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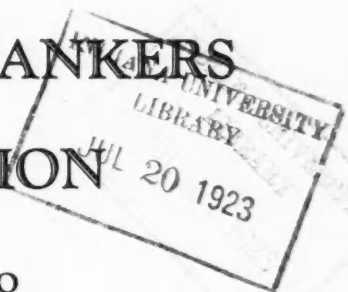
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Bogus Drafts, for \$87,500

IN some banks \$17,500 accounts are not received every day. If you received a letter similar to the following, what action would you take?

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
of
Ark.

National Bank,
Muskogee, Okla. May 24, 1923.

Gentlemen:

We herewith enclose New York Exchange #2463, \$17,500 in favor of Mr. E. L. Hughes, who has been a customer of this bank for the past several years.

Mr. Hughes has been very successful in the North Louisiana and Arkansas fields, and we regret he has decided to go to the Oklahoma country.

We have always found him a most agreeable man with whom to do business and one who meets his obligations promptly.

We bespeak for him your confidence and assistance, which we will personally appreciate.

We enclose his signature for identification.

Yours very truly,
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
By _____ President.

Five such letters with drafts and signature cards enclosed were mailed at a city in Arkansas. Two were received by banks in Muskogee and three by banks in another Oklahoma city. The following day E. L. Hughes entered the three banks in one city and made the acquaintance of the officials. He remarked that he was looking for a home. Later he returned to one of the banks stating he had bought a house and would like to draw \$3,250. He was accommodated. At another bank he obtained \$2,750. He did not attempt to defraud the third bank in that city, but went to Muskogee by automobile.

At Muskogee a reception had been arranged for him due to the precaution of the president of one of the Muskogee banks,

Warning

JAMES K. LYNCH. In the June issue of the JOURNAL Supplement we published an article concerning the above operator and we believe that he may attempt operations against member banks in the near future. Lynch defrauded two member banks, one in Tulsa, Okla., through the medium of forgery of the signature of a customer trading with a brokerage house where he was employed as a margin clerk and bookkeeper. This operator will endeavor to gain employment as a margin clerk or bookkeeper and undoubtedly will use forged references. He has played semi-professional baseball and may as a subterfuge try this method of keeping himself covered in some of the smaller leagues. He has a very engaging personality and we believe is traveling with a woman companion toward lower California or is in the vicinity of Los Angeles. Lynch is described as being 26 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall; weighs 160 pounds; good build; dark brown hair; blue eyes; full face and a prominent forehead.

The New Customer

IT is gratifying when a new man comes to town and selects your bank as his bank and deposits a certified check, a cashier's check or a New York draft for a large sum.

The banker, having a banker's spirit, is pleased because his bank has been selected instead of one of the other banks in town.

The banker having civic pride is pleased again that another man with capital and business ability has come with his money and his ability to add to the prosperity of the town.

But these things are not worth \$2,000 or \$3,000 of any bank's funds, though that is the price that may be exacted from any bank if one of its officers permits himself to be overawed by a plain crook in a new suit of clothing!

A perusal by every one in your bank of the brief story of the "Bogus Drafts from Arkansas" given on this page takes but a moment from each officer but it may prevent your bank from taking a loss due to cashing checks against uncollected items!

who upon receiving the letter, wired the bank by which it was ostensibly written. The reply stated that the bank had no depositor named E. L. Hughes, had written no letters introducing him, and had issued no drafts payable to him. The local police were then notified, and a detective was stationed in each bank. When Mr. Hughes entered one of the banks, and signed that name to a card, he was placed under arrest.

A representative of the Burns Detective Agency proceeded to Muskogee and identified E. L. Hughes as Roy Churchill, with numerous aliases, who had been arrested on several previous occasions, and, who, they believed, was in the Texas State Penitentiary, he having been sentenced on January 23, 1920, to serve five years in that institution. Churchill admitted his identity to the Burns representative and stated he had had the drafts and letter heads printed in St. Louis.

Again we urge banks not to advance funds on uncollected items or cash checks for strangers. No matter how good a man's appearance may be, or how well he seems to be recommended, accept his drafts and checks drawn on out-of-town banks for collection only. A man endeavoring to defraud your bank uses every effort to draw before returns can be received on the item he has deposited. A responsible business man knows he cannot draw on such a deposit immediately, or if the matter is explained to any honest person, he, or she, will be perfectly willing to wait until the item has cleared.

If your bank had received a letter similar to the above, would you have lost approximately \$3,000, or would you have caused the arrest of a criminal? *Do not advance funds on uncollected items or cash checks for strangers!*

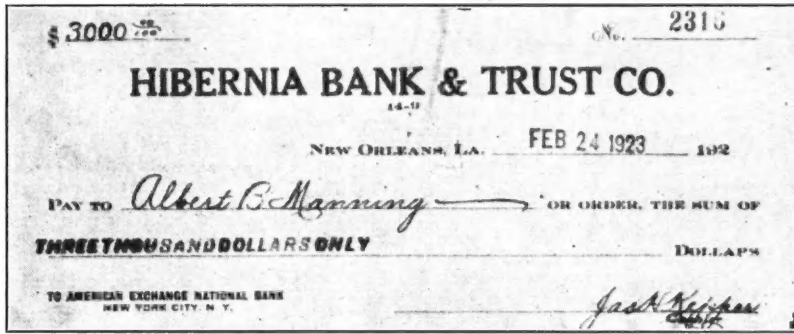
Warning

LOUIS A. ACKLEY, whose photograph is reproduced above, is reported by a member bank in Newark, N. J., as issuing a bogus cashier's check. This is the first case relative to this operator reported in months and we presume he will remain active. His method of operation and style of handwriting is such as can easily be recognized by member banks. Ackley will employ a local attorney to effect a collection of a large amount from a party located at a distant point. The attorney will communicate with the debtor and will later receive a cashier's check (sent by the operator) in return, with an explanation. The attorney believing the transaction legitimate will either introduce his client to his bank or advance him cash on the check.

Ackley's previous method of operation was to employ a secretary or bookkeeper and after presenting to her a draft request that she deposit it to her account. Later he would give her another cashier's check, supposedly from his firm, to cash, claiming to need the money for expenses incident to the opening of his office. After receiving



James K. Lynch

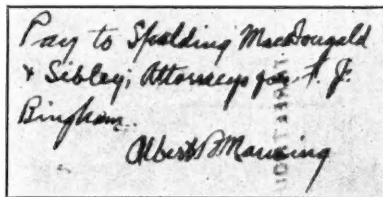


from Paris and upon his arrival at Madrid to go direct to the hotel, named in the letter of his instructions, where he will be met by the jailer who he alleges has been corrupted by the banker to aid him in recovering this gold.

Upon meeting the jailer the prospective victim is supposed to turn over to him a sum of money usually about \$3,000. The victim is then to wait, while the jailer goes to the residence of the banker's daughter so as to get them together.

After waiting some time the prospective victim realizes that he has been victimized and that he has seen the last of his \$3,000 and the supposed jailer.

We are reproducing below, a specimen of the handwriting of one of these swindlers and would request that should any of the members reading this article have a customer who has been defrauded that the member bank notify us so that our records may be kept up to date.



inches tall; weighs 165 pounds; sallow complexion; blue eyes; walks with a slight limp of left foot. Carries a cane at times.

Cash One hundred
Cash 250⁰⁰ Sixty 60⁰⁰

Ramon de Santacruz



Louis A. Ackley

the cash, Ackley would disappear. We are reproducing one of the checks used by the operator. He is described as 45 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall; weighs 140 pounds, slender build; dark eyes and complexion, dark hair at sides and in back; very bald on top, may wear a wig.

Spanish Jail Swindle

QUITE recently some one in the underworld has re-established the old "Spanish Jail Swindle" and has started a campaign to line up prospective victims. Just how successful these swindlers have been we are unable to state, but of late we have received numerous letters from banks in the south who have forwarded copies of correspondence received by their customers from these swindlers. The latter are located in Madrid, Spain. Their method of operation is as follows:

They obtain names of successful merchants. A letter is written to the merchant purporting to come from a very wealthy banker formerly in business in the Canary Islands. It seems that in some manner, this banker has become involved with the Spanish authorities and has been sentenced to serve a term of several years in a Spanish jail.

When arrested, according to the letter, the banker had in his possession several hundred thousand dollars in Spanish gold. He hid this money before the authorities could secure it and the purpose of his letter to the prospective victim, is to ask assistance in aiding his eighteen-year-old daughter to recover this gold which is in a certain warehouse in New York City. The swindler states that the victim's name has been supplied to him by a very dear friend and that he understands he can be trusted and agrees for the prospective victim's aid both morally and financially to permit him to participate in a certain share of the hidden money.

The swindler closes his letter by asking the prospective victim to cable him if his proposition is acceptable.

If the prospective victim "bites" he is again in receipt of a letter from the swindler directing him how to proceed in the recovery of this gold. The main feature of the instructions is that he must proceed by a certain boat to Paris and from Paris wire a certain individual at a Madrid hotel. He is then to take a certain well known train

Bogus Certified Checks

SEVERAL brokerage firms have been swindled through the operations of a stock salesman. After seeking employment with a broker on the ground that he has a prospective customer located in Providence, R. I., the operator is engaged to solicit on commission. A few days later he returns and presents to his employers a large order with a certified check drawn on the Narragansett Trust Co., Providence, R. I., signed by E. B. Crawford and F. B. Morton, officials of E. B. Crawford & Co., Stock Brokers, Providence, R. I. The operator will then request his commission, which is paid. When the check is deposited it is returned for there is no such bank or concern as printed on the check located in Providence, R. I. The name used by the operator is Fred Gresham, alias Greshaimer and he is described as being 33 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall; weighs 165 pounds; dark brown hair; smooth shaven. We are reproducing a specimen of the operator's handwriting.



H. W. Hopkins
Check Forger Active

H. W. HOPKINS, using numerous aliases some of which are Chas. H. Ray, Chas. H. Small; Alvin Foster; H. R. Wilson; is defrauding banks in the Atlantic Coast States by issuing forged checks. He is a clever penman and a dangerous operator to be at large. We are reproducing below specimens of his handwriting. Particular attention is called to the word "cash" for it appears on each check he issues. Hopkins is described as 40 years of age; 5 feet 10

E. B. Crawford
F. B. Morton

Cash and Bearer Checks

MEMBER banks in Los Angeles, Cal., and vicinity are complaining of losses incurred through the cashing of checks made payable to either "Cash" or "Bearer," which in each instance bears the forged signature of a depositor. In many cases the operator claiming to be a relative, indorses

Andrew Wertheimer
 R A Scott Cash
 Daniel Reuter Twenty-five
 Mrs. George Thomas

the check with a name similar to that of the payer. The members of this band of forgers are at present very active and it is therefore urgently requested that all members scrutinize the handwriting reproduced above carefully in preparation for the appearance of the criminals.

Woman Mail Box Thief

A CLEVER woman check forger using such aliases as IRENE MORRIS, Ruth Lindsay, Irene Smith, Helen Davis, Ruth Ragland, has been rifling mail boxes to secure specimens of the signatures on checks. After securing these specimens she will appear at the depositor's bank with a forged check. This woman has operated in Richmond, Va., and Atlanta, Ga. She is described as being twenty years of age, 5 feet, two or three inches in height, weighs 110 pounds; dark hair and complexion. We are reproducing a specimen of the operator's handwriting.

Ruth Ragland
 Mason Apts
 - Pal Coat

GEORGE ATKINS, defrauded a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., by the use of a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. We have no description at present but are reproducing below a specimen of his handwriting.

George Atkins

R. W. BATEMAN opened an account with a member bank, depositing a check drawn on a Pittsburgh, Pa., bank and another on a New York, N. Y., bank. Before the checks had a chance to clear, the operator was permitted to withdraw the greater part of the account. These checks were later returned as bogus. There is no description of Bateman available.

B. BONNIEAU, by forging the name of a depositor of a member bank in Cleveland, Ohio, to a check, caused the bank to sustain a loss. This check was cashed by a local citizen for Bonnieau. We have no description of the operator.

C. C. COLLINS, alias L. W. Brickley, alias B. E. Heuton. By the use of bogus checks, drawn on the Central Trust Company of Cincinnati, O., signed by L. W. Brickley, Mgr. and B. E. Heuton, Secy. of the Queen City Hide & Fur Co., Collins is defrauding hotels and merchants. He recently operated in Bullochville, Ga.

L. B. CORSON, alias I. R. Wilson, having secured a bundle of discarded checks of a depositor of a member bank in San Francisco, Cal., is now using them to his advantage. One bank reports a loss and it is therefore requested that members watch out for checks bearing these names.

FRANK B. COTTON, approached a teller of a member bank in San Francisco, Cal., advising of his arrival from Los Angeles, Cal., and of his desire to transfer his account, whereupon he produced a check in a large amount drawn on the Hellman Commercial & Savings Bank, Los Angeles. This check was accepted for collection, only. The operator later returned with a party known at the bank and upon the strength of his identification, Cotton was permitted to withdraw funds. The check was later returned as bogus. Cotton is described as 30 years of age; 5 feet 11 inches tall; weight, 150 pounds; slender build; black hair; dark eyes; dark fedora hat; has two gold teeth in front on lower jaw.

R. C. COWAN caused a member bank in New Orleans, La., to sustain a loss by cashing several checks bearing the signature of a depositor. We are unable to supply a description of Cowan at present.

L. A. DEVINE, secured one of his employer's checks and after forging the signature of the employer's manager, presented it to a member bank in New York, N. Y., for payment. The check was accepted, but it was not until some time later that the forgery was discovered. We have no description of the operator.

HOWARD DUPLISSES, a negro, opened an account with a member bank in Chicago, Ill., by making a small cash deposit together with a cashier's check of a large amount. This check was honored and Duplisses was permitted to withdraw funds. He later produced a check drawn on the Continental National Bank, Kansas City, Mo., and was successful in securing cash. It was afterward discovered that the cashier's check bore a forged indorsement and the other was returned as bogus. Duplisses worked a similar scheme on another bank in Chicago. Our detective agents Chicago representatives working on the case discovered clues which led to Denver, Colo., and Birmingham, Ala., which they are now investigating. Duplisses is described as being a negro 26 to 27 years of age; 5 feet 6 or 7 inches tall; weighs 140 to 150 pounds; medium build; light brown complexion; dark brown eyes; coarse black hair, looks like a Mexican.

ALEX FISHEL. A member bank in Minneapolis, Minn., reports a party using this alias as opening an account with a bogus check drawn on the Mechanics Bank, Brooklyn, N. Y., which he drew against almost immediately thereafter. He attempted to make a second withdrawal, but was refused. Fishel did not again return. He is described as 23 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall; weighs 130 pounds; slender build; light sandy complexion; light hair; smooth shaven. A facsimile of his handwriting is given herewith.

Alex Fishel
 June 5

MARY FLEMING, alias Ruth Washburn cashed two checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor of a member bank causing them a loss. The operator is described as being 28 years of age, 5 feet 3 to 5 inches tall; weight, 120 pounds; slender build; fair complexion; blonde hair; grey eyes. A specimen of her handwriting is shown herewith.

Mary Fleming

MRS. T. E. FRANCIS, alias Mrs. T. T. Pohlman, is operating in St. Louis, Mo., with bogus checks drawn on the Merchants-Laclede National Bank, St. Louis, Mo. She is described as being 25 to 26 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches in height; weight 115 pounds; slender build; medium complexion; brown eyes; well dressed. A facsimile of the operator's handwriting is given on following page.

Mrs J. E. Francis
5212 Kensington Ave

M. GORDON, is being sought by a member bank in Newark, N. J., charged with issuing bogus checks. Gordon opened an account with a cash deposit and gave references which did not prove satisfactory. He later deposited worthless stock coupons and a bogus check. He gave his business as the Excellent Distributing Company of New York, N. Y.

JAMES W. GUDE, claiming to be connected with the La Salle Extension School, Washington, D. C., presented a bogus check drawn on the Washington Loan & Trust Company, Washington, D. C., to a member bank in Richmond, Va., and after being properly identified, received the funds. Members should refrain from accepting any checks from this party. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

James W. Gude

M. M. HANLEU, using such aliases as Wm. C. Bond and Dr. H. C. Linsey, is reported by a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., as issuing bogus checks drawn on the Citizens National Bank, Los Angeles, Cal. Member banks are warned not to cash any checks for this man. See specimen of his handwriting.

M. M. Hanleu

ARTHUR HARDY giving his address as 5903 Curtis Avenue, Cleveland, O., defrauded a member bank in Cleveland by the use of forged checks. These checks were cashed by local firms. We have no description or writing of the operator at present.

JOHN HOLDEN, having been a partner of a depositor of a member bank in Lapwai, Idaho, for ten years, found little difficulty in cashing a check bearing the forged signature of his partner. A warrant has been issued for Holden who is believed to be heading for California where he has money invested in mines. We are unable to publish his description at present.

ALEX JONES. The Wayne County & Home Savings Bank, Detroit, Mich., reports receiving checks drawn on its bank

Geo Gordon
Alex Jones

to the order of Jones issued by the Grand River Automobile Painting and Repairing Co., purporting to be signed Geo. Gordon, Mgr. These checks are bogus and members are requested to refrain from cashing them. Jones is described as 35 to 38 years of age, 5 feet, 1 inch in height; weight 125 pounds; dark hair, eyes and complexion. A specimen of the operator's handwriting is shown herewith.

E. F. KEENAN. Claiming to be supervising engineer for the Joseph Reed Gas Engine Co., Greenville, S. C., this individual gained the confidence of a customer of a member bank in Port Arthur, Texas. When Keenan presented a cashier's check of the First National Bank, Waggoner, Okla., signed R. E. Day, Asst. Cashier, it was readily cashed. The check was later returned as bogus. Keenan is described as 35 years of age; medium build and of good appearance. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

E. F. Keenan
R. E. Day

M. KESSLER is operating in Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas with bogus checks ostensibly issued by the Kessler Shirt Company, Kessler Building, St. Louis, Mo. The checks are drawn on the First National Bank, St. Louis, Mo., and are signed "H. Kessler, per M. Kessler." We would suggest that member banks be on the alert for checks of the above description, though to date hotels have been his only victims.

Imposter Operating

AN individual purporting to be MARTIN A. W. LITTLETON, JR., son of a prominent New York Attorney, has by misrepresentation secured funds on drafts drawn on a New York, N. Y., bank. We are reproducing below a specimen of the operator's handwriting and suggest that members refrain from accepting drafts signed in a similar manner.

Martin W Littleton Jr

Bandit Makes Escape

JAMES DUDLEY MAJORS, one of the Majors brothers on whom various articles have been published in the JOURNAL Supplement, made a daring escape from a deputy sheriff. Majors complaining of a severe toothache was escorted to a dentist by a deputy sheriff and while in the dentist chair awaited his opportunity to escape. At an opportune time he seized the deputy's gun,

forced the deputy and the dentist into a closet and made his escape. Majors was convicted of robbing the Piper State Bank, Piper, Kans., and sentenced to the Kansas State Penitentiary, but had not been transferred up to the time of his escape. Majors will no doubt start operating and we warn all members in this locality to prepare against a possible attack.

CARLOS MARTENI is reported as issuing bogus checks drawn on the Empire Trust Company, New York, N. Y., on hot is in that city. Members are requested not to cash any checks described as above for this individual.

HELEN C. NESSLEY, alias Ruth Donegan, alias Carrie Scott. This girl after securing a specimen of the signature of depositors of member banks in Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., forged the signature to checks which she succeeded in cashing. The operator is described as being 17 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches in height; weight 100 pounds; slender build; blonde hair; wore light tan coat; light felt hat and black slippers. Our detective agents' Seattle representatives traced her to Tacoma where she also operated. This girl is very active at present and we would suggest that members be on the alert for her appearance.

JOSEPH PIETRUSZKA, after being properly introduced to a member bank in South Bend, Ind., by one of the depositors, cashed a bogus check drawn on the Hamtramck State Bank, Hamtramck, Mich. He also made a request to transfer his account from a bank in Butler, Pa. Pietruszka has no account in either bank. Members are requested to be on the alert for his appearance. He is described as being 5 feet 7½ inches tall; weight 180 pounds; dark hair and eyes; fair complexion; Polish.

CHARLES ROBERTS operating with bogus payroll checks of the Wagner Electric & Manufacturing Co., and the Century Electric Co., drawn on the First National Bank, St. Louis, Mo., is defrauding merchants in St. Louis. These checks are signed by C. M. Jamerson. Roberts is described as 21 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches tall, weight 125 pounds; medium complexion; slender build. He has used numerous aliases some of which are Edward R. Lawton, Edgar M. Wallace, Edward Niemoeller. We are reproducing a facsimile of his handwriting.

CM Jamerson
Edward R. Lawton

F. H. ROSE. A party using this alias defrauded a member bank in Wichita, Kans., by the use of a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. It is evident that the check was forged by a woman whose alias is Mrs. B. Conner and given to Rose to cash. Rose is described as being 35 to

40 years of age; 5 feet 9 to 10 inches tall; weight 140 pounds; slender build.

M. J. SEYMOUR, alias Jack Seymour is operating with bogus checks. He defrauded several hotels and banks in Seattle and Spokane, Wash. Seymour was traced by our detective agents' Spokane representatives to Portland, Or., and he will no doubt operate in that vicinity. Seymour is described as being 25 years of age; 5 feet 7 inches tall; weighs 130 pounds; slender build; blond hair; light eyes.

FRANK SMITH, after citing a plausible story to a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., succeeded in cashing a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. Smith gave a fictitious address. He is described as being 35 to 36 years of age; 5 feet 8 to 9 inches tall; weight 180 to 190 pounds; heavy build; full face.



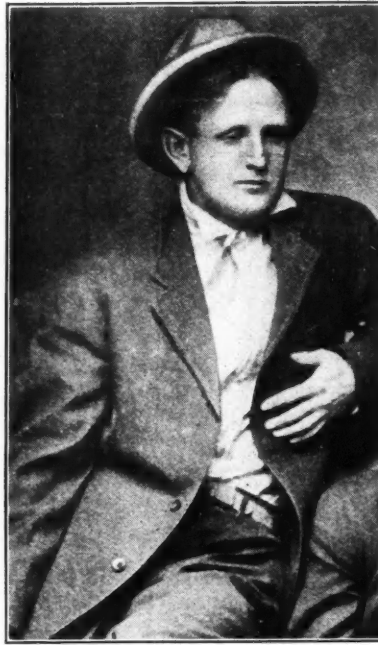
F. I. Snow

Dangerous Forger at Large

IRVING SNOW, alias Howard H. Bell, alias Charles E. Bell, alias H. H. Stowe, whose photograph is reproduced herewith, and on whom articles were published in the JOURNAL Supplement for October, 1917, Page 58; November, 1917, Page 78; September, 1921, Page 21; has been released from the Utah State Prison, Salt Lake City, Utah, and is again active issuing bogus checks. A member bank in Salt Lake City was recently defrauded by Snow in this manner. Members are warned to be on the alert for his appearance. He is described as being 45 years of age; 5 feet 3½ inches in height; weight 122 pounds; medium complexion; dark hair graying; light blue eyes; may wear mustache.

L. P. SORRELS, whose photograph is reproduced above, is being sought by the authorities at Patagonia, Ariz., charged with defrauding a member bank in that city by the use of bogus checks. He is described as weighing 160 to 170 pounds; has sandy hair; red complexion; has a crippled finger on one of his hands. Members are warned to be on the alert for his appearance.

H. E. SOUTHARD opened an account with a member bank in New York, N. Y., by depositing a bogus check drawn on the Wyoming National Bank, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He was permitted to withdraw against this uncollected item with the result the



L. P. Sorrells

member sustained a loss. There is no description of the operator available.

WILLIAM A. STONE opened a commercial account with a member bank in Detroit, Mich., and shortly thereafter he deposited a large amount which he withdrew almost immediately claiming to have made a mistake in the deposit. Later a check was presented by a messenger for certification, but the account being insufficient, the bank refused to accept it. Stone who was standing nearby immediately called the clerk's attention to his deposit, whereupon a search was made. The deposit slip was located but not the withdrawal slip, therefore they certified the check. This scheme may be worked by the operator elsewhere, so we are warning our members to be on the alert for his appearance. Stone is described as 28 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches in height; weight 135 pounds; slim build; fair complexion.

LEE C. STRUCK is reported by member banks in Los Angeles as issuing forged checks. He is described as being 35 to 38 years of age, 6 feet tall, 160 pounds, dark hair and eyes. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

J. E. TURNER, alias W. H. Clark, had printed for his use payroll checks of the California Brick & Tile Company, drawn on Cal. These checks are signed either Mc-

Roberts or C. H. Tyson, Treasurer. This bank carries no account for this firm. Member banks in Los Angeles and San Pedro, Cal., have accepted similar checks. We have no description of the operator.

B. H. WERHAN, alias J. M. Wellers, after opening an account by depositing a bogus check, drawn on the Interstate Trust & Bank Co., New Orleans, La., at a member bank in that city, immediately drew against the uncollected item. Members are warned not to cash his checks.

E. L. WILLIAMS, alias A. H. MERRITT is operating in Arkansas and Texas with worthless checks drawn on the Peoples National Bank, Greenville, S. C. He is described as being 32 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches, 140 pounds. We are reproducing below a specimen of the operator's handwriting.

JOHN E. WOHLIN, employed by a prominent decorator of Kansas City, Mo., forged his signature and also secured the indorsement of one of his customers to a check drawn on the Home Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo. Both indorser and payer being well known to a member bank in Kansas City, the check was accepted with the result that it was later returned as bogus. Wohlin is described as being 45 to 50 years of age; 6 feet tall; weighs 180 to 185 pounds; sandy complexion; slender build.

JOHN T. WOLF is reported by the Valley Bank, Ajo, Ariz., as drawing checks against them. These checks, which are bogus, have been received from Los Angeles, Cal. It is suggested that members refrain from cashing checks for this individual.

E. J. WOODS, using the aliases of H. M. Davis and C. W. Clayton, defrauded a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., by the use of a bogus check drawn on the Madison & Kedzie State Bank, Chicago, Ill. Woods is described as being 45 to 50 years of age; 5 feet 9 inches tall; weight 150 pounds; slender build; sandy complexion; occupation, salesman. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

Checks Lost or Stolen

THE FORBES SUPPLY COMPANY of San Francisco, Cal., advises that its book of printed checks has been either lost or stolen. These checks are drawn on the Wells Fargo Nevada National Bank, San Francisco, Cal., and bear numbers from

4001 upward, on which payment has been stopped with the exception of checks bearing numbers 4001 to 4104 inclusive which are now being used by said company.

Stolen Bonds

THE following bonds were reported stolen from a safe deposit box after the robbery of a member bank in Vashon, Wash.:

Seattle Local Imp. Bonds Dist. 2782, Bond #10	200.00
Seattle Local Imp. Bonds Dist. 3032, #11 to 14 inc.	800.00
Seattle Local Imp. Bonds Dist. 3120, #39 to 43 inclusive	1,000.00
Billings, Mont., 196, #101 to 104 (\$500 each)	2,000.00
Puget Sound Power & Light 5-yr. 8 & Note No. 708 maturing 1925, \$500. Int. Coup. payable March 1st	500.00

Kindly notify this Association should any information be secured concerning these bonds.

Stolen Bonds

THE following bonds were stolen in the recent burglary of a member bank in Orlando, Fla.:

1-4th Liberty Loan Bond #04938630	\$100.
1-4th " " " #04938631	100.
Victory " " " #11096978	100.
Victory " " " #11096978	100.
1-2nd Converted " " " #00415620	50.
1-3rd Liberty " " " #4590498	100.
1-3rd " " " #6457482	50.
1-4th " " " #K-05829640	50.
1-4th " " " #E-05437555	100.
1-4th " " " #F-05437556	100.
1-4th " " " #G-05437557	100.
1-4th " " " #H-05437558	100.
1-certificate #7, 25 shares Cohoon Bros. Co., dated April 13th, 1920.	
1-certificate #8, 25 shares Cohoon Bros. Co., dated April 13th, 1920.	
1-note Cohoon Bros. Co. to M. D. Lee	\$5,000.
1-bond Parkersburg, Pa., Gas Co. # 31	1,000.
1-bond " " " # 88	500.
4-shares stock Parkersburg " " #106	200.
Orlando Loan & Building Assn. stock certificate 132	300.
Bonds Nos. 2-3-32-33-39 & 40, Seaboard Land Co.	3,000.
Bond-#61, Seaboard Land Co.	3,000.
Bond-#70 & #71, Seattle Warehouse Co.	1,000.
Bond-#41, Otto R. Hansen	1,000.
Certificate #19-5 shares Piedmont & Northern Railway Company	
4-notes #69 to #72 inclusive in the amount of (each)	100.
8-shares preferred stock International Educational Publishing Co.	
5-shares common stock International Educational Publishing Co.	
6-shares common stock Lackawanna Coal & Lumber Co.	
Bond-#287, Dickson Ives Co.	500.
Bonds #239 to 244, Dickson Ives Co., \$1,000. each	6,000.

Should any information be secured kindly communicate with this Association immediately.

Counterfeit \$50 Note

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT Washington, D. C., reports a new counterfeit \$50 note on the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; check letter "C"; plate No. 11, Carter Glass, secretary of the Treasury; John Burke, Treasurer of the United States, portrait of Grant.

This is a dangerous counterfeit, printed from photo-mechanical plates, on two pieces of paper—a thin and a thick piece, between which silk threads have been distributed. The most noticeable defects are in the portrait of Grant: There is a glaring white spot in the left eyebrow, and the gray

patches in the beard are too pronounced. The number of the specimen at hand is G1431859A, and we are advised that all specimens so far discovered bear this same number. The figures in this number are irregularly placed and are out of alignment. Great care should be exercised in accepting bills of this description.

So far their circulation is confined to the middle west.

Cash Forger Arrested

THOS. H. BARNETT, alias P. M. Johnson, alias M. Higgins, was located through the efforts of our detective agents' San Francisco representatives and representatives of the secretary's office of the California Bankers Association and placed under arrest in San Francisco, Cal. Barnett, who is a very clever penman, operated in California only, for a period of about one year. When interrogated by our agents' representatives he readily admitted his criminal activities even so far as to giving his complete record. Barnett was positively identified by several of the banks defrauded and is now awaiting trial. When questioned as to how he secured the signatures forged, Barnett advised they were taken from deposit slips discarded by depositors, which he would collect. Barnett claims to have found difficulty in only one instance which was due to the fact that an officer had been instructed to collect these slips. It can readily be seen that other criminals will eventually think of this method, so, as a matter of protection against any future loss, we would suggest that members instruct their officers to collect these used deposit slips several times a day. The California Bankers Association prorated the expenses of the investigations made by our detective agents.

JEROME R. ADLER after opening an account with a member bank in New York City, deposited a check bearing a forged indorsement. After a reasonable time Adler was permitted to draw against his account and it was not until some time later that the forgery was discovered. Our detective agents' New York representatives traced the operator to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he was located and placed under arrest. He was returned to New York for trial. The disposition of his case is given elsewhere in this issue.

JOHN D. AUSTIN was arrested in Honolulu, by the local authorities charged with defrauding a member bank in Honolulu by the use of a bogus check signed J. Ohlbaum which was drawn on a Cleveland, Ohio, bank. Others have been swindled through his operations. Austin is being held in Honolulu awaiting trial.

D. L. BAUMGARTEN, JR., using his friendship as a cover, presented a bogus draft to a teller of a member bank in Kalispell, Mont., which was accepted. When this draft was returned our detective agents' Spokane representatives were called upon to investigate and located the operator in Billings, Mont., where he was placed under arrest by the local authorities. He is held for trial.

WM. R. BEARD was arrested by the local authorities in Oklahoma City, Okla., after issuing several bogus checks drawn on the Miners & Merchants Bank, Flat River, Mo. The disposition of his case is given elsewhere in this issue.

WARD BECKLEY, using numerous aliases, was detained by a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., when he attempted to cash a bogus check. Our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives who were called upon to assist in the arrest secured a confession from Beckley.

HENRY BERGQUIST, alias Charles Dale was arrested at Yakima, Wash., by the local authorities charged with being guilty of attempting to burglarize a member bank in Mabton, Wash. Bergquist was returned to Mabton for trial.

J. H. BROWN was arrested in Iota, Kansas, by the local authorities on a charge of issuing a bogus check on a bank in that city. Brown is described as being 6 feet tall; weight 200 pounds; has a gray mustache and rather stooped shoulders.

NORCISSE DENIS, not being satisfied with obtaining a large amount from a member bank in Richmond, Va., on a bogus draft, returned with another, but this time he was arrested, the bank having learned of the fraud. Denis is being held to await trial.

W. C. DRENNER, after defrauding a member bank in Clendenin, W. Va., was reported to our detective agents Cincinnati representatives who traced him to Cleveland, Ohio. Drenner was located and placed under arrest. He was returned to Clendenin for trial.

FRANK FULLERTON was arrested in Bristow, Okla., by the local authorities charged with being implicated in the burglary of a member bank at Stroud, Okla. After a severe grilling, Fullerton confessed to his guilt, naming two confederates who are now being sought.

FRANK I. GLENN, alias F. I. Glennon, who defrauded a member bank in Pueblo, Colo., by issuing a worthless check, was arrested in Denver, Colo., through the efforts of our detective agents' representatives at that point. Glenn will be returned to Pueblo for trial.

JOHN GOODWYN, alias W. Faults, alias Thomas Flynn, was detained by a member bank in Kansas City, Mo., when he attempted to secure funds on a forged check. Our detective agents' Kansas City representatives had given personal warning to all Kansas City banks fifteen minutes previous to the operator's arrest. When questioned by our agents Goodwyn confessed to everything. He was then placed in jail to await trial.



John Peter Horantas

JOHN PETER HORANTAS (pictured above) with aliases such as John Walters, John Mikulen, was arrested in Toledo, Ohio, by the local authorities charged with issuing forged checks. The Pittsburgh, Pa., authorities will extradite him for defrauding a member bank in that city.

WILLIAM HALL, posing as a Catholic priest, defrauded a member bank in Nanticoke, Pa., by the use of forged checks. These checks were stolen from the Cathedral Rectory at Scranton, Pa. Hall was located in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and placed under arrest by the local authorities.

CHARLES E. HENRY, alias C. E. Hall, while employed as a salesman for a company in San Francisco, Cal., collected checks to which he forged the indorsement of the payee. Several member banks in Santa Cruz, Cal., and vicinity were defrauded and our detective agents' San Francisco representatives were called up to investigate. They located Henry in San Francisco, Cal., and he was placed under arrest. He was returned to Sacramento, Cal., for trial.

MR. & MRS. HORATIO HOBBS were arrested in Washington, D. C., through the efforts of our detective agents' Washington representatives co-operating with the local authorities, charged with forgery. Hobbs admitted forging the checks which his wife presented to her victims. They are being held awaiting trial.

J. A. HOFFMAN, alias J. B. Hoffman, became suspicious and fled when the teller of a member bank in Atlanta, Ga., compared a forged check he presented with the signature of a depositor. Our detective agents' Atlanta representatives were called upon to investigate the forgery and located the operator who was endeavoring to defraud a local merchant in a similar manner. Hoffman is now being held for trial.

EDWARD JOHNSON, alias Ed. Nolan after defrauding a member bank in Fresno, Cal., by the use of forged checks was arrested in San Mateo, Cal., by the local authorities. He was returned to Fresno where he is being held to await trial.

MRS. LOUISE KIMBALL, after defrauding member banks in Santa Monica, Coronado and Pasadena, Cal., with bogus checks, was arrested in San Diego, Cal., by the local authorities and returned to Santa Monica where she is at present being held awaiting trial.

CHARLES KRATOCHVIL, stole a blank check from a depositor of a member bank in New York City and forged his signature to same. This check was cashed when presented. Our detective agents' New



John A. Pearson

York representatives located the operator who confessed to his crime and he was placed under arrest.

ALBERT LANGLEY, forging the name of a depositor of a member bank of Spokane, Wash., to several checks, caused a member bank a loss. He was located in Spokane and placed under arrest by the local authorities. The disposition of his case is published elsewhere in this issue.

CLYDE LARSON, a lumberjack and lone bandit, after the holdup of a member bank at Glendale, Ore., was arrested in Roseburg, Ore., by the local authorities. The entire loot taken was recovered and returned to the bank. Larson is now being held awaiting trial.

RALPH H. LUXTON, claiming to be a former Canadian mounted policeman, was arrested in San Diego, Cal., through the efforts of our detective agents' San Francisco representatives on a charge of defrauding a member bank in San Francisco, Cal., by the use of a forged check. The disposition of his case is given elsewhere in this issue.

MISS CLARA LYLE, alias Mrs. S. C. Morrison, by forging the name of a depositor of a member bank in McKees Rocks, Pa., to several checks, defrauded the bank and local merchants. Our detective agents' Pittsburgh representatives investigating the case located the operator in Pittsburgh, Pa. Many articles purchased with the forged checks were found in her room. She was returned to McKees Rock for trial.

J. A. PEARSON, relative to whom we published a warning article in the April 1923 JOURNAL Supplement, was arrested in Tamaqua, Pa., by the local authorities. Pearson has defrauded banks throughout the Eastern Section of the United States with forged checks in small amounts.



Fred Prentice



Joe Conley



Geo. Bordon

FRED PRENTICE, **JOE CONLEY** and **GEO. BORDEN**, implicated in the burglary of a member bank in Moab, Utah, were arrested on the desert, seventeen miles north by deputy sheriffs. Our detective agents' Salt Lake City representatives were also scouting for the burglars. The entire loot was recovered and returned to the bank. The disposition of their case is given elsewhere in this issue. We are reproducing the photographs of these burglars.

THOMAS J. SHANNOR, after defrauding a member bank in Bakersfield, Cal., by the use of a forged check, was located by our detective agents' San Francisco representatives in Oakland, Cal., where he was placed under arrest and held to await his return to Bakersfield.

JOSEPH K. SMITH having secured a check made payable to his employers altered it to read to his order. Smith who was well known at the depositor's bank experienced no difficulty in cashing the check. He was later located and placed under arrest by the local authorities.

S. W. SNOW was traced by our detective agents' Salt Lake City representatives to Portland, Ore., where their Portland representatives took up the chase. They located Snow and he was placed under arrest. Snow is charged with defrauding a member bank in American Fork, Utah, by the use of forged checks. He will be returned to Utah

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MONEY-SAVING WARNINGS

Watch for This Operator

Clever Penman Defrauding Banks
Situated In Atlantic Coast States

H. W. HOPKINS, on whom we have published articles in previous JOURNAL Supplements, is again active. A series of forged checks have been reported by member banks situated in the Atlantic Coast States which have been recognized as the work of this clever penman.

This operator secures his signatures in various ways, but chiefly through the carelessness of a depositor in disposing of soiled deposit slips. We have found in many cases that Hopkins not knowing the exact status of a customer's account will deposit bogus checks to his credit. Following this he executes an exact facsimile of the customer's signature to a check for a sizable amount and presents it for payment. Little difficulty is experienced in securing the cash that the check represents for the signature of the depositor is cleverly forged thereon.

All checks cashed heretofore have been made payable to "Cash" and they can easily be detected through the formation of this word.

It is therefore urgently requested that all members prepare themselves for the possible appearance of this individual by mak-



H. W. Hopkins

ing a careful study of the photograph and handwriting reproduced herewith.

Hopkins is described as being 40 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 165 pounds, medium build, sallow complexion, blue eyes, neat dresser, walks with a slight limp of left foot, carries a cane at times.

Cash 350⁰⁰
Cash 200⁰⁰
One hundred

Old Offender Operating

GROVER W. REYNOLDS, whose photograph is reproduced here, is again operating with bogus checks drawn on Des Moines, Iowa, banks. His latest check was drawn on the Iowa Loan & Trust Company, Des Moines. Reynolds claiming to be opening up new territory for the Standard Insurance Company presented a check in a sizable amount at a member bank in San Francisco, Cal., and requested an advance. After showing proper credentials the bank accepted the check for collection and made a small advance to Reynolds. The aliases used by the operator are G. W. Reynolds, E. J. Wood, H. M. Davis, C. W. Clayton, H. C. Baker, R. E. Baker. Member banks in Los Angeles and San Francisco, Cal. and Portland, Ore., have been victimized through his operations. Reynolds is described as being 40 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches, 160 pounds, slender build,

medium complexion, brown hair. His Bertillon measurements are 81.1, 83, 95.3, 18.8, 15.4, 14.4, 6.6, 28.6, 12.3, 9.9, 50.5. Finger print classification 1/1 UOO/U11 8.

We are reproducing below a specimen of the handwriting of Reynolds and would suggest that members be prepared for his appearance by studying same carefully.



G. W. Reynolds

The Peoples Bank
Thirty Eight Hundred & 00/100
\$3800
G. W. Reynolds

Check Operator Active

Uses Clever Ruse to Secure Depositor's
Signature

A PARTY using such aliases as RALPH GRAVES, Geo. Bronson, M. W. Davis, C. S. Rubey, will loiter about a bank to await the arrival of a depositor. After the customer makes his deposit the operator will follow him to his office. Later in the day he will interview the depositor by claiming to represent the Union Electric Company. He will submit a card listing all electrical apparatuses used in the home with a request that the depositor check those he now has in use and that the card be signed. This he claims is for the record of the company. The depositor, believing the transaction legitimate, complies with the request. With the depositor's signature and banking institution at hand Graves forges checks which he finds little difficulty in cashing at the depositor's bank. Several member banks in St. Louis, Mo., have been defrauded through his activities. Graves is described as being 28 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, slender build, sandy complexion, dark brown hair. Members are requested to be on the alert for this individual's appearance. We are reproducing below a specimen of his handwriting.

Cash
Twenty 00/100

Bogus Cashier's Drafts

FRANK W. SUTTON presented a letter presumably from a bank in Toms River, N. J., to a director of a member bank in El Paso, Texas, requesting that all courtesies be extended to him. The director immediately notified his bank of the arrival of Sutton, who was permitted to open an account with a bogus cashier's draft.

He was later permitted to withdraw against this item. Sutton operated recently in San Diego, California, and vicinity. He is described as about 45 years of age, weighs 165 to 170 pounds, hair slightly gray.

We are reproducing below a sample of the operator's handwriting.

Frank W. Sutton
Frank W. Sutton

Swindler Active

Watch for Double Withdrawals

TWO clever swindlers are now traveling in the Eastern States defrauding banks by a thoroughly worked out scheme. They will operate in the following manner:

An account is opened with a cash deposit of \$600.00 or thereabouts and a subsequent deposit of \$225.00. At a later date the depositor will appear at the teller's window and introduce his accomplice who presents one of the depositor's checks for \$625.00 to be cashed. While this teller is engaged, the depositor presents his check for \$800.00 at another window. Not knowing that double withdrawals are being made, the checks are cashed with the result that the bank has been victimized.

The following reproductions are specimens of the handwriting appearing on the checks issued by the operators:

These operators are at times accompanied by a woman. They are described as follows:

Phil. Rosen
Cash 700⁰⁰/₁₀₀₀
Nat. Lowe

Depositor	Accomplice	Woman
Age: 35 years	38 years	26 years
Height: 5 ft. 5 in.	5 ft. 9 in.	5 ft. 6 in.
6 in.		
Weight: 165	200 pounds	
Hair: Dark	Dark	Dark
Complexion: Ruddy		Dark
Medium, Rosy checks		
Nationality:		
Jewish		
Remarks:		
Two gold teeth, upper front	Wore glasses.	Wore black dress and hat.

Some of the aliases used by the operators are—Nat Lowe, I. Goldsmith, M. Saks, Ben Wagner, Phil Rosen, H. Katz.

Worthless Certified Checks

Banks in Utah and Idaho Defrauded

ROBERT E. CRAIN, alias A. H. Rogers, is operating in the states of Utah and Idaho with worthless certified checks on various banks located in Seattle, Washington, and Vancouver, British Columbia. This individual will call upon a real estate agent with a view of securing a desirable location for a home, stating that he is transferring his household goods, including his automobile and a truck, producing a bill of lading covering the carload for verification. After closing a deal with the agent he will enlist his aid in securing a proper introduction at a local bank where he will submit his check for payment. Several banks have been victimized by advancing funds on these uncollected items.

Crain is described as being 45 years of age, 6 feet tall, weighing about 230 pounds, dark brown hair, smooth shaven, wore grey suit, black Derby hat. A facsimile of his handwriting is reproduced below.

Robert E. Crain
John Dixon

Forged Drafts in Use

Dangerous Operator Deposits Forged Drafts After Opening Account

HARRY L. SHAURER, using numerous aliases, some of which are Frank Anderson, Harry L. Shaurer, Elmer M. Rohnes, Herman Krause, is at present operating in Kansas City, Mo., and vicinity with drafts drawn on the National City Bank of New York, N. Y., against various banks. Shaurer will open an account with cash and later strengthen it by depositing a forged draft. He will withdraw funds before returns are made on the draft, thereby causing the bank to sustain a loss. Shaurer is described as being 25 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, fair complexion, light hair, blue eyes. We are reproducing below a specimen of the operator's handwriting. (Reproduce Writing of Harry L. Shaurer)

Harry L. Shaurer
Frank Anderson
Crain
A. S. Saks
600⁰⁰

Investor Defrauds Bank

California Bank Cashes Bogus Checks for Clever Swindler

C. V. SNELL answered an advertisement inserted in a newspaper for the sale of a business. Expressing his desire to invest his money he asked to be introduced at the owner's bank in order that he might secure the cash to close the deal. After being properly introduced by their depositor a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., accepted two certified checks in a very large amount and a third check to be used for closing the business transaction. The latter check was cashed and since then

nothing further has been heard of the operator. The checks were returned later as bogus. Snell has also used the alias of M. P. Layton. Snell is described as being 45 to 50 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 150 to 160 lbs., very nervous, claims one hand injured recently in changing tires on his car. Below is a reproduction of the operator's handwriting.

J. M. Auckland
M. P. Layton

A. J. ALLEN. A party using this alias is operating in Kentucky and the vicinity with bogus checks, drawn by the Mid-Western Chemical Company, East St. Louis, Illinois, signed by H. E. Handae, Secretary, on the Security National Bank of East St. Louis. We have no description of Allen but below we are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

A. J. Allen
H. E. Handae

D. W. BRUCE called at a bank in Northern New York and presented a draft drawn on the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, Canada. The draft was signed "D. W. Bruce, M. D." and gave the account number as B 37. The bank accepted the draft for collection only, consequently sustained no loss. Bruce presented the collection receipt issued by the bank at a local hotel as security for the payment of his bill. The following day he disappeared, and advice was received that he had no account at the Bank of Montreal. It is reported that he operated similarly in other cities, and we would suggest that member banks be on their guard. Bruce is described as being about 28 or 30 years of age, about 6 feet tall, weighing about 180 or 190 pounds, good build, light complexion, light hair; has small mustache very little wider than his nose; is well dressed and apparently well educated.

F. M. CAMPBELL. Merchants in Cheyenne, Wyo., Lincoln, Nebraska, and Littleton, Colo., have been victimized by this individual who is issuing bogus checks drawn on the Renwick State Bank, Renwick, Iowa. Campbell is described as being 40 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 155 pounds, light complexion, light brown hair.

J. BASSFORD alias Walter J. Bramschmeig. By telephoning the teller of a member bank in St. Louis, Mo., representing himself to be one of their well known depositors, a party using these aliases, made arrangements to send a boy with a pay check for payment. Upon the arrival of the boy the teller immediately gave him the funds specified. It later developed the check was bogus and the indorsement of the depositor a forgery. We are reproducing below specimen of the operator's handwriting.

J. Bassford

JOHN CANFIELD caused a member bank in Fresno, Cal., to suffer a loss when he passed a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. We are reproducing below, a facsimile of this individual's handwriting. There is no description of the operator available at present.

*John Canfield
cash*

WILLIAM DAVIS, alias Samuel Walker, a negro, giving his occupation as a taxicab driver, claiming to be employed by several Kansas City, Mo., taxi firms forged their checks to his order which he passed on local merchants. A member bank in Kansas City was defrauded through his operations. Davis is described as being 35 years of age, 5 ft. 10 in., 180 pounds, copper colored complexion, was dressed in overalls and a driver's cap.

CLARENCE H. DEVLIN made a cash deposit when opening an account with a member bank in Philadelphia, Pa., which he increased with a bogus check drawn on the Standard National Bank, Washington, D. C., and signed by Edward Mayer. Devlin was permitted to make a withdrawal against this uncollected item. Members should refrain from cashing similar checks.

PAT DONOVAN defrauded a member bank in San Francisco, Cal., by the use of a check drawn against a San Francisco bank in which he had withdrawn his account. We have no description of Donovan at this writing.

GEORGE W. DUNCAN opened a savings account at a member bank in West-erly, R. I., with cash and later strengthened the account by depositing a check in a large amount supposedly issued by the Atlantic Chemical Company, Portland, Ore. Several

days later the operator appeared with a similar check which was cashed when he submitted his savings bank book. The same day Duncan made a withdrawal reducing his account considerably. The checks in question were later returned as bogus. Duncan is described as being 25 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches tall, light hair, smooth shaven, wore a dark cap and suit. We are reproducing below a specimen of the operator's handwriting.

*George W. Duncan
Frank W. Ritter.*

ROBERT EATON alias Fred Williams, is reported by a member bank in Toledo, Ohio, as issuing forged checks of the Loyal Order of Moose. Several banks in Toledo have suffered a loss through his operations. Members are warned not to cash checks for this individual.

L. M. FABIUS and FRANK MURFY. These parties by the use of forged pay vouchers of a local firm by whom they were employed defrauded a member bank in Houston, Texas. There is no description of the operators available at present.

WILLIAM A. FISCHER, claiming to be a representative of the Standard Machine Rubber Co., opened an account at a member bank in Dubuque, Ia., by depositing a check drawn on the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, Cascade, Ia., which was later returned as bogus. Other banks in Dubuque have been defrauded, and members are warned not to accept checks of this party. Fischer is described as about 28 to 30 years of age, 6 feet tall, 180 pounds, fair complexion, light hair.

CLYDE FOSTER, after forging the signature of the superintendent of a Kansas City, Mo., Construction Co., to a check, cashed it at a local merchant who knew the operator when he attended the Government Vocational School. Foster is described as 26 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 165 to 170 pounds, medium build, dark complexion, black hair.

H. GALANTER passed two forged checks on a member bank in Douglas, Arizona, causing losses to each. He is described as 5 ft. 5 inches, 140-145 pounds, florid complexion, blue eyes, Jewish appearance.

GEORGE W. GLOSSER succeeded in defrauding a member bank in San Francisco, Cal., by using a bogus check. He is described as being 52 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 145 pounds, slender

build, medium complexion, gray hair, blue eyes, smooth shaven, has a thin face, and wrinkles, occupation, stone mason.

PAUL B. GORDON is reported by a member bank in Chicago, Ill., as issuing a worthless check drawn on the Bank of Commerce, Lexington, Ky., which was accepted. Gordon operated in a similar manner in Bluffton and Rushville, Ind. We have no description of the operator at present, but suggest that members refrain from cashing checks for this individual.

J. ANTHONY HAYNES, using bogus checks drawn on the Globe National Bank, Globe, Colo., defrauded a hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah, and attempted to swindle a member bank in Idaho Falls, Ida. He is described as being 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, has brown hair, medium complexion, carries a Shriner's card from an Oklahoma Lodge. He claimed to represent the Holland Furnace Company, Indianapolis, Ind.

GRACE HILTON, having secured the indorsement of a depositor of a member bank in St. Anthony, Idaho, to a bogus check drawn on the First State Bank of DuBois, Idaho, signed Albert G. Hilton, experienced little difficulty in converting it into cash. It is believed the operator is traveling north into Yellowstone Park. We have no description at present but are reproducing a specimen of her handwriting below.

*Grace Hilton
Albert G. Hilton*

M. E. HOGAN, alias Arthur Parks. This operator is using printed payroll checks of the Mississippi Valley Bridge Co., drawn on the First National Bank, St. Louis, Mo., which are bogus. Merchants have been his sole victims so far, but he may attempt to defraud a bank and, we therefore request all members be on the alert for his appearance.

J. W. HOLMES, by writing his signature to a check of a firm by whom he was formerly employed, defrauded a merchant in St. Louis, Mo. He is described as about 40 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, 125 pounds, slender build, dark complexion, dark hair, gray eyes.

SOL INDIA alias Sol Mandell, presented a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor to a member bank in New York, N. Y., but when they questioned its genuineness he fled. A merchant in Brooklyn, N. Y., who knew the operator, cashed two similar checks. We have no description of India at present, but are

reproducing below a specimen of his handwriting.

S. Mandell
S Mandell



Glenn W. Jackson

GLENN W. JACKSON, alias G. W. Jackson, is reported as opening an account with a member bank in Rahway, N. J., by making a small cash deposit. He later withdrew the greater part of his account and has since been issuing checks against it. Merchants in Newark, N. J., have been defrauded through his operations.

Jackson, whose photograph is being reproduced above, is an old offender and was arrested in 1916 in Minneapolis, Minn., for a similar offense. He is described as being 35 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, weighs 130 pounds, light complexion, dark hair, gray blue eyes, occupation printer.

We are producing below a facsimile of his handwriting.

G. W. Jackson

Robs Peter To Pay Paul

ALLEN KRICHMAN is reported by several member banks located in New York and New Jersey as opening accounts with bogus checks. After securing a check book Krichman makes good use of it. Our detective agents' New York representatives, who were called upon to locate Krichman, after having succeeded were unable to find a complainant with the result that reimbursement was made for checks issued. Krichman signs his checks as Allen Krichman, prop., of the New Jersey Lime and Fertilizer Company. Members are warned not to accept his checks, as he has again frauding hotels and merchants. Our detective renewed his activities. We are reproducing below a specimen of his handwriting.

New Jersey Lime Fertilizer
Allen Krichman prop

CHARLES W. JACOBS, having secured the signature of a depositor of a member bank in Portland, Ore., forged it to a check which he succeeded in cashing. He exhibited an automobile driver's license for identification. Jacobs is described as being 25 to 28 years of age, 5 feet 10 to 11 inches, weighs about 150 pounds, dark hair and eyes. We are reproducing below a specimen of the operator's handwriting.

Chas. W. Jacobs

MONTE LAWHORN caused a member bank in Midvale, Utah, to sustain a loss, when he issued a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. We have no description of the operator at this writing, but are reproducing below a specimen of his handwriting.

Monte Lawhorn

SAM LEWIS, alias Sam Levine, after opening an account at a member bank in Chicago, Ill., with a bogus check drawn on the South Side Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill., immediately withdrew against it until he had withdrawn the amount in full. Lewis is described as being 25 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches in height, weighs 150 pounds, has black hair, dark eyes, hooked nose, very Jewish features.

H. MARTELL, after forging the signature of a depositor of a member bank in Detroit, Mich., to a check, presented it for payment. Martell found no difficulty in securing the cash. There is no description available, but we are reproducing a facsimile of his handwriting.

H Martell

J. M. MARTIN is the name used by a clever swindler who recently operated in St. Joseph, Mo., by depositing to his account at a member bank a forged draft on a Kansas City Bank.

Martin in some way secured a genuine blank draft and after purchasing a draft from a member bank in Sand Springs, Okla., forged the bank official's name to the draft which cleared without the forgery being discovered.

Martin claimed to be in the restaurant business and is described as being about 50 years of age, height 5 ft. 10 inches, weight 175 pounds; good build, hair gray; eyes gray; neat dresser. A specimen of his handwriting is being reproduced above.

J M Martin

J. M. MESSICK. Several bogus checks have been received by the Tennessee Valley Bank, Decatur, Ala., issued by this party who has used numerous aliases. These checks were cashed by saloon proprietors. Messick also issued several forged checks of the Peters Scanlon Handle Co. Some of the aliases used are J. M. Sneed, J. M. Steed, Arthur Cox. We are reproducing herewith a specimen of the handwriting of the operator.

J M Steed
\$ 10.00

Cash

FRED MEYERS forged the signature of a depositor of a Pasadena, Cal., member bank, to a check in a small amount, causing them to suffer a loss. We have no description of Meyers at present.

Physicians Endorse

FRANK MILLER. An elderly man is reported as operating against banks in Indiana with bogus checks. He has a large tumor on his face and usually consults the town's most reputable physician to make arrangements to enter a hospital for a surgical operation. Before entering the hospital, however, he asks the doctor to indorse a check for a large amount. By the strength of this indorsement, the operator experiences little difficulty in securing the funds from the bank approached. Members are requested to be on the alert for the appearance of this individual who is described as about 60 or 70 years of age. A warrant is in existence for his arrest in Indiana.

CHARLES W. MOORE alias R. W. Rowe. A party using these aliases defrauded a member bank in Oregon City, Oregon, by the use of a bogus check drawn on the First National Bank, Albany, Ore. There is no description of the operator available at this writing.

MAX MORITZ, alias Gus Edwards, while in the employ of a Cleveland, O. wholesale grocer as a collector, forged the indorsement on all checks received made payable to his employers and deposited them to the credit of Gus Edwards at a member bank in Akron, O. Moritz was later permitted to withdraw funds against these items causing our member a loss.

B. E. MORSE, by the use of a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor of a member bank in New York, N. Y., defrauded that institution. We have no description of the operator at present.

FRED MORTONSEN, alias Fred Mason. Member banks in Racine and Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, report this individual as opening accounts with bogus checks drawn on banks located at various points. In some instances the operator was permitted to make withdrawals. Mortonsen is described as being 35 years of age, five foot six inches tall, smooth shaven.

H. W. NEARING, alias C. W. Watson, alias H. W. Kinley. About May 1, 1923, this man appeared in Davis, Calif. He is a cook and took charge of a dining hall at a hotel. He purchased a Ford touring car, engine number 7129920, and made one payment on same. He opened an account in a local bank but did not defraud it. After being in Davis about two weeks, he left with his wife and small child in the Ford car, leaving numerous unpaid bills. He is evidently travelling eastward and uttering worthless checks drawn on the Davis Branch of the Bank of Yolo, Davis, Calif. He operated in Sterling, Colo., under the name of C. W. Watson during the latter part of May. About the middle of June he presented a check in Cambridge, Minn., using the name of H. W. Kinley, and on June 21, the Davis bank received a telegram from a bank in Lindstrom, Minn., asking if checks drawn by H. W. Kinley were good. We would suggest that members be on their guard against cashing checks for this individual, who, no doubt, will use other aliases.

W. C. NORRIS, who is well versed in the check manufacturing business, called on the president of a lithographing company in St. Louis, Mo., for the purpose of soliciting business for them while on the road. Norris was given a number of samples and at the time had access to the entire plant. Seeking just such an opportunity, Norris made use of it and helped himself to a number of blank checks of the Helvetia Milk Condensing Company. These checks are now being used and bear bogus names some of which are Jas. L. Brockway, Fred C. Mathews and D. H. Bartlett. Norris is described as being 30 to 32 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds, medium build, light complexion, light hair. We are reproducing herewith a facsimile of handwriting appearing on the checks.

*W. C. Norris
Blaze Hotel*

BENSON ORENSTEIN, using the aliases of Sam Rosen, Bennie Horenstine, is operating in Philadelphia, Pa., with bogus checks drawn on the Southwark Title & Trust Company, Philadelphia, Pa. We have no description of the operator.

F. R. PHILLIPS, using checks of the South Side Bank, Kansas City, Mo., is reported as defrauding banks in Chicago, Ill. Recently the operator borrowed funds from the British Counsel General on the strength of being a war veteran and later returned to repay his benefactor by giving a check for the amount borrowed and a small contribution to the fund used for British and Canadian soldiers, but both checks, however, were returned as bogus. There is no description available at present but we are publishing a facsimile of the operator's handwriting.

F. R. Phillips

WILLIAM E. RHEA. A member bank in Lewisville, Texas, reports cashing a check drawn on the City National Bank, Forney, Texas for a party using this alias. The check was later returned with the notation "no account." The following description is given of Rhea; about 27 years of age, 5 ft. 10 in., dark brown hair, smooth shaven.

JACK RIDER appeared at a Jewelry store in Atlanta, Ga., and after selecting a diamond ring tendered a forged check drawn on the Miners & Merchants Deposit Bank, Portage, Pa. Similar checks have been issued by the operator. He is described as being 40 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches, 140 pounds, black hair, slightly gray, brown eyes, wore shrine pin and masonic ring.

BERT J. ROBINSON issued a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor of a member bank in Portland, Oregon, causing them a loss. It is believed he secured this signature from a discarded deposit slip used by the customer. A specimen of Robinson's handwriting is shown below.

Bert J. Robinson

PATRICK SCOTT and ROBERT J. LOCHIEL, alias James B. Panther, presented a check to a member bank in Chicago, Ill., for payment. This check was issued by Scott, and drawn on the Washington Loan and Trust Company, Washington, D. C. It bore the indorsements

of Scott and Lochiel. Inasmuch as the latter was known at the bank they readily accepted this item for payment, which was later returned as bogus. Lochiel is described as being 24 years of age, 5 feet 2 to 3 inches tall, weighs 125 pounds, dark complexion, dark brown hair, brown eyes, has one tooth missing in upper jaw, wore silver ring with black cameo horsehead.

R. W. SHAWL. Known to a member bank in Vandergrift, Pa., as an employee of a local contractor whose services were recently engaged, the bank did not hesitate to cash a check bearing the employer's signature when presented by a party using this alias. Shawl is described as being 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 145 pounds, black hair, dark eyebrows. We are reproducing herewith a specimen of the handwriting of the operator.

R. W. Shawl

JOHN SISTO. A party using this alias stole several checks from the check book of a depositor of a member bank in Vernon, Cal. After forging the signature of the depositor to the checks, he succeeded in cashing them. The operator is described as being 27 to 30 years of age, dark complexion, smooth shaven, dressed as an oil worker. We are reproducing below a specimen of the operator's handwriting.

John Sisto

ROBERT L. SMITH, while employed by a lumber company in Chicago, Ill., as a salesman, collected checks for the company which he indorsed without authority. These checks he deposited to his credit at a member bank in Chicago, and was permitted to withdraw funds against them. We have no description of Smith at present.

WALTER SMITH fled from a member bank in San Francisco, Cal., when the bank endeavored to verify the signature of a depositor appearing on a check which he presented for payment. Smith is described as about 28 years of age, 5 feet 9 to 10 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, fair complexion, blonde hair.

BEN STONE made a cash deposit at a member bank in Chicago, Ill., when opening an account which he built up with forged checks. Stone was permitted to make withdrawals against these uncollected items which resulted in a loss to our member. Stone is described as 5 feet 6 inches in height, weight 150 pounds, has dark complexion, black hair.

SAMUEL S. STRATTON caused a member bank in Boston, Mass., to sustain a loss, when he cashed a bogus check. Stratton, whose writing is reproduced below, is described as being 35 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 7 to 8 inches, 135 to 140 pounds, slight build, dark complexion, dark hair.

Samuel S. Stratton

B. E. TAYLOR, forged the signature of his former employer to a check which he cashed at a member bank in Wichita Falls, Texas. We are reproducing below a specimen of his handwriting.

*B. E. Taylor
Fifteen*

J. W. THOMAS. A party using this alias and representing himself to be a physician of Hermosa Beach, Cal., presented a draft drawn on the Security Trust and Savings Bank of Pasadena, Cal., at a member bank in Ashton, Idaho. This bank accepted the draft after proper identifications were submitted. It was later learned that the draft was a forgery and an effort is being made to locate Thomas. We have no description of the operator at present.

W. M. WARD, of the firm of W. M. Ward & Co., cotton factors, called at a member bank of Houston, Texas, and requested a loan giving as collateral cotton stored in his warehouse, and as a proof of the stock, produced a warehouse receipt showing the quantity it contained. After securing the loan which amounted to one hundred thousand dollars, Ward disappeared. Upon receipt of information from the warehouse superintendent an investigation was instituted, which disclosed a shortage. The warehouse receipt had been raised by Ward. Member banks are requested to be on the alert for this individual.

EDGAR VARRO WARREN, using various aliases some of which are Edgar V. Welch, Fred Stanley, Eddie Wallace, is defrauding merchants in Kansas City, Mo., by the use of bogus checks. Warren deposited a forged check at a member bank in Kansas City, but made no attempt to withdraw funds. We are reproducing below a specimen of his handwriting.

E. V. Warren

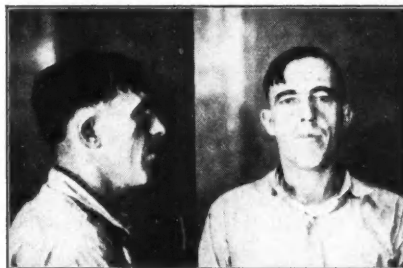
E. WHITE employed by a local firm in Cleveland, Ohio, was given a check in payment of his salary. This check was cashed at a member bank in Cleveland. White grasping an opportunity to make easy money forged a similar check which he succeeded in cashing. He is described as about 21 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, weighs 135 pounds, light complexion, light brown hair. His handwriting is reproduced below.

*E. White.
E. White*

HENRY WILLIAMS opened an account with a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., by depositing a bogus check supposedly issued by H. A. Williams Co., Minneapolis, Minn. Through an oversight on the part of the teller, Williams was permitted to withdraw against this uncollected item causing the bank a loss. A facsimile of the handwriting of Williams is shown below.

Henry Williams

RALPH WILSON, alias Ralph Foster, is operating in San Francisco, Cal., with bogus checks. He opened an account at a member bank with such a check and was permitted to withdraw funds before the item cleared. He is described as being 21 years of age, 5 ft. 9 or 10 inches, 140 pounds, sallow complexion, light hair, brown eyes.



Frank Estes



John White

ARRESTED

ON May 9th, the First National Bank, Barnsdall, Oklahoma, was entered during the noon hour, by two roughly dressed men who held up the officers of the bank, and after gathering up all the money in sight, locked the officers of the bank in the vault and escaped in an automobile.

On June 19th this performance was repeated at the Barnsdall National Bank, Barnsdall, Oklahoma.

Our Kansas City detective agents were immediately detailed on the case at the time of the first holdup and ascertained that these crimes were committed by John White and Frank Estes, whose pictures are reproduced below.

Our agents co-operating with the local authorities located John White in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, and Frank Estes near Pawhuska, Oklahoma, where they were placed under arrest. They were positively identified as the criminals, and are at the present time awaiting trial in Pawhuska.



Mrs. D. J. Lewis

Clever Woman Forger Apprehended

USING numerous aliases some of which are DOROTHY J. LEWIS, Mrs. J. B. Warren, Jeanette Bradford Warren, J. H. Whitney, Jeanette Vincent and Dorothy J. Vincent, this individual defrauded a member bank in Cleveland, Ohio, by the use of forged checks. Our detective agents' Cleveland representatives after investigating every tangible clue traced the operator to New York and then to Philadelphia. Our agents' representatives at that point located this woman and she was placed under arrest. She was returned to Franklin, Pa., where she is being held awaiting trial. We are reproducing above a photograph of the operator.

JOSEPH J. ASCOLILLO, alias John Bruno, alias Fred L. Stone. After having been arrested for violating the Motor Vehicle regulations in Boston, Mass., was identified as the issuer of bogus checks in Quincy, Mass., where a warrant is held for his arrest. He will be returned to Quincy upon his release on the local charge.

FRANK BALDACCI, having forged the signature of a depositor of a member bank in Richmond, Va., caused the bank a loss. He was traced to Washington, D. C., where he was arrested by the local authorities. Baldacci was returned to Richmond where he is being held to await trial.



Herbert S. Block

HERBERT S. BLOCK, whose photograph is reproduced above, was arrested in Alhambra, Cal., on July 2, 1923. Block, who served a term in the California State Prison, Folsom, Cal., operated in California with worthless checks. He has used numerous aliases some of which are E. B. Morrison, C. V. Graham, B. E. Thomas, L. E. Norton, Ralph Sommers, Alfred E. Sommers, W. A. Shepard, L. C. Reed.

CHARLIE CARTER, colored, charged with forging the signature of a depositor of a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., to checks which they cashed, was arrested in Los Angeles on July 10, 1923, by the local authorities. He made a confession to the forgeries and was held to await trial.

BEN P. CONNERS, using such aliases as John H. Noble and Paul Penoch, was arrested by the local authorities in Indianapolis, Ind., where he is charged with issuing worthless checks. Merchants in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Toledo, Ohio, have been defrauded through his operations.

FRANK B. COTTON, after defrauding member banks in Salt Lake City, Utah and San Francisco, Cal., was traced to Seattle, Wash., by our detective agents' San Francisco representatives. Our agents at that point located Cotton and he was placed under arrest.

Burglars Apprehended

H. F. CRAIG, LLOYD STANFIELD, CLAUD SCOTT and C. C. SINGLETON were arrested by the local authorities of Childress, Texas, co-operating with our detective agents' Dallas representatives, as being implicated in the burglary of a member bank in Childress, Texas. A thorough search was made and the greater part of the loot hidden by the burglars was discovered lying in the weeds and grass along a road. They are all being held awaiting trial.



James Crow

Bank Burglar Caught

On May 8th during the noon hour, the Farmers Bank at Gower, Missouri, was entered by two roughly dressed men, who after asking some commonplace question, drew revolvers and commanded the teller to hold up his hands. After gathering up all the money in sight, these men locked the teller in the vault and escaped in an automobile.

Our detectives were immediately notified and after working on the case continuously with the help of local authorities and police officers in Kansas City, Mo. and Denver, Colo., located JAMES CROW, alias George Lancaster in Denver. He was returned to Gower and positively identified as one of the holdup-men.

Crow was accompanied in Denver by his wife, from whom a statement was secured as to the identity of Crow's associate in this crime. As a result of the confession KENNETH McCOMBS was arrested in St. Joseph, Mo., on June 29th.

A photograph of James Crow, alias Lancaster, is reproduced above.

These men are now awaiting trial at Plattsburg.

MARGARET HARCOURT, alias Margaret Saunders, whose photograph is reproduced below, was arrested in Evansville, Ind., by the local authorities on a charge of defrauding a merchant by the use of a worthless check drawn on the Louisville Trust Company, Louisville, Ky. When arrested she was accompanied by her husband, and in their baggage was found eighteen similar checks ready for use.



Margaret Saunders

ISADORE HOCKSTEIN, whose photograph is reproduced below, was arrested on June 20, 1923, in Minneapolis, Minn., on a government charge. He was recognized as having defrauded a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., by the use of worthless checks. Hockstein is at present confined in the County Jail under a heavy bond.



Isadore Hockstein



Wm. A. Pyatt

WM. A. PYATT, alias Geo. Adams, was arrested in Memphis, Tenn., after issuing a bogus check to a local printer in payment for Cashier's checks which he had printed. These checks are also bogus and Pyatt had every intention of fraudulently using them. We are reproducing above a photograph of this individual for he may be identified as having defrauded others.

Statistics of the Protective Department

	Awaiting Trial August 31, 1912	Arrested Since August 31, 1922	Arrested in July, 1923	Total	Convicted	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc.	66	237	29	266	154	56	19	103
Burglars	11	12	4	16	14	3	..	10
Holdup robbers	27	75	6	81	56	12	10	30
Sneak thieves
Total	104	324	39	363	224	71	19	143

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Warnings To Prevent Losses

\$27,000 Swindle

Duplicator of Certified Checks Again Operating

A FORGER known to us as F. MAYER, who has used numerous aliases, some of which are William F. Walker, W. Hale Hamilton, Wm. F. Winter, Geo. F. Winter, R. O. Harch, Martin Enderlee, Howard R. Harvey, Chester Page, John B. Hammond, is again active after a lapse of a full year, having recently defrauded Kansas City banks to the extent of \$27,000.

Mayer's method of operation is an entirely original one perfected by himself. He opens an account with banks located in a good sized city and "kites" checks back and forth. Later he will draw a check on one of these institutions for a large amount, which is covered with funds deposited. He then has the check certified and with it in his possession he duplicates as many of these checks as he has accounts with banks in that city, where he succeeds in cashing them. This operation is usually put into effect on a Saturday, as most banks close at noon.

Mayer operated in New York City, New Orleans, La., Baltimore, Md., and Boston, Mass., in the same manner, and secured similar amounts. Although a full year elapsed between the New Orleans and Kansas City operations, we believe he may again attempt to victimize our members. We have published previous articles on this swindler's operations in the Journal Supplements for April, 1920, page 166; August, 1921, page 10; August, 1922, page 10, and also sent out special warning circulars to our members.

The writing we are reproducing below, if studied carefully, can easily be recognized. It is requested that sharp attention be given to it.

Mayer is described as about 40 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weight 140-150 pounds, stocky build; sallow complexion, light sandy hair, has the appearance of a German and talks with a German accent, may wear tortoise shell rimmed glasses.

Girls Steal from the Mail

TWO women, using various aliases, are reported by banks in Kansas City, Mo., San Antonio, Texas, Richmond, Va., Atlanta, Ga., Seattle, and Tacoma, Wash., and recently in New Orleans, La., as having de-

frauded them by the use of forged checks. These women have been rifling mail boxes and where checks were found the signatures were used as samples for their criminal operations.

In each instance the checks are made payable to an alleged relative of the maker, who cannot be found. The words "Bal. Victrola" or "Bal. Coat" are written in the lower left corner of the forged instrument. These women usually write their supposed address on the back of the check when endorsing it, such as "Irene Smith, Mason Apts." or "Rose Hauptman, Morton Apt.," etc.

The writing appearing on the checks can easily be recognized, and we therefore request that particular attention be given to the accompanying specimens.

The descriptions given of the operators are as follows:



Newton D. Parker

Ex-Convict Operating Again

NEWTON D. PARKER, a former inmate of the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, is actively engaged at his old occupation, that of a bogus check operator.

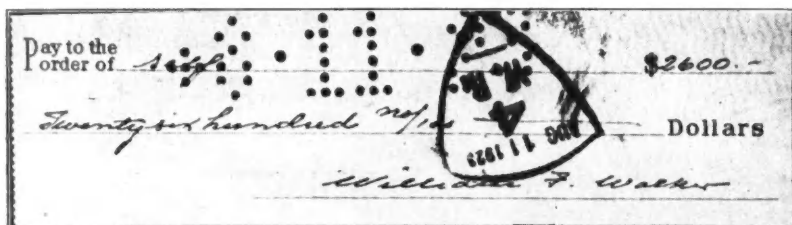


No. 1. Age, 17 years; height, 5 feet 4 inches; weight, 100 pounds; build, slender; complexion, light; hair, blonde. She wore a light turban hat, light tan coat or cape and black slippers.

No. 2. Twenty-three years old; 5 feet 3 inches in height; weight, 110 pounds; medium build; dark complexion; black hair; has a round full face; is attractive.

Parker is issuing checks drawn on the Pacific Southwest Trust and Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Cal., to banks located in Iowa and Michigan. We have published articles relative to his operations in the Journal Supplement for July, 1912, page 9; August, 1914, page 115; May, 1919, page 176; June, 1919, pages 205 and 206; September, 1919, page 57.

Parker may easily be recognized by his short stubby build. He poses as a salesman for a safe locking device. He is described as being 36 years of age; 5 feet 2½ inches tall; weighs 226 pounds; stout build; florid complexion; medium chestnut hair; dark blue eyes.



Mayer check referred to in "\$27,000 Swindle" described above

Chance Acquaintances

W. E. JAMISON, driving a Studebaker car, License No. 849-120 Penna., observing two young women, residents of Nicholasville, Ky., approached them and made inquiries as to the location of that town. On learning their destination he offered to drive them home, which offer was graciously accepted. Upon arriving in Nicholasville, Jamison asked them to direct him to a bank, which they consented to do, and properly introduced him; thereupon he presented a check for payment. Not knowing of the casual meeting our member cashed this check, which was drawn on the Central National Bank, Cambridge, Ohio, and later returned marked "no account." Jamison is described as being 21 years of age; 5 feet 9 inches tall; weighs 135 pounds; has light hair and blue eyes.

Polish Swindler Again Active

STANLEY GROMEK, a Pole, appeared at a member bank and after securing an interpreter, made known that he was desirous of transferring his account from a distant bank, and presented his bank book, which had been raised. Gromek also presented a check drawn on the same bank, on which he was advanced funds. It was later learned that the account was insufficient to cover the check. Gromek was arrested for a similar offense in November, 1922, when located in a Detroit hospital. He has used numerous aliases, some of which are Adam Michalski, Martin Bursky, John Doorak, John Travinski and Adam Kowalick. The description given of Gromek is: Thirty-five years of age; 5 feet 8 inches tall; weighs 165 pounds; good build; has dark hair and eyes.



W. O. Reeves

Reward Offered for Escaped Convict

W. O. REEVES, who has used numerous aliases in his time and has served time in prisons since December, 1919, charged with forgery, is at large. On Aug. 6, 1923, Reeves, whose photograph is published herewith, escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary, at Lansing, where he was serving an indeterminate sentence of from one to five years. This institution has offered a reward of \$50 for his capture.

Reeves is 47 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 120 pounds, dark complexion, black hair (turning gray), occupation, bookkeeper.

Japanese Forger

A BANK located in a New Jersey city has just had an expensive experience with a Japanese swindler who worked in the following manner:

The man, about 38 years of age, and of medium height, using the name of C. YAMATO, called upon the bank and presented to an official, a letter of introduction purporting to be from a bank at Calexico, Calif.

Yamato, the letter said, had inherited a large estate and the bank was enclosing its draft on the First National Bank of Los Angeles for \$11,500.00.

Believing the letter to be genuine, the bank in New Jersey accepted the draft and permitted the operator to open an account. The bank in New Jersey then gave to the operator its draft on a New York bank for \$11,000.00, which the bank in New Jersey later paid when returned to them through the clearings.

In the meanwhile the bank in New Jersey sent the California draft through for collection and have just been advised that the signatures appearing on it are forgeries.

Inasmuch as Yamato met with such success in this transaction, no doubt he will try it again, so we would suggest that a vigilant watch be kept for him.

Geological-Engineer Operating

CAPT. G. C. HARRIS has defrauded banks in the State of Texas with forged checks of the Mexican Petroleum Company of Mexico and United States of America on the City National Bank of New York City, signed Edward L. Doheny. The checks are made payable to Capt. G. C. Harris (Geological-Engineer) and usually in the amount of \$100.

Members are warned not to accept checks as described above. We have no description of the operator at present but are reproducing below a specimen of his handwriting.

G. C. Harris

Notes Stolen from Messenger

THE Canadian Bankers Association report the hold-up of messengers of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, by six bandits on July 24. The loot taken comprises 71,000 in Bank of Nova Scotia notes and 12,000 in Sterling Bank of Canada notes. It is presumed these notes will be offered in blocks in Canada and later in the United States for encashment or redemption.

It is requested that members detain anyone attempting to negotiate these notes and immediately notify Major-General Victor Williams, Commissioner of Provincial Police, Parliament Building, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Bogus Census Enumerators

TWO men drove up to the house of a depositor of a member bank in Mecosta, Mich., claiming to be taking the census for the state. After a short conversation, one of the swindlers claiming to be a physician noticed a cataract growing over the eye of the depositor and offered to assist in removing it either by an operation or radium treatment. The latter method was chosen, and after the swindlers made several visits while treating the eyes of their victim with what they called radium, which was merely drops of colored water, they received a check in a large amount. This pair traveled in a Maxwell touring car. One is described as being about 30 years of age while the other is 40 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, has dark hair and is smooth shaven.

LOUIS ADELMAN, an insurance agent, known to a member bank in Boston, Mass., through securing change on several occasions, defrauded them by the use of a bogus check drawn on the Malden Trust Company, Malden, Mass., signed Louis J. Yessirz. Members are warned not to cash checks for this individual. We have no description of Adelman at present, but are reproducing below a facsimile of his handwriting.

M. D. BAILEY. A party using this alias presented a check bearing a forged endorsement to a member bank in San Francisco, Cal., which they readily cashed. Bailey is described as being 44 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 160 pound, is medium build, has dark hair and blue eyes.

SAM BATES, alias John Bates, alias Paul Rice, defrauded a member bank in Spokane, Wash., by the use of forged payroll checks of one of their depositors. There is no description of Bates available.

R. F. BEALS recently opened an account at the Corn Exchange Bank, Jamaica, N. Y. After withdrawing his funds he issued several checks which they returned marked "insufficient funds." These checks were cashed by local merchants.

J. L. BELL. The Webster and Atlas National Bank, Boston, Mass., report this individual as issuing bogus checks of the Standard Steel Products Company, Boston, Mass., drawn against their institution. These checks are being cashed in the vicinity of Mobile, Ala.




R. O. BURKE is reported as defrauding a member bank in Denver, Col., by the use of a certified check of the C. G. Morgan & Company, drawn on the Commercial State Bank, Dallas, Texas, which was returned as worthless. This firm had closed its account a short time before. Members are requested not to cash similar checks for this individual.

JOHN M. CARLTON. A party using this alias defrauded a member bank in Pasadena, Cal., by the use of a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. There is no description of the operator available.

W. H. COLLINGS caused a member bank in Norwalk, Cal., to suffer a loss when he issued several checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor. These checks were cashed by local merchants. They describe Collings as being 55 years of age, weighs 200 pounds, has short stubby beard, dressed like rancher, one finger is missing from left hand.

ROGER W. COOPER is operating with bogus checks drawn on the Liberty National Bank, Washington, D. C., signed F. C. Whitehall. Checks have been cashed by banks in Grafton, W. Va., and vicinity. Members are warned not to cash similar checks. We are reproducing below a specimen of the handwriting of Cooper.

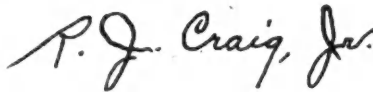


Roger W. Cooper

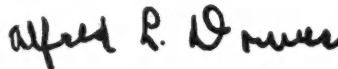
C. C. COX, alias C. B. White, driving a Ford car with a Virginia license, is de-

frauding garagemen by the use of bogus checks drawn on the Shenandoah Valley Bank & Trust Company, Martinsburg, W. Va. These checks were given in payment of purchases made. Cox is described as being 22 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, wears a blue coat, striped trousers and a felt hat.

R. J. CRAIG, JR. An impostor using this name defrauded a member bank in Elmira, N. Y., by issuing bogus checks drawn on the Armstrong County Trust Company, Kittanning, Pa. There is a party by this name residing in Yatesboro, Pa., and it is believed that a former citizen of Yatesboro is masquerading as Craig. The operator is described as being 25 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, has black hair, wore a gray top coat and a straw hat. We are reproducing below a specimen of the operator's handwriting.



ALFRED L. DOWER, by forging the signature of his brother-in-law to a check, defrauded a member bank in Boston, Mass. Dower is a painter and was employed in Quincy, Mass. We are reproducing below a specimen of his handwriting.



JOSEPH F. FRANCE is being sought by a member bank in Pittsburgh, Pa., charged with having defrauded them by the use of a forged check. France is described as being 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, heavy build, florid complexion, has slight hacking cough.

NELSON GODSELL, alias F. G. Graves, alias G. Harvey Grimm, a former employee of the Dunlap Tire & Rubber Company, secured some of their obsolete checks drawn on the Bankers Trust Company, New York, N. Y., and after forging the signature of the officials of that company thereon, succeeded in cashing one of the checks at a member bank in Grand Haven, Mich. Godsell is described as being 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 180 to 200 pounds, dark complexion, neat dresser, wears a large Elk charm.

ROBERT GORDON, JR., a former employee of the H. K. Mulford & Company, is drawing drafts against that firm without authority. Member banks are warned not to accept similar drafts for this individual. Gordon is described as being 39 years of age, weighs 226 pounds, sunburn complexion, doctor by profession.

CHARLES E. HARRINGTON, using numerous aliases, some of which are Chas. A. Grider, C. H. Harrington, Lester E. McGlurkin, reported as defrauding banks in Illinois, Iowa, recently operated in Rock Springs, Wyo., with a bogus check drawn on the Exchange Bank, Morning Sun, Iowa. Members will kindly be on the alert for the appearance of this man.

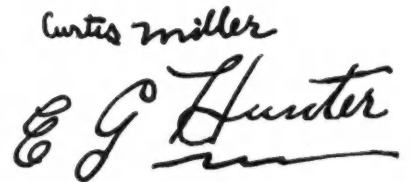
C. F. LAKE, having secured a blank check of his employer, a depositor of a Lancaster, Cal., member bank, forged the former's signature to same. The operator later called upon a local physician and paid a small bill with the check receiving the difference in cash. Lake is described as being 25 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, has hazel eyes, wore a grey felt hat with a wide brim, khaki shirt and trousers. He claims to be a graduate of the University of California.

AMOS LANDRY. The Casco Mercantile Trust Company, Portland, Me., report a party using this name as drawing check against them. Landry has no account in this bank and members are warned not to accept his checks. We have no description of the operator at present.

A. C. LEWIS, operating with bogus payroll checks of the A. B. Stove Company, and drawn on the Merchants Savings Bank, Battle Creek, Mich., is defrauding local merchants. Lewis is described as being about 40-45 years of age, 5 feet 6 to 7 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, and is of medium build.

ALEX. MAREK called upon a member bank in Farrell, Pa., and opened an account with a bogus check drawn on the Indiana Trust Company, Indianapolis, Ind., which was returned as bogus. The bank also accepted for payment a check drawn on the United Savings Company of Detroit, Mich. Members are warned not to accept any checks from him.

CURTIS MILLER, colored, using such aliases as E. G. Hunter, C. W. Clark, opened an account at a member bank in Cleveland, Ohio, with bogus checks drawn on the Co-operative National Bank, Cleveland, Ohio, payable to the National Painting Company. Miller received an advance on the checks before they were returned as bogus.



E. C. MOORE—After being properly introduced at a bank, under the pretext of opening a small line of business, this individual presented a forged cashier's check drawn on the First National Bank, Beaumont, Tex., which he succeeded in cashing. He is described as being 35 years of age, 6 feet tall, weighs 175 pounds, light sandy complexion, smooth shaven. Is accompanied by a woman.

F. W. MOORE, alias Guy H. Miller. Due to an unexpected expenditure through difficulty with his automobile, a party using this alias, requested an advance on a worthless check drawn on the Abilene National Bank, Abilene, Kan., from a member bank in Highland, Kan. When he was refused the cash he left town and was later heard from as having defrauded the driver of a gasoline wagon, whom he met on the road. We have no description of Moore.

ALLAN T. MOYE is reported as operating in San Francisco, Cal., by the use of bogus checks drawn on the Security Trust and Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Cal. He is described as being 17 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, light complexion, blond hair, blue eyes, boyish looking. Members are warned not to accept this young man's checks.

P. H. MURPHY, alias C. T. Murray, alias J. A. Blair. San Francisco, Cal., merchants are reporting this individual as issuing bogus checks of the Western Power Company signed J. A. Blair. Murphy is described as being 33 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 160 to 165 pounds, has light brown hair, brown eyes, and a ruddy complexion.

TELESFORO M. PONCE, a Philippino or Japanese, defrauded a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., by the use of checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor. Ponce is described as being 24 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, stocky build, has black hair, dark complexion.

Telesforo M. Ponce

T. C. PRICE, a negro, is operating in the Middle Atlantic States with bogus checks drawn on the Lowry Bank and Trust Company of Georgia, Atlanta, Ga. Members are requested to refrain from cashing similar checks, and to notify this Association or the nearest office of our agents if he appears.

E. J. RAYNER is reported by a member bank in Chicago, Ill., as defrauding it by issuing a worthless check. Rayner left

Chicago presumably to go to Buffalo, N. Y., and it is therefore requested that members refrain from cashing his checks.

E. REAGAN made a small purchase from a merchant in Denver, Colo., tendering a worthless check drawn on the Colorado National Bank, Denver, Colo. Reagan is described as being 28 to 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 to 7 inches tall, has dark complexion, and a brown mustache.

LOUIS ROTHMAN is using checks of the Eagle Knitting Mills, 347 Fifth Avenue, New York City, signing them as Secretary and Treasurer. They are drawn on the Chase National Bank, New York, N. Y. Rothman is at present operating in New York. We are reproducing below a specimen of the operator's handwriting.

Louis Rothman

ERIL SAUER defrauded a member bank in Detroit, Mich., by the use of a bogus check. There is no description available at present concerning this individual, whose handwriting is reproduced below.

Eril Sauer

HARRY SEIBERT caused a member bank in Detroit, Mich., to sustain a loss when he cashed several bogus checks. Members are warned not to accept his checks.

W. H. SIMS is reported by a member bank in Oakland, Cal., as having defrauded that institution by the use of a forged check. An effort is being made to apprehend him. We are unable to furnish a description.

FRED SOLOMON is being sought by a member bank in Chicago, on a charge of defrauding that institution by the use of a forged check. Members are warned to be on the alert for his appearance.

G. H. TRACY, alias W. O. Brown, Jr., connected with a carnival company traveling in the vicinity of Wabash, Ind., secured a savings pass-book belonging to a depositor of a member bank in Wabash, and after forging a withdrawal order he presented it at the bank with the pass-book, and secured the cash. Tracy is described as 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighs 119 pounds, has dark brown hair, has a lump on the upper part of forehead in the hair, where he was hit with a bottle, has a cross tattooed on arm in red and blue in center of which is a woman's face.

D. W. WALES—A bogus check operator using this name is defrauding various merchants throughout New England by means of bogus checks drawn on the Central National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa. No banks have been defrauded as yet, but he may change his method of operation, so members are warned to be on the alert for his appearance.

Wales is described as being about 5 feet 8 inches in height, weighs 181 pounds, has mixed gray hair and defective vision in one eye.

D. W. Wales

GEORGE WASHINGTON, a negro, attempted to defraud a merchant in Chicago, by the use of a bogus check drawn on the Continental and Commercial National Bank, Chicago, Ill. Washington is described as being 40 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, is medium build, has brown skin and a small mustache.

ISAAC H. WHITE after securing a blank check of a depositor of a San Francisco, Cal., member bank, forged his signature thereon causing the institution to suffer a loss. We are unable to supply a description. We would suggest that members be on the alert for his appearance.

L. H. WHITE.—A Peoria, Ill., member bank reports this individual as having opened an account with a small cash deposit and two bogus checks. After receiving a check book White circulated checks in favor of local merchants. White is described as about 27 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, fair complexion, light brown hair.

ARRESTED

Two unmasked bandits held up the First State Bank of Bernice, Okla., on July 11, 1923. The local authorities located one E. HUDSON MITCHELL at Vinita, Okla., where he was placed under arrest. He was positively identified as one of the hold-up men. CLAUD BALLARD was also arrested as implicated in the hold-up and was identified as the driver of the car used by the bandits in making their escape. Our detective agents' Kansas City representatives and the local authorities are endeavoring to trace the other member of this outfit.

JESUS CHAVEZ BENAVENTE, alias Jesse C. Benavente, was detained by a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., when he endeavored to cash a forged check. Our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives were called upon and they questioned the operator who steadfastly denied writing the check. Benavente was arrested, however, and is at present being held to await trial.



E. J. Magin

ED. J. MAGIN, a bogus check operator, who has been arrested on numerous occasions, was again taken into custody on August 7, 1923, by the local authorities at Richmond, Va., on a similar charge. Magin's operations date back to October, 1913. He has used the aliases of Donald G. Gordon, Francis M. Gordon, and J. W. Miller. His photograph is reproduced herewith.

ALVIN O. ARNESEN was arrested by local authorities at Chicago, Ill., charged with speeding. It later developed he had defrauded many local merchants by the use of bogus checks signed Edward Stromand, and had also cashed a forged check at a member bank. He is now being held for trial.

PETER "SMILEY" BROWER and ENOS WEAKLEY while resisting arrest were shot by local authorities at East St. Louis, Ill. They are wanted in Buckner, Missouri, charged with the robbery of two member banks. They will be returned to Buckner after their case is disposed of in East St. Louis.

R. A. CAMERON was arrested in Memphis, Tenn., by the local authorities charged with issuing a bogus cashier's check to a jeweler in El Dorado, Ark. Cameron was returned to El Dorado to await trial. The drafts used were drawn on the Hibernia Bank and Trust Company, New Orleans, La., against the Chemical National Bank of New York.

EMORY CONNELL was arrested in Little Rock, Ark., by the local authorities on a charge of murder. He was later positively identified as being implicated in the burglary of a member bank at Boyce, La.

LOLITA DAVENPORT presented a check to a member bank in San Francisco, Cal., which the bank refused to accept. It was later learned that the check was bogus and the operator was detained when she returned for the cash. Our detective agents' San Francisco representatives were called upon and after questioning the operator secured a complete confession. She was placed under arrest, and is at present awaiting trial.

PELAGIS DE LEON was reported to our detective agents' Chicago representa-

tives as having defrauded a member bank in Chicago, by the use of forged checks. They located De Leon and he immediately confessed to his operation. He was placed under arrest and is now awaiting trial.

ROBERT FORD, alias Noah Arnold, a negro and a paroled Washington convict, was arrested in Sand Point, Idaho, by the local authorities on a murder charge. He later admitted participation in the robbery of a member bank at Plains, Mont.

JAMES GRAY, colored, also known as "Boots," was arrested by local authorities charged with having held up a street car in Kansas City, Mo. A messenger for a member bank in Kansas City, was a passenger on the car at the time and was robbed of his money. Gray is being held to await trial.

KELLY HOLBROOK—A member bank in Middleton, Ohio, was defrauded by cashing a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. Our detective agents' Cincinnati representatives were called upon to investigate the case, and they learned the identity of the operator. He was later placed under arrest in Middleton by the local authorities. When questioned by our agents' representatives Holbrook confessed to the forgery, making a written statement. Holbrook is now being held to await trial.

HENRY JOHNSON was traced from Atlanta to Macon, Ga., by our detective agents' Atlanta representatives, where he was placed under arrest charged with defrauding a member bank in Atlanta by the use of forged checks. Johnson will be returned to Atlanta for trial.

ARTHUR LANGE, implicated in the burglary of a member bank in Dighton, Kan., a year ago, and who escaped shortly after his arrest, was taken into custody at Little Rock, Ark., after killing a city detective. He was positively identified as the party implicated.

THOMAS B. LEIGHTON, using bogus checks drawn on a Sacramento, Cal., member bank, defrauded a local merchant. He was dressed in the uniform of a recruiting officer at that time. Later Leighton returned in the uniform of a sailor and again endeavored to cash a check but was recognized. He immediately left the store and was later arrested by the local authorities and is being held for trial.

WILLIAM LEVIN, alias L. Steinberg, was arrested by Santa Cruz, Cal., authorities on a local charge. He was later identified as having defrauded a bank in Biola, Cal. He has also operated in Oakland and San Francisco, Los Angeles and Vascaville, Cal. He will be returned to these points in rotation after completion of sentence.



Frank Miller

FRANK MILLER, alias Joseph Meyers, alias Jacob Meyers, called on a member bank at East Chicago, Ind., and presented a draft bearing the endorsement of a local physician. The teller, being on the alert, found that the customer answered the description of Miller, relative to whom the bank had received a warning circular. The teller detained Miller until the local authorities arrived, when he was placed under arrest. Miller was returned to South Bend, Ind., for trial.

FRED MACK, who defrauded a member bank in Burlington, Ky., by the use of a forged check, was reported to our detective agents' Cincinnati representatives. They located Mack in Cincinnati, where he was placed under arrest and held to await extradition to Burlington. Mack made a confession to the forgery charge.

WILLIAM MULLER was detained by a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., when he presented a forged check. Our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives, who were called upon to aid in the arrest, questioned the operator and learned that he had stolen blank checks from various firms by whom employed which he put to use defrauding banks. Muller was placed under arrest and is being held to await trial.

LEE PRETTYMAN, alias C. E. Chandler, defrauded a member bank in Chicago, by the use of a worthless check. He was arrested in Chicago, on another matter and later identified by other victims. Prettyman is now being held to await trial.

JACK RANDALL defrauded a member bank in Tulare, Cal., by forging the signature of one of the bank depositors. A warrant was issued and our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives took up the case. They traced Randall to Sacramento, Cal., and our agents' representatives at that point succeeded in locating him. Randall was placed under arrest and will be returned to Tulare for trial.

G. D. SAUNDERS, alias Fred W. Warner, alias S. M. Kennedy, who has been defrauding banks and merchants in Iowa and Missouri by the use of forged certified

checks was arrested in Lincoln, Neb., on a similar charge. He is at present awaiting trial at that point.

HARRY H. SOLOV, using the alias Samuel Weisman, was arrested by the local authorities at Detroit, Mich., charged with issuing forged checks. A member bank in Detroit was defrauded through his operations. Solov later confessed to his guilt.

MARGARETTE C. STURM, using such aliases as Mrs. J. J. Sturm, Margarette Matock, Margarette Matton, was arrested in Gardena, Cal., by local authorities charged with defrauding local merchants by the use of forged checks. She is now being held to await trial.

LOUISE VESTAL, claiming to be a school teacher from Marion, Ohio, called on a member bank in Colorado Springs, Col. and presented a check drawn on the Marion National Bank, Marion, Ohio, for payment, stating she was touring the State on her vacation and temporarily short of funds. The funds were advanced but the check was returned marked "no account." This woman defrauded many banks in this manner and traced to Los Angeles, Cal., where she was arrested by the local authorities. She is being held at that point to await trial.

RICHARD EDWARD WATERS, alias Jacob Elwood Waters, defrauded a member bank in Annapolis, Md., by the use of a forged check. Our detective agents' Baltimore representatives, investigating the case traced Waters to Warwick, Ohio, where our agents' representatives at that point took up the chase. They located Waters at Akron, Ohio, where he was placed under arrest, to await extradition to Annapolis.

August Report

DUE to the lack of space the following reports of arrests were omitted from the Journal Supplement for August.

Arrested

FRANK O. DAVIS. This individual who is also known under the alias of Francis O. Doyle was arrested in Hammond, Ind., by the local authorities charged with issuing worthless checks. He was returned to Indianapolis, Ind., where he is being held awaiting trial. Davis also operated in Chicago, Ill., and Detroit, Mich.

W. HOMER DAVIS, alias T. C. Davidson. This man was arrested in Pittsburgh, Pa., through the efforts of our detective agents' Pittsburgh representatives. Although he at first denied his guilt he later confessed when confronted by one of his victims. He

will be returned to Angola, Ind., where he is charged with defrauding a member bank by the use of a forged check.

TONNES DENNISON, an ex-U. S. Army Lieutenant, was arrested in Chicago, Ill., by agents of the Department of Justice, on a charge of impersonating an army officer. Dennison defrauded a number of banks and hotels from coast to coast by the use of bogus checks. He will be returned to Los Angeles, Cal., for prosecution.

DR. EDWARD E. EARLE, was located through the efforts of our detective agents' San Francisco representatives. He was placed under arrest after a depositor of a Oakland, Cal., member bank disclaimed his authority to sign her signature. Earle was returned to Oakland where he is being held to await trial.

JOHN W. EATON, alias Roy Miller, was arrested in Oakland, Cal., by the local authorities charged with defrauding a member bank in Oakland by the use of forged checks. Eaton made a full confession. He is now being held to await trial.

PATRICK J. FLYNN defrauded a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., by the use of a check bearing a forged endorsement. Later, not being satisfied, he returned with a cashier's check, but the paying teller having learned of the forgery, immediately notified our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives, who detained and questioned the operator. After admitting his guilt, he was placed under arrest and is at present awaiting trial.

IRENE FOUNTAIN, using such aliases as Margaret Vontin, Irene Findley, Irene Smith, Irene C. Gross, defrauded a member bank in Denver, Colo., by the use of forged checks. Our detective agents' Denver representatives working on the case traced her to Wichita, Kan., where our agents at that point located her, and with the co-operation of the local authorities placed her under arrest. She waived extradition, but later, due to lack of jurisdiction, she was released as the authorities refused to return her for trial.

STEPHEN A. GALGOUL, after forging the name of a depositor of a member bank in New York City, was arrested by our detective agents' New York representatives, cooperating with the local authorities. After admitting his guilt, Galgoul was held to await trial.

RAYMOND C. KOON, alias Charles K. Ray. This party was arrested in Cambridge, Mass., on a local charge and released on bail. Upon the operators arrival in Boston, Mass., he was re-arrested and

charged with issuing forged checks. The Scranton, Pa., authorities are also interested in his apprehension.

JEROME LATTING, alias Michael Previsch, presented a forged check of a relative, who is a depositor of a member bank in Rochester, Minn., and succeeded in securing the funds causing our member a loss. Our detective agents' Minneapolis representatives who were called upon to locate the operator traced him to Baltimore, Md., and then to Philadelphia, Pa., where our agents, co-operating with the local authorities, located Latting and placed him under arrest. He will be returned to Rochester for trial.

DR. G. G. McCracken, alias Laug, alias Langfester, was arrested in Savannah, Ga., by the local authorities. He defrauded a member bank in Savannah by the use of a forged check. He also issued checks in Birmingham, Ala., and New Orleans, La.

MARTIN LEE and **JOHN DANIELSON**, who were charged with the hold-up of the Corona State Bank, Corona, S. D., and the murder of the cashier, were arrested by the local authorities. Our detective agents' Minneapolis representatives aided in the investigation. Lee was convicted, and his sentence is given elsewhere in this issue. Danielson is still awaiting trial.



Harry E. Southard



Sidney A. Patterson

SIDNEY A. PATTERSON and **H. E. SOUTHARD**, whose photographs are reproduced above, were arrested in Duluth, Minn., on June 21, 1923, by the local authorities on a charge of issuing bogus checks. They drew their checks against a Buffalo, N. Y., bank, where they also operated. They are now being held awaiting trial.

DOROTHY FRANCES MILLER, alias Ruth Collins, was detained by a member bank in Chicago when she endeavored to cash a bogus check. Our detective agents' Chicago representatives were called upon, and they learned that she opened accounts in several Chicago banks at the request of a companion. The operator was placed under arrest and is at present being held to await trial.

HELEN NELSON and FRANK FOSTER were arrested in Long Branch, N. J., after passing bogus checks drawn on the Gotham National Bank, New York City. They are being held awaiting trial.

FRED SHAFFNER, alias F. G. Williams, was arrested in Los Angeles, Cal., by the authorities on a local charge. He was recognized as the operator who recently defrauded a member bank in Oakland, Cal., by the use of a forged check, and the authorities at that point were notified. They will return Shaffner to Oakland after his release in Los Angeles.

ALONZO SMITH was arrested in San Francisco, Cal., by our detective agents' San Francisco representatives, co-operating with the local authorities. Smith defrauded a member bank in Salt Lake City, Utah, and admitted his illegal transactions when questioned. He will be returned to Salt Lake City for trial.

GEORGE STEELE, alias H. L. Myers, alias George Thomas, was located through the efforts of our detective agents' Philadelphia representatives and placed under arrest. He was charged with issuing bogus checks in Philadelphia, Pa.

de Leon, Pelegis—Forfeited bond.
Finnell, George L.—1 to 14 years, California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal.
Hobbs, Mrs. Horatio—Probation, indefinite period.

Johnson, Oscar—1 year, Iowa State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa.

McCallum, Mrs.—Probation, 2½ years.
Reding, Larry—1 to 14 years, California State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Cal.
Shannon, Thomas J.—Probation, 2½ years.

Smith, Joseph K.—released.
Steele, George—Probation.
Strachan, A. M.—1 to 14 years, California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal.
Zibner, Sylvia.—Probation, 1 year.

Removed Forgers, etc.

Batley, R. G. L.—1 to 14 years, California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal.
Burns, George W.—Escaped.

Burglars and Hold-Up Robbers

Berkshire, Cecil—Released, lack of evidence.
Larson, Clyde—15 years, Oregon State Penitentiary, Salem, Ore.

Statistics of the Protective Department

	Awaiting Trial August 31, 1912	Arrested Since August 31, 1922	Arrested in July, 1923	Total	Convicted	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc....	66	266	20	286	164	57	21	110
Burglars.....	11	16	2	18	14	3	....	12
Holdup robbers	27	81	6	87	57	13	10	34
Sneak thieves..
Total.....	104	363	28	391	235	73	31	156

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CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Building.
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON.—500 Southern Building.
FLORIDA, MIAMI.—220-221 Calumet Building.
GEORGIA, ATLANTA.—921-922 Healey Building.
ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.—1050 Otis Building.
IOWA, DES MOINES.—609 Observatory Building.
LOUISIANA, NEW ORLEANS.—930-932 New Hibernia Bank Building.
MARYLAND, BALTIMORE.—Fidelity Building.
MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON.—201 Devonshire Street.
MICHIGAN, DETROIT.—Dime Savings Bank Building.
MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS.—McKnight Building.
MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY.—Ridge Arcade Building.
MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS.—Railway Exchange Building.
NEW YORK, BUFFALO.—D. S. Morgan Building.
NEW YORK, NEW YORK.—165 Broadway.
OHIO, CINCINNATI.—1012 Keiths Theatre Building.

OHIO, CLEVELAND.—Swetland Building.
OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA CITY.—908 Colcord Building.
OREGON, PORTLAND.—Yeon Building.
PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA.—Widener Building.
PENNSYLVANIA, PITTSBURGH.—Commonwealth Building.
TENNESSEE, MEMPHIS.—Bank of Commerce and Trust Building.
TEXAS, DALLAS.—Dallas County Bank Building.
TEXAS, HOUSTON.—Union National Bank Building.
TEXAS, SAN ANTONIO.—Gunter Building.
UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY.—301-302 Tribune Building.
VIRGINIA, RICHMOND.—Virginia Railway and Power Building.
WASHINGTON, SEATTLE.—L. C. Smith Building.
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Notorious Outlaw Killed

BANKERS in Oklahoma, Kansas and western Arkansas know only too well that this territory has been the scene of many bank and train holdups since the passing of Henry Starr. Most of these holdups have been credited to the most daring and wily bandit leader of modern times, A. L. SPENCER.



A. L. Spencer

Since the death of Henry Starr on February 18, 1921, Spencer, one of his pupils, succeeded him as leader in banditry. Skilled in the art of shooting, Spencer completely terrorized the banks in Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas.

Immediately upon learning of the holdup of each bank member of this Association, our detective agents began an investigation. Many of the crimes were traced to Spencer. After a holdup, Spencer and his confederates would withdraw to the rough hills of the Osage country. In several of the investigations conducted by our detective agents, one, two and sometimes more men were apprehended and identified as participants in the holdup, accounts of their arrests being given in previous Journal Supplements. Most of them named Al Spencer as their leader.

For several months our detective agents have had three or four investigators in Oklahoma continuously, in an endeavor to apprehend Spencer and other holdup men. Federal, State, and local authorities cooperated. For a time Spencer eluded all who were searching for him, but the wages of banditry is death, and such was the fate of this bank robber.

On August 20, 1923, Spencer and six of his chosen gunmen held up a Missouri, Kansas and Texas mail train at Okesa, Oklahoma. It was one of the most spectacular train robberies staged in the history of Oklahoma. This crime brought Postoffice inspectors and United States marshals on the trail of Spencer. On August 22, ten men were arrested, charged with being implicated in the train holdup. A few confessed to participation and named Spencer as the master mind.

The criminal manager of our detective agents was sent from New York to Oklahoma the first part of September to direct the efforts of the Burns investigators, who were already in the field. They cooperated with the Postoffice inspectors, United States marshals and local authorities.

On September 15 information was received

that Spencer had been seen in a certain locality. A posse of thirteen men, consisting of United States marshals, Postoffice inspectors, railway special agents, the Chief of Police of Bartlesville, and Oklahoma City detectives, also the criminal manager of our detective agents and one of their Kansas City investigators, started for the locality where Spencer had been seen, with a view of effecting his arrest. Many posses, of which one or more of our agents' investigators were members, had followed out information of a similar nature during the past several months, but met with no success. Spencer was seen by this posse, however, and he was killed resisting arrest. He was carrying a .35-calibre Winchester automatic rifle, a .38-calibre Colt's police positive, and an extra large supply of ammunition. When his body was searched, ten \$1,000 Liberty Bonds were found, which were a part of the loot of the Okesa train robbery.

Spencer's body was returned to Bartlesville, Okla., where it was viewed by thousands of people who had become interested in his bold outlawry. To the stranger in town, it appeared from the crowd that a circus had arrived, instead of the body of a dead bandit.

The protective committee and the manager of the Protective Department wish to express their appreciation of the cooperation that has been rendered by the various officers to our detective agents, representing this Association.

Following the death of Spencer, the posse centered their activities upon Grover Durrill and on September 21 they were successful in locating him near Pawhuska, Okla. Seeing that the posse had him surrounded, Durrill surrendered without putting up a fight as he had threatened to do. Following his arrest he confessed to being implicated in the three bank holdups at Barnsdall, also one at Grainola, Okla. He named the other men implicated with him.

Search is being continued for the remainder of the bandits, known as Frank Nash and Riley Dixon. We are reproducing their photographs together with the photograph of Al Spencer. The bandits still at liberty are described as follows:



Frank Nash

FRANK NASH. Age, 33; height, 5 feet 9¼ inches; weight, 160 pounds; build, medium slender; eyes, dark gray; hair, very

black, but bald on top head; large Roman nose; coarse voice, but speaks good English; walks erect and fast; has half-inch scar over right eyebrow, also small scar over bridge of nose.

RILEY DIXON. Alias "Pug." Age, 26; height, 5 feet 5¼ inches; weight, 120 to 125 pounds; slender build; complexion, medium; eyes, brown; hair, dark chestnut; has letters "R. D. D." tattooed in blue ink on left forearm.



Riley Dixon



Grover Durrill

One of Al. Spencer's gang of bank robbers described on this page, and who was taken alive after Spencer had been slain by a posse of officers.

Warnings For Bank Officers

Old Offender Again Active

OTIS W. COBB, who has served terms in several State prisons on charges of passing bogus checks, is again engaged at his old profession. Cobb recently called on a director of a member bank in Rockland, Me., claiming to be an insurance broker, and endeavored to secure office space over the bank. He opened a checking account, depositing a bogus check drawn on the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, and later drew against the uncollected item.

Cobb has used various aliases, some of which are Harold Cutler, Harold Rees, John C. Garber, John W. Smith, and Harold Austin. He is described as 32 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 170 pounds, dark complexion, dark brown hair, brown eyes.



Otis W. Cobb

Otis W. Cobb.

Worthless Pass Book

A PARTY using the alias of JOHN H. MILLER is operating in Ohio, West Virginia and the vicinity with bogus checks. He approaches the teller of a bank and presents a pass book showing a large balance. As his story runs, he desires to open a business in the city and wants to deposit half of the amount in a savings account and the balance in a checking account. When he is informed that he can not withdraw funds until his check has been cleared he requests that a small check be honored to enable him to cover express charges due on the transfer of his furniture. Usually this request is granted. Later, it develops the alleged account is worthless. Miller is described as 35 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, light complexion and sandy hair.

ZACH M. ALLISON, using bogus checks drawn on the Higbee Savings Bank, Higbee, Mo., is operating extensively against hotels and merchants. No banks have been defrauded as yet, but as he may change his method of operation members are warned to watch for his appearance. There is no description of Allison available.

R. R. BAKER defrauded a member bank in Oakland, Cal., by issuing a check bearing the forged signature of one of the depositors. At present we are unable to supply a description of the operator.

ROBERT W. BRUCE. This individual is operating in the vicinity of Reno, Nevada, with bogus checks drawn on the Continental National Bank, Los Angeles, Cal. Bruce at first endeavored to interest banks and business houses in a moving picture proposition, but failing in this, he reverted to bogus checks as a means of a livelihood. He is described as being 40 to 45 years of age; 5 feet 6 inches tall; weighs 180 pounds; has red hair, rather long; is smooth shaven; has a slight scratch across the back of a hand, claimed to have received from a pet leopard while directing a motion picture; wears a Belgian or Italian war medal.

WALTER CARROLL, alias W. C. Carroll. By the use of bogus checks drawn on the Pacific Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Cal., this man is defrauding local merchants. Carroll has defrauded no banks as yet.

EDWARD CLAYTON burglarized the home of a depositor of a member bank in Hayward, Cal., stealing several blank checks. After carefully forging the signature of the depositor, the criminal presented one of the checks for payment and obtained the cash. Clayton is described as being about 40 years of age; 6 feet tall; weighs 160 pound; is of athletic build; fair complexion; has light brown hair streaked with gray; is smooth shaven; wore a light cap.

Edward Clayton

M. S. Brandon

JAMES COLLINS. A party using this alias stole a number of checks of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of California to which he has forged the officials' signatures. Some of these checks have been cashed by a Los Angeles, Cal., member bank. We are reproducing a facsimile of his handwriting.

*James Collins
3905 W. Jefferson*

Kansas Banks Defrauded

MEMBER banks in southeastern Kansas are reporting the activities of a woman who is issuing bogus checks drawn on the First National Bank, Horton, Kan. This woman, who has used various aliases, among which are Mrs. James W. Preston and Louise Mason, presents checks supposedly

signed by her husband who is to arrive in town within a day or two to enter into a certain business and will give as reference the name of a prominent family from whom she has rented a room. Each check has been for about \$40. Member banks are warned to be on the alert for this woman's appearance. It is requested that she be detained and this Association or the nearest office of our detective agents be notified.

Motion Picture Checks

THE Security Trust & Savings Bank, Hollywood, Cal., reports an individual operating in Olympia, Wash., Portland, Ore., and the vicinity with checks of the Famous Players-Lasky Corp., signed by A. Bernstein, in the amount of \$100.00; also checks of the Mary Pickford Productions. These checks are rubber stamped throughout and are marked Long Trail Misc. Exp. Members are warned not to accept these checks which can be recognized by the writing reproduced below.

*Mary Pickford
Sam DeGrasse*

E. B. CURTIS, an employee of a depositor of a St. Louis, Mo., member bank, stole several of the bank's checks which he forged. These checks were cashed by the bank. Curtis, who was employed by a lumber company as an inspector, has been traced to Memphis, Tenn., and Parkin, Ark., by our detective agents' St. Louis and Memphis representatives. While in these cities he followed his trade. Curtis is described as being 40 years of age, 6 feet 1 to 2 inches tall; weighs 160 to 170 pounds; slender build; red hair. We are reproducing a specimen of the operator's handwriting.

E. B. Curtis

Wm. Doremuth

JAMES DELINE, alias John Lorraine. During July Deline defrauded a member bank in Kansas City by forging the signature and indorsement of one of the bank's depositors to a check which was cashed on the strength of what appeared to be the genuine indorsement of the depositor.

This man sold second-hand clothing to the depositor for which he received a check. The criminal destroyed this check and made out one for a larger amount, which he negotiated in the manner described above.

While in Kansas City, this man, his wife, a twelve year old boy, a small girl and a baby, stopped at a leading hotel and left without settling their bill.

Our detective agents' Kansas City representatives working on this case, learned that he defrauded a hotel in Omaha, Neb., in a similar manner. Deline is driving overland in a Chandler touring car, bearing Ohio State license No. 635-587. He is described as being about 37 years of age; height, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches; weight, 150 pounds; dark complexion; was wearing a small dark mustache; has dark hair and eyes; a very flashy dresser. The operator's wife is described as being slightly taller than her husband.

D. M. DAVIS, representing himself as an agent of the Hoosier Salt Co., Indianapolis, Ind., issued one of the company's checks signed J. O. Phillips, manager to a depositor of a member bank in Tahlequah, Okla. This check was later returned as worthless. Davis is traveling in a Ford roadster. He is described as 40 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches in height; weighs 130 to 135 pounds. Here is a specimen of his handwriting:

D. M. Davis
J. O. Phillips

F. J. DEUTZ is reported by a member bank in Miami, Fla., as issuing a draft drawn on the National Bank of Commerce, San Antonio, Tex., which was returned as bogus. Deutz is 6 feet tall, weighs 185 to 200 pounds and is of dark complexion.

C. DOLAN opened an account at a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., with a bogus check. After securing a check book, Dolan defrauded our member and several merchants by cashing checks. He gave his address as 721 Washington Building, Los Angeles, Cal., which is fictitious.

MARY DUNCAN, after renting a room in Oberlin, Ohio, secured the name of her landlady's banking institution. She immediately called at the bank and, after introducing herself as residing with and having been sent there by the landlady, presented a check for payment. The check was signed by C. J. Duncan and drawn on the First National Bank, Massillon, Ohio, and later returned as forged.

The operator was accompanied by a twelve-year-old child. We are reproducing a specimen of her handwriting.

Mary Duncan
114 N. Pleasant

PEDRO GARCIA, having secured a specimen of the signature of a depositor of a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., caused the bank a loss by forging several checks. Garcia used the following aliases: Juan Peres, Luis Ramos, Manuel Casas,

Carmelo Rios. Here is a specimen of his handwriting:

Pedro Garcia
Carmelo Rios
Luis Ramos

ROY L. HALL opened an account with a member bank in Boulder, Colo., by making a cash deposit, stating it was his intention to open a business in Boulder. He later deposited a check in a large amount for collection, and returned after a change of tellers to withdraw the greater part of his account, which resulted in a loss to our member bank. It is requested that members refrain from cashing similar checks.

H. W. HARRIS. A member bank in Oakland, Cal., cashed a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor for a party using this alias. There is no description of Harris at present, but we are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

H. W. Harris

ANDREW JACKSON, colored, opened an account with a member bank in Denver, Colo., by depositing \$5.00 in cash and a Union Pacific pay check. He returned a few days later depositing \$5.00 in cash and a pay check of Armour and Company. Jackson again returned and withdrew the greater part of his account. It was later learned that the checks deposited had been stolen. Jackson is a boiler maker and at one time was employed by the International Harvester Company. He is described as being 38 to 40 years of age; 5 feet 10 inches tall; and weighs 160 pounds.

EDWARD F. JAMES, using bogus check drawn on the La Salle National Bank, La Salle, Ill., defrauded an Ohio member bank. At the time he was employed by a local newspaper and claimed to need the funds to make a payment on a car purchased. He is reported to have continued his bogus check operations in other states. James is described as 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, fair complexion, dark brown hair, sprinkled with gray, bluish gray eyes; walks with a brisk gait.

ARTHUR R. KENT. This individual called on a member bank in Meeteetse, Wyo., and, after presenting credentials recommending him for the position of Superintendent of Schools at that point, requested that a worthless check in a large amount be credited to his account. The check was drawn on the United States National Bank of Denver, Colo., and before it

cleared, Kent was permitted to withdraw against it. Members are warned to be on the alert for his appearance.

H. WEIS KENNEDY. A party using this name defrauded a member bank in Glendale, Cal., by the use of a bogus check drawn on the Security Trust & Savings Bank, Long Beach, Cal. Kennedy's parents reside in Los Angeles, Cal. We are reproducing herewith a facsimile of his handwriting.

H. Weis Kennedy

EDMOND KERRIGAN, employed by a depositor of a member bank in Holtville, Cal., forged his employer's signature to several checks which were cashed by the bank. Kerrigan and two pals "bummed" their way on passing trucks and automobiles to Holtville, where Kerrigan found work for a short period. Discovering an easy method of making money, Kerrigan forged the checks and fled, evidently to meet his pals who left a few days prior for Los Angeles, Cal. Kerrigan is described as 22 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches in height; weighs 150 pounds; blue eyes; chews fingernails, which are very short. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

Edmond Kerrigan
E. Kerrigan

B. A. KINNEY. The First National Bank, Mt. Carmel, Ill., reports a party using this alias as issuing checks drawn on them without authority. He is now operating in the vicinity of Tulsa, Okla., defrauding merchants. There is no description of the operator available.

EDWARD KRUEGER, JR., presented a check in a small amount to a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., which the bank accepted. This check was later returned as bogus. We are reproducing a specimen of the operator's handwriting.

Edward Krueger, Jr.

AMOS LANDRY. Bogus certified checks of the Casco Mercantile Trust Co., Portland, Me., are being circulated by a party using this alias. Our member advises that several checks have been received through the clearings from merchants in New York City. Landry has no account in this bank and members should refrain from cashing similar checks.

D. R. LAUTERMAN, alias W. E. Minney. A party using these aliases defrauded a member bank in Long Beach, Cal., by the use of a bogus check drawn on the Citizens

National Bank, Los Angeles, Cal. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

D. R. Lauterman
W. E. Munnery
 411 Elm

C. E. LYON, who had been collecting funds due on Durant Corporation stock from a depositor of a member bank in Reno, Nev., forged her signature to a check which was cashed by our member. This money, it is believed, was used to pay a fine for a companion who was confined in jail. The pair is reported as having fled to California. We are reproducing a specimen of Lyon's handwriting.

C. E. Lyon

J. A. McCORMICK opened an account with a member bank in Chicago, Ill., making a cash deposit. Later he strengthened this account with bogus checks which he was permitted to draw against. McCormick is described as being 50 years of age, 5 feet 7½ inches in height; weighs 145 pounds; medium build; sandy complexion; slightly gray hair.

S. A. MANX is operating in the vicinity of Whitehall, Mont., using checks drawn on the Citizens Banking Company, Sebring, Ohio, purporting to be signed by the Saxon China Company. Manx is described as 25 to 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches in height; weighs 140 to 150 pounds; slim build; light complexion; wore light gray suit and soft hat.

WM. MICKENS, using a bogus check drawn on the Paterson Trust Company, Paterson, N. J., defrauded a member bank in Unionville, N. Y. This man claimed to be a butcher and to own three stores in Paterson. Mickens is described as 45 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall; weighs 175 pounds; stout build; dark complexion; brown hair.

H. H. MOOR is reported by a member bank in Washington, D. C., as defrauding them by issuing a forged check. The operator is described as being 35 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches in height; weighs 155 pounds; dark complexion; smooth shaven.

ALLAN T. MOYE, using bogus checks drawn on San Francisco, Cal., banks, is operating in Los Angeles, Cal., and vicinity defrauding merchants and banks. He is described as being 20 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, 145 pounds, medium complexion, medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, wore dark cap.

B. F. MUDD cashed a cashier's check payable to the Waltham Piano Company, claiming to have authority to sign the company's name. The Waltham Piano Com-

pany deny this statement and members are therefore requested not to cash any checks so described for Mudd.

RUSSELL L. PALMER opened a small checking account with the Peoples State Savings Bank, Lansing, Mich., and for approximately three months disbursed funds in the usual course of business. Palmer, whose account is now overdrawn, is operating with checks in Cincinnati, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.; and recently in Chicago, Ill. Palmer was employed by the Michigan State Department of Health, and may use the department card as a means of identification. We are reproducing a facsimile of his handwriting.

Russell L. Palmer

EPISTLE PETE, colored, having resided with a depositor of a member in Homestead, Pa., long enough to become familiar with his personal affairs, called at a member bank and presented two checks, which bore forged signatures, for payment, advising that the depositor was ill and wanted the bank to cash them. Unsuspectingly, the teller cashed these checks. Pete left for North Carolina and later visited Buffalo, N. Y., where he is believed to be located at present. There is no description of Pete available.

FRANK REDDING, A San Francisco, Cal., member bank suffered a loss by cashing several checks, bearing the forged signature of a depositor. The operator is described as 26 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height; weighs 165 pounds; medium build; olive complexion; dark bushy hair; brown eyes.

D. A. REED. A member bank in Wisdom, Mont., accepted three forged checks issued by a party using this alias. The operator is described as 30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet, 8 inches in height; weighs 145 to 150 pounds; tanned complexion; brown hair; brown eyes.

VICTOR and PEARL RIEKE are being sought by the local authorities at Tomahawk, Wis., on a charge of larceny and forgery. They are driving a Buick sedan, 1918 model, Wisconsin license No. 386,045. Victor Rieke is described as 24 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches in height; weighs 130 pounds; light complexion. His wife is described as 26 years of age, 4 feet 6 inches in height; heavily built; light yellow hair, bobbed.

KENNETH CLARK ROGERS, using such aliases as K. Clark Rogers and Mark Morton, is operating in Detroit, Mich., with checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor of a member bank in Detroit, Mich. Rogers is described as 32 to 36 years of age, 6 feet 1 inch tall; weighs 185 to 200 pounds; good build; blonde hair; blue eyes; is pigeon-toed. A facsimile of the operator's handwriting is shown herewith.

K. Clark Rogers
Mark Morton



Herman Rothenberg

HERMAN ROTHENBERG opened an account with a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., with bogus checks. He later issued checks against this account which he succeeded in cashing through an accomplice who was later arrested by our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives. Rothenberg, whose photograph is reproduced above, is believed to be in Tia Juana, Lower California. He is described as 24 years of age, 5 feet 6 to 7 inches tall; slender build; smooth shaven; Jewish; prominent nose.

JAMES SOMMERFIED, after opening an account with a member bank in Chicago, Ill., by making a cash deposit, presented several checks at intervals, securing half in cash and the balance was deposited to his credit. These checks were drawn on distant banks and returned as bogus. We have no description of the operator.

J. D. SWERSTON, alias T. W. Severston. A party using these aliases is operating among merchants in San Pedro and Wilmington, Cal., with bogus checks drawn

on the First National Bank, San Pedro, Cal. Members are warned not to cash checks for this man.

CHARLES B. TRUNCK. A member bank in Dayton, Ohio, cashed for Trunck a check, which bore the forged signature of a depositor. The check was indorsed by Trunck and another depositor, which signature later proved to be a forgery. A specimen of his handwriting is shown herewith.

Char B. Trunck

WALTER VARNES defrauded a Los Angeles, Cal., member bank recently by issuing a worthless check. Other merchants have been defrauded by Varnes in a similar manner. Members are requested to watch out for this individual.

E. W. WALTON caused a member bank in Atlanta, Ga., to suffer a loss by issuing a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. Walton has been arrested on several occasions in Atlanta, charged with drunkenness. Our detective agents at that point are investigating the case.

GEORGE WATERS, alias George Shockbower, alias George Slockbwer, is operating in Los Angeles, Cal., and vicinity with checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor of a member bank in San Diego, Cal. Waters is described as being 5 feet 8 inches in height; weighs 160 pounds; dark complexion; left finger off at second joint on right hand; wears tortoise shell rimmed glasses. A warrant has been issued in San Diego, Cal., for his arrest.

PEARY WEAR. This individual is operating in Texas with checks in small amounts drawn on the Texas Bank & Trust Co., Austin, Tex. Members are requested not to cash any of his checks.

L. W. WHITE, after opening an account at a bank in Peoria, Ill., with bogus checks drawn on a Portland, Me., bank, defrauded merchants by issuing checks against these uncollected items. White was also permitted to purchase travelers' cheques from the member bank by checking against his account. The payment has been stopped on these cheques, which bear numbers B371778 to B371782 inclusive.

White is described as 27 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches in height; weighs 140 pounds; fair complexion; light brown hair; pleasing personality.

F. M. WILSON, alias Vincent E. Cullen, after being properly introduced at a Baltimore, Md., bank by a distant relative whom he had just met, cashed a check drawn on the Irving Bank Columbia Trust Company, New York City, in which he had no account. Wilson is believed to have gone to New York. He is described as being 26 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height; weighs 155 pounds; slender build; medium complexion; light hair; smooth shaven.

G. W. WILSON, alias G. B. Williams. A member bank in Oakland, Cal., cashed a check for this man after he had been properly introduced by a depositor. The check which was drawn on the Guardian Savings & Trust Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, was re-

turned as bogus. Wilson made the depositor's acquaintance while in the navy. Wilson is described as 26 to 28 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches in height; weighs 155 to 160 pounds; dark complexion; black hair; walked with slight limp in left leg.



Charles Zoller

CHARLES ZOLLER, claiming to represent the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, Roanoke, Va., by whom he was at one time employed, is operating in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and vicinity with bogus checks drawn on the First National Bank, Roanoke, Va. Zoller, whose photograph is reproduced herewith, is described as being 30 to 35 years of age, 6 feet tall; weighs 175 pounds; blond hair; blue eyes. A specimen of Zoller's handwriting is shown.

Charles Zoller

Charles Zoller

FRED WOODSON, alias M. Martin, alias F. S. Fowler, alias D. S. Dixon. This individual defrauded a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., by the use of checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor. The checks were cashed by local merchants.

EVERETT YOUNG is being sought by a member bank in Washington, D. C., charged with issuing a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. Young is described as being 35 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches in height; weighs 155 to 165 pounds; dark complexion; smooth shaven.

Counterfeit \$20 Note

THE Treasury Department of the Secret Service Division, Washington, D. C., reports a new \$20 counterfeit note in circulation. It is on the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Cal., check letter "C"; plate No. 55; Carter Glass, Secretary of the Treasury; John Burke, Treasurer of the United States; portrait of Cleveland.

This is a photographic production on two

pieces of paper, between which silk threads have been distributed, and the work is so poor, especially in the portrait of Cleveland, that a detailed description of its defects is deemed unnecessary. It should be readily detected. The specimen at hand bears No. L7089584A.

Stolen Treasury Certificates

WE are requested by the Indiana Bankers Association to advise that a suitable reward will be paid by that Association for the recovery of the following Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, stolen from the Indiana National Bank of Indianapolis, Indiana, on Thursday, Sept. 13, 1923:

Series TM 1924, dated March 15, 1923, due March 15, 1924.

Five Certificates Nos. 35848-9-50-51 and 36483—\$1,000 each.

1 certificate No. 2048 for \$5,000.

3 certificates Nos. 14557-8-9—\$10,000 each.

Any information relative to these certificates should be sent to Andrew Smith, Secretary Indiana Bankers Association, 310 Odd Fellows Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, or to this department.

ARRESTED

ELDRIDGE BUNCH. Masquerading as the son of a depositor of a member bank in Waynesboro, Miss., this man succeeded in defrauding that institution by the use of a forged check. Our detective agents' New Orleans representatives investigating the case located Bunch at Clair, Miss. The operator denied his guilt, but after a thorough questioning by our agents' representatives, admitted the crime. He is being held to await trial.

EDWARD L. DELANE caused suspicion when in ——— he attempted to exchange several hundred silver dollars for currency and he was immediately arrested by the local authorities. Delane, after a lengthy questioning, confessed to the robbery of a member bank in Bradley, Okla. The local authorities also arrested HARLEY BROWN as an accomplice.

WILL J. DOUGLASS approached the teller of a member bank in Russellville, Ga., and handed to him a note demanding that they "put up their hands." The command was obeyed and the bandit ordered them from the cage, which gave the employees an opportunity to escape. The bandit fired after them but missed, whereupon he turned the gun upon himself and inflicted a bullet wound in his forehead. Douglass was immediately taken to a hospital, where he is being held under arrest awaiting recovery.

FOSTER EHLENS, alias Raymond F. Cook. This individual opened an account at a St. Louis, Mo., member bank with a bogus check. Several attempts were made by the operator to secure funds against this uncollected item before he was successful. Our detective agents' St. Louis representatives working on the case soon ascertained the identity of the operator as Foster EhLens. Before an arrest could be made EhLens called at the home of our member's president and surrendered. EhLens, a juvenile, was placed under arrest to await trial.



Joseph Banks

JOSEPH BANKS, alias Thomas Jefferson, a negro, was arrested by the Federal authorities in Cleveland, Ohio, charged with forging Postoffice Money Orders. The operator opened an account at a St. Louis, Mo., member bank with one of these forged money orders and was permitted to draw against it. Banks may be returned to Texas to finish an unexpired prison term.

RAYMOND THOMAS, RICHARD BURKE, and ALLISON IVEY approached a teller of a member bank in Ketchum, Okla., and demanded his "hands up." When questioned "why" they deliberately opened fire, killing the teller instantly. The local authorities pursued these outlaws and captured Thomas, who later implicated Burke and Ivey. They were later arrested. They are now being held in jail, with a special guard posted for fear of a mob violence.

FRANK GIACALON. When a party using this alias presented a check bearing a forged indorsement to a New York City member bank he was detained until the arrival of one of our detective agents' local representatives. The operator was questioned at length and admitted the check had been stolen from the mails and forged. Giacalon was placed under arrest to await trial.

LOUIS GOLDFUS was detained by a member bank in Chicago, Ill., when he attempted to cash a forged check. Our detective agent's Chicago representatives were called upon to aid in the arrest. Goldfus readily admitted his guilt. He is being held to await trial on four charges of forgery.

FRANK HOFFMAN, JR., was arrested in Spokane, Wash., on a statutory charge by

the local authorities, and later identified as a man who defrauded a member bank in Spokane by the use of worthless checks. Hoffman is held to await trial.

MORRIS LE BELL, alias J. S. Fischer and H. V. PARKS, alias Frank H. Johnson, attempted to swindle the latter's employer by purchasing an automobile with a bogus certified check of the Lansdowne Trust Co., Lansdowne, Pa. The employer, scenting trouble, presented the check for payment and on learning of the swindle immediately caused their arrest.

GEORGE LESKO, alias James Frazier, defrauded a member bank at Newport, Wash., by the use of a forged check. Our detective agents' Spokane representatives working on the case traced him to Wenatchee, Wash. The local authorities at that point were notified and arrested Lesko. He was returned to Spokane, Wash., for trial. The disposition of his case is given elsewhere in this issue.

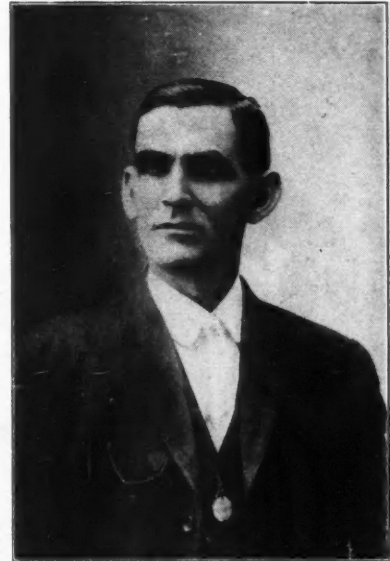
JOHN W. LOCKET, charged with defrauding Manayunk merchants by the use of forged checks, was arrested in Philadelphia, Pa., by the local authorities. At the time of his arrest Locket was delirious and was taken to the General Hospital.



Wilma Cromartie

WILMA CROMARTIE, colored, was detained by a member bank in New Orleans, La., when she presented a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor, which was immediately recognized. Our detective agents' New Orleans representatives were called upon to aid in this woman's arrest. Upon questioning this individual a complete confession was secured. She is now being held awaiting trial. We are reproducing her photograph.

WARREN J. MacFARLONE, who has served previous terms in prison, was again arrested in Pittsburgh, Pa., by the local authorities on a charge of issuing bogus checks drawn on the Franklin Trust Company, Philadelphia, Pa. The complaint was made by a local hotel.



T. W. Eberts

T. W. EBERTS, alias W. M. Eberts, alias C. H. Edwards, etc., whose photograph is here reproduced, defrauded member banks in Kansas City, Mo., Lincoln, Neb., and Cheyenne, Wyo., by negotiating forged and worthless checks. Eberts stole several blank checks from his employer, whose signature he forged thereon.

Our detective agent's Kansas City representatives investigating the case traced the operator to these various cities. Eberts was located in Delta, Colo., where he was placed under arrest by the authorities on a local charge. He was tried for this offense and the disposition of his case can be found elsewhere in this issue.

CHARLES H. MEACHEN, alias Wm. Martin, alias Wm. Freeman was arrested by agents of the Department of Justice in Detroit, Mich., on a white slavery charge. Our detective agents' Detroit representatives immediately recognized the operator as having defrauded a member bank in Battle Creek, Mich., and merchants in Fort Wayne, Indianapolis and South Bend, Ind., by the use of bogus checks. He is at present being held on the Federal charge.

MORRIS PEARLMAN was arrested in Los Angeles, Cal., by our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives cooperating with the local authorities. Pearlman is charged with defrauding a member bank in Los Angeles.

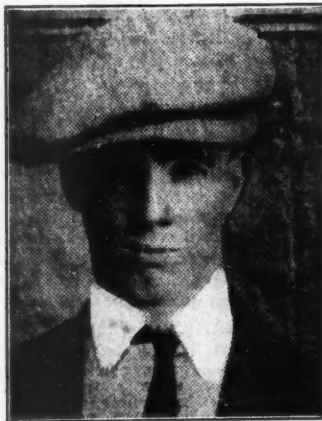
LEO L. PERRIN was placed under arrest in Los Angeles, Cal., as being implicated in the issuing of a forged check drawn on a member bank in Los Angeles. Perrin had been employed by the bank as a statement clerk and in this manner secured a specimen of a depositor's signature. Perrin is being held to await trial.

WARD R. J. PILLOW, after defrauding a member bank in Niagara Falls, N. Y., by the use of a forged check, was reported to our detective agents' Buffalo representatives. They located Pillow in Niagara Falls, where he was placed under arrest. The disposition of his case is given elsewhere in this issue.



Charles C. Hughes

CHARLES C. HUGHES. This individual forged his wife's signature to several checks which were cashed by a member bank in Kansas City, Mo. Our detective agents' Kansas City representatives engaged on this case for several days were successful in locating Hughes at Amsterdam, Mo., and effected his arrest. He will be returned to Kansas City for trial.



Ray McCoy

RAY McCOY. After forcing the teller of a member bank in Denver, Colo., to surrender \$300 at the point of a gun, McCoy endeavored to make his escape by jumping aboard a truck and commanded the truck crew to "step on the gas." The revolver did not feaze the drivers, however, for they immediately attacked the bandit and held him until the arrival of the local authorities. McCoy is being held to await trial.

H. B. PURSER, alias A. B. Moore, was arrested in Grier, S. C., through the efforts of a member bank in Hertford, N. C., on a charge of issuing worthless checks. Purser will not be permitted to leave the State

of South Carolina until he is tried at Newberry, S. C., for a similar offense.

ROY RAINEY, alias Antonis Josephiny, a Costa Rican sailor, was arrested by the local authorities at Allentown, Pa., charged with issuing bogus checks drawn on the First National Bank, Allentown, Pa., a non-existent bank. Rainey is now being held to await trial.

GREGORY M. REYES, alias Telesforo M. Ponce. Under the latter alias this individual defrauded a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., by the use of a forged check. Our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives working on the case learned of the arrest of Reyes by the local authorities on a forgery charge. Our agents' representatives, positive of a connection between the two, were successful in having Reyes identified as Ponce. The disposition of the case is given elsewhere in this issue.

JACK SANDERSON. Not satisfied with having defrauded a member bank in Houston, Tex., by the use of a forged check in a small amount, Sanderson returned to secure additional funds in a similar manner. The teller immediately recognized the operator and detained him until the arrival of our detective agents' Houston representatives, who caused Sanderson's arrest.

CLARENCE SEARCY, colored, defrauded an Atlanta, Ga., member bank by the use of a forged check. Our detective agents' Atlanta representatives were called upon to locate the operator. They questioned the depositor, also colored, and after canvassing the negro quarters together, located the operator, who was placed under arrest. He is being held to await trial.

J. HOBART SMITH, by the use of a forged check, defrauded a member bank in Huntington, W. Va. Our detective agents' Cleveland and Cincinnati representatives traced Smith to Columbus, Ohio, where he was placed under arrest. The Huntington authorities will return Smith to that city for trial.

JOSE SUBIA and **JUAN LEIVA** held up and wounded the teller of a member bank in San Gabriel, Cal. A number of youths in a nearby poolroom, hearing the burglar alarm, rushed to the scene and pursued the holdup men. After an exchange of shots Subia discarded his revolver and surrendered while his partner committed suicide. Subia was returned to San Gabriel and lodged in jail to await trial.

WILLIAM TURNER, alias Dud Washington, and **JAMES NORVAL,** were instrumental in causing a member bank in Cleveland, Ohio, to suffer a loss by issuing forged withdrawal orders. Our detective agents' Cleveland representatives located Turner in Cleveland, where he was placed under arrest by the local authorities. Turner implicated James Norval, who was later located and arrested. They are at present awaiting trial.

JOSEPH WEIL, alias Max Blumber, alias Irvin Rosen, who has been operating in Richmond, Va., New Orleans, La., Norfolk, Va., and vicinity, with bogus checks, was arrested in New Orleans by the local authorities. He will be returned to Richmond after he is released at New Orleans.

Removed

Forgers, etc.

- Ebert, T. W.—15 months, Colorado State Penitentiary, Cañon City, Colo.
- Fields, W. H.—5 years, Probation.
- Glenn, Frank I.—Suspended sentence.
- Hockstein, Isadore—Released.
- Hoven, Edw.—1 to 14 years, California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal.
- Johnson, Edward—1 to 14 years, California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal.
- Johnson, Henry—2 years, Chain Gang, Atlanta, Ga.
- Kimball, Mrs. Louise—Probation, 3 years.
- Lesko, Geo.—6 months to 20 years, Washington State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.
- Mack, Fred—2 years, Kentucky State Penitentiary, Frankfort, Ky.
- Pillow, Ward—Fined \$100; Probation 1 year.
- Ponce, T. M.—1 to 14 years, California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal.
- Pyatt, Wm. A.—Returned to Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, to complete 10 year term.
- Stanton, J. E.—1 to 14 years, California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal.
- Thacker, Gustavus—Released, lack of evidence.

Burglars and Hold-Up Robbers

- Crum, Wm.—1 year to life, California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal.
- Garrett, Geo.—4 years, Kilby Prison, Montgomery, Ala.
- Merritt, Hamilton—1 year to life, California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal.
- Spencer, Al.—Holdup—Killed.

Statistics of the Protective Department

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1923	Arrested since August 31, 1923	Convicted	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc....	110	26	13	2	....	121
Burglars.....	12	12
Holdup robbers	34	9	3	1	39
Sneak thieves..
Total.....	156	35	16	2	1	172

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FLORIDA, MIAMI.—220-221 Calumet Building.
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ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.—1050 Otis Building.
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NEW YORK, NEW YORK.—105 Broadway.
OHIO, CINCINNATI.—1012 Keiths Theatre Building.

OHIO, CLEVELAND.—Sweetland Building.
OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA CITY.—908 Colcord Building.
OREGON, PORTLAND.—Yeon Building.
PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA.—Widener Building.
PENNSYLVANIA, PITTSBURGH.—Commonwealth Building.
TENNESSEE, MEMPHIS.—Bank of Commerce and Trust Building.
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TEXAS, HOUSTON.—Union National Bank Building.
TEXAS, SAN ANTONIO.—Gunter Building.
UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY.—301-302 Tribune Building.
VIRGINIA, RICHMOND.—Virginia Railway and Power Building.
WASHINGTON, SEATTLE.—L. C. Smith Building.
WASHINGTON, SPOKANE.—Old National Bank Building.
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CANADA, MONTREAL.—Transportation Building.
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Warnings

Defaulted C., R. I. & P. R. R. Co. Bonds Still in Circulation

IN previous issues of the JOURNAL there have been articles warning members not to accept 4 per cent bonds due 2002, or their interest coupons, issued by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company of Iowa. This is a defaulted issue. We continue to receive reports from victims of the issuers of these bonds, the basis of the deception being the similarity of the name of the defunct company and the present Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company, Chicago, Ill. Members should be on the alert and refrain from accepting any of these defunct bonds or coupons.

Check Operators Working

TWO young men using numerous aliases, some of which are L. M. WALLENSTEIN, Alex Tagin, Gus Karidy, Herman Lewis, are working together defrauding Chicago, Ill., member banks by opening accounts and later depositing forged checks on which payment is made. They also operated with bogus checks drawn on the Community State Bank and Central Trust Company of Illinois, Chicago. The men are described as follows: No. 1—35 years of age; 5 feet 6 inches in height; weight 165 pounds; stocky build; blond hair, slightly bald.

No. 2—28 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches in height; good build; dark hair; Jewish; wore dark blue suit and soft gray hat.

ALBERT ALMACHER, alias Ernest Gliber, alias Gus Shirmer. A party using these aliases secured a specimen of the signature of a depositor of a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., and forged several checks, which he succeeded in cashing. The operator is described as 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches in height; weighs 135 pounds; medium build; ruddy complexion; sandy hair; gray eyes. A facsimile of his handwriting is shown herewith.

Albert Almacher
Ernest Gliber
Gus Shirmer

W. A. ANDERSON, formerly employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad as a foreman, secured some of the pay checks of the employees and by forging the endorsements thereon, succeeded in defrauding a member bank in Canton, Ohio. Anderson, who served a sentence in the Kentucky State Reformatory, is described as 32 to 34 years of age; 6 feet tall; dark hair, slim face.

Sold Automobiles

D R. WELLINGTON M. BEDFORD opened up a business in New Rochelle, N. Y., and secured the Agency for the Moon Automobile. To finance his proposition he turned over to a member bank in New Rochelle notes secured by cars in stock with an understanding that when the cars were disposed of the notes would be met. However, Bedford failed to remit after the sale of his cars. Another contract was entered into fully protecting our member but Bedford disposed of his entire stock and disappeared, causing the bank a loss.

Warn Greek Customers

A GREEK forger, known to us as JAMES ANDREUS, but whose signature may be mistaken for Andrews, is still active in passing forged checks. By answering advertisements for store space to rent or a business for sale, he makes the acquaintance of a business broker of the same nationality. He asks to be introduced to a bank and the broker obligingly takes him to his bank, where Andreus opens an account with a bogus check. Andreus then endeavors to make an immediate withdrawal and if successful will disappear. It is only necessary for this man to see a signature once to enable him to reproduce it. Taking advantage of this accomplishment Andreus, when refused an advance, will present a check bearing the forged signature of the Greek dealer. Andreus was successful in defrauding member banks located in New York and New Jersey. Our detective agents' New York representatives are investigating the case. The operator is described as being 35 to 40 years of age; 5 feet 2 inches in height; weighs 150 pounds; stocky build, dark hair and complexion. There are warrants in existence for his arrest and we request that member banks in this vicinity notify their Greek depositors in the fruit, restaurant and grocery business to be on the alert for this man, who will operate as described above. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

James Andrus
James Andreus

Letter Box Thieves Active

MEMBER banks in the Eastern States report cashing checks which have been altered and forged. This work is being done by a class known to us as Letter Box Thieves. These operators wait for an opportunity to break open mail boxes located in the halls of buildings or apartments and after rifling the mail in many cases find letters containing checks. When a small check is found these criminals will, by use of chemicals, eradicate the payee's name and amount and change it to read payable to bearer and for a larger sum. They present this check, which usually bears the forged signature of the payer on the back so as to guarantee payment, to the bank on which it is drawn, whether located in the city or not. Little difficulty is experienced in securing the funds on these checks.

It is requested that member banks question the bearer of checks presented when calling for large amounts, and payable to bearer. We do not believe it the custom of many depositors to issue checks in this manner and members will find little difficulty in detecting these altered checks if this request is carried out. We are reproducing specimens of the handwriting that may appear as endorsements on these checks.

Louis Greenberg
M. S. Greenberg
William H. Smart
Murray Bennett

M. G. ARBARE, after being properly introduced at a member bank in Houston, Tex., by one of the depositors, cashed a forged cashier's check. Arbare answered a newspaper advertisement by the depositor, who wanted a man to sell aluminum. Arbare said he had been a major in the Marine Corps and recently discharged from a hospital in Dallas, Tex. Arbare is described as being 28 to 30 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches to 6 feet in height; weighs 150 pounds; dark complexion; black hair; gray eyes; one of lower front teeth is gold. Members are requested to watch for his appearance.

ROBERT BALL, alias W. J. White, while employed by a depositor of a member bank in Portland, Ore., found time to study the making of his employer's signature, which he forged to several checks. These checks were cashed by our member. Ball is described as 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall; weighs 175 pounds; eyes a trifle crossed.

E. L. BARROUS, colored, forged the signature of a depositor of a member bank in Kansas City, Mo., to a check and succeeded in securing the funds, causing them a loss. Members are warned to be on the alert for his appearance.

W. WAYNE BELVIN caused a member bank in Detroit, Mich., a loss through a worthless check drawn on the Hudson Trust Company, New York, N. Y. Member banks are warned not to cash this man's checks. We are reproducing a specimen of Belvin's handwriting.

Wayne Belvin

ALLEN J. BRAIN, at one time employed by a depositor of a member bank in Cheyenne, Wyo., forged his signature to a check and secured the cash. Brain is believed to be in Pueblo, Colo., and an effort is being made to locate him. Members are requested to be on the alert for his appearance.

R. A. CAIN defrauded a member bank in Seattle, Wash., by the use of a forged check. This check was endorsed by Cain as Sea 2/c U.S.S. Mississippi. Members are warned not to accept his checks.

JOHN CLAVELY. A member bank in Chicago, Ill., reports cashing a forged check for an individual using this alias. Members are warned not to accept any of his checks. We are unable to publish a description of the operator at present.

JEAN COHEN, employed by a depositor of a member bank in Kansas City, Mo., was sent to make his deposit but instead forged his signature to a check and secured the cash from our member. This woman is described as being 24 years of age; 5 feet 3 inches in height; weighs 135 pounds; dark hair; dark eyes; Jewish.

B. C. CURTIS caused a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., a loss by cashing a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. We are unable to furnish a description of the operator at present, but are reproducing below a specimen of his handwriting.

B. C. Curtis
Human Hotel

JOSEPH B. DERR. This man forged the signature of a depositor of a member bank in Wilkinsburg, Pa., and obtained the cash. The operator, who is distantly related to the depositor, has a bad record and has served a term in a reform school. He is about 25 years of age and is believed to be in Columbus, Ohio, at present. Members are warned to be on the alert for his appearance. We are reproducing above a specimen of his handwriting.

Joseph B. Derr
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E. H. DE VERE is reported by a member bank in Long Beach, Cal., as having defrauded it by issuing a bogus check. DeVere was formerly employed by the Western Electric Co. Members are warned not to cash his checks.

K. A. DUMCHESSE defrauded a member bank in Lorain, Ohio, by forging his brother's name to a check. We are unable to publish a description of him at present but would suggest that members refrain from accepting his checks.

A. C. DULIN, alias Sam R. Turner. Having obtained checks of a depositor of a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., a party using these names forged several of them and succeeded in securing the cash. We are unable to publish a description of the operator at present, but are reproducing a facsimile of his handwriting.

A. C. Dulin

T. A. ELLIS, alias A. B. Lane. By the use of check bearing the forged signature of a depositor of a member bank in Oakland, Cal., a party using these aliases defrauded that institution. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

T. A. Ellis
A. B. Lane

GEORGE E. FRAZER is operating with worthless checks drawn on The Jefferson County National Bank, Watertown, N. Y. A member bank in Fort Wayne, Ind., was victimized and Frazer is evidently working his way West. At one time this man was a member of the Rotary Club of Syracuse, N. Y., and has in his possession a card showing dues paid up to October 31, 1923; however, as he changed his affiliation, his membership in the club automatically ceased some time ago. He has been employed as an insurance salesman, and is traveling in a Willys-Knight roadster, for which two licenses were issued: one in the State of Indiana, No. 502-870, and the other in New York, No. 1-447-073. He also has a membership card, showing membership in the Richmond Y. M. C. A., and usually stops at a Y. M. C. A. Frazer is 29 years of age.

J. G. FULLER, alias J. E. Harmon. Through bogus checks, a party using these aliases recently operated in Melbourne, Iowa, to defraud merchants. He came from Des Moines, Iowa, and while in Melbourne purchased a steam engine for the Avery Implement Company of Des Moines. Mem-

bers are warned to be on the alert for his appearance.

HIRAM A. GROSNER is operating with bogus checks drawn on the Garfield National Bank, New York, N. Y., signed Grosner & Milich Co., A. B. Milich, Treas. The operator recently defrauded a hotel in Hartford, Conn., by the use of one of these checks. We are reproducing herewith a specimen of Grosner's handwriting.

Hiram A. Grosner
Grosner & Milich Co

P. H. GURGANUS presented a check to a member bank in Richmond, Va., which the teller believed to be a new account, and, without verifying, the check was paid. Later developments proved the check to be bogus. The operator is described as being 23 to 25 years of age, 5 feet 7 to 8 inches tall; weighs 135 pounds; slender build; dark complexion; black hair; dark eyes.

L. HARRINGTON. A party using this alias presented a sight draft on E. L. Shea, care of First National Bank, Tulsa, Okla., to a member bank in Marengo, Iowa. This draft was later returned as bogus. We are reproducing below a specimen of the operator's handwriting and request that members refrain from accepting his drafts.

L. Harrington
E. L. Shea

GEORGE HARRIS defrauded a member bank in San Francisco, Cal., by cashing a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. This check was presented to a local repair company who readily accepted it. Members are warned not to accept his checks.

CARL E. HAYS, whose photograph is reproduced herewith, is reported as issuing bogus checks in Moccasin, Mont. He posed as a discharged soldier and claimed to have been gassed and to be walking from coast to coast at the suggestion of a Government doctor. He also operated in Muncie, Ind., at which point he was unable to walk without the aid of crutches. Hays was making chains of wax beads which he sold to inhabitants, impressing them with the fact that the proceeds of the sale was to be sent to the Government Hospital for the benefit of the patients, which, of course, increased the sales. Members are warned not to accept any of his checks. We are reproducing a facsimile of his handwriting.

C. E. Hays
(See page 4 for Hays photo)



Carl E. Hays

B. JOHNSON. A party using this alias defrauded a member bank in Chicago, Ill., by the use of a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. We are unable to publish a description of the operator at present.

J. A. JOHNSON waited until the cashier of a member bank left the building and then approached his assistant. By claiming to be acquainted with the cashier, he opened an account with a bogus check drawn on the First National Bank, Miami, Fla., and endeavored to withdraw against the uncollected item. However, he was instructed to await the return of the cashier. This he said he could do. While the assistant cashier left the window, Johnson approached the paying teller, who knew nothing of the transaction and was permitted to make the withdrawal. When a check is taken for collection, members should mark their ledgers accordingly and in this manner avoid these unnecessary losses.

E. R. KELLEY. A party using this alias recently operated in Boston, Mass., defrauding a member bank by the use of a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. We are unable to publish a description of the operator, but are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

E. R. Kelley

J. KENO and **LEO A. NIEBERGER** are being sought by our detective agents' Chicago representatives, charged with defrauding member banks in Chicago and Detroit by the use of forged and bogus checks. They have used various aliases, some of which are L. A. Nuburger, Arthur Rossyn, H. A. Harris, A. Stone and A. Harris. Keno is described as 5 feet 8 inches in height; weighs 175 pounds; black hair; round face; wore heavy horn rimmed glasses; small moustache, Chaplin style. Nieberger is described as 23 years of age; 5 feet 4 inches in height; weighs 130 pounds; slender build; fair complexion; blond curly hair.

DELAWARE COUNTY TRUST COMPANY CHESTER, PA.

No. 610

Sept. 25, 1923

CHESTER LODGE No. 488 B. P. O. E.

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THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE cents DOLLARS

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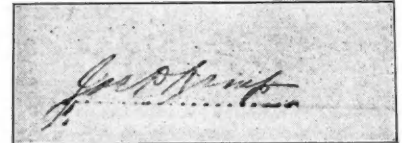
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SECRETARY

RECEIVED

JOE D. KEMP. This man stole a number of checks and membership cards from the Chester Lodge No. 488, B. P. O. E., Chester, Pa., and is making fraudulent use of them. Member banks in New Haven, Conn., and Springfield, Mass., were defrauded by cashing these forged checks, which we are reproducing herewith. The numbers appearing on the checks stolen were 638 to 646. Kemp is described as



about 5 feet 8 to 9 inches tall; weighs 150 pounds; dark complexion.

C. M. KIMBALL, a book agent, recently defrauded a member bank in Miller, S. D., by the use of a forged check. He is believed to be covering the territory in this vicinity and we therefore request members to watch for his checks. We are unable to give his description at this writing.

J. B. KING, alias George W. Goodman, using bogus checks drawn on the Citizens National Bank, Alameda, Cal., is operating in Oakland, Cal., and vicinity. He is described as being 28 years of age; 5 feet 9 inches in height; weight 180 pounds; light hair; blue eyes; wore light suit and light gray hat. A warrant for King's arrest is being held in Oakland.

DAVID LEONARD recently opened an account by mail with a member bank in San Francisco, Cal., sending a small money order and announcing his intention to open a business in Los Angeles, Cal. The account was accepted and Leonard deposited a bogus check to his credit. Later he issued a check against his account, which check was paid, causing our member a loss. Leonard communicated with a member bank in Chicago, Ill., similar to the above, but no attempt had been made to withdraw funds. Members are requested to refrain from cashing his checks.

FRANK LYNCH. A party using various aliases stole a book of fifty blank checks from the agent's office of the Belt Railroad Company, Chicago, Ill. All checks already cashed were presented to saloon keepers and deposited to their account. Members are warned to investigate before accepting these checks deposited by saloon keepers. We are unable to supply a description of the operator.

CLYDE MARTIN, alias C. W. Smith is reported by a member bank of Andover, Kan., as having forged the name of a depositor to a check. Martin worked for this depositor a short time and was paid with a check from which he secured the specimen for his forgeries. Martin is described as about 21 years of age; height 6 feet 1 inch; weight 160 pounds; slender

build; complexion dark; eyes probably brown; long thin face; dark hair.

H. C. H. MEHICZ. This individual operated in Chetek, Wis., with a check in a small amount drawn on the South Side Bank, Memphis, Tenn., which check was returned as worthless. This party is described as short and of the Southern Latin race. Members are warned not to accept his checks. A reproduction of the operators' handwriting appears below.

H. C. H. Mehicz
H. C. H. Mehicz

CLINTON MELROSE, a paroled convict from the California State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Cal., is reported by a member bank in Quincy, Cal., as having defrauded the bank by the use of a check purported to be signed by a depositor. It is believed he has fled to Nevada and an effort is being made to locate him. Members are requested to immediately notify the nearest office of our detective agents should he appear.

FLOYD A. METZGER at one time a neighbor of an employee of a member bank at Chicago, Ill., took advantage of the situation and in the absence of his friend presented to the bank a check for payment. The cashier on learning of his friendship with the employee verified this information by phone and then cashed the check. This check was drawn on the Security National Bank of Sheboygan, Wis., and later was returned as bogus. The operator is described as being 40 to 44 years of age; 6 feet tall; weighs 160 pounds; smooth shaven; wore glasses.

J. E. MITCHELL, wearing workman's clothes, called at a member bank in Lincoln, Ill., and opened a small account with a cash deposit. A few days later he deposited a check for collection which was accepted. This act was repeated and he soon had a

sizeable account. Later the bank received a telegram from Mitchell requesting that it wire him funds, waiving identification, which the bank refused to do. The checks deposited which were drawn on a bank in Montgomery County, Ill., and Annapolis, Mo., were returned as forgeries. This individual may again attempt this swindle and we therefore request that members be on their guard. We are reproducing below a specimen of Mitchell's writing.

L. E. Mitchell

GEORGE E. PALMER, who married a Sandusky, Ohio girl, a small depositor of a member bank in that city, presented a check drawn on the Central National Bank Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio, for payment and secured the cash. The check was later returned as bogus and Palmer has disappeared, deserting his wife. Palmer is described as 28 years of age; 5 feet 7 inches in height; weighs 160 pounds; dark hair; bluish grey eyes; heavy eyebrows; right forefinger off below first joint; lady's head tattooed on left forearm, occupation interior decorator.

M. G. POWERS, having obtained the signature of a depositor of a member bank in Denver, Col., forged same to a check which he succeeded in cashing. Members are requested to be on the alert for his appearance.

ROBERT C. PRICE, JR. The National Bank of Charlottesville, Va., report this individual as issuing bogus checks drawn on this bank in the vicinity of Waco, Texas. Price was a student of the university in Charlottesville and has been issuing checks for the past year. He is described as 25 to 30 years of age; 6 feet tall; heavy build; ruddy complexion; reddish hair.

PAL S. SCOONER is the name used by a forger who recently operated in Kansas City, Mo., forging the name of a depositor of a member bank to a check with which he purchased jewelry from a local merchant.

Scooner is described as about 26 years of age; 5 feet 6 inches in height; weight 140 pounds; light complexion; neat dresser. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

Pal S. Scooner

PAPLE SARMIENTO. By raising the amount of a post office money order this individual defrauded a member bank in St. Louis, Mo. He opened an account at the bank with part of the money and secured the remainder in cash. He is described as 23 years of age; 5 feet 7 inches in height; weight 140 pounds; olive brown complexion; black hair; smooth shaven; Philippino; carries passport from Philippine Islands, containing photograph, description and signature.

W. A. SEXTON. This party opened an account at a member bank in Waterbury, Conn., by depositing a check drawn on the Citizens National Bank, Boston, Mass., signed George E. Andrews. He later made several check deposits and succeeded in withdrawing funds against these uncollected items. All checks were later returned as bogus.

V. G. SMYTHE. A Detroit, Mich., member bank reports a loss through the cashing of a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. Members are requested to verify checks bearing this name. We are reproducing below, a specimen of the operator's handwriting.

V. G. Smythe

LOUIS STAMM opened a savings account at a member bank in Chicago, Ill., depositing a small amount of cash. Later he deposited cash and a check for a large amount purporting to be issued by the Andrews Company, Inc., drawn on the Guaranty Trust Co., New York, N. Y. Before returns had been received on this check Stamm withdrew part of the cash and succeeded in cashing a check similar to the one deposited. Members are advised not to pay on checks described above or any checks drawn on a distant bank until payment is received.

SAM STEIN. By using checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor, this individual defrauded a member bank in Chicago, Ill. He is described as 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches in height, medium build, dark hair and complexion.



Henry Stewart

HENRY STEWART, whose photograph is reproduced above, defrauded a member bank in England, Ark., by the use of a forged check. Stewart is believed to be on his way to Los Angeles, Cal., and our detective agents are endeavoring to trace him. We are unable to publish his description at present.

J. C. STEWART, alias C. L. Williams. Using a check drawn on the Bank of Lucedale, Miss., in which he has no account, this individual defrauded a member bank in Memphis, Tenn. He also operated in Pass Christian, Miss. Members should be on the alert for his appearance. We are reproducing below a facsimile of the operator's handwriting.

J. C. Stewart

CHARLES THOMAS is reported as having defrauded a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., by the use of checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor. In each instance the operator changed his alias, and the following are some of the names used: Henry Freeman, Henry Edwards, James Delmar, Ralph Jones, Walter Scott. We are reproducing below a specimen of this individual's handwriting.

Ralph Jones
James Delmar

FORREST R. THOMPSON is operating in the South with checks drawn on the Lincoln National Bank, Washington, D. C., in which bank he has no account. He recently defrauded a member bank in New Martinsburg, W. Va. Thompson is described as 23 years of age, weighs 140 pounds, light or auburn hair.

CHARLES VAVRA, representing himself to be traveling for the Merchants Radio Co., Kansas City, Mo., called at a member bank in Steele City, Neb., and after producing a bank book of the State Bank of Oskaloosa, Kan., to prove his account was good, succeeded in cashing a check. This check later proved to be worthless.

C. A. WILLIAMS, alias C. A. Weingart. Using bogus checks drawn against the Tonopah Banking Corp., Tonopah, Nev., this man is defrauding merchants in California. He is described as about 50 to 55 years of age, 6 feet tall, slender build, black moustache, slightly stoop-shouldered, looks like an Italian.

W. R. WILLIAMS. This individual is reported by a member bank in Carbondale, Pa., as issuing worthless checks in small amounts drawn on banks in Abington and Carbondale, Pa. These checks are being cashed by merchants in the vicinity of Herick Centre, Pa. Members are warned not to accept his checks.



James Willoughby

JAMES WILLOUGHBY, a former inmate of the Minnesota State Reformatory, is actively engaged in passing stolen post office money order forms. Member banks in St. Louis, Mo., have lost through his operations. The money orders are made out on forms from Lincoln, Ind., numbered 18,401 to 18,600 inclusive. It is requested that this man be detained and the nearest office of our detective agents notified, should he attempt to cash any of these money orders. Willoughby, whose photograph is reproduced herewith, is described as 35 years of age, weighs 165 pounds, dark complexion, round face, good looking, well dressed.

F. M. WILSON, using bogus checks drawn on the Irving National Bank, New York, N. Y., defrauded a member bank in Chicago, Ill. Wilson is described as being 25 years of age, 6 feet tall, weighs 155 to 160 pounds, slender built, light complexion, light blonde hair, smooth shaven, wears tortoise shell rimmed glasses and a veteran's discharge button.

EARL WRIGHT, alias J. L. LaCombes, defrauded a member bank in Chicago, Ill., by the use of a bogus check drawn on the Second Citizens State Bank, Chicago, Ill. We are unable to supply a description of the operator.

Stolen Coupons

A member bank in Chicago, Ill., reports having been defrauded through the cashing of coupons taken from bonds of the city of San Francisco, Cal. These bonds were stolen from a resident of Pittsburgh, Pa., and the coupons are being cashed by a party presenting a card of the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers, No. 248,172.

Forges Merchants' Signatures

A PARTY known as **J. WRIGHT** is reported as having defrauded member banks in Brooklyn, N. Y., by the use of checks bearing the forged signatures of depositors. These checks always purport to be signed by a local merchant and bear his endorsement in order to guarantee payment. Our detective agents' New York representatives investigating the case ascertained that this individual's practice is to call on the merchants late in the evening and request that he be permitted to purchase a check in a very small amount. His excuse for this request is that he cannot secure a money order inasmuch as the post office is closed for the day, and he is obliged to

send the remittance at once. After this favor is granted, it is a very simple matter for the operator to forge checks against the merchant's account. It is, therefore, requested that member banks be on the alert for this man's appearance and to notify their customers to immediately advise should he attempt to purchase a check. We are reproducing below a facsimile of the operator's handwriting.

J. Wright
J. Wright

Counterfeit Notes

THE Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., reports that there have appeared in circulation \$20 counterfeit Federal Reserve notes on the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, of the same workmanship as that described in a Treasury circular No. 525, dated Aug. 13, 1923, with check letter "B," plate No. 198, instead of check letter "A," plate No. 207. Both check letters "A" and "B" bear different letters preceding the serial numbers. So far we have found these bills bearing letters "K," "M," "N," and "G." Otherwise the description is the same as that in circular No. 525, except that instead of being photographic productions they are more like lithographic work.

There has also been found in circulation a counterfeit \$10 Federal Reserve note on the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, differing only from that described in circular No. 524, dated July 23, 1923, in that this last note appears to be printed on a single piece of paper without silk threads or imitation of them, and the back plate number is 1001. This specimen bears serial No. A41371061A. It is a very poor counterfeit.

A counterfeit \$50 Federal Reserve note on the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago has also appeared, identical in workmanship with the bill described in Treasury circular letter 521, dated June 1, 1923, except the check letter, which has been changed from "C" to "A," and the serial number has been changed. The specimen at hand bears No. 1441133A. The white spot in the left eyebrow of the portrait of Grant, referred to in circular 521, has been worked over and is not so noticeable.



Paul Burgett

Lone Bandit Captured

AT about 8.45 o'clock, on the morning of Sept. 13, before a member bank in Kansas City, Kan., had opened for business, a young man carrying a package knocked at the front door, which was opened by the cashier. The young man entered the bank and when delivering the package thrust a Luger automatic revolver in front of him and demanded he hold up his hands. The command was likewise given to another employee in the bank. Noticing a brown leather Boston bag used by the bank, the bandit placed all the cash in sight in the bag. He then ordered the cashier and customers who had come in to enter the vault, which he closed, and made his escape.

Our detective agents' Kansas City representatives, who were immediately assigned to the case, examined the contents of the package the bandit delivered and found it to contain six issues of a magazine, which at first appeared to have had the covers torn off. One cover, however, had been overlooked by the bandit. This cover bore the name and address, Burgett, 1952 Stewart Avenue, Kansas City, Kan. Our detective agents, following the clew, learned that a young man named **PAUL BURGETT** had a father living at this address. The description given of Burgett compared in every respect with that of the bank robber. A picture was secured and was positively identified by the member bank. Our agents soon located Burgett in Mexico, Mo., where he was attending a military academy. He was immediately placed under arrest and returned to Kansas City for trial. At the time of his arrest a considerable amount of the stolen money was found hidden in a trunk in a friend's garage. Burgett was later identified as having participated in other holdups.

Arrested

DR. ANNETTE BECKWITH. This woman defrauded a member bank in Fort Benton, Mont., by the use of worthless checks. Our detective agents' Spokane representatives traced her to Portland, Ore., where our agents at that point took up the case. They located Dr. Beckwith while she was visiting another physician, and had her placed under arrest. She admitted her guilt and was held to await the arrival of the Montana authorities.

CHARLES BRAKEMAN, alias Turner, was taken into custody by the local authorities at Houston, Tex., charged with issuing worthless checks in Dallas, Tex. Brake-man was recognized as having operated in Huntington Park, Cal. Brakeman is now being held in Dallas for trial.

N. E. BUELL, using the aliases N. Edward Buell, Fred C. Carmichael and J. Wallace Brown, has been operating in Des Moines, Iowa, Detroit, Mich., and vicinity with worthless checks. He was located in Detroit by agents of the Department of Justice on a Federal charge and later recognized as having operated in other cities. Buell is now being held in the County Jail, Detroit, to await the disposition of his case.

CHARLES H. CALLAHAN. This individual, after negotiating with a cattleman to purchase his cattle, was introduced at a member bank in Marshall, N. C., where he succeeded in securing funds on a forged check. He immediately left town and was again heard from in Rogersville, Tenn., where he used the name of the cattleman at Marshall, and again attempted to have a check cashed. On receipt of a wire from this bank as to the genuineness of the check, the teller at Marshall immediately became suspicious and advised the bank at Rogersville to arrest Callahan. This was done, and the operator is now being held for trial. He admitted his guilt when questioned by the local authorities.

GEORGE CHANDLER. Bad teeth gave this man an opportunity to dispose of a large amount of worthless paper. After having dental work done, the operator would issue a worthless check in payment and secure the balance in cash. Chandler was reported to the local authorities, and he was located in Sacramento, Cal., and arrested. He has used various aliases, some of which are R. H. Wilson, O. L. Wilson, L. D. Martin, L. D. Carlson, R. B. Stanford, B. C. Crosson, R. H. Larsen, Claude Kayler and J. L. Smith. Chandler was previously arrested in Sacramento, Cal., on similar charges. He is at present being held in jail to await trial.

WESLEY COPAS was arrested in Sedalia, Mo., by the local authorities following an attempt to defraud a member bank in California, Mo., by sending a telegram bearing the name of a depositor requesting funds be wired to him. The money was wired, but identification requested, which Copas was unable to furnish. He left the bank, but was later arrested when the original depositor appeared. The disposition of his case is given elsewhere in this issue.



Peter De Stefani

PETER DE STEFANI was arrested in Cleveland, Ohio, by the local authorities charged with issuing bogus checks. De Stefani defrauded banks in New York and Buffalo, N. Y., Chicago, Ill., and Cleveland, Ohio, by depositing bogus checks and immediately withdrawing against them. In his possession was found some of the proceeds of his operations. De Stefani is being held to await trial.

JOHN FAGELIK, a chauffeur, driver of a car used in aiding the escape of robbers of a member bank at Sandaval, Ill., was

arrested in Central City, Ill., by the local authorities. On learning that the amount obtained in the robbery was greater than had been reported to him, Fagelik confessed, divulging the names of his accomplices. This resulted in the arrest of **THOMAS TRACY** and **HERMAN MEYERS** in St. Louis, Mo., by the local authorities. They were positively identified by the cashier, who had been forced from his home to open the bank. **EDWARD FISCHER** was also arrested by the local authorities charged with receiving part of the loot stolen. They are all being held to await trial.

RUBEN FREEDMAN, alias H. Finkenstein, was placed under arrest by the local authorities at Boston, Mass., having been identified as defrauding a member bank in Malden, Mass. He was returned to Malden for trial. The disposition of his case is given elsewhere in this issue.

J. GARRETY, using numerous aliases, some of which are L. McArthur, C. G. Hayes and A. L. Mahen, was employed by a depositor of a member bank in Detroit, Mich. After working two weeks, he received a check for wages, which he deposited with our member. Garrety then opened accounts in other banks under assumed names and kited checks back and forth, defrauding several banks. The operator was soon located, however, and placed under arrest by the local authorities. He is at present being held to await trial.

EVELYN M. GATES. After opening an account at a member bank in Chicago, Ill., with a forged check, this woman withdrew various amounts until it was reduced to \$5. Being an amateur at the game, the operator returned for this amount and was immediately detained, the forgery having been discovered. She admitted her guilt and was placed in jail, where she is being held to await trial.

C. W. JONES, representing himself as assistant paymaster for the Sinclair Pipe Line Co., sent a draft to a member bank in Cheyenne, Wyo., opening an account. He then issued checks against this uncollected item. Jones was located in Cheyenne, where he was placed under arrest. He was later identified as a former employee of the Sinclair Pipe Line Co. Jones is now being held for trial.

J. F. JONES, who issued a bogus check drawn on the Mercantile Trust Co., San Francisco, Cal., to a member bank in Dunsuir, Cal., is held in jail in that city pending payment of the check. Jones has no account in the San Francisco bank.

ARTHUR KERNS. A member bank in Williamsville and Buffalo, N. Y., reported to our Buffalo detective agents checks drawn against them by a party using numerous aliases, some of which are John G. Mason, L. M. Wagner, John J. Palmer, Carl Wagner, J. J. Mason, J. J. Wagner and Charles S. Schwartz. Our agents' representatives immediately took up the case and after several days' investigation located the operator's sweetheart. A close watch was kept over her, and she soon led

our agents to Kerns. Kerns was seen driving a new Nash automobile, but managed to evade capture. All good roads were immediately guarded, with the result that the operator rode into the hands of the law. He was placed under arrest, and after a thorough questioning by our agents and local authorities confessed to his entire operations, giving a list of his victims. Kerns is now being held to await trial.

RUDOLPH KOHN. This individual operated extensively in Chicago, Ill. He wrote to prominent citizens regarding charities and used the signatures on their replies to prepare his forged checks. While attempting to cash one of these checks at a Chicago member bank, he aroused suspicion and was detained to await the arrival of our Chicago representatives. After questioning, the operator admitted his guilt. He was placed under arrest. The disposition of his case is given elsewhere in this issue.

HARRY RICHARD LEE. By the use of forged checks this individual defrauded a member bank in San Francisco, Cal. Our detective agents' San Francisco representatives investigating the case learned the identity of the operator and succeeded in locating him in San Francisco, where he was placed under arrest. He is being held in San Francisco to await trial. Lee used the aliases of Roy Moore, Roy Weil and Roy Kemp.

PETER MITCHELL LINDEN, while employed in the general delivery department of the Chicago post office, stole a Government letter containing a bonus check. Linden forged the indorsement on the check and secured the funds from a member bank in Chicago. He was immediately suspected and placed under arrest, whereupon Linden admitted his guilt. He is being held to await trial.

R. R. M'CREERY, alias Ralph P. Munson, was detained by a member bank when he attempted to cash a check which he had received from a merchant where he tendered a bogus check, drawn on the Farmers & Merchants Bank, Chicago, Ill., non-existent, in payment of merchandise. Our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives who were called on to aid in the arrest questioned the operator, who claimed he received the check through a liquor sale. McCreery was placed under arrest and is awaiting trial.

WILLIAM R. MENDES defrauded a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., by the use of a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. Our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives working on the case traced the operator to San Francisco, Cal., where our agents at that point continued the search. They located Mendes in San Francisco, and he was placed under arrest to await his return to Los Angeles for trial.

AGNES MONAHAN, better known to police as Bobby Beaver, was arrested in Kansas City, Mo., by the local authorities. Loot stolen from Kansas and Nebraska banks was found in her possession. She is now being held to await trial. An effort is being made to locate her associates.

HARRY MOROVITZ, having defrauded a member bank in Chicago, Ill., by the use of a forged check, was reported to our detective agents' Chicago representatives. They located Morovitz and with the cooperation of the local authorities succeeded in causing his arrest. This individual was previously arrested and convicted for a similar offense. He is being held to await trial.

N. D. PARKER, an ex-convict, on whom we published articles in the *JOURNAL* for August, 1914, page 115; July, 1916, page 7; May, 1919, pages 176-177; June, 1919, page 205; September, 1919, page 57; September, 1923, page 1, was placed under arrest in Baker City, Ore., by the local authorities at that point charged with defrauding a member bank in Mountain Home, Idaho, by the use of worthless checks. He will be returned to Idaho for trial. Parker used the alias of N. O. Porter in his recent operations. His photograph and handwriting were published in the September, 1923, issue of the *JOURNAL*, Section II.

A. ROBERTS, colored, by forging his wife's signature to a check, succeeded in defrauding a member bank at Houston, Tex. Our detective agents' Houston representatives investigating the case located Roberts, and he was placed under arrest. He is now being held awaiting trial.

ROBERT E. SCOTT, alias Earl J. Dora, alias Earl W. Stevenson, who had been defrauding banks in Michigan by the use of bogus checks, was arrested in Port Huron, Mich., on a similar charge by the local authorities. He was returned to Lapeer, Mich., to await trial.

WILLIAM SMITH was detained by a member bank in San Francisco, Cal., when he called with a local jeweler and attempted to cash a bogus check. Our detective agents' San Francisco representatives were called upon to aid in the arrest. They questioned the operator, who admitted his guilt. He stated that he was employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company as a cook. He was held to await trial.

EUGENE SUTTON, alias John Williams; **HERMAN CHANDLER**, alias J. Jackson, and **BILL BRADLEY**, alias Dick Omsby, were arrested in New Orleans, La., by the local authorities after flooding that city with forged checks which had been stolen from a flour mill in Gretna, La. Chandler was later identified as having operated in Houston, Tex. He pleaded guilty and was convicted, the disposition of his case being published elsewhere in this issue. Sutton and Bradley are still being held to await trial.

RICHARD H. TREVIS was arrested in Montreal, Canada, by the local authorities after operating in that city with bogus checks drawn on the National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass. He was tried, found guilty and sentenced. The disposition of the case can be found elsewhere in this issue.

BILL TROTTER and **FRANK RUCKER** were arrested in Sioux City, Iowa, by the local authorities, charged with a local robbery. They gave the names Wally Jones and Manuel Rice and were later identified as the bandits who robbed a member bank at Mazie, Okla. They were returned to Oklahoma for trial. Trotter was convicted and the disposition of his case can be found elsewhere in this issue. Rucker pleaded not guilty and is at present confined in jail to await trial.

CLARENCE E. WEEMS, alias Benzil C. Young, attempted to defraud a member bank in Long Beach, Cal., but his plan was frustrated. He was detained by our member and later placed under arrest by the local authorities. He is now being held awaiting trial.

HARRY WILLIAMS. By the use of a check to which he forged his father's signature Williams defrauded a member bank in Memphis, Tenn. Our detective agents' Memphis representatives working on the case learned that he was attempting to defraud a local merchant and had him placed under arrest. Williams readily admitted his guilt. He is at present being held to await trial.

RUTH A. WILSON, alias Ruth Wilner, was arrested in Boston, Mass., by the local authorities, charged with issuing worthless checks. She defrauded a member bank in Boston in a similar manner. The disposition of her case is published elsewhere in this issue.

JAMES W. WOODWARD, a resident of Bolivar, Mo., and a customer of a member bank of that city, approached the teller, who was alone at the time, and demanded he hold up his hands and enter the vault. The teller, who at first became excited, screamed, with the result that others entered and recognized the bandit. The local authorities were notified, and Woodward was arrested at his home shortly afterward. He is now being held to await trial.

MOY YUEN, alias Philip T. May, known as Chinatown's Beau Brummel, was arrested in Boston, Mass., by the local authorities, charged with issuing forged checks. A member bank in Boston was defrauded through his operations.

Removed

Forgers, etc.

- Bowman, J. D.—Fugitive from justice.
Brown, J. H.—Released.
Chandler, Newman—6 months, Parish Prison, New Orleans, La.
Copas, Wesley, 2 years, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.
Cotton, Frank B.—Released, restitution made.
Davenport, Lolita—Released.
Freedman, Ruben—Fined \$50 and costs.
Goodwyn, John—Prosecution dropped, lack of evidence.
Graham, C. V.—1 to 14 years, California State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Cal.
Henry, Charles E.—1 to 14 years, California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal.
Hoffman, J. F.—5 years, McNeils Island, Washington.
Horantas, John P.—2 to 3 years, Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio.
Kelly, Edward F.—Prosecution dropped, lack of evidence.
Kohn, Rudolph—1 to 14 years, Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.
Levin, William—1 to 14 years, California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal.
Magin, Edward J.—10 years, Virginia State Penitentiary, Richmond, Va.
Parker, Newton D.—1 to 14 years, Idaho State Penitentiary, Boise City, Idaho.
Trevis, Richard H.—2 months, Bordeaux Jail, Montreal, Canada.
Wilson, Ruth A.—3 years' probation.

Burglars and Holdup Robbers

- Connell, Emery—Sentenced electric chair.
Estes, Frank—50 years, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.
Fullerton, J. L.—2 years, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.
Gailbraith, W. W.—10 years, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.
Rose, W. D.—20 years, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.
Lamar, Nick—15 to 20 years, Arkansas State Penitentiary, Little Rock, Ark.
Sullivan, J. H.—Sentenced electric chair.
Trotter, Bill—25 years, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.
White, John—60 years, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.

Statistics of the Protective Department

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1923	Arrested since August 31, 1923	Arrested in October 1923	Total	Convicted	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc....	110	26	32	58	25	8	1	134
Burglars.....	12	12
Holdup robbers	34	9	8	17	12	1	38
Sneak thieves..
Total.....	156	35	40	75	37	8	2	184

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ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.—1050 Otis Building.
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PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA.—Widener Building.
PENNSYLVANIA, PITTSBURGH.—Commonwealth Building.
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TEXAS, DALLAS.—Dallas County Bank Building.
TEXAS, HOUSTON.—Union National Bank Building.
TEXAS, SAN ANTONIO.—Gunter Building.
UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY.—301-302 Tribune Building.
VIRGINIA, RICHMOND.—Virginia Railway and Power Building.
WASHINGTON, SEATTLE.—L. C. Smith Building.
WASHINGTON, SPOKANE.—Old National Bank Building.

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New Branch of Criminality

THE rounding up of a gang of hold-up men who, on November 14th, murdered two messengers of the West End Bank of Brooklyn, New York, and stole \$43,607 which the messengers were carrying, reveals the development of a new branch of criminality.

This branch consists of the giving of information to bandits, through which the success of hold-ups is made more certain.

The "tipster" obtains employment in a bank, becomes familiar with the system of sending money to other banks, and turns this information over to the actual gunmen. The latter, therefore, know just when and where to hold

up the messengers, and know also just how much money they are likely to gain in any of these ventures.

In the case of the West End Bank, one Pantano, aged 23, is reported as confessing to having acted this part. He was employed for a time in the bank and not only furnished information regarding the transfer of the money that was seized, but he furnished the bandit gang with diagrams of the bank, which were used in considering the advisability of holding up the bank staff at the close of some business day.

By tacit understanding ten per cent has become the "tipster's" fee!

Men Who Defraud Banks



William Harkins

Shrewd Criminal Active
Steals Check from Depositors and
Forges Signatures

WILLIAM HARKINS, whose photograph we are reproducing above and who is known to us under numerous aliases, some of which are Edward Clayton, Paul G. Arnold, C. E. Lyon, W. R. Nayles, M. G. Powers, F. G. Hazleton, G. R. Powers and S. H. Rayner, is operating with forged checks. Harkins defrauded member banks

in California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Texas, Louisiana and Georgia by presenting stolen checks purported to be signed by one of their depositors.

G. R. Powers

O.K.
J. E. Haley

These checks are secured in the following manner: the criminal calls on a granite dealer or, as in recent operations, a furniture man, and after ordering a monument for a widowed friend or furniture for his home, usually requests that he be permitted to sit at the proprietor's desk to write a letter. This request is granted and the operator at the first opportunity makes a thorough

search for the merchant's check book and when found helps himself to several blanks. In some cases the operator does not make this request, but when left alone seats himself at the desk and makes the search. The dealer finding him there on his return suspects nothing and he is permitted to go unmolested.

Harkins is a clever penman and has found little difficulty in securing payment of checks presented which bear an exact facsimile of the depositor's signature. The checks also bear on the back, following the indorsement of the operator as payee, "O.K. (forged signature of depositor)," which acts as an identification indorsement. Harkins usually purchases travelers' checks with the forged checks.

Edward Clayton

In addition to Harkins' photograph, we are reproducing herewith one of the forged checks issued by him, and would suggest that members scrutinize the writing carefully for you may be his next victim. We might also suggest that our members notify their depositors to be on the alert for this criminal. Harkins is described as being 38 years of age; 6 feet tall; weighs 175 pounds; well built; ruddy complexion; brown hair; blue eyes; smooth shaven.

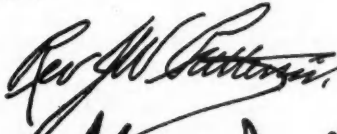
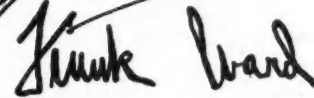
Forged Cashier's Checks

A PARTY is now operating in the vicinity of Mineral Wells, Tex., with forged cashier's checks of the National Bank of Commerce, Amarillo, Tex., in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$50. These checks are signed G. A. ROBERTS, Asst. Cashier, and T. F. Ryan, Cashier. Members are warned not to accept any of these checks.



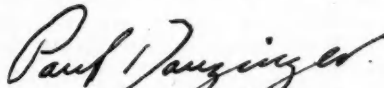
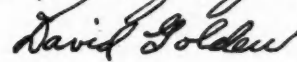
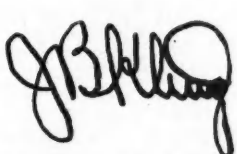
Baptist Minister Operating

REV. J. W. PATTERSON, alias A. G. Patterson. A party using these aliases and posing as a Baptist Minister is operating with bogus checks drawn on the Elgin National Bank, Elgin, Ill., and The Winters National Bank, Dayton, Ohio. The operator is described as 32 years of age; 5 feet 8 inches tall; medium build; fair complexion; blue or gray eyes; smooth shaven; draws mouth sideways in speaking; wore gray shirt; gray soft collar; light suit with pinch back belt; boisterous talker; laughs a great deal. His handwriting is reproduced herewith.

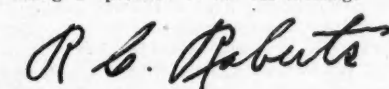
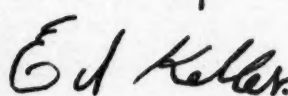
Bogus Certified Vouchers

THE State Bank, New York, N. Y., reports a party using the alias of DAVID GOLDEN as operating in Arizona and Nebraska with pay vouchers of Harry Lewis Company, New York, N. Y., signed J. B. Kling, Treas., and Paul Danzinger, Manager. These checks bear a forged certification stamp. This bank carries no such account and we are therefore warning our members not to accept any of these vouchers. We are reproducing below a facsimile of the writing appearing thereon.

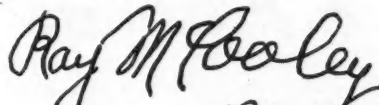
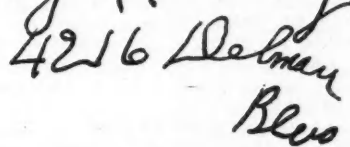
Bogus Travelers Checks

A PARTY using the aliases R. C. ROBERTS and ED. KELLER, is operating with travelers checks of the Atlantic Trust Co., New York, N. Y., which bank merged with the Metropolitan Trust Company, New York, N. Y., in 1903. This bank has never issued travelers checks and members are therefore warned not to accept these checks. This individual was recently reported as operating in Portal, N. D. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

Check Operator Working

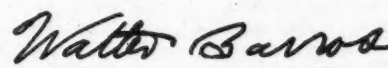
A PARTY using such aliases as CHARLES L. DUNLAP, Ray M. Brooks, Ray M. Cooley, Ray M. Copeland, Chas. L. McDermott, Chas. L. McCall, and Charles R. Cunningham, is operating in St. Louis, Mo., and vicinity with bogus checks drawn on the State National Bank, St. Louis, Mo. In each instance the operator places under his indorsement a fictitious address which usually is given as 4118 Delmar Blvd. Dunlap is described as 30 years of age; 5 feet 7 inches tall; weighs 135 pounds; slender build; light complexion; light brown hair; smooth shaven; wore dark trousers; dark gray cap and no coat. We are reproducing below a specimen of his handwriting.

WILLIAM A. BAKER kept an active account with a member bank in Bakersfield, Cal., long enough to allow him to deposit several bogus checks which he was permitted to draw against. Baker proceeded to Los Angeles, Cal., where he succeeded in cashing several checks. The operator is described as 45 years of age; 5 feet 5 inches tall; weighs 135 pounds; dark complexion. A warrant was issued for his arrest in Bakersfield.

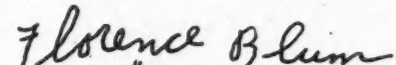
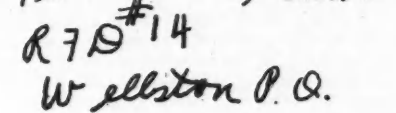
E. L. BARRON, colored, while a boarder of a depositor of a member bank in Kansas City, Mo., found an opportunity to secure a specimen of his landlady's signature which he forged to a check. This check was later paid by our member. Barron, who is a plasterer by trade, is described as being 40 years of age; 5 feet 9 inches tall; weighs 165 pounds; dark brown skin; mixed gray hair.

WALTER BARROS, who had an account with a member bank in San Francisco, Cal., presented a check to the bank which was paid. This check was later returned as a forgery. Barros gave his address as 1836 Stockton Street, San Francisco, but he has disappeared from there. He is described as 15 to 16 years of age; 5 feet tall; weighs 135 pounds; dark complexion; black kinky hair; wore a cap. We are reproducing below a specimen of his handwriting.



CHARLES BLAIR, alias C. B. Wanen, is operating in West Virginia with bogus checks drawn on the Poca Valley Bank, Walton, W. Va. Blair is posing as a cigar drummer and his checks have "For 1000 cigars" written in the lower left corner and made payable to cash. We are unable to publish a description of the operator at present.

MISS FLORENCE BLUM, giving her address as R.F.D. No. 14, Wellston, Mo., cashed a check at a member bank in St. Louis, Mo., which bore the forged signature of a depositor. The operator was employed by the depositor as a maid and her salary was paid by check. Members are advised not to accept her checks. We are publishing herewith a specimen of the handwriting appearing thereon.

CASIMER BOBINSKI forged the signature of a depositor of a member bank in Chicago, Ill., and succeeded in securing the funds, causing them a loss. He is described as 14 to 15 years of age; 5 feet 3 to 4 inches tall; weighs 115 pounds; slender build; dark complexion; dark hair and eyes.

J. M. BROWN, alias F. C. Miller. Mistaking the operator for a relative of a well known citizen, a member bank in Alton, Ill., accepted a bogus check drawn on the City National Bank, Evanston, Ill. The operator is described as being 23 to 25 years of age; 5 feet 6 to 7 inches tall; 130 pounds; thin face; smooth shaven; wore colored sweater and cap.

JOHN BUKAVITZ, using checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor of a member bank in Frontenac, Kan., defrauded the bank. The operator is described as 35 years of age; 5 feet 10 inches tall; dark skinned; thin lips; noticeable irregularity with nose.

JAMES BULLOCK is being sought by a member bank in Sea Bright, N. J., on a charge of passing a bogus check drawn on the Ocean Grove National Bank, Ocean Grove, N. J. He was formerly employed in a summer home in Sea Bright. We are unable to publish a description of Bullock at present.

GEO. C. BYRNE, employed by a construction company in Portland, Ore., forged one of the company's checks which he succeeded in cashing at a local member bank. Byrne is described as 31 years of age; 5 feet 11 inches tall; weighs 165 pounds; medium complexion; light brown hair; blue gray eyes; bad upper front tooth; wore brown serge suit. We are reproducing below a specimen of the operator's handwriting.



THE City National Bank, Wichita Falls, Tex., reports receiving checks purporting to be issued by the TEXHOMA OIL & REFINING COMPANY, Wichita Falls, Tex. This bank carries no such account. These checks have been presented to banks in Olney and Henrietta, Tex., and it suggested that members be on the alert.

MRS. D. N. CAMPBELL, colored, employed by a depositor of a member bank in Portland, Ore., cashed a check stolen from her employer bearing his genuine signature. She also cashed a forged check against his account. This woman is supposed to be in San Francisco, Cal. We are reproducing a specimen of her handwriting.

*Mrs. D. N. Campbell
525 - Roughly*

HARRY CARSON caused a member bank in Vancouver, Wash., to suffer a loss by forging the signature of a depositor to a check. Carson is described as being 24 years of age; 5 feet 6 inches tall; 160 to 165 pounds; dark hair and eyes; full round face; wore dark suit and light cap. We are reproducing below a specimen of the operator's handwriting.

Harry Carson

J. D. CLARK, alias W. A. Ludlow, is operating with bogus checks drawn against the account of Henry Disston & Sons, Inc., on the Tacony Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa. These checks are being cashed by hotels and merchants in Providence, R. I.; Hartford, Conn., and New York, N. Y. Members are warned not to accept these checks.

J. W. CLAYTON, an oil operator, by raising a draft received from a bank in Nashville, Kan., defrauded a member bank in Kansas City, Mo. Clayton presented a letter of identification with the draft. We are reproducing below a facsimile of Clayton's handwriting, and request that members refuse to accept these drafts.

J. W. Clayton

EDDIE COLLINS. After being given every opportunity to succeed in business by a depositor of a member bank in Boone, Iowa, this individual forged his employer's signature to a check. Collins is now being sought. He is described as being 45 years of age; 5 feet 5 to 6 inches tall; weighs 130 pounds; slender build; gray eyes; bald, except for a few patches of black hair; upper front teeth missing.

MRS. J. L. DIGNON opened an account at a member bank in Kansas City, Kan., with a forged check and before returns had been received was permitted to withdraw part of the funds. An unsuccessful attempt had been made to cash a check at another bank. The officials, however, were unable to detain the operator. She is described as being 35 years of age; 5 feet 3 to 4 inches in height; weighs 115 pounds; medium build; brown eyes. Mrs. Dignon is accompanied by a three year old boy. Members are warned not to cash any of her checks.

S. EISNER. A party using this alias defrauded a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal. by presenting a forged check for payment. The operator is described as being 45 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall; heavy build; ruddy complexion; wore dark suit and brown felt hat.

F. H. ELWOOD presented a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor to a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., which they paid. Elwood is described as 32 years of age; 5 feet 6 inches tall; weighs 136 pounds; medium build; dark curly hair; prominent features; scar in right corner of mouth. We are reproducing below a specimen of the operator's handwriting.

F. H. Elwood

ARLINGTON EVANS, after furnishing satisfactory identification to a member bank in Philadelphia, Pa., received the funds called for on a check presented. This check was later returned as a forgery. We have no description of Evans at present.

S. O. FIELDS is reported by a member bank in Hugoton, Kan., as issuing worthless checks drawn against the First National Bank, Putman, Okla. Fields and his wife worked in the harvest at Freedom, Okla., and are supposed to have gone to Dwight, Kan. He is described as being 37 years of age; 5 feet 11 inches tall; weighs 170 pounds; rugged build; fair complexion; black hair; blue eyes; left foot slightly crippled, being turned up, which partly affects walking; considerable gold dental work; voice very coarse. We are reproducing below a facsimile of the operator's handwriting.

S. O. Fields

JAMES E. FOYER, alias Henry B. Hample, alias H. C. Hample, etc. We are advised that a party using these names is operating with bogus certified checks drawn on The City National Bank, Watertown, N. Y. The checks usually purport to be drawn by the Consumers Supply Company, and are signed with the name Henry B. Hample or H. C. Hample as Treasurer. The name, "Consumers Supply Company," is also stamped on the end of the checks. The amounts of the checks vary from \$35 to \$190, and they are usually cashed by merchants, hotel keepers or garage proprietors. This man began operations in the State of New York and has proceeded in a southerly direction, the last check having been cashed in South Carolina. He is traveling with a woman in an automobile. We are unable to supply a description of him at this writing.

JOHN GARVEY, using such aliases as Fred J. Swain, M. J. Sullivan and Reinhart, is issuing bogus checks drawn on the First National Bank, St. Louis, Mo. Garvey is described as being 50 years of age; 5 feet 4 inches tall; weighs 120 pounds; dark complexion; gray hair. We are reproducing be-

low a specimen of this operator's handwriting.

*John Garvey
Fred J. Swain
M. J. Sullivan*

HENRY B. GROVE. This individual presented a check endorsed Henry B. Grove, The Sun Publishing Co., R. B. Grove, to a member bank in Pittsburgh, Pa. The teller became suspicious and delayed making payment whereupon the operator left the bank. Later developments proved the check to be a forgery. Grove is described as 25 to 35 years of age; 5 feet 7 inches tall; weighs 150 pounds; medium build; dark complexion; dark eyes; smooth shaven. We are reproducing a facsimile of the operator's handwriting herewith.

Henry B. Grove

R. B. Grove

MARCUS GUTMAN, alias M. L. Goldman, having stolen several checks of the "Rub-No-More" Company and a book of blank checks drawn on the Lincoln National Bank, Ft. Wayne, Ind., from the general manager of that company, is now operating in New York City with these checks. We are reproducing below a specimen of the operator's signature and would suggest that members prepare for his appearance.

*M. L. Goldman
M. L. Goldman*

E. W. HAZEN, claiming to represent Balfour Guthrie Company, of Los Angeles, Cal., called on a grain dealer in Ocean-side, Cal., and induced him to make out a check to be used to cover an overdraft of Hazen's account at the Golden State Bank, Long Beach, Cal. Hazen gave the dealer his check for a similar amount on this bank advising that the account would be substantial in a day or two. Later when the check was presented it was returned marked "insufficient funds." Members should warn their customers not to make an exchange of this kind.

JACK HERMAN, alias Jack Sherman, formerly employed by a railroad company, defrauded a member bank in Pueblo, Colo., by the use of several pay checks stolen from his employers. Other articles have also been stolen from this company. Herman is described as being 31 years of age; 5 feet 11½ inches tall; weighs 154 pounds; fair complexion; brown hair; gray eyes; nativity, Wisconsin.

LESS HOLDEN, alias Lee Holden, is defrauding Kansas member banks by the use of bogus checks drawn on the First State Bank of Minneola, Kansas, in the amount of five dollars. In each instance he has used the name of Holden and we therefore suggest that members watch out for his checks.

JACK HURLEY caused a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., to suffer a loss when he cashed a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. Hurley is described as being 20 to 21 years of age; 5 feet 6 inches tall; weighs 150 pounds; sallow complexion; dark hair and eyes; smooth shaven; round, full face; wore khaki shirt; breeches; leather puttees and gray cap. We are reproducing below, a facsimile of his handwriting.

Jack Hurley
Jack Hurley

H. M. JACOBS is being sought by a member bank in Des Moines, Iowa, charged with issuing a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. Members in that vicinity are requested to be on the alert for his appearance. We are unable to publish a description of Jacobs at present.

J. L. JOHNSON. A member bank in Gloversville, N. Y., reports this individual as issuing bogus checks drawn against the American National Bank, Gloversville, N. Y., a non-existent bank, signed I. M. Gottschalk. Johnson claims to be traveling for the Littauer Glove Corporation by whom he was at one time employed and is calling on former customers who accommodate the operator knowing the good standing of the corporation. Johnson is described as 40 to 50 years of age; 5 feet 7 inches tall; weighs 200 pounds; florid complexion; chestnut brown hair; full face; noticeably large wrists and ankles.

FRANK KEENE stole several pay checks from a local club, a depositor of a member bank in St. Louis, Mo., and after forging the customer's signature, succeeded in securing the cash. Keene is described as 21 to 23 years of age; 5 feet 8 to 9 inches tall; weighs 145 to 150 pounds; slender build; fair complexion; sandy hair; blue eyes. Members are warned not to cash his checks.

WILLIAM H. KRAHL. A party using this alias defrauded a member bank in Houston, Texas, by cashing a check, bearing the forged signature of a depositor, at a local merchant. Our detective agents' Houston representatives investigating the case learned that the depositor had a young boy by this name in his employ at one time, and it is evident that some one known to this boy forged the check. The operator is described as 37 years of age; 5 feet 8 inches tall; weighs 145 pounds; dark hair; gray eyes; smooth shaven; high forehead.

HARRY LANTZ. By the use of a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor of a member bank in Chicago, Ill., this individual defrauded the bank. He is supposed to live in Chicago, on the northside. Our detective agents' Chicago representatives are endeavoring to locate him. We are unable to publish a description of Lantz at present.

PHILIP G. MACREADY has defrauded two member banks in Delaware by means of worthless checks drawn on The Milford Trust Company, Milford, Del. We are advised that Macready was formerly employed by Blair & Company of New York, N. Y., but has not been employed by them since August 25, 1923. It is said he is now in the South, and we would suggest that member banks in the Southern and Eastern States be on the alert. We are unable to supply a description of Macready at this time.

VINCENT MAKOSKI, giving his address as 2832 St. Joseph Street, Detroit, Mich., cashed several forged checks at a member bank in Detroit. Makoski is Polish and did reside with his parents at the address above. He is anxious to become a moving picture actor and is believed to have gone to California. Members are warned to be on the alert for this operator, whose handwriting we are reproducing below.

Vincent Makoski
Detroit

GEORGE MILLER, alias Robt. Rogers, is operating in Alton, Ill., and vicinity with bogus checks drawn on the Main Street Bank, Kansas City, Mo. We are unable to publish a description of Miller, but would suggest that members be on the alert for a party cashing similar checks.

RUSSELL O. MOORHEAD forged his father's name to a check and secured the funds it called for from a member bank in Spencer, Ohio. The operator is subject to heart spells and when in this condition usually frequents Columbus, Ohio. Moorhead is described as being 27 to 28 years of age; 5 feet 7 to 8 inches tall; weighs 165 to 175 pounds; light complexion, slightly freckled; light red hair; high round forehead; may wear dark rimmed glasses.

G. MORALES is reported by the First National Bank, St. Louis, Mo., as issuing its checks signed F. Goodman and W. Freeman. These checks are bogus and members are advised not to accept them. Merchants in St. Louis have been victimized through his operations. Morales is described as 20 to 22 years of age; 5 feet 5 to 6 inches tall; weighs 130 pounds; slender build; dark hair and eyes; smooth shaven; neat dresser.

H. OCHI, alias T. Nakai. A Japanese using these aliases defrauded a member bank in Long Beach, Cal., by presenting checks improperly signed. These checks, which

had been signed by a depositor but on which a stamp had been omitted, were stolen from his desk by the operator. We are unable to publish a description of the operator at present.

F. L. PRATT defrauded a member bank in Detroit, Mich., by cashing a check drawn on the City National Bank, Canton, Ohio. Pratt claimed to have traveled from Ohio with his brother in a Lincoln automobile which needed repairs and being short of funds found it necessary to cash this check. Pratt cashed similar checks in Detroit. He is described as 50 years of age; 5 feet 10 inches tall; gray hair; blue eyes; sallow complexion; wore light gray suit; top overcoat; cap and glasses. Members are warned to refrain from accepting his checks.

LEROY W. PREBLE. This name which is similar to that of a depositor of a member bank in Washington, D. C., was used by an operator when he presented a forged check. This naturally gave the impression of his being related to the depositor and he found little difficulty in securing funds on this check, which was a perfect forgery. We are unable to furnish a description of the operator at present, but are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting herewith.

Leroy W. Preble

E. G. RAMNEY, employed as a painter and decorator by a depositor of a member bank in Lawrence, Kan., forged his employer's signature to several checks which he succeeded in cashing. Ramney is described as 45 years of age; 5 feet 8 to 9 inches in height; slender build; sandy complexion; dark hair.

J. D. RAY. A member bank in Houston, Tex., reports receiving from one of its depositors a check drawn on the Union Trust Co., Baltimore, Md., against the account of the Manhattan Investment Company, New York, N. Y., signed by Ed. W. Long, treasurer, to the order of J. D. Ray. This check is bogus and we therefore request that member banks refrain from cashing similar checks.

C. H. REDMAN. By forging the signature of a depositor of a member bank in Beckeley, W. Va., to a check, this individual caused the bank a loss. Redman was engaged in the real estate business for the short period he remained in Beckeley. It is believed he has returned to Logan County, W. Va., where he was formerly employed in the coal mines. Redman is described as 28 years of age; 5 feet 8½ inches in height; weighs 165 pounds; dark complexion; black hair; blue eyes; German descent; wears a blue serge suit. Members are warned to be on the alert for this operator's appearance.

ROBERT REVAY, after being properly introduced by a depositor at a member bank in Brooklyn, N. Y., opened an account with cash which he withdrew in a regular business manner. Later he deposited a bogus check in a large amount, drawn on the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass., signed

Fred Crawley. Revay called on a number of local merchants and presented checks against his account. The operator when opening his account gave his occupation as a dealer in tailor's trimmings and his address as 198 Broadway, Brooklyn. Members are requested to be on the alert for this individual's appearance.

G. L. RICE. By inducing a depositor of a member bank in Winnsboro, Tex., to indorse a check drawn on the State National Bank, Corsicana, Tex., this individual was enabled to secure the cash. The check was later returned as a forgery. Rice was traced to the oil fields near El Dorado, Ark., and he will no doubt operate in that vicinity. It is requested that members be on the alert for his appearance.

GEORGE AMOS ROSS, alias A. E. Allen, having been employed by a depositor of a member bank in Santa Barbara, Cal.,



Ross alias Allen

to drive his car until the owner became efficient in driving, and who later worked his way into the family as an adopted son, forged his benefactor's signature to a check for a large amount, which he succeeded in obtaining from our member. Ross is reported as going to Detroit, Mich., to continue his study of mechanism. The operator is described as being 22 years of age; 5 feet 4 inches tall; weighs 140 pounds; dark hair; dark almond shaped eyes; prominent cheek bones; two deep wrinkles in forehead; usually wears army breeches; puttees, leather pea-jacket and dark hat. A reproduction of Ross' handwriting appears below.

A. E. Allen

JOHN RUDEN opened an account with a forged check of a sizeable amount with a member bank in New York, N. Y., after having been properly introduced by a depositor. When the forgery was discovered the entire account had been withdrawn. We are unable to publish a description of Ruden at present.

CARL E. SCHULZE. This individual is operating in St. Louis, Mo., and vicinity with bogus cashier's drafts of the Merchants National Bank, Detroit, Mich. His victims so far have only been hotels, but he may change his method of operation, so we are warning members to be on their guard. We are unable to publish the operator's description at the present time.

W. A. SEXTON, after opening an account at a member bank in Waterbury, Conn., making a small cash deposit, presented several checks, drawn on Boston and Springfield, Mass., and Wilmington, Del., banks, which were credited to his account. Sexton was permitted to withdraw funds before returns had been made on these checks and he has since disappeared. The checks were all returned as bogus. Members are requested to watch for his appearance.

JACK SHANLEY defrauded a member bank in Miller, S. D., by issuing several forged checks. It is understood he intends going to California, where he will seek employment as a cook on a ship going through the Panama Canal to New York. Shanley is described as being 30 years of age; 6 feet 2 inches tall; weighs 175 pounds; slender build; dark complexion; black hair; brown eyes, small cross tattooed on left forearm. Members are requested to be on the alert for his appearance.

JOHN F. SIMMONS, alias G. F. Gray, who had been loitering about the shop of a depositor of a member bank in Kansas City, Mo., found an opportunity to help himself to several blank checks. After forging the depositor's signature to a check, Simmons succeeded in cashing it with a local merchant. This check was later presented to and accepted by our member. Simmons is described as 39 to 40 years of age; 5 feet 10 to 11 inches tall; weighs 160 pounds; medium build; dark brown complexion.

C. C. SMITH, claiming to be a registered nurse and attending a cancer patient, made several small purchases from a drug company in Portland, Ore., to establish himself in their good graces. He later presented a bogus check drawn on the First National Bank, Portland, Ore., and secured the funds. Smith is described as 40 to 50 years of age; short; stout; sallow complexion; smooth shaven. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

C. C. Smith R.N.

EUGENE P. SMITH is reported by a member bank in Jamaica, N. Y., as issuing bogus checks drawn on the First National Bank, Hempstead, N. Y. We are unable to publish his description at present.

RAY WILLIAMS, alias Gordon Ballantyne. Through forged checks, issued by a party using these aliases, a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., suffered a loss. The operator is described as being 20 years of age; 5 feet 6 inches tall; weighs 140 pounds; red hair; brown spots on face resembling freckles. We are reproducing a specimen of the operator's handwriting.

Ray Williams

FRED J. WRIGHT, alias R. J. Wright, alias Fred C. Robins. This individual claimed to be a motor salesman and as such obtained a position with a Hutchinson, Kan., automobile concern. He opened an account

at a member bank in Hutchinson with a bogus check, but made no attempt to withdraw funds. However, he forged several of his employer's checks which he cashed on local merchants. Wright is now operating in Pueblo, Colo., and vicinity with checks drawn on the Hutchinson bank. Members are requested to be on the alert for his appearance.

Stolen Certificate of Deposit

ROBERT DOWLING, while boarding a train at Bristol, Va., en route to Monroe, La., had his pocket picked. In addition to the loss of his money the thief secured a time certificate of deposit, issued by the First National Bank, Saltville, Va., in the amount of \$1,000. This certificate was issued on September 24, 1923, and numbered 2678. Members are requested to watch for the thief's appearance.

Arrested

L. C. BAKER, alias J. M. Reeves, chauffeur for a depositor of a member bank in Atlanta, Ga., forged his employer's signature to several checks which he succeeded in cashing. Our detective agents' Atlanta representatives investigating the case located Baker in Talladega, Ala., where he was placed under arrest. He will be returned to Atlanta for trial.



Karl Beck

KARL H. BECK, who was sought by a member bank in Washington Court House, Ohio, charged with issuing forged checks, was arrested in that city by the local authorities. We are reproducing his photograph. He is now awaiting trial.

NORMAN BELL attempted to secure funds on a bogus check from a member bank in San Francisco, Cal. On finding that the check was bogus our member detained the operator until the arrival of our detective agents' San Francisco representatives. They questioned Bell, who finally admitted his guilt. He was placed under arrest and is now held to await trial.

EDWARD BELSON, alias Joe Vammar. After forging the signature of a depositor of a member bank in Chicago, Ill., to a check, this individual had it certified. He later endeavored to secure the cash, but was detained by our member, the forgery having been discovered. Our detective agents' Chicago representatives were called upon to aid in the arrest. They questioned the operator at length, but he refused to admit his guilt. Belson was placed under arrest and is being held for trial.

W. H. COKELY, alias T. A. Clark. The local authorities of San Fernando, Cal., arrested this operator who recently defrauded a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., by the use of a bogus check. He was returned to Los Angeles for trial.

ERNEST K. COLTER, claiming to be a representative of our detective agents and by presenting bogus credentials, succeeded in defrauding several member banks in California by the use of bogus checks. He was arrested by the local authorities on Nov. 7, 1923, in Sonoma, Cal. Michigan member banks have also reported similar cases. Colter is now being held to await trial.

F. N. COPE, who defrauded a member bank in Ogden, Utah, by cashing a forged check in a large amount, was arrested in Los Angeles, Cal. Cope obtained considerable money on these forged checks, but spent it lavishly. He will be returned to Salt Lake City, Utah, for trial.

JOSEPH DICKERSON was arrested in Los Angeles, Cal., after a member bank in Owensmouth, Cal., was held up by two bandits. Dickerson admitted his guilt and named E. D. EUCKER as his partner in crime. Eucker is still at large and our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives cooperating with the local authorities are endeavoring to locate him.

NORMAN FOWLER, alias A. M. Marston, aroused the suspicions of a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., when he presented a forged check and they detained him for investigation. Our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives were called upon and after questioning the operator for some time he confessed to this forgery and also several other transactions known to our agents. Fowler was placed under arrest to await trial.

GEORGE HARRIS, who is also known under the names of George Harlen, A. G. Hill and George Hadley, was arrested after defrauding merchants in San Francisco, Cal., by the use of bogus checks. He was placed on probation from the California State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Cal., in 1922. Harris is now awaiting trial.

H. L. HEGERTY was detained by a member bank in San Francisco, Cal., when a local man endeavored to cash a worthless check which Hegerty had given him. He was later turned over to our detective agents' San Francisco representatives, who brought about his arrest. Hegerty is being held to await trial.

WILLIAM J. HILLMAN was arrested by the local authorities of Memphis, Tenn., charged with larceny. When arrested they found a forged check in his possession and our detective agents' Memphis representatives were called upon to aid in the identification. They recognized the operator as one who defrauded a local member bank by issuing similar forged checks. Hillman is now being held to await trial. He has also used the aliases Jesse Hillburn and H. J. Gilman.

J. B. HUNT. A party using this alias defrauded a member bank in San Pedro, Cal., by issuing checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor to local merchants. Hunt called on a merchant in Long Beach, Cal., and attempted to purchase a radio set, but the clerk, who became suspicious, requested the operator to return later, which he did, and found the authorities waiting for him. Our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives cooperating with the local authorities had Hunt positively identified by other merchants who had been victimized through his check operations. Hunt will be returned to San Pedro for trial after his release on the Long Beach charge.

CLARENCE JOHNSON, alias A. C. Johnson, was traced by our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives from Long Beach to San Jose, Cal., where the local authorities placed him under arrest. Johnson defrauded a member bank in Long Beach by the use of forged checks. He is an escaped convict from the Kansas State Prison, Lansing, Kan., where he was serving a sentence of from 5 to 10 years. It is believed that Johnson will be returned to Kansas to finish his sentence.

MARION FRANKLIN JOHNSON was arrested in Philadelphia, Pa., by the local authorities charged with issuing bogus checks drawn on the National Newark and Essex Banking Company, Newark, N. J. Johnson is at present being held to await trial.



Marie Margaret Koache

MISS MARIE M. KOACHE, alias Margaret M. Sullivan. This woman was detained by a member bank in Washington, D. C., after having victimized them by issuing a forged check. Our detective agents' Washington representatives, who were called on to aid in the arrest, secured a confession from the operator and located the proceeds of the check. She was placed under arrest and is now being held awaiting trial. We are reproducing her photograph above.

N. B. MARTIN defrauded a member bank in Long Beach, Cal., by issuing forged checks. Our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives, investigating the case, located the operator's home in Glendale, Cal., and later his movements to New York, N. Y. Our agents at that point succeeded in locating Martin. He was placed under arrest and is being held to await extradition to California.

E. C. McFEEDERS, alias E. C. McFalls, was arrested in Cumberland, Md., by the local authorities on charge of defrauding a member bank in Juniata, Pa., where he will be returned for trial. McFeeders is accused

of defrauding banks in various parts of the country.

JOHN H. MERRILL, using the aliases of P. O. Nelson and Curley, was arrested in Portland, Ore., by our detective agents' Portland representatives, cooperating with the local authorities, on a charge of defrauding hotels and merchants by the use of bogus checks drawn on the Bank of California, Los Angeles, Cal., and Seattle, Wash. Merrill is now awaiting trial.

ARTHUR MILLER. Several member banks in the vicinity of Leroy and Warsaw, N. Y., reported the activities of a check operator to our detective agents' Buffalo representatives. They immediately investigated the case and traced the crime to one Arthur Miller, who was employed by a depositor of one of the member banks defrauded. On the eve of his marriage Miller was located and placed under arrest by the local authorities. He admitted his guilt to our agents. Miller is now being held to await trial.

JOHN H. MILLER, alias Ray Bradford, who has been operating in Ohio and West Virginia with worthless checks defrauding banks, was arrested in Columbus, Ohio, by the local authorities.

DAVE L. PALMER was arrested in Jacksonville, Fla., by agents of the Department of Justice on a federal charge after having been traced throughout the South. There are several charges against him for passing worthless checks. He defrauded a member bank in Charleston, and one in Orangeburg, S. C. Palmer is being held by the federal authorities to await trial.

JOHN PUGH. When this operator attempted to cash a worthless check he was detained by a member bank in Washington, D. C., to await the arrival of our detective agents' Washington representatives. He was immediately placed under arrest. A search of the operator's room revealed a number of similar checks. Pugh is now awaiting trial.

EDWARD R. ROGERS, alias Edward V. Roberts was located through the efforts of our detective agents' Chicago representatives in Chicago, Ill., and placed under arrest after a member bank in Chicago reported his defrauding them by cashing several forged checks. The operator is at present being held to await the action of the Grand Jury.

PABLO SARMIENTO, on whom we published a warning article in the JOURNAL for November, 1923, page 5, was arrested in San Francisco, Cal., by U. S. Post Office Inspectors. Sarmiento defrauded banks in St. Louis, Mo., Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., and Portland, Ore., by cashing money orders raised from \$1 to \$100. Sarmiento will be prosecuted by the federal authorities.

JOS. SKALA, alias Jos. Corbell opened an account at a member bank in Chicago, Ill., with a small amount of cash and a bogus check. Skala returned later and endeavored to withdraw part of the account, but was detained by the bank officials, they having been notified that the check was bogus. Skala was placed under arrest and is at present awaiting trial.

MONROE SMITH, colored, who was reported to our detective agents' Memphis representatives as having defrauded a member bank in Memphis, Tenn., was located through their efforts and placed under arrest. He confessed to his guilt when questioned. Smith was indicted and is now being held to await trial.

RAYMOND ST. JOHN, alias George Williams, after securing the check of a depositor of a member bank in St. Louis, Mo., forged the depositor's signature thereon and succeeded in cashing it. He was later arrested by the local authorities while attempting to defraud a local merchant in a similar manner. St. John was identified by twenty-seven of his victims and is now being held to await trial.

WARREN AUGUST TORGERSON. A member bank in San Francisco, Cal., detained this party when he presented a worthless check for payment. Our detective agents' San Francisco representatives were called upon to aid in the arrest. They secured a complete confession from the operator. He was placed under arrest and is now being held to await trial. Torgerson used the aliases of S. W. Smith, A. Allison and J. Laughlin.

GABRIEL VILLA. A member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., detained a party presenting a forged check until the arrival of our

detective agents' Los Angeles representatives. They recognized the operator as an old offender who had used the aliases of Juan Perez, Pedro Garcia, Luis Ramos, Manuel Casas, Carmelo Rios. Villa was later identified in connection with other forgeries.

MAURICE WEBB, alias John Morrison, having defrauded a member bank in Brawley, Cal., was reported to our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives. They located Webb in Los Angeles, Cal., where he was placed under arrest. He will be returned to Brawley for trial.

LOUIS J. WILHOIT. The local authorities of Dayton, Ohio, arrested this individual on a charge of housebreaking. He was later identified as having defrauded a member bank in Cartersville, Ga., by the use of forged checks. After his trial on the local charge Wilhoit will be returned to Georgia for trial.

CHARLES ZOLLER, by alleging to represent the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, a former employer, succeeded in defrauding banks in Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio, by the use of bogus checks. Zoller had been traced from town to town and was recently arrested in Charleston, W. V., by the local authorities. He will be extradited to Virginia where there are a number of warrants for his arrest.

Bogus Certified Check Operator

HARDING ABRAHAM RICHARDSON TREMBLEY, alias A. G. Colburn, A. R. Trembley, Frederick S. Welch, Jr., John C. Bliss and Abraham Harding, on Aug. 7, 1922, purchased from the American Railway Express Co. at Schenectady, N. Y., \$370 worth of Travelers' Checks, paying for them with certified check which later proved to be forged.

Trembley is an expert forger. His method of operation is to establish a residence in a community, deposit and open an account in a bank, obtain the cashier's signature, then make up a number of certified checks, forging the cashier's name and tendering the check to merchants in payment of goods purchased.

Trembley was born Feb. 4, 1891; height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight 130-150 lb.; light brown hair; blue eyes; receding forehead; nose-straight; prominent eyeballs; vaccination mark, left arm; also tattoo marks; Phi Delta Sigma Alpha, right forearm.

He has operated in Gilbertsville, N. Y.; Schenectady, N. Y.; Boston, Mass.; Peoria, Ill.; Bellefontaine, Ohio; Springfield, Ohio; Attleboro, Mass.; Saranac Lake, N. Y.

His police record shows that he was arrested at Utica, N. Y., for forgery, confined State Hospital Criminal Insane, and at Saginaw, Mich., sentenced Detroit House of Correction for 5 years; on release forged other checks, escaped to Canada, joined American Legion, C. E. F., 97th or 27th Battalion.

A warrant is held by the chief of police

of Schenectady, N. Y., who should be immediately notified by wire of this man's arrest. The American Railway Express Co. will pay \$50 reward for information leading to his arrest.

Varnish Company Checks Used

LOUIS H. BERNHART is operating with bogus checks of Pratt & Lambert Varnish Manufacturing Co., New York, drawn on the Second National Bank, New York, signed George R. Lambert. The operator is no doubt aware of the fact that the concern of Pratt & Lambert, Inc., well-known in New York, at one time carried their account at this bank and is imitating their

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Forgers, etc.

Brackman, Charles—Released.
Carter, Charlie—1 to 14 years, California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal.
Friedlander, I.—1 year and 29 days, New York State Penitentiary, Blackwells' Island, N. Y.
Gates, Evelyn M.—Case nolle prossed.
Newcomb, N. E.—5 months, County Jail, Des Moines, Iowa.
Ross, Herbert I.—5 years, Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio.
Saunders, G. D.—1 to 10 years, Iowa State Penitentiary, Anamosa, Iowa.
Sliger, Frank B.—6 months to 3 years, New York State Penitentiary, Blackwells' Island, N. Y.

Burglars and Hold-Up Robbers

Brower, Peter "Smiley"—1 to 14 years, Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.
Burgett, Paul—10 to 21 years, Kansas State Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kan.
Holman, Earl—25 years, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.
Meyers, Herman—10 years to life, Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.
Shull, Ed.—5 years, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.
Tracy, Thomas—10 years to life, Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.
Ward, Pat—Forfeited bond.
Weakley, Enos—1 to 14 years, Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.

name. Bernhart issued several checks in Texas and was last heard of as operating in Lafayette, La. We are unable to publish his description at present, but would suggest that members refrain from cashing any checks.

MRS. H. E. BOWMAN, alias Mrs. Robert L. Price. This woman is reported by a member bank in Hartsville, N. C., as operating with bogus checks in very small amounts drawn on various banks in North and South Carolina, and signed Henry C. Owens & Son or H. N. Martin & Bro. She is described as being about 5 ft. 7 in. tall and weighs 135 lb. Members in this locality are warned to be on the alert for her appearance.

Statistics of the Protective Department

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1923	Arrested since August 31, 1923	Arrested in November, 1923	Total	Convicted	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc....	110	58	32	90	31	10	1	158
Burglars.....	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	12
Holdup robbers.	34	18	1	19	19	2	32
Sneak thieves..
Total.....	156	76	33	109	50	10	3	202

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Master Forger is Arrested

HUGH WALTER HOPKINS, who for the past five years eluded the authorities of many cities and succeeded in keeping one jump ahead of our detective agents' representatives, was arrested in Duluth, Minn., through the wide-awake tactics of the teller of the American National Bank of Duluth.



Hugh Walter Hopkins

On Oct. 25, 1923, Hopkins called at this bank and presented a forged check which the bank cashed. On Dec. 1, 1923, Hopkins appeared with another check, but the teller immediately recognized him as his previous caller, his own recollection being refreshed by photographs published in recent issues of the JOURNAL and by special circulars. The teller notified his superiors, who trailed the operator until the arrival of the local authorities, whereupon Hopkins was arrested.

Hopkins traveled all over the United States and in the larger cities passed his forged checks. He is an expert penman and can reproduce a signature by merely watching a person sign his name. It was Hopkins' practice to lounge about the lobby of a bank, watching the customers as they made deposits or signed checks. As often as he could he would secure possession of all discarded deposit slips, and these he used as samples for his forgeries. By his skillful reproduction of the signatures to checks, Hopkins experienced little difficulty in securing money. To protect himself against detection, Hopkins usually approached the teller before presenting the check, and by representing himself as the depositor or his secretary made inquiries concerning the standing of the account. If it happened that the account was not sufficient to cover the forged check, he increased it by depositing a bogus check.

Our detective agents' representatives traced Hopkins from point to point and eventually located him in Cincinnati, but before a warrant for his arrest was received in that city, he evaded them in an Essex car, which he still had in his possession at the time of his arrest. They traced him from Minneapolis, Minn., to Duluth, Minn., to Des Moines, Iowa, thence to Omaha, Neb., and again to Duluth, where he was arrested.

Hopkins admitted his guilt to our detective agents' Chicago representatives, and at their request compiled a list of his criminal activities. He has used numerous aliases, some of which are E. M. Messler, George Henry, R. M. Dempey, C. Edward Dilling-

ham, R. M. McKittrick, E. L. Tanning, Paul Waralaw, S. T. Moore, James F. Stuart and B. A. Jones. We have published warning articles concerning his operations in the JOURNAL Supplements for January, 1917, page 106; November, 1917, page 72; November, 1917, page 67; February, 1919, page 120; June, 1919, page 197; November, 1919, page 79, and August, 1923, page 2.

Hopkins realizes that his career is ended, and he expects to spend the remainder of his life in prison. He was tried in Duluth, Minn., on one charge and sentenced to serve 1 to 10 years in the Minnesota State Penitentiary at Stillwater. There are several warrants for his arrest, and as he finishes one term he will be re-arrested on the warrant next in order.

soon resulted in his arrest while he was engaged in making bets. Harkins gave the name of Hamilton, but when confronted with his photograph taken in California he acknowledged his identity and boastfully admitted his guilt, stating that half of the proceeds had been given to charitable organizations. Harkins stole bank checks



William Hamilton Harkins

Apprehended and Escaped

Woman Leads Agents' Representative to Prosperous Check Forger Who Escapes En Route to Asylum

WILLIAM HAMILTON HARKINS, a fugitive from the insane asylum at Agnews, Cal., was located at the Jefferson Park race track, New Orleans, La., through the efforts of our detective agents' New Orleans representatives, cooperating with the local authorities. Harkins, who for three months successfully operated with forged checks, amassed a fortune through his criminal activities. It was not until he entrusted his secrets to a woman that his arrest was made possible.

Harkins made the acquaintance of this woman in Denver, Colo., and she met him in New Orleans. Desiring to sell his Studebaker automobile, Harkins found it necessary to have a bill of sale and entrusted the transaction to her. She wired the automobile dealer in Denver for the bill of sale, and he immediately became suspicious and notified our detective agents' Denver representatives, who had been investigating the case at that point. The information was immediately transferred to New Orleans, where our agents located the woman. It was learned that Harkins frequented the race track, and a net was spread which

and cancelled vouchers from merchants while calling at their stores to make a purchase.

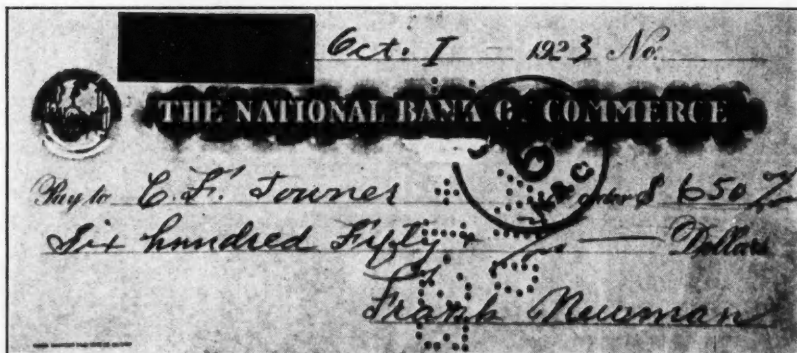
By forging these checks, he succeeded in victimizing banks. In order to determine the amount of the forgery, Harkins usually telephoned the bank, representing himself to be the depositor, requesting the correct balance of the account. Then he made his check out. The signatures being perfect forgeries, he had little difficulty in defrauding banks.

Harkins claimed to have served in the World War and exhibited gun shot wounds in the left breast and a silver plate in his skull as the result of injuries received while in action. The latter injury necessitates his

W. Harkins

W. Harkins

Frank Newman



The signatures on one of Harkins' forged checks.

having government hospital treatment. Harkins was released on the New Orleans charge and turned over to officers from the Insane Asylum at Agnews, Cal., to which institution he was to be returned. While en route Harkins freed himself from the officer and jumped from the moving train passing through Colton, Cal. Inasmuch as Harkins is a dangerous criminal to be at large, we are again reproducing his photograph and handwriting for the special attention of all our members and request that he be detained if he appears and this Association or the nearest office of our detective agents be notified at once.

Harkins has used many aliases, some of which are Edward Clayton, H. H. Hoffman, William Harkins, W. R. Nayles, Paul G. Arnold, etc. Harkins is described as being 38 years of age; 6 feet tall; weighs 175 pounds; well built; ruddy complexion; brown hair; blue eyes; smooth shaven. Articles relative to his operations appeared in the JOURNAL Supplements for October, 1923, page 3, and December, 1923, page 2.

WARNING

A party using various aliases is operating in St. Louis, Mo., and vicinity with pay checks of the American Car & Foundry Co., St. Louis, Mo. These checks are drawn on the United States Bank and signed L. M. Armbruster. The American Car & Foundry Co. does not carry its account at this bank and advises that the checks are bogus. The operator used the alias of ALEXANDER HENKELMAN, address 4616-a Delmar Avenue. He is described as about 50 years of age; heavy build; speaks poor English; probably German. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

*Alexander Henkelman
4616-a Delmar Ave*

E. E. ALLEN. A member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., accepted for collection a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor of a member in San Francisco, Cal. Other checks similar to this have been received, and members are warned not to cash them.

CHARLES BECKER is reported by a member bank in Wichita, Kans., as having defrauded it by issuing a bogus check. Becker also operated in Eldorado, Kans. He was formerly a chef in restaurants in Clovis, N. M., Denver, Col., and Chicago, Ill., and also posed as a traveling salesman. Becker is described as being about 40 years of age; 5 feet 9 inches tall; weighs 145 pounds; rosy complexion; brown hair and eyes; German descent and speaks broken English. There is a warrant for Becker's arrest, and we would suggest that members be on the alert for his appearance.

C. BENNETT, alias C. Weaver. A party using these aliases recently operated in Wil-

Warning to Certification Tellers

DUPLICATE certified checks are being used to defraud banks by a swindler known to us as F. MAYER. This criminal who has used numerous aliases, operates as follows. He will open an account with several banks located in a large city and will kite checks back and forth. In this manner he becomes acquainted with the tellers and his account is regarded as O. K. Later he will draw a check for a large amount against one of his accounts, usually the largest. This check, which is covered by funds deposited, he has certified and later uses it as a sample for his forgeries. The operator will duplicate as many of these checks as he has accounts with banks in that city, where he succeeds in cashing them. This operation is usually attempted on a Saturday. Mayer operated in New York City; New Orleans, La.; Baltimore, Md.; Boston, Mass.; and Kansas City, Mo., and in the latter place collected about \$27,000. He is to be feared for he is a dangerous operator and we therefore warn member banks to be on the alert for his appearance. Mayer is described as about 40 years of age; 5 feet 6 inches in height; weighs 140-145 pounds; stocky build; sallow complexion; light sandy hair; has the appearance of a German and speaks with a German accent; may wear tortoise shell rimmed glasses. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting below and request that members scrutinize same carefully.

F. Mayer

Thomas Fuller
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Reduced Facsimile

liamsport, Pa., with bogus checks signed by the Phoenix Utility Company. Bennett is described as 45 to 50 years of age; 5 feet 6 inches in height; dark hair, mixed with gray; well dressed.

T. H. BRANNON defrauded a member bank in Hartshorne, Okla., through the medium of bogus checks. Brannon is described as 58 years of age; 6 feet 2 inches tall; weighs 200 pounds; dark hair; sandy moustache; has cancer sore on left temple. Members are requested to immediately notify this Association or the nearest office of our detective agents should the operator appear.

PALMER E. BRESSLER, believing his father would make restitution on all his worthless checks, issued several of them, which were cashed by a member bank in Kansas City, Mo. His parents will not pay any more of his bills. Bressler is believed to be in Canada. Members should not accept his checks.

H. A. CAMPBELL. At closing time this party opened an account at a member bank in Wellington, Ohio, with a bogus check. He received a pass book and immediately made use of it by issuing checks. By exhibiting this pass book and claiming to need the ready cash to visit his mother in Virginia, who he just learned was dying, Campbell succeeded in inducing local merchants to cash his checks. The operator is described as 40 years of age; 5 feet 8 inches tall; stocky build; light hair; smooth shaven; gray suit and soft brown hat.

Bogus Travelers Checks

J. E. CARRY. A party using this alias is operating with United Bankers Association travelers cheques of the Atlantic Trust Co., New York, N. Y. The checks are signed Capitol National Bank, Salt Lake City, Utah; C. L. Hurden, cashier, and D. E. Thompson, vice-president. These travelers cheques are bogus and members should refuse to accept them. We are reproducing a specimen of the operator's handwriting.

J. E. Carry

HOMER A. COLEMAN, alias Henry R. Payne, opened an account at a member bank in Wilmington, Del., making a small cash deposit, which he strengthened with bogus checks drawn on banks in Harrisburg, Pa., and Fall River, Mass., where he also operated. These checks were signed Francis

A. Deschannel and Paul T. Ruckman. Coleman was permitted to make withdrawals before the return of these checks. Coleman is described as about 23 to 28 years of age; 5 feet 9 inches tall; dark hair; full face; prominent teeth; wore light brown overcoat or raincoat; soft felt hat. Members should be on the alert for his appearance.

J. E. CROSS defrauded a member bank in South Pasadena, Cal., by the use of a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor, who is a distant relation. Cross is described as 5 feet 10 inches tall; weighs 175 pounds; light hair; scar on forehead; left handed; wore dark blue serge suit and light cap.

FRED DIETMAN is being sought by a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., on a charge of issuing forged checks. Dietman is on probation from the Ione Reformatory, Ione, Cal., and when located will be returned to that institution. Dietman is described as 22 years of age; 5 feet 8 inches tall; weighs 160 pounds; light complexion; blond hair; blue eyes; one tooth missing in front; occupation laborer. A specimen of his handwriting appears below.



FRANK T. DUGAN opened an account at a member bank in Kansas City, Mo., with a bogus check drawn on the Roanoke State Bank, Kansas City, Kan., signed John Dugan. Dugan closed out his account before the check had been returned. Members are warned not to cash his checks.

M. J. ELLIOT, claiming to represent G. & C. Merriam Co., Springfield, Mass., obtained an order for a dictionary from a depositor of a member bank in El Centro, Cal., and received a check in payment. With this check in his possession Elliot found it a simple matter to forge others which he cashed, causing our member to suffer a loss. Elliot is described as 35 years of age; 6 feet tall; ruddy complexion; hair gray at temples; has pleasing and persuasive manner. Members are warned not to accept this party's checks.

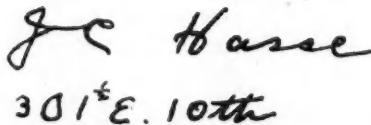
J. J. EMERY opened an account at a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., with a worthless check drawn on a local bank, claiming to be dissatisfied with their services and desirous of transferring his account. He was permitted to make a small withdrawal. Later a check in a large amount signed by Emery was presented by a stranger, and at his request a cashier's check was given in return. This check was later presented to our member, bearing the endorsement of a local merchant from whom he endeavored to purchase jewelry, and was given the funds. Emery is described as 32 years of age; 5 feet 7 inches tall; weighs 150-155 pounds; medium build; brown hair; moustache; brown suit and fedora hat.

ALLEN B. EMORY opened an account at a member bank in Boston, Mass., with a bogus check drawn on the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., New York, N. Y., signed George E. Peacock. After receiving his deposit slip he presented another bogus check to a second teller, and on exhibiting this slip was given the funds.

FRANK A. EVANS, alias W. A. Evans, alias A. F. Evans, stole several blank checks from a depositor of a member bank in Kansas City, Mo. After forging the signature of the owner thereon, Evans had them cashed by local merchants. Members are warned not to cash his checks.

M. HARBER. The Merchants National Bank, Richmond, Va., reports this individual as issuing checks, drawn against the bank, to various persons and concerns. Harber has no account at this bank. Members should refrain from accepting any of his checks.

JOHN C. HASSE opened an account with a member bank in Richmond, Va., making a small cash deposit. He later deposited two checks drawn on local banks and endeavored to withdraw against them. The bank refused to permit this until the checks were verified, but the operator left the bank when the teller started to investigate. The checks were later returned as worthless. Hasse is described as being 25 to 30 years of age; 5 feet 10 to 11 inches tall; weighs 160 to 170 pounds; medium build; ruddy complexion; dark brown hair; smooth shaven; wore light overcoat and soft hat. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

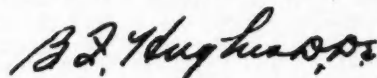


GEORGE A. HESS defrauded a member bank in Albany, Ga., by cashing a forged check. Hess carries a card of the Elks Lodge of Albany, which is a forgery. He is described as 30 to 33 years of age; 5 feet 10 inches tall; thin build; dark hair; front upper teeth bad. Members are warned to watch for his appearance.

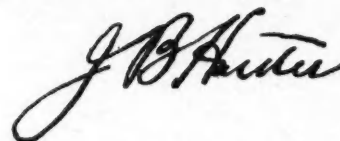
FLOYD B. HOLCOMB, alias C. E. Borden. This individual is operating in the vicinity of Williamsport, Pa., with checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor of a member bank in Troy, Pa. Holcomb is described as 28 years of age; 5 feet 8 to 9 inches; slender build.

B. F. HUGHES, D.D.S. A former inmate of the State Penitentiary where Dr. Hughes, of Pahokee, Fla., is in charge, stole a number of his blank checks and cards and is now representing himself as the doctor. A member bank in New York City reports receiving several of these checks, which the operator endeavored to cash. These checks are made payable to cash and bear a forged signature. The operator is described as 35 years of age; 5 feet 11 inches tall; weighs 150 pounds; dark complexion; smooth

shaven. We are reproducing a specimen of the handwriting appearing on the checks.



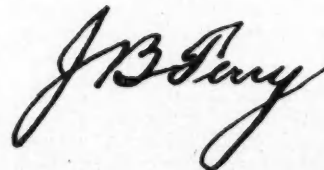
J. B. HUNTER. After telling a hard luck story, this individual secured the endorsement of a depositor of a member bank on a bogus check, which was cashed by the member at Cowpens, S. C. Hunter is described as 6 feet tall; weighs 225 pounds; wore blue serge suit; brown woolen vest; had diamond solitaire on left little finger. He gave his residence as 2222 Houston Street, Fort Worth, Tex. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.



BUDFORD JENNINGS is issuing drafts on the Planters National Bank, Hughes, Ark., where his account has been inactive for a year. A member bank in Jackson, Miss., had a loss by cashing one of these drafts. Members are warned to watch for this operator or his checks.

FRANK E. JONES stole fifteen checks from The Oregon Door Company, Portland, Ore., and by forging the company's signature thereon succeeded in defrauding a merchant in Hawthorne, Cal. He will, no doubt, attempt to dispose of the remainder of these checks.

H. B. LEE called at a member bank in Corpus Christi, Tex., with one of the bank's depositors and presented a check drawn by the New England Loan & Investment Co., signed C. C. Leigh, Treas. This check was deposited in the customer's account and a similar amount extracted, which was paid to Lee. This check was later returned as bogus. Members are requested to watch for this operator, who is described as 50 years of age; 5 feet 7½ inches in height; weighs 130 pounds; dark hair; slightly gray; moustache.



JOHN B. LOCKE, alias J. B. Terry, caused a member bank in Quinlan, Okla., a loss by cashing a bogus check drawn on the Peoples National Bank, Elwood City, Pa. Locke claims to be a salesman of a multigraph attachment for a typewriter and is traveling in a Chandler touring car, accompanied by a woman, two boys and a girl. Locke is described as about 45 to 50 years of age; 5 feet 10 inches in height; dark complexion; well dressed. A specimen of the operator's handwriting is reproduced herewith.

A. T. LOWE. The Corn Exchange Bank, New York, N. Y., reports this individual as issuing bogus checks drawn on it to merchants in Boston, Mass. Lowe carries a forged letter of introduction from this bank. Members are warned not to accept his checks.



James Madray.

JAMES MADRAY, pictured above, using the names Harold Birns, James Morton, Edward Walker and Jos. Houlbert, opened savings accounts at four member banks in Philadelphia, Pa., depositing a small amount of cash in each bank. The following day he deposited checks in each account purporting to be issued by M. L. Wilke, drawn on the Central Trust & Savings Co., Philadelphia, and received a small amount of cash in return from the banks. He again deposited similar checks in a larger amount and collected from the banks the balance of the first check deposited. Later the first checks were returned by the Central Trust & Savings Co., marked "No Account." This operator is described as being 33 years of age; 5 feet 6 inches in height; weighs 138 pounds; medium build; dark chestnut hair and eyes; scar below left eye. We are reproducing a facsimile of his handwriting.

James Madray
Harold Birns

GEORGE MANCHESTER called upon a real estate dealer in Farmington, Mich., and after expressing a desire to purchase a lot, practically closed the deal. Manchester then requested to be introduced to a cement block manufacturer, and after the request was granted, made a purchase of a quantity of blocks, for which he offered his check as deposit. The operator

Geo. Manchester

informed the manufacturer that if permitted he would deposit the check to his credit if he would endorse it. This the manufacturer agreed to do. The operator presented the check to a local member bank, secured the cash and disappeared without making the deposit. The check was later returned as bogus. The operator is described as being 40 to 45 years of age; 5 feet 11 inches tall; weighs 175 pounds; dark complexion; smooth shaven; slightly round

shouldered. We are reproducing herewith a specimen of Manchester's writing.

WM. W. MIDDLETON stole a blank check from a depositor of a member bank in Los Angeles, Cal., to which he forged the customer's signature. Middleton succeeded in securing the cash called for from our member. The operator is described as 25 years of age; 5 feet 11 inches tall; weighs 160 pounds; dark hair, eyes and complexion; smooth shaven; occupation bookkeeper. We are reproducing a facsimile of his handwriting.

Wm W Middleton

J. E. MOONEY is being sought by a member bank in Billings, Mont., having caused the bank a loss. Mooney is described as 5 feet 6 inches tall; weighs 155 pounds; dark complexion; smooth shaven; eyeballs protrude somewhat and are cast in an upward direction; generally wears black wide-rimmed hat pulled down over face. He is believed to be in Oakland, Cal., at present.

E. H. MOORE, L. Miller, E. Hall, G. Brooks, Gus Hoffman, M. Kelly and Geo. Davis are some of the names appearing on stolen pay checks of the Pennsylvania Railroad Treasury Department, Pittsburgh, Pa., which are being cashed by merchants in East Chicago and Gary, Ind. A member bank in Chicago, Ill., was defrauded by cashing these checks. There are several operators working, and we are advised that they are described as follows:

No. 1—white; 21 to 25 years of age; 5 feet 8 inches tall; weighs 135 pounds; florid complexion; red hair; smooth shaven; wore light gray cap and light tan overcoat.

No. 2—Negro; 25 to 30 years of age; 5 feet 10 inches in height; smooth shaven; wore dark gray suit and light tan shoes.

No. 3—white; 25 to 30 years of age; 5 feet 6 inches tall; weighs 140 pounds; smooth shaven; dark cap; sheepskin coat; black shoes.

No. 4—Negro; 27 to 35 years of age; 5 feet 8 inches tall; weighs 150 pounds; 4 or 5 upper front teeth edges gold filled; wore black soft hat, overalls and jumpers and new tan shoes.

R. J. MORAN, alias Robert Cantuils, representing the Brotherhood of Railroad Yardmen, Freight Handlers and Baggage Employees, called on a merchant in Seattle, Wash., and solicited an advertisement to be published in a magazine by the Brotherhood. He received a check for the advertisement. Moran later called at the paying bank, and after presenting credentials received the cash. There is no organization such as he described.

REV. E. P. MURPHY. A party using this alias and claiming to be from St. Mary's Church, Dubuque, Iowa, recently defrauded a member bank in Milwaukee, Wis., by the use of a bogus check drawn on the Peosta Savings Bank, Peosta, Iowa,

signed J. M. Kesterman, Pastor. Members are warned not to cash checks for this individual, who is dressed as a Catholic priest. The man is described as 45 years of age; 5 feet 11 inches tall; weighs 180 pounds; dark complexion.

ROBERT J. O'CONNOR, after taking an active part in the games and picnics held in La Belle, Fla., became acquainted with the inhabitants, which enabled him to cash a draft drawn on the Hanover National Bank, New York City. This draft was later returned as bogus. O'Connor is described as 5 feet 10 inches tall; weighs 145 pounds; medium complexion; brown hair and eyes. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

Robert J. O'Connor II

L. C. OHLIGER. This individual operated in San Francisco, Cal., with a draft of the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, drawn on the Bankers Trust Co., New York City, payable to L. C. Ohliger. No such draft was ever issued by the Cleveland bank, and it is believed that blanks were stolen from the printer. Members are cautioned to be careful in accepting these drafts.

JASPER BRUCE PAYNE, alias J. B. Payne, alias Bruce Payne, defrauded a member bank in Oklahoma by means of a worthless check and disposing of mortgaged property. He may be located in the vicinity of Brownsville, Tex., or in Southern California. The First National Bank of Stroud, Okla., will pay \$100 reward for information leading to his arrest.

He is described as follows: 47 years of age; 5 feet 10 inches tall; weighs 204 pounds; square stocky build; dark complexion; very dark brown eyes; heavy black hair; eyebrows streaked with gray; usually smooth shaven; is a constant smoker; wears his hat low over forehead, and has a habit of cocking one eyebrow, probably the left.

It is believed that Payne is accompanied by a woman whose description is as follows: 36 years of age; 5 feet 5 inches tall; weighs 165 pounds; dark red hair; rather red faced; has a small scar appearing like a piece of string which stands perpendicular on her forehead over one eye; wears a heavy gold band ring on ring finger.

GEORGE S. PETERSON, using such aliases as Howard S. Masters and Hewey Mason, deposited two bogus checks with a member bank in Denver, Colo. Later, before returns had been received, Peterson returned with two more checks and secured the cash. These checks were returned as bogus. The operator is described as 33 years of age; 5 feet 5 inches tall; weighs 135 pounds. If members will await the returns on checks before cashing them for depositors, they will prevent many a loss and we would suggest that this procedure be taken.

ROBERT PIERCE. A party using this alias is operating in Detroit, Mich.,

with checks stolen from a depositor of a member bank in Detroit. The signatures appearing on the checks are forgeries. We are reproducing a specimen of the handwriting of the operator.

Robert Pierce

DR. E. W. RITTER, at one time employed by the Westlake Chemical Co., Inc., Westlake, La., is at present operating with drafts drawn on this concern. Ritter holds the office of vice-president of this company, having been so named in the charter. This office will hold under law until the annual stockholders' meeting. Ritter, it is alleged, has never been authorized to sign any of the company's checks, notes or drafts, and members are warned not to cash them. We are reproducing a specimen of Ritter's handwriting.

Dr. E. W. Ritter

C. W. ROBINSON, using such aliases as Jack Robins, C. N. Robins and James McDade, is operating in the South with bogus checks drawn on the Merchants & Farmers Bank, Statesville, N. C., signed C. W. Stimson. Robinson is known to have worked in the book shop at the Blue Ridge conference grounds in North Carolina, and he has been wounded overseas. He is described as 5 feet 7 to 8 inches tall; very erect and broad shouldered; black curly hair and blue eyes. We are reproducing a specimen of the operator's handwriting.

C. W. Stimson
C. W. Robinson

JEANETTE ROCKWELL caused a member bank in Wilkesburg, Pa., a loss when she presented a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. The operator is acquainted with the bank's customer, who helped her at one time when she was in the penitentiary. Members are requested to advise our detective agents should she appear.

J. B. ROGERS, alias Geo. J. Bates, a friend of a depositor of a member bank in New Orleans, La., opened an account with a bogus check after being properly introduced by an employee of the customer. The check, drawn on the First National Bank, Dalton, Ga., was returned as bogus. Rogers was permitted to withdraw against this uncollected item before returns had been received. He is described as 40 years of age; 5 feet 7 inches tall; weighs 140 pounds; medium build; dark complexion; dark eyes; wore dark suit and soft brown hat. We

are reproducing below a specimen of Rogers' handwriting.

Geo J Bates
H. C. Harwood

S. TAYLOR SALLI caused a member bank in Ranier, Ore., a loss through the cashing of a bogus check drawn on the American Securities Bank, Vancouver, Wash. Salli also operated in Seattle, Wash., where he defrauded a hotel. We are unable to publish a description of the operator, but are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

Sally Salli

BENNIE J. SANDERS is operating in North Dakota with bogus checks on the First National Bank, Detroit, Mich., against the account of the Motor Products Specialty Corporation signed L. D. Mory, Secy. Treas. He is described as 40 to 45 years of age, weighs 170 pounds; stout build; has gold tooth in front upper jaw; quite pompous looking and a smooth talker.

P. G. SARSFIELD is operating in California with worthless drafts drawn on the Atlantic National Bank, New York City. The operator who is posing as a geologist is described as 40 to 45 years of age; 5 feet 9 inches tall; light complexion; hair slightly gray; fluent talker; Irish descent. Members are warned not to accept his drafts.

FRED SCOTT, alias Fred Cameron, while employed by a depositor of a member bank in Sanford, Me., was paid by check which gave him an opportunity to forge similar checks. These checks were cashed by local merchants and later paid by our member. Scott is described as about 27 years of age; 5 feet 7 inches tall; weighs 150 pounds; heavy build; hair dark combed in pompadour; smooth shaven.

Strong & Warner Co. Note Lost

MRS. JOSEPHINE SIBBITT of St. Paul, Minn., reports the loss of a promissory note made by the Strong & Warner Co., St. Paul, Minn., payable to her order. This note is dated Feb. 1, 1922, for the principal sum of \$6,000 with interest at 6 per cent payable semi-annually and was indorsed in blank by Mrs. Sibbitt. Members are requested to advise this Association or the nearest office of our detective agents should anyone illegally attempt to negotiate it.

EUGENE P. SMITH. A member bank in Jamaica, N. Y., reports a party using this alias as operating with bogus checks drawn on the First National Bank, Hemp-

stead, N. Y. Members are warned not to accept any of these checks.

KATHERINE SMITH. A woman using this alias defrauded a member bank in Des Moines, Iowa, by issuing a bogus check. She also defrauded local merchants in a similar manner. We are unable to publish her description at present.

R. E. SPAITH, having secured several signed pay checks of a construction company in Des Moines, Iowa, presented one of them to a local merchant. This check bore a forged indorsement and was later cashed by a member bank in Des Moines. Spaith is described as 6 feet tall; weighs 175 pounds; light complexion; wears olive drab shirt and army overcoat.

A. J. STEWART. Merchants in New York and Connecticut have been defrauded through the operations of this individual who is issuing bogus checks drawn on the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, New York City. We are unable to publish a description of Stewart at present.

VIRGINIA TOWNES, wife of a depositor of a member bank in Richmond, Va., defrauded the bank by cashing a forged check. The operator is believed to be in New York City at present, and an investigation is being made to locate her. Members are requested to be on the alert for her appearance.

WILLIAM M. VAN HACK. The Plainfield Trust Co., Plainfield, N. J., reports a party using this alias as defrauding local merchants by the use of checks drawn on them. These checks are bogus and members are warned not to cash them.

J. W. WAGNER. A party using this alias is operating in New York City, with bogus checks drawn on the American Exchange Bank, New York, N. Y. Members are warned not to accept his checks. We are reproducing a specimen of Wagner's handwriting.

J W Wagner

LOWELL WIGGINS, who has used the aliases of Lawrence Webster, Dave Walton, Ben Clark and Cole, is operating in the West with forged travelers' cheques of the Hanover National Bank, New York, and bogus checks drawn on various banks. Wiggins is described as 18 years of age; 5 feet 8 inches tall; medium build; dark complexion; bullet wound under left collar bone.

A. WYNNE renewed the acquaintance of an old school chum who was well known to a member bank in Oktaha, Okla. After persuading his friend to introduce him at the bank, Wynne presented a check drawn on the First National Bank, El Dorado, Kan., a non-existent bank and secured the

cash. Wynne is described as 6 feet tall; weight 140 pounds; gray hair; bad teeth. We are reproducing a specimen of this operator's handwriting.

A. Wynne
Geo. McNeill

Messenger Holdups Arrested

MORRIS and JOSEPH DIAMOND were arrested by the local authorities of Brooklyn, N. Y., charged with the holdup and murder of messengers of the West End Bank of Brooklyn. The arrest was brought about by a clew obtained through the abandoning of a stolen Cadillac car used by the bandits to make their getaway. The license plates on the car were traced to Joseph Diamond who secured them for a Ford car. Several leads were investigated which ended in the arrest of Morris Diamond in Cleveland, Ohio. His brother Joseph, after learning of the arrest, surrendered to the authorities. After a thorough questioning of these parties they confessed their part in the crime and implicated ANTHONY J. PATANO, an employee of the bank, who had furnished to the Diamonds the information concerning the movements of the messengers. These men planned the operation, but denied any part in the actual killing and holdup. Further information was secured which resulted in the arrest of one JOHN FARINA in Hoboken, N. J. He is credited with being one of the two murderers.

The bandits secured \$43,607.67, which was divided immediately after the holdup between the men in custody and others now sought. The local authorities and our detective agents are endeavoring to locate the remainder of this gang.

Bogus Pastor Arrested

A. G. PATTERSON, alias Rev. J. W. Patterson, posing as pastor of Gilbert Church, operated throughout the country with bogus checks. In San Francisco, Cal., he was not quite so fortunate, however, for our agents' representatives cooperating with the local authorities soon ended his activities. Patterson issued several checks there which were reported to our agents who soon located the operator. He was immediately placed under arrest. Patterson is not in the slightest degree perturbed as to the outcome of his case, he having already experienced prison life. After his release on the California charge he will be returned for trial to the cities in which he operated.

LOUIS A. ACKLEY, long sought for defrauding attorneys by the use of bogus cashier's checks, was arrested in Indianapolis, Ind., by the Federal authorities. Ackley's method of operation was as follows: He would call on an attorney and present a claim for collection which would be handled in the regular manner. Later the operator sent a cashier's check in payment of the supposed debt and the attorney, be-

lieving he had succeeded in effecting the collection, would not hesitate in paying out the funds to the operator. Ackley operated in Connecticut, New Jersey, Georgia and in the Middle West. We are reproducing his photograph above. We have published articles relative to his operations in the JOURNAL supplements for March, 1917, Page 131; August, 1917, Pages 24-27; January, 1922, Page 52; December, 1922, Page 42; July, 1923, Page 3.



Louis A. Ackley.

H. C. ARMSTRONG was captured by the local authorities at Fresno, Cal., shortly after they had been notified of his issuing forged checks in Santa Ana, Cal. Armstrong confessed, giving a list of the checks he cashed. A member bank in Lancaster, Cal., has been defrauded through his operations. He was convicted and sentenced.

JOSEPH H. BARTLETT, alias Joseph Davis, was arrested by the local authorities at Hopewell, N. J., charged with issuing checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor of a member bank in Princeton, N. J. Bartlett is being held in the county jail to await the action of the Grand Jury.

V. E. BRACKENS and JOHN TAYLOR, who held up a member bank in Tyro, Kan., were pursued by the sheriff and his posse. They were captured shortly afterward. Several shots were exchanged and one of the bandits was slightly wounded. They were taken to the county jail at Independence, Kan., where they are being held to await trial.

FRED BURDETTE, who for the past two years evaded arrest on a charge of defrauding a member bank in Des Moines, Iowa, was located in New York City by our detective agents' representatives at that point. Burdette was placed under arrest and an effort is now being made to return him to Iowa for trial.

JOHN E. CLAGHORN issued several worthless checks which were cashed by a member bank in Portland, Ore. Our detective agents' Portland representatives were called upon to investigate the case and in a short time located the operator. He was placed under arrest, after which he readily admitted his guilt. He is now being held to await trial.

FRANK J. CONTRARAS, while employed by a depositor of a member bank in Wilmington, Cal., found an opportunity to steal several blank checks to which he forged his employer's signature. These

checks were cashed by Contraras and his partner RACHAEL GIL. Our detective agents' representatives investigating the case traced the crime to these parties. They were located in San Pedro, Cal., where they had been arrested by the local authorities on a felony charge. They will be returned to Wilmington for trial.

LLOYD DARNER was suspected of defrauding a member bank in Chicago, Ill., by the use of a check bearing a forged indorsement. Our detective agents' Chicago representatives located Darner, and after questioning him he confessed to the forgery. He was immediately placed under arrest and is now awaiting trial.

WILLIAM EICH, alias William East, who had an account with a member bank in San Francisco, Cal., presented a check bearing a forged indorsement and succeeded in securing the cash. Our detective agents' San Francisco representatives, learning of the forgery, soon located the operator who confessed to stealing several letters from the mail. He was placed under arrest and later found guilty and sentenced.

JIMMY FOSTER, colored, who defrauded a member bank in Detroit, Mich., by presenting a depositor's bank book and cashing a forged withdrawal order, was arrested in Detroit, Mich., through the efforts of our detective agents' Detroit representatives. Foster roomed with the depositor, his cousin, and had access to his bank book, but denied any knowledge of the transaction. Foster is now being held.



F. E. Armstrong.

R. LELAND GLEASON, using such aliases as G. P. Bates, C. L. Grayson, W. C. Norris, Jas. L. Bartlett, Fred C. Matthews and F. E. Armstrong, was arrested in Spokane, Wash., where he attempted to defraud a member bank with a forged cashier's check. Gleason also operated in Atlanta and Macon, Ga., Rutland, Vt., Claremore and Muskogee, Okla., with similar checks. He will be returned to Georgia after being released in Spokane. We are reproducing his photograph above.

ISADORE GOTTESMANN was arrested for larceny in St. Louis, Mo., by the local authorities on the complaint of his mother. He was later identified through our detective agents' St. Louis representatives as having defrauded a member bank by the use of forged withdrawal orders. When confronted with the forged orders he confessed

CHARLES HOLORAN, alias Harry S. McClintock, alias John W. Murphy, was arrested in Pueblo, Colo., by the local authorities charged with forgery. He was identified as having defrauded a member bank in Cumberland, Md., in a similar manner and will be returned to that point after his release on the Pueblo charge.

OSCAR HOLT, automobile salesman, was arrested in San Francisco, Cal., on a charge of issuing checks bearing the forged signature of a local automobile dealer. He admitted his guilt and is being held to await trial. Holt has a previous record as a check operator.

ALBERT KINDY was arrested in Chicago, Ill., while attempting to cash a raised check at a member bank. He confessed to the passing of other checks in Chicago. Kindy was tried and convicted.

A. L. KING, using the alias Frank Cooper, cashed a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor of a member bank in Huntington Park, Cal. Later he reappeared, this time claiming to be the depositor, but was recognized as the presenter of the previous forged check. He was placed under arrest after an attempt to escape in an awaiting automobile. King is now being held to await trial.

JOHN LEAKE was arrested through the efforts of our detective agents' Atlanta representatives, charged with defrauding a member bank in Atlanta, Ga., through the medium of a forged check. Leake is now awaiting trial.

C. A. (BUCK) LUTTRELL. By raising a check from \$100 to \$500, this party defrauded a customer of a member bank in Monroe, La. Our detective agents' New Orleans representatives investigating the case located Luttrell in Louann, Ark., where he was placed under arrest. He admitted his guilt and is now being held to await his return to Monroe for trial.

WALTER E. McDONALD, alias Walter E. Coyle, alias Walter E. Munroe, called at a member bank in Woodland, Cal., and opened an account with a bogus check, which was taken only for collection. The constable at Yolo notified our member that this party operated at another bank in Woodland, whereupon they were prepared for his return. McDonald returned to withdraw funds and was arrested. He is now being held to await trial.

JAMES MURRAY, using such aliases as Frank Murray and Frank Flaherty, and representing himself as a structural engineer, operated with bogus and forged checks in the vicinity of Reading, Pa., against merchants and hotelkeepers. He was located by the local authorities and returned to Reading, where he is now being held to await trial.

JOSEPH NUTIS, alias Jos. Nathan, defrauded a member bank in Chicago, Ill., by issuing a forged check. Our detective agents' Chicago representatives investigating the case traced Nutis to Cleveland, Ohio,

where their representatives at that point succeeded in locating him. Nutis was placed under arrest and will be returned to Chicago for trial.

LEO RAFF, who defrauded a member bank in Chicago, Ill., by the use of a forged check, was located through the efforts of our detective agents' Chicago representatives and placed under arrest. Raff was later released on bond.

REV. H. ROBERTS and **MRS. RUTH WILLIAMS** were arrested in Cleveland, Ohio, charged with issuing bogus certified checks. They admitted operating with similar checks in New York City and in Philadelphia, Pa.

JAMES ROSIE made a futile but daring attempt to rob a messenger of a member bank in Steubenville, Ohio, who was carrying a large amount of money. The holdup occurred in front of the bank and was frustrated by a local taxi driver who was attracted by the struggling. He and others assisted in capturing the bandit, who, realizing his failure, slashed the messenger with his knife. Rosie was badly beaten when brought into the jail. He is now being held to await trial.

J. E. SCOTT opened an account at a member bank in Santa Mana, Cal., with a bogus check. He was permitted to make a small withdrawal and later attempted to cash a larger check, which was refused. He succeeded, however, in using it as a deposit on an automobile purchased. Scott left for Southern California, where he wrecked this auto. He was arrested shortly afterward by the local authorities and returned to Santa Mana, where he is held to await trial.

CATHERINE SNYDER, alias Mrs. E. B. Dyer, defrauded a member bank in St. Louis, Mo., by issuing a worthless check. She was arrested in St. Louis and is now being held to await trial.

H. W. STERLING, whose family was at one time one of the wealthiest in Detroit, Mich., was arrested in that city charged with forging stock certificates to the extent of \$27,500. Sterling negotiated to buy a hotel in Fort Worth, Tex., and tendered these certificates with which he defrauded a member bank in Fort Worth. Sterling

will be returned to Texas for trial. We are reproducing his photograph.



H. W. Sterling.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, colored, was arrested in Donora, Pa., by the local authorities on a charge of issuing worthless checks to local merchants. Our detective agents' Pittsburgh representatives secured a confession from the operator, who is now being held to await trial.



C. A. Wright.

C. ANDERSON WRIGHT, pictured above, was arrested in St. Louis, Mo., charged with issuing bogus checks in Cleveland, Ohio, where he defrauded a member bank. Wright is wanted in New York City and other cities on a similar charge. He will be returned to Ohio for trial.

Statistics of the Protective Department

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1923	Arrested since August 31, 1923	Arrested in December, 1923	Total	Convicted	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc. . . .	110	90	30	119	51	12	4	163
Burglars.	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	12
Holdup robbers.	34	19	7	26	21	....	3	36
Sneak thieves. . .	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total.	156	109	37	145	72	12	7	211

