

**NEW YORK POLICE
READY FOR GANGS**

Ordered to "Sleep on Their Arms."
Many Men Available.

New York, April 14.—Police Commissioner Enright today ordered all precinct captains to "sleep on their arms" after detectives had revealed an alleged plot of bandit gangsters systematically to rob office safes below the "dead line" in the downtown financial section.

The order, which followed a confession, said to have been made by George Breckinridge, a night watchman, in which he involved a band of safe crackers and a girl accomplice in the robbery of seven offices in a single building last night, directed the precinct captains to remain on duty virtually 24 hours a day, sleeping at the station houses instead of going home, as had been the custom.

In addition Commissioner Enright temporarily abolished the police vacation list, thus keeping on active duty 200 men a week, who were scheduled for leaves of absence.

A considerable number of these men will be available for extra patrol duty in the financial district, it was said. The order was to become effective at midnight tonight. Breckinridge was still in custody tonight, while police sought the stenographer, known as "Gay Baby," former pal of a prisoner at Sing Sing.

"Gay Baby," according to the watchman's alleged confession, was an advance worker for the band, which last night entered a 20 story insurance building, cracked safes on seven floors and escaped with booty estimated at nearly \$100,000. Breckinridge, who first said he had been slugged into unconsciousness, bound and gagged by the bandits, later admitted he aided them in their work, the police assert.

Another robbery was added to the long list which detectives are trying to clear up, when John A. Hance, Broadway broker, informed the police today that burglars had aroused him and his wife from bed and compelled them to reveal where the family jewels and cash were kept.

The burglars entered the home by a third story window, Hance reported, and left by the same route, taking with them several thousand dollars worth of jewelry and \$200 in cash.

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SMITH REUNION

On the morning of the 13th of April the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith turned their faces toward the old home near Waterloo, the occasion being the celebration of their father's sixty-eighth birthday. It was good to see the happy faces of that dear mother and father as they greeted them one by one till the home circle numbered seven sons and two daughters, all being present except one daughter. The morning hours slipped by so quickly that ere we realized it, the hour for dinner had arrived. On a long table in the yard was spread all the good things that go to make an ideal picnic dinner. In the center of this table was a huge birthday cake with the number sixty-eight in its center. One of the sweetest memories that perhaps will linger with us longer than any other, was the gathering, as in days of yore, around the family altar to listen to the reading of God's word and to hear a father's benediction upon his children and grandchildren. Those present were Mr. Preston Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith and Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Smith, Catherine and Edna, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, and Joe, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James Smith and Virginia, Mrs. Claud Mahon, Margaret and Mamie, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Smith, Mr. David C. and Miss Gertrude. Those sharing the pleasures of the day with the family were Mrs. Bettie Reid and Mrs. Lattie Holland.

"One Present."

TRIBUNAL DENIES

PLEA FOR BIGHAM

United States Supreme Court Refuses to Order Rehearing of Case.

Florence, April 14.—Word was received from Washington this afternoon that the United States supreme court had denied the petition of Edmund D. Bigham for a rehearing of his case, which means that the conviction and sentence of death in the circuit court will stand. A. L. King, attorney for Bigham, stated that he would exhaust every resource of law, and it is likely that the case will find its way eventually to the supreme court of the United States.

Bigham was convicted for the murder of his brother, L. Smiley Bigham. He is also indicted for the murder of his mother, his sister and the latter's two adopted children. The murder was committed at a plantation near Pamplico in January, 1921.

FAVORS TARIFF

BEFORE BONUS

President Thinks Former Should Have Precedence. On Senate Floor.

Washington, April 14.—President Harding was declared today at the White House to be of the opinion that tariff legislation should be given precedence in the senate over the soldier bonus.

Although it was made clear that the president had received no request from Republican leaders in the senate for advice as to which measure should be taken up first, it is understood that the views of both the chief executive and the senatorial leaders coincide in this respect.

Under present plans the tariff will be taken up in the senate next Thursday while the finance committee takes up the bonus bill with the possibility that it may make radical changes in it as it was passed by the house. When the bonus measure has been reported to the senate it will be taken up for consideration during lulls in the tariff debate. The bonus bill is expected to be ready for senate consideration in about a fortnight.

Benjamin C. Marsh, managing director of the Farmers' National council, declared in a statement tonight that the tariff bill reported by the senate finance committee was "the worst of the many gold bricks handed farmers by the present administration."

"The whole scheme of the tariff bill as reported to the senate," he added, "is evidently to permit highly protected manufacturers to continue the same profiteering which they carried on during the war. Whatever the text of the tariff bill it is clear that the duties levied on manufactured products are on the American basis cost of production while those levied on agricultural products are on the basis of foreign cost of production."

CLEMSON TO SEND

DATA BY WIRELESS

Radio Outfit to be of Benefit to Farmers. Reports on Markets.

Washington, April 14.—Clemson college is soon to have a complete agricultural radio outfit and experts from the United States department of agriculture will on July 1 go to South Carolina to cooperate with farmers in the growing of tobacco, soy beans and peanuts, according to W. W. Long, of that institution who was in Washington today.

Mr. Long said that Clemson will be the third agricultural college in the United States to use radio in the re-

ceiving and dissemination of agricultural news of all kinds. This service, he said, will permit growers of watermelons and other products to know each day not only what the climatic conditions are but also the price conditions in all the important Northern markets. Market quotations will be sent to every demonstration agent in South Carolina and distributed by them to growers, and not only will the growers know what their products are worth, but how many cars are actually moving to the markets each day.

As to tobacco, peanuts and soy beans, Mr. Long said experts on tobacco would go to Florence and on peanuts and soy beans to Aiken at the time indicated. Mr. Long was enthusiastic concerning the good results which he believes the establishment of the radio station and the sending of experts to South Carolina will produce.

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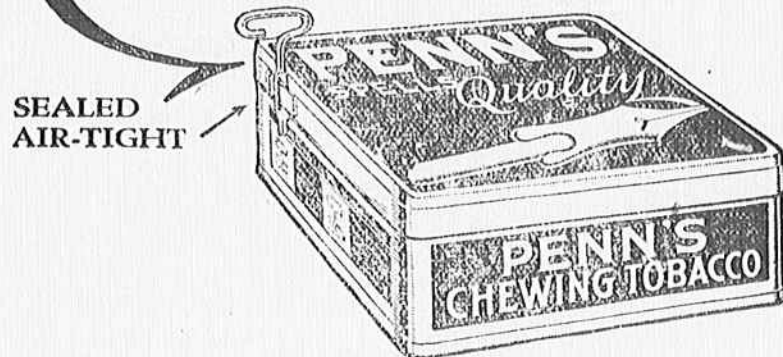
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