

# OFFICERS RECOVER MANY STOLEN CARS

### RICHLAND COUNTY AUTHORITY ROUND UP ORGANIZED GANG OF THIEVES AND ARREST FOUR WHITE MEN, WITH MORE SOON.

Columbia, June 23.—Richland county officers delivered a hard blow against what they term a section of an organized gang of motor car thieves when they arrested four white men and located 15 stolen machines. A confession from one of the alleged robbers shows that the system started operations over one year ago at Spartanburg when a Ford car was stolen from in front of the Gresham hotel. Emory R. Rikard's place, two miles from Summitt, Lexington county was the "fence" for stole cars, the officers say, a big barn being the hiding place for stolen gas wagons.

Behind the bars in the county jail are Will Burns, formerly of Asheville, N. C.; Emory Rikard, of Lexington county; J. E. Williams of Asheville and Will Calhoun of Greensboro, N. C. These men are being held for investigation pending the recovery of cars and the arrest of eight other men. The machines recovered to date include nine Ford cars stolen from Columbia; two cars from Spartanburg; one from Greensboro; one from High Point; and one from Randleman, N. C., and one from Batesburg.

Sheriff Heise, Chief Dunnaway of the county police force and Deputy Sheriff Thompson have worked untiringly on the case since May 19 and long trips and all night runs have been made since the arrest of Will Burns Saturday, June 4. Burns was taken in Lexington county and in a few days three others were lodged in jail. Machines were located one after another until 15 were rounded up.

J. E. Williams in a signed statement said he joined the gang over a year ago while he was a clerk in a cigar store at Spartanburg and that he had his pal stole a Ford car, changed the number and sold the machine in Columbia. While in the capital city another Ford car belonging to the Edison Phonograph company was stolen, he said, and carried over to Emory Rikard's place near Summitt where the body was take off and another substituted in its place. Williams says this was his first trip to Rikard's place. Another Ford car was stolen at Spartanburg and sold in Columbia according to the confession. The next move was made on the 1200 block of Hampton street where a Ford touring car with a nickel plated radiator was taken. Williams says this machine was carried to Charlotte where it was sold for \$300. Another Ford was stolen from the vicinity of Gibbs court and an Essex machine was taken from some point in North Carolina and carried to Cowpens, according to the confession. Williams names his pals in each transaction.

Sheriff Heise said yesterday that eight white men are being sought and about 20 more machines are to be recovered. The sheriff said the arrest of Burns at Shandon Annex on the morning of Saturday, June 4, started the weaving of a web around what he believes to be an organized gang. The first car to be recovered was found at Rikard's place in Lexington county, according to the sheriff. This machine was the one taken from the phonograph company and the original body is said to have been found in a mill pond. A touring car body had been placed on the chassis. A Cadillac car was located at Rikard's which was claimed by a party at Randleman, N. C. Another Ford car was taken at Rikard's and this machine has not been identified, as the officers say the numbers were changed.

Leaving Columbia last Thursday Sheriff Heise and Chief Dunnaway went to Rockingham, N. C., where Sheriff McDonald joined the party for a trip to a saw mill near Ellerbe. The sheriff said two Ford cars were located there. One had been stolen from T. W. Sanford of Columbia. The numbers on the other machine had been changed. Going to High Point, the chief of police aided the South Carolina officers and two cars were located. The officers visited

# MISSING VESSELS TRACED TO RUSSIA

### BELIEVED THAT RADICALS MAY HAVE HAD HAND IN DISAPPEARANCE OF AMERICAN SHIPS—CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES TELL OF ACTIVITIES.

New York, June 23.—Disappearance at sea of several American ships within the past few months was linked by the New York police tonight with plans, revealed to them in a series of raids on radical headquarters a year and a half ago, for the seizure of these vessels at sea and their diversion to Russian Soviet ports.

The police said they were informed "through certain confidential sources" that officials of the Union of Russian Workers of the United States and Canada, an organization since broken up, had urged its members who were out of employment, especially those with a knowledge of the sea, to seek employment on American ships, overpower the other members of the crew and direct the vessels to Russia.

The identity of these "confidential sources" was not revealed by the police. All the information which came into their possession, with the enormous amount of literature and documents seized, they said, was turned over to the Department of Justice.

So far as known these plans were never put into execution prior to the raids, but police said they formed the chief subject of discussion at several secret meetings of the Russian organization.

The organization, police declared, was composed largely of Russian anarchists who used the labor union movement as a camouflage. Their headquarters were repeatedly raided by the police during 1919 and 1920 and numerous arrests were made. Eventually the majority of those arrested were deported to Russia, most of them aboard the United States army transport Buford.

### Many Radical Plans.

Washington, June 23.—Department of Justice officials said tonight they would communicate with their New York office and with Detective Sergeant J. J. Gegan, chief of the bomb squad, to obtain all available information on the reported seizure more than a year ago from United Russian Workers of the United States and Canada of documents containing plans for capture of American ships and their diversion to Russian ports.

Raids upon communistic organizations in November, 1919, and in May 1920, officials said, had netted tons of documents revealing many radical plans but there were no schemes so far as they could recall.

### MAKE THE MOST OF IT

Life. Wayne B. Wheeler, of Anti-Saloon League declares that the organization of wine and beer leagues in this country will lead to anarchy. "If that be treason—"

### EXPERT OPINION

Life. "Did the man who sold that suit tell you it was all wool?" "Yes. Why?" "I shudder to think what a boll weevil would do to the sheep that bore that wool."

Watch the label on your paper.

Randleman ad found a Ford coupe which was stolen from the Adlum Milling company of Columbia May 13. Another Ford touring car belonging to G. C. Shealy of Batesburg was seized at Randleman. At Ellerbe the officers found a Ford machine with a nickel plated radiator which was stolen from Paul Morgan of Columbia.

Sheriff Heise said yesterday that an Essex car stolen at High Point had been located at Cowpens. The cars recovered so far are 12 Fords, one Essex, one Cadillac and one Dodge touring car. It was said yesterday that one of the prisoners in the county jail had stated that he could locate at least 20 stolen machines between Richmond and Jacksonville.

### SPEAKING FOR THE GIRLS

Spartanburg Journal. Some days ago the letter which follows was received by the Editor of The Journal. It was mailed at Spartanburg and was signed by the name of the writer, we presume. We print it without the signature for the information of the public and the careful consideration, let us hope, of the young women who do not think it necessary to wear any clothes to speak of, and in whose behalf, apparently, the letter was written, to wit:

Spartanburg, S. C., June 17, 1921.

Dear Editor— Speaking about Short Skirts I hope you dont class Spartanburg with New York let them lengthen their dresses I wonder if the person that suggested that fool Idea ever went out of S. C. What's the Matter with Mother? the girls in the City of Success don't need any body to tell them what the style is— as you know we wont stand for that give me short skirts are give me death do you think we are going to dress old fashion to please one old chronic?

we appreciate his Insult but the more the talk the higher they go all mothers encourage their daughters to dress stylish—and look cute that's the only way we have to vamp a husband so we have decided not to take any instructions from any one

so you will never call the Spartanburg girls old Fashion girl's when a preacher takes that for a text, you will see the men rush in church for any man like's to hear about any thing's thats worth while I have never seen a girl in Spartanburg dressed edecently why not set a day and preach on— whats the matter with the old fashion boy's let the cow's eat them yes I hafter keep up with the crowd so up with the skirts and let the men know you are not afraid to put them on—



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made payable to the chairman of the Abbeville County Highway Commission.

Plans, specifications and proposal forms are on file at the office of H. B. Humbert, County Engineer, Abbeville, S. C., and at the office of the State Highway Engineer, Columbia, S. C. Plans and specifications may be obtained at the latter address upon request accompanied by a check for Five Dollars (\$5.00), which sum will be refunded if plans are returned in good condition within thirty days after receipt of bids. 6, 20.

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