unable to attend. In opening his address Mr. Guthrie claimed that the Conservative party was witnessing a very melancholy condition in the Dominion House, and that the present government was drifting with a tide that was not creditable as far as the country was concerned. He declared that little progress had been made in reducing the national debt, but admitted that steps had been taken recently to reduce the civil service staff. He favored lopping off much of the river and harbor improvement work and the elevator work at Halifax. He blamed the King government for the present depression in trade, claiming that they were of an uncertain mind as far as the tariff was concerned. He hinted that trade was showing some advancement lately, due to the cutting of Canadian pulpwood for export trade and including in the returns of exports the goods and chattels of Canadian residents crossing the border.

Hon. J. McGarry hoped the people would be given a chance to vote on the liquor question in the near future. He alleged that he saw more drunkenness in the streets of Toronto than in Vancouver, where he had made his home for some time. He believed that the drastic penalties in Vancouver against the lack of drunkenness. He scored the U.E.O. for the wholesale waste and extravagance which he said marked their administration.

Hon. Hugh McKillop, M.P. for West Elgin, complimented the association on the splendid attendance, and said it was his principle to serve all his constituents regardless of creed.

Hon. Finlay M. Macdormid, M.P. for West Elgin, favored a scientific survey of the tariff question as a solution for the protection problems. He said that it was the lack of knowledge in the distributing end of the agricultural industry that was the cause of the present depression in that line. He said that he did not favor this as an opportune time to introduce the church union movement.

Officers for 1924 are: President, A. J. MacPine; vice president, Mrs. Ralph Reeves; secretary, C. B. McClurg; treasurer, Mr. George Warner; chairman for municipalities, A. J. MacPine; West, D. Macdormid; Alderborough East, J. Neale; Dunwich, H. Hales; West Lorne, M. McKillop; Dutton, G. MacKellar; Southwold, J. G. G. MacPine; Rodney, D. Campbell; St. Thomas, Wm. Scott, A. E. Ponsford, E. O. Boehmer, Pat. Meehan, George Spackman and H. Charlton.

Railway Bowlers.

The Detroit Pere Marquette bowling team were tendered a very pleasant evening by the St. Thomas railway team on Saturday. A banquet was enjoyed at the Parkview Hotel, the entertainment being furnished by the juvenile orchestra, the "J.A." and Mr. Holcombe, Mr. Jacobs, master mechanic, and Mr. Peckover of the stores department, Detroit, spoke on behalf of the twenty guests. Mr. Montgomery, master mechanic, Alderborough, general foreman, and A. J. Brinkman, yardmaster of St. Thomas, assisted in spreading the good fellowship that existed. In a friendly game of bowls at the Strand, the visitors came out on top. The evening was finished at the home of the president of the St. Thomas Bowling Club, Mr. Rushton on Wilson avenue. The St. Thomas club was entertained in Detroit two weeks ago.

Plan Roundhouse.

An appropriation of \$220,000 has been made for the erection of a new C.N.R. and Wabash locomotive shop and roundhouse combined. Tentative plans have been passed and work will be rushed through at once.

Education Cost.

The average cost per pupil in the public schools of the city last year was \$53. The registered attendance at the public schools was 2,384 as against 2,485 for January of 1923.

Died In Chicago.

The death of Mrs. A. A. Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Lane, Queen street, took place at her home in Chicago Friday night.

Obituary

JOHN GARPLY.

The death occurred in this city yesterday of John Garply in his 67th year, at the residence of Daniel Murray, 290 Hyman street. He had been ill for about a year. Mr. Garply spent 20 years in New Zealand, where he successfully operated a gold mine. He had lived in London for 16 years and was born in Scotland.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon from the residence of Mr. Murray at Pond Mills Cemetery. Services will be conducted at the house by the Rev. James McKay, pastor of New St. James' Presbyterian Church, at 1:30 p.m.

GORDON YOUTLON.

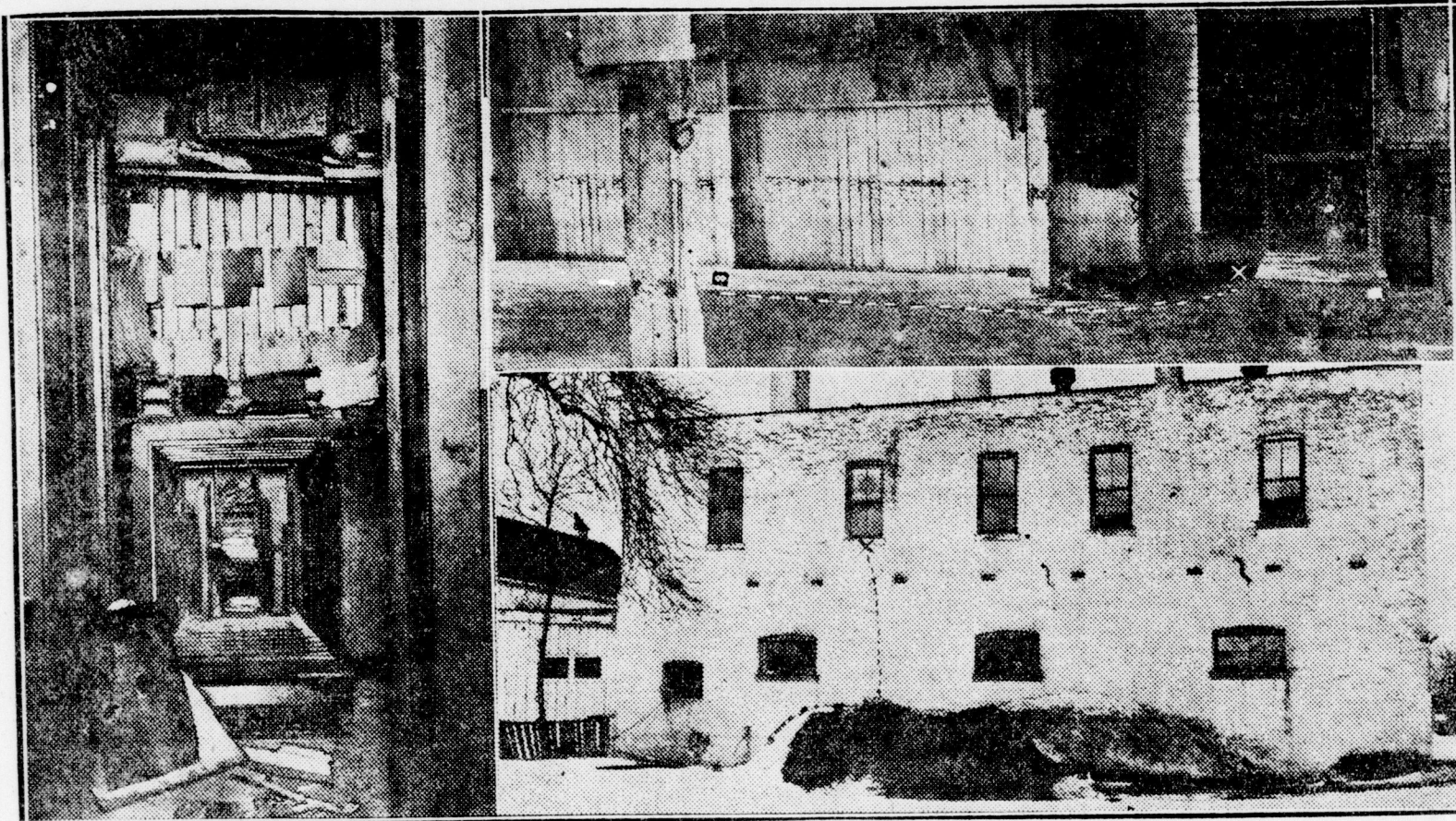
Gordon S. G. B. Youtlon, aged 11 years, died at his parents' residence, Adelaide street north, on Saturday morning.

He is survived by his father and mother, one sister and a brother. The funeral will be held this afternoon from his residence at Woodlawn Cemetery. The Rev. Mr. Cree will conduct the services.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Feb. 17.—Mongolia, from Southampton. Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—Arundel, from London, via Halifax.

Where Safe Blowers Stole \$1,250 In Daring Robbery



SCENES AT NEAL BAKING COMPANY AFTER BANDITS' VISIT.

Early Sunday morning a gang of expert cracksmen stole \$1,250 from Neal Baking Company, Carlton avenue, after tying up William Taylor, an employee, and blowing the safe.

On the left is shown the wrecked safe, demolished by two charges of nitro-glycerin. On the right is shown where Taylor was held up. The single cross shows where he was working, the double cross where the burglars stood, and the square the corner where Taylor was thrown. Below

shows the second-story window from where Taylor jumped 14 feet to a coal pile when he escaped to give the alarm.

Capital Punishment Wrong, Declares Rev. W. R. McIntosh

Presbyterian Minister Urges That Young Men Who Go Astray Given a Chance.

REV. F. T. HOLLAND SPEAKS

Rev. J. W. Graham, D.D., Toronto, Formerly of First Methodist, Preaches.

Rev. W. R. McIntosh of the King Street Presbyterian Church, is one London minister who does not believe in capital punishment. "Should we hang young men who go astray?" asked Mr. McIntosh in the course of his sermonette last night. "I believe that we could do better for young men than hanging them. It would be much better to give them an opportunity to recover by putting them in a place of confinement, where they could work and at the same time pay for the damage they do."

"The old system of a life for a life is in the nature of war. It is an appeal to force. It is better for us to believe in our Christianity of forgiveness and grace and we could accomplish more for the lives that have gone astray."

"It would have such a reaction on our own lives. It has a coarsening effect on the public. God didn't take a life for a life. He appealed to the better side of human nature as Christ did."

In the old days, people were hanged for stealing sheep. It didn't stop them, it only coarsened life. I am in favor of a movement to abolish capital punishment, and would advocate a probation system where men could be taught a trade and let their future depend on their response to the treatment shown them."

REV. F. T. HOLLAND SPEAKS.

Rev. Floyd T. Holland, new pastor of Adelaide Street Baptist Church, preached to crowded congregations at morning and evening services yesterday.

He promised to be a distinct addition to the Christian life of the city.

"For Christ's Sake" was the subject of Mr. Holland's address. He directed toward the approval of the Lord, the speaker stated. All individual efforts should be actuated for Christ's sake.

"The Lord talks with people just as we do if we could only recognize His voice as we should. Not only did the Lord speak to Paul, but promised to give him His grace. He will give it to us, too."

Mr. Holland made a plea that the members of the congregation as a church should have one passion, that whatever they did would be wholly and solely for Christ's sake, and that all efforts of the congregation in overcoming evil in the city should be for His sake.

At the evening service Mr. Holland's subject was "Sentenced to Die." The preacher took the position that because all people are descended from the first man and woman, they are sinners.

Adam and Eve were just as much under the sentence of death as the three young men confined in the county jail at the present time, and that God doesn't lie any more than the law of the land lies. Adam and Eve died for disobedience, and the best men and women are under sentence of death unless they lead a Christian life.

FORMER PASTOR HERE.

Rev. J. W. Graham, D.D., LL.D., of Toronto, a former pastor of the First Methodist Church, preached the morning sermon yesterday on the occasion of the centenary anniversary of the church. Mr. Graham was one of the most popular pastors who ever occupied the pulpit of the First Church, and his popularity was amply testified by the crowded pews Sunday morning.

"This church means more to me than I can express," said Mr. Graham, who went on to speak in glowing terms of old members of the congregation.

Committee Ends Work In House

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—The standing committee to the legislature has completed its work and reported to the house. The committees are published in today's votes and proceedings. The Conservatives are in a substantial majority on each. In private bills committee there are 56 Conservatives, 12 Liberals and 14 U. F. O. Other committees are proportionately divided. The committees will probably commence work next week as there are a large number of bills ready for them.

gation whom he knew many years ago, including Mrs. Gregsten and Mrs. Ware.

"Heaven is richer because of this church," declared the speaker. "There are hundreds of faces we would like to see again. We must be true to the church of our fathers. I am glad to see the Rev. Mr. Hunter with you. I am glad he has found a place in your hearts. When the United Church comes, you may not have to get rid of your preacher in three or four years."

"Today there are people always trying to analyze things. God pity the church if we lose all sense of wonder. We'll never be able to conquer all the mysteries of grace." "If we say we have no sin we make God a liar. Christ never sinned. He was the only man in human history who never confessed to sin. If we give Jesus a place in our home as the Lord of life we won't have many divorces. Love will be deepened, he made more tender, and we will be knit together in the bonds of holy love."

"Who is it that has dignified women? It is Jesus. You would never have had the Children's Hospital if Jesus had not come to this earth. God loves you. He is your refuge. I'd like to appeal to you to give Jesus His place. It was Jesus who dignified toll. Every workman is a son of God. Let Him into your home life. He will sanctify the pleasures of your drawing room and they need to be sanctified."

"If we give Jesus His place in our lives we would never have war. The League of Nations and all treaties signed are nothing but scraps of paper unless Jesus Christ is the heart of the church. The Lord is the heart of fathers and mothers were not cheated, they found Him just beyond," concluded Mr. Graham.

REV. C. WALLER AT ST. PAUL'S

Rev. C. C. Waller, principal of Huron College, preached in St. Paul's Cathedral Sunday morning on the revelation of science to revelation. Dr. Waller pointed out that a great many people on the side of science disregarded the phenomena of revelation, while on the other hand, a good many students of revelation thought they had a quarrel with science.

Pasteur, the great French scientist, had stated that with all accurate instruments known to science, the scientists had to grope and stumble and made mistakes in their deductions. Therefore it was no wonder that students of revelation sometimes made errors. The ordinary member of the Church was no more capable of correctly forming deduction on the revelation of faith than anyone else," Principal Waller stated.

TALBOT STREET BAPTIST.

"The longer I am in the ministry," stated Dr. Bowley Green at Talbot Street Church on Sunday morning, "the more convinced I am that it is my business to meet men of the community who have made no decision about their place in the Kingdom of God. I feel more and more that I have been remiss in this work of pointedly and kindly asking men even outside of my congregation, where they stand in the matter of salvation."

Using the words, "When He saw the

DIAMONDS WORTH \$18,000 STOLEN

Robbery Reported To Have Taken Place On M. C. R. Train Near Welland.

Special to The Advertiser.

Tillsonburg, Feb. 17.—A report has been made here that an \$18,000 diamond robbery was staged somewhere between Buffalo and Welland on a Michigan Central train. When the train reached here late this afternoon passengers carrying club bags and suit cases were not permitted to leave the train, but told they must go on as far as St. Thomas.

It is alleged that a travelling man who makes trips every three or four weeks between New York and Buffalo discovered at or near Welland that his club bag had been "switched" and a duplicate left with him. The diamonds are reported to have gone with the missing club bag.

Details are not known here, but it is reported that passengers had to undergo a strict inquiry before they left the train at St. Thomas.

Tree Planting To Be Changed

Hon. George S. Henry Announces New Scheme.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Hon. George S. Henry, Ontario minister of public works and highways, has announced a change in the method of financing the planting of trees along public highways. Instead of sending out its own workmen, he says the new government has a scheme whereby farmers planting trees in front of their own property will be bonus so much per tree for planting.

of their sin and need of salvation. The ministry does not need to be made more attractive so that men will enter it. It should be looked upon as a great life work that will appeal to the heroic in a man's soul.

At the evening service were 16 who had come forward for the ordinance of baptism. The special services which have been so fruitful of results will be continued for another week, this being decided upon unanimously by the last meeting on Friday night.

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