

## 6 POSE AS POLICE; SET \$50,000 IN SILK

Two Flee When Real Patrolman Appears and Stolen Truck Crashes Into a Store—One Caught.

New York, July 20.—A truckload of silk, valued at \$50,000, was stolen in the Bronx by six men, one of whom wore a fake policeman's uniform, with a counterfeit badge. All of them were in a touring car with a Police Department marker.

Four of the men "arrested" the driver of the truck and his helper, and drove them about the Bronx, holding them until they received word from "headquarters" that the men were all right and should be let go. The other two started to drive off with the silk, but had to abandon the truck and its load when a real policeman came along. The robbers jumped out of the truck, letting it smash a water hydrant and run up on the sidewalk, endangering passers-by. One of them was caught after a chase and was held without bail.

The police think that the same band which attempted this daring robbery was fully of a successful \$50,000 silk robbery in lower Manhattan, when a truck was held up, the driver and his helper ordered out of it, and the truck and its load stolen.

The truck was owned by William Skinner & Son, silk merchants and manufacturers at Fourth avenue and Seventeenth street. George and Leo Labonte, brothers, of 78 Lynn street, Holyoke, Mass., were on the truck. They left one of the company's mills at Holyoke with a full load of silk on Monday evening, on the way to the main office of the company here.

Driving all night, they reached 168th street and Boston Road about 6:15 o'clock next morning, when they saw what seemed to be a Police Department automobile, in which were a policeman in uniform and five men. The car was going in the opposite direction and, after passing the truck, turned around and overtook it. The "policeman" leaped out of the car and ordered the truck driver to stop.

"Where's your bill of lading for this load?" the "policeman" asked. "I haven't got any," replied Leo Labonte. "We never carry bills of lading, and I've been driving this route a long time."

"Well, you've got to have one," the "policeman" insisted. "You men get down off that seat."

The driver said he thought the men with the "policeman" were detectives, as two of them displayed badges, so he obeyed. Three of the men, he said, drew their revolvers.

"Drive the truck down to headquarters at once, and we'll meet you down there," the man in uniform ordered. Two men then boarded the truck and drove away. The brother who had put into the automobile with the other four robbers, and after driving the car up and down several streets, he was taken behind the Yankee Stadium and told to "heat it" after one of the robbers had made a pretense of telephoning the Police Headquarters from a drug store.

Meanwhile, a taxicab driver who had seen the holdup, had called Patrolman John O'Connor of the Morrisania Station. O'Connor got into the taxicab, caught up with the truck, and when they saw the policeman the robbers jumped from the truck and ran in opposite directions. The truck ran up on the sidewalk at 168th street and Boston Road, broke a water hydrant, crashed into a plumber's supply store, breaking the plate glass window and stopped with its nose in the showcase.

One of the robbers escaped, but the other was followed by a crowd, headed by the policeman, who caught him hiding in a cellar. The robber surrendered when O'Connor drew his pistol. He was taken to Police Headquarters, where he said he was Jack Ransman, a peddler. Arraigned in Morrisania Court later on the charge of robbery, he was held without bail for examination. The police said their records showed he was arrested in 1917 on the charge of grand larceny and for carrying a pistol, but was discharged; was held by a magistrate for burglary in June 1922, when he was indicted by the Grand Jury, and was arrested for robbery last September, and the charge dropped on Monday night occurred at Leroy and Varick streets. Raymond Miller, Paterson, N. J., a driver, and Jacob Novak, Paterson, his helper, had driven the truck from Paterson to New York, and had backed up to unload when four men drove up in an automobile. Getting aboard the truck with drawn revolvers, three robbers forced Miller to drive to Greenwich and Bethune streets, while the fourth followed in a car. Then the driver and his helper were put into the automobile and driven to Dyckman street, where they were put back down town, the truck had disappeared. It was found in Glendale, Queens, but all the silk was gone.

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## AIR FLIVVER AT 65 MILES AN HOUR

London, July 2.—(A. P. by Mail).—Last years dream of aerial fliers has come true an experimental glider fitted with twin engines of five horsepower and two tiny propellers has, in its first test flight, hit up a speed of 65 miles an hour and attained a height of 2,500 feet. The flight was made from the airfield at Lympne, within two hours after the little plane had been unpacked from a motor lorry.

It seemed easy to assemble the many parts and not at all difficult, from a financial standpoint, to keep it in the air, the gasoline consumption being much less than for a small automobile.

The propellers, each a yard in length, are at the back of the front plane, where a chain connects them with the engine. The pilot sits in front. The span of the front wings measures only 33 feet, and the length from head to tail is 12 feet. There is hardly any undercarriage, the landing wheels being attached to the body itself.

This new glider will be entered in the various European gliding contests this summer. These are sure to produce even greater sensations than those of a year ago, since in the interim the use of small powered engines in airplanes has made distinct progress.

## Hunt For Convicts In Cypress Swamp

Posse Seeks Philadelphia Fugitives, While Cutters Watch Coast For Boat — Reported Well Financed.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 20.—Four of the six convicts who escaped from the Eastern Penitentiary, this city, last Saturday are believed to be in hiding in the salt marshes and dense cypress brush that fringe the lower eastern shore of Maryland.

Those familiar with the swamp region say the convicts, supplied with ample provisions, could evade capture for several weeks.

The motor launch Sunbeam stolen by them at Pocomoke City early Sunday had but five or six gallons of gasoline in her tank, according to Coleman F. Byrd, owner of the craft, who does not believe that the convicts could have traveled further than Crisfield, Md.

With the man-hunt on in the swamps places where the dory could have been scuttled are being dragged, and coast guards, volunteers in motor-boats and shipping in Chesapeake Bay are combing the coast.

J. W. Kirwin, Chief of Police at Crisfield, and six deputies are on the trail of four men who passed the town about the morning. The strangers avoided meeting any one and hurried away. They talked with the description broadcast by the local police.

From Norfolk, where revenue cutters have joined in the chase, word was received here of the sighting near Cape Charles of a small craft believed to be the Sunbeam. The cutters Manning and Mascoutin were ordered to overtake the vessel. Norfolk Police Patrol Boat No. 1 was in the vicinity at the time and also set out in the direction of the mysterious launch.

It was learned that the fugitives are in possession of several thousand dollars. The money, according to information reaching detectives is a fund obtained for the convicts through intensive banditry since the plot to scale the penitentiary walls was first hatched a month ago.

The bandits were four members of the band that, with Thomas J. "Eggie" Gillen, held up and robbed a Corn Exchange National Bank messenger. In return for this the bandits who escaped arrest, pledged themselves to aid Gillen to escape and joined with friends of Edwards in raising the money at the point of pistols.

All six of the fugitives were indicted by the Grand Jury today on eleven bills charging breaking out of prison, assault on a guard, larceny of an automobile and the kidnapping of its owner, T. J. McAllister Jr., and carrying concealed weapons.

Radio orders from the Navy Yard advised vessels in Chesapeake Bay of the convicts' description and destruction of the launch was ordered to run if the trail of the convicts is picked up.

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Anonymous Charges That Husband Was Unfaithful Prompted Her Death.

Pittsburgh, July 20.—Driven to desperation by anonymous telephone calls saying her husband was unfaithful, Mrs. Anna Nolte, wife of the borough engineer, the McKees Rocks, committed suicide last week. It was learned by Deputy Coroner Frank H. Spitzer.

The "poison calls," according to affidavits filed with the Deputy Coroner, came from both men and women. They were received during the absence of Nolte, and the family was never able to trace them. The practice was long continued and finally Mrs. Nolte's health failed and she took poison.

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