

WEAPONS FLY ON NEGRO EXCURSION

Picnic Up The Hudson One
Prolonged Fight From
Start to Finish.

New York, Aug. 21.—Razors, revolvers, bottles, flasks, knives, clubs, axes, and fists were in incessant use on the picnic of the West Side League Voters, a negro organization, which had an excursion up the Hudson River in the steamer Smithfield, commanded by Captain William Raynor.

Captain Raynor took 1,000 excursionists aboard at West Seventy-ninth street. There were some lively revolver battles at first. Five gunmen were put ashore at West 122nd street, where some additional picnickers were also taken aboard. There was fighting all the way up the river, fighting on shore at Forest View Greys and fighting on the way back.

Passing Yonkers, Captain Raynor steered close to one of the piers and threw ashore a chunk of wood to which was attached a note asking that the New York harbor police be notified that a big cargo of trouble was headed downstream.

Near 182nd street Acting Sergeant Ward and five men in a police boat drew alongside and boarded the Smithfield. They quelled the half a dozen fights then in progress and herded the offenders to one side of the boat. More fights broke out. The herded group grew till it threatened to outnumber the unherded. Flasks of "jackass brandy" were confiscated. The sergeant gave orders to protect the peaceful ones, but a few minutes later a member of his squad saluted and said—

"Sergeant, where are the peaceful ones?"

Finally Sergeant Ward told Captain Raynor that it was apparently a question of arresting all on board, and that he could not put them in a police boat. He therefore released his prisoners and drew off with his men. They went downstream to call out reserves to make peace when the boat landed.

In the meantime, the shooting attracted the attention of the battleship Maryland, anchored in mid-stream, and a shipload of marines was sent over to give the young marines experience. But they were notified that it was useless to stop two or three sections of what was one big general fight. The ship went on its way until it landed at Seventy-seventh street. Here the reserves from two police stations were drawn up in line and the passengers were landed one at a time.

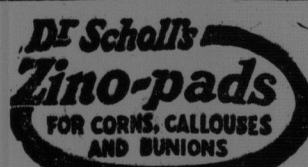
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BIG LIQUOR HAULS BY AUTHORITIES

The Toronto "Ward" Yields
Over 9,000 Bottles.

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 21.—Nine thousand bottles of liquor seized in police raids in the "Ward" returned to the government vendors from No. 2 police station within the past year, and this was only the "cream" of the lot, so to speak. Some of the stuff was so unspeakably bad that it was dumped down the sewer, just as is done in all other police divisions.

Thereby hangs a tale, which Inspector Bond tells with great gusto. One of his men got a prescription and went to the vendors for a bottle of gin. When he got back to the police station he undid the wrappings, looked at the bottle—and found his own initials on the bottom of it, together with a notation, "Fined \$200 and costs or three months." It was a bottle he had seized in a raid.

The government vendors made periodical calls at all police stations in the city for this confiscated liquor, examine it as to its purity, and, if it is pure, place it on the shelves and sell it to customers. Pure alcohol or impure "moonshine" are taken, too, but devoted to other uses.

COUGHS UP BULLET HE FIRED INTO HEAD IN SUICIDE ATTEMPT

New York, Aug. 21.—Seized with a coughing spell while he was in bathing at Coney Island, Tuesday, Benedict Friedman, sixty-six years old, of 82 Market street, Newark, got rid of a bullet which he had fired into his head more than a month ago in an attempt to end his life.

On June 19 Friedman, who keeps a candy store, shot himself four times in the head. Three of the bullets were extracted by City Hospital physicians and the fourth could not be located. Friedman's explanation of his attempt at suicide is that he became temporarily insane as a result of continually bumping his head on the rafters in his cellar as he bailed out water from an icebox drain.

TWO ON TRIAL AS \$2,100,000 ROBBERS

Chapman and Anderson Face
Court For Big Mail Theft
Last October—(Third Man)
Pleads Guilty

New York, Aug. 21.—Two of the men indicted on a charge of having robbed an automobile mail truck of \$2,400,000 in securities, cash and jewels, at Leonard street and Broadway on October 24 last, were placed on trial before Federal Judge Holmes. They were Gerald Chapman, alias "Bryce," "Count," and George Anderson, alias "Haines."

A third defendant, Charles Loerber, alias "Lambert," who had joined with the other defendants in a plea of not guilty, was rearraigned by Prosecutor David W. Cahill to change his plea to guilty. The plea was accepted by the court. It is understood that Loerber will testify for the government in the event of his help being needed to convict the other two.

The robbery of the mail wagon was accomplished at 10:30 at night. The chauffeur was forced to drive the truck some distance west to Leonard street, and then the bandits selected from seven pouches in the truck four containing the valuables. The robbery followed only four days after the theft of a pouch containing \$1,000,000 from the General Post Office and stirred the authorities to unusual activity. After a long search Post Office Inspector Joseph Vick and Gordon T. McCarthy, a detective employed in Buffalo by the American Railway Express Company, caught the accused men.

All three, according to the Federal authorities, are ex-convicts. Chapman, who is believed to have been the leader of the enterprise, has a long jail record, it is said; Anderson's record embraces a career as a confidence operator in Chicago and a term of ten years in the Blackwell's Island penitentiary for burglary.

Counsel for Chapman and Anderson made an effort to get a postponement of the trial after Loerber's plea of guilty had been entered. In this they were unsuccessful. After the men were arrested the postal authorities recovered securities valued at over \$800,000. It was suggested that the postponement was needed if about \$1,700,000 more of the stolen property was to be recovered. It would take time, it was suggested, to enable the defendants to communicate with those having possession of it. But the court refused to grant a postponement, and the filling of the jury box was proceeded with. The trial will be continued.

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