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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## JUNE PROTECTIVE WORK

### WARNING

#### ATTENTION BANK OFFICIALS AND TELLERS

When one of your customers introduces Fred E. ———  
refer to this article

ROBERT J. BAKER, alias Fred E. Wilson, alias Fred E. Clark, alias Fred E. David, alias Fred E. Williams, alias Fred E. Trowbridge, alias Fred E. McMorris, alias Fred E. Dauchy, alias J. Fred Clark, etc. A warning article relative to this individual was published in the December, 1920, JOURNAL Supplement. Since that article was published, Baker has transferred his activities from the west to the east. His last operation was reported to us by a member bank in Lancaster, Pa. Baker's method is to call on individuals, usually women, residing in small towns, and after leading them to believe that he is acquainted with some of their relatives in distant cities, states that he is short of funds and desires to proceed to a distant point in order to attend the wedding of his daughter, the funeral of his wife or something of similar nature. He then requests an introduction at a local bank, and on the strength of the depositor's identification, is successful in securing the funds on a bogus check. In many instances the banks have secured the indorsement of their depositor, thereby protecting themselves against losses; however, this man has victimized banks in the east and west. He is described as follows: 40 years of age, about 5 feet 10 inches, 160 pounds, dark hair, smooth shaven; good talker; neat dresser; flesh tumor on forehead immediately over the right eye and a walnut size tumor on right side of neck, which is noticeable when fully dressed.

*Robert J. Baker*

*Fred E. McMorris*

*Fred E. Trowbridge*

*Three Hundred*

AGED BOGUS CHECK OPERATOR

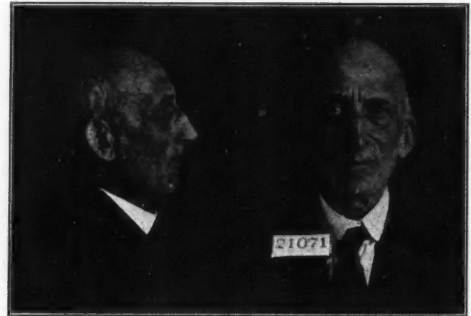
The operations of D. A. GRAHAM were first called to our attention during 1918, when he operated in Philadelphia, Pa. During the same year he operated in Horse Cave, Ky., and

*D. A. Graham*

Fort Collins, Colo. During 1919 he operated in Jacksonville, Fla., during 1920 in Providence, R. I., and during May, 1921, in London, Ohio.

Graham's method is to approach individuals in the town where he intends to operate, claiming to know relatives or a friend in a distant city. In this way he secures an introduction to a local bank, where he presents a bogus check drawn on an out-of-town bank. In some instances the banks have secured the indorsement of the local citizen, but other banks have been defrauded through not taking this precaution.

Articles relative to this individual were published in the April, 1918, and January, 1919, JOURNAL Supplements. He is described as follows: 62 years of age (looks older), 5 feet 11 1/4 inches, 140 pounds, very slender, florid complexion, gray hair.



D. A. GRAHAM

R. W. ALLEN, claiming to be a mining engineer from Ely, Neb., induced a local individual to introduce him at a Salt Lake City, Utah, member bank. He then presented a worthless draft drawn on the Ely National Bank, Ely, Neb., and was successful in checking against that account to a considerable extent before the draft was returned. Allen is believed to have been on his way east and will probably

*R. W. Allen*

*Two*

*Five hundred*



attempt to operate again in some central or eastern state. He is described as being about 35 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches, 160 to 165 pounds, medium complexion, dark eyes, dark hair; immaculate dresser; fluent talker, and is well educated.

GEORGE W. CHAMBERS. During April, 1921, this man was first seen in Crystal Springs, Miss. He called at a local bank and stated he was contemplating the installation of an ice plant. Shortly afterwards he negotiated with a real estate dealer for the purchase of some property, paying partly in cash. Chambers actually proceeded to remodel an old house located on the property he had bought, and also built the framework for an ice plant. He secured a small loan from the local bank and claimed to have a large amount of bonds in Buffalo, N. Y., which he was selling. In the middle of May he deposited a check for a large amount, drawn on a Buffalo bank. Chambers was successful in drawing against this check to a considerable extent. The check deposited by Chambers was subsequently returned as a forgery; therefore the bank sustained a considerable loss. The operator's present whereabouts is unknown, but our detective agents are trying to locate him. He is described as follows: 25 to 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds, medium build, medium complexion, dark eyes, light brown hair, right arm amputated at the elbow.



RAYMOND F. GARRETT, alias C. E. Edgas, alias F. E. Maxwell, alias M. E. Maxwell. We are advised that an individual using the above names is touring the New England states and passing bogus checks drawn on the First National Bank, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. The checks are in small amounts and we would suggest that banks in the New England states be on their guard against cashing any checks of this description. We are unable to supply a description of the operator at this writing.

E. M. GREER. A member bank of Dallas, Texas, reported a loss on a check bearing the forged signature of one of their depositors. Greer is a cousin of the man whose name he is alleged to have forged, and was given a check to cash at the member bank. After indorsing same and cashing it, nothing more was seen of him. Our detective agents are actively engaged in endeavoring to locate him. He is described as follows: 25 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches, 150 pounds, stocky build, dark complexion, blue eyes, black hair.

ALEXANDER S. ROSS, alias Alex S. Ross, alias A. S. Ross, alias A. Stewart Ross, alias Truman C. Smith, has been issuing bogus checks drawn on the Farmers State Bank of Churubusco, Ind.; the Gary Trust & Savings Bank, Gary, Ind., and the Sheridan Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill. A large number of these checks have been passed in the vicinity of Chicago and Elgin, Ill. They are now being presented in Iowa, several checks having been received from Burlington and Des Moines. Ross is described as being: 65 years of age, 175 pounds, gray hair; well dressed; is Scotch and talks with the brogue of that country.

F. SHIFFMAN caused a member bank of Chelsea, Mass., to lose on a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. The matter was referred to our detective agents' Boston representatives, who are trying to locate Shiffman. He is described as follows: About 25 to 28 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, slender build, medium dark complexion; Jewish appearance and accent; sharp features.

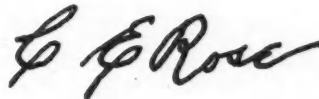
RAY L. STARKE, alias Ray L. Womsley, alias R. L. Costick. An operator using these names defrauded a member bank of Los Angeles, Calif., by means of two worthless checks, drawn on the First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee, Wis. Our detective agents are investigating this case and endeavoring to locate the operator, who is described as follows: 23 to 24 years of age, 5 feet 10 to 11 inches, 170 pounds, medium build, light complexion, blue eyes, medium hair.

## NEW COUNTERFEIT

### Five dollar Federal reserve notes

We have been advised by the Treasury Department that new five dollar Federal reserve notes are in circulation, described as follows: On the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Ohio; check letter "B"; series 1914; John Burke, Treasurer of the United States; D. F. Houston, Secretary of the Treasury; portrait of Lincoln. The number of the specimen at hand is D19767990A, and bears back plate No. 793. The face plate number is indecipherable. This is a straight photographic production on two pieces of paper, pasted together, with coarse silk fiber between to imitate the threads of the genuine. The coloring of the seal and numbers is very good, but that of the back of the note is poor. The face of the note is very deceptive.

C. E. ROSE, alias G. H. White, alias S. R. Ward, alias Robert Wood, alias Chas. Wallace, alias C. M. Webb, alias C. L. Noble, alias R. N. Noble, alias Geo. Wade, etc. An individual using these names is operating with bogus drafts purporting to have been issued by the "St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad." The correct name of the company operating the railroad is the "St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Co." and that is the way it is shown on bona fide drafts. The bogus drafts have printed on them, "To F. H. Hamilton. Local Treasurer St. Louis, Mo.," whereas the bona fide drafts read, "F. H. Hamilton, Treasurer St. Louis, Mo." The man passing these bogus drafts is described as follows: 35 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches, 190 pounds, medium complexion, brown hair. A man of the following description accompanies the operator and may attempt to pass some of the drafts: 35 years of age, tall and slender.



J. B. VARL. We are advised by the Consolidated National Bank of Tucson, Ariz., that an operator using the name of J. B. Varl is cashing bogus drafts on that bank. Varl claims to be the owner of a stock ranch near Tucson. He has operated in Denver, Colo., and Chicago, Ill. We are unable to supply a description at this writing.

## ARRESTED

### BURROUGHS MCGRAW ARRESTED AGAIN

Breaks parole and resumes operations with forged checks

In the December, 1920, JOURNAL Supplement, we published an article relative to the arrest of Burroughs McGraw and Edward O. Cecil, who were apprehended by our detective agents' San Francisco representatives. Edward O. Cecil was convicted and sentenced to serve from one to fourteen years in the California State Penitentiary. Burroughs McGraw was returned to Los Angeles, convicted and sentenced to serve a term in the Preston Reform School. Subsequently he was paroled.

After being released on parole he could not resist the temptation of forging other individuals' names to checks. After being rearrested on May 27, 1921, McGraw stated that he made a practice of going into banks during busy hours and watching depositors make out deposit slips. Thus he retained signatures in his mind for two or three hours so that he could imitate them. He confessed to having victimized twenty-three banks since being released on parole. His method of operation was always the same. He would use bogus checks and forge on each the indorsement of a depositor in the bank at which he presented the checks for payment.

Early in May, 1921, a member bank of San Francisco, Calif., reported having been defrauded on a bogus check bearing a forged indorsement by a man using the name of Johnston McCulley. Thereafter reports continued coming in from various banks in California in regard to operations of the same nature, but different names were used in each instance. Our agents recognized these operations as the work of one man and after a few days identified the operator as Burroughs McGraw. They traced McGraw from San Francisco to Oakland and Stockton, the local authorities at each city cooperating fully. On May 27, 1921, McGraw was arrested by the Stockton Police Department on information furnished by our agents. He has been returned to San Francisco for trial and made a complete confession to one of our agents' representatives.

A photograph of Burroughs McGraw appeared in the December, 1920, JOURNAL Supplement. He has used the following aliases: Carl Foster, H. W. DeArce, C. C. Clark, S. M. Johnson, C. J. Smith, Johnston McCulley, Leonard Bryce, Louis Lovejoy, Homer Bradley, Harry Martin, Clayton Duncan Leeds, Henry Mullholland, Harold Lloyd, Jr., Robert Stanton, etc.

He is described as 17 years old, 5 feet 8 inches, 120 pounds, slender build, medium dark complexion, brown-gray eyes, black curly hair.

The California Bankers Association cooperated with this Association in financing the investigation.

### ANOTHER CRIMINAL APPREHENDED

Our detective agents prepare a reception for Edwin W. Beck at Vancouver, Wash.

On April 4, 1921, it was discovered that a member bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., had been defrauded out of a large amount by means of checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor. It was ascertained that Edwin W. Beck was the operator and had left Pittsburgh. He was traced by our detective

agents to Philadelphia, Pa., Washington, D. C., Albany, N. Y., Oklahoma City, Okla., and Denver, Colo., where they temporarily lost trace of him. In each of these cities Beck operated with worthless checks, sometimes using the name of E. W. Becker.

In practically all of the above-mentioned cities, Beck secured a position as an automobile salesman or attempted to get such a position, and thus obtained an introduction to a local bank which he later defrauded.

On June 9, 1921, our detective agents' Portland representatives received information that Edwin W. Beck had tendered a check to a local automobile firm. An immediate investigation was made and it was learned that Beck was en route to Vancouver, Wash., with one of the salesmen of the company. Our agents telephoned the Vancouver office of the company and arrangements were made to have the sheriff place Beck under arrest on his arrival there. When our agents reached Vancouver they found that the sheriff had Beck in custody. He confessed to the operations referred to, and in addition stated that he had victimized a Los Angeles, Calif., member bank on a worthless check, between the time he left Denver and the time he arrived in Portland. Beck is now being held on the local charge, but detainer warrants have been lodged from Pittsburgh and several other cities. Beck's description is as follows: 30 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, 135 pounds, slender build, light complexion, gray eyes, light hair; has large round lump on back of right hand.

### CLEVER WOMAN FORGER

Dolly Haggerty rearrested by our agents for new operation

DOLLY HAGGERTY, mentioned in the JOURNAL Supplement for March, 1921, and still awaiting trial for defrauding a Chicago member bank, has been arrested again, charged with defrauding another local member in a similar way. This operator has been successful in defrauding six Chicago banks with aid of a companion.

When her last operation was reported to our agents they recognized the methods employed and thirty-six hours later located her and caused her arrest.

Her method was to call at a bank, represent herself as connected with a near-by depositor in the bank and in this manner obtain the firm's cancelled vouchers. With these in her possession she drew several checks in large amounts, being careful not to exceed the amounts found among the vouchers. These checks, on being presented for payment, were readily honored, as there was nothing unusual about them.

The operator is out on bond on one charge amounting to \$5,000 and on the last charge had to give bonds of \$10,000.

### MAIL BOX THIEVES IN TOMBS

Gang using "cash" checks arrested

Some time Saturday, May 28, 1921, ALEX MAHONEY, alias "Nigger" Mahoney, JOHN NOBLE and TERRY PELLEGRINO were arrested in New York City by the local authorities. These men are charged with rifling hall letter boxes of cigar manufacturing firms, wherein they obtained small checks made by stationery and cigar dealers, thereby receiving specimens of the makers' signatures on checks, which they transferred to blank checks, making same payable to "Cash"

and usually in the amount of \$220. On the backs of the checks they again transferred the makers' signatures so as to guarantee indorsements. They then presented these forged checks to the interested banks and on securing the funds they mailed the stolen checks to the parties they were originally intended for. These men are now awaiting trial.

### ANOTHER MAIL BOX THIEF ARRESTED

**LeRoy apprehended while endeavoring to secure funds on a forged check**

In the early part of May, officials of a firm located on Thomas St., New York City, reported to several banks that checks written by their customers had been stolen from their hall letter box. Shortly after this warning, Michael LeRoy appeared at the Second National Bank and tried to cash a check bearing a forged signature of the bank's customer. Having been warned, the teller detained the man and called in the local authorities. On examining the check presented by LeRoy, our agents recognized it as being the work of the mail box operators, who had been stealing checks from hall letter boxes of local firms, altering them by the use of acid, and through transferring the maker's signature on the back of the check as a guarantee indorsement, had been experiencing no difficulty in cashing them. Our agents found that this man was responsible for cashing about fifteen checks. LeRoy was held for the action of the grand jury. He has since been indicted and is now awaiting trial in the Court of General Sessions.

### PORTLAND HOLDUP

In the June, 1921, issue of the JOURNAL Supplement we published an article relative to the arrest of Wm. Trefrey and Joe Green for their share in the holdup of the First National Bank of Portland, Conn. Immediately following this arrest the local authorities took JOHN J. GREER into custody, his arrest being the result of information supplied to this department and our detective agents.

Previous to the arrest of the above-mentioned bandits, the state police of Connecticut were successful in locating TOM CLARK and CHARLES MARROW and caused their arrest. Clark was subsequently convicted and sentenced to a term of eighteen months and Marrow received a sentence of twenty-eight years in the Connecticut State Penitentiary.

JACK BERRY, alias A. H. Richardson, alias J. C. Pior, alias J. A. King, alias C. E. Bennett, alias J. E. Cleveland, etc. During January, 1920, this operator defrauded a member bank of Cleburne, Texas. About the same time he also victimized a member bank of Clyde, Texas. In his operations he used forged cashiers' drafts. An article was published in the April, 1920, JOURNAL Supplement regarding his operations. He was arrested in Coleman, Texas, on February 21, 1920, and sentenced to serve two years in the Texas State Penitentiary. We do not know how he secured his release from that institution, but he was arrested in San Antonio, Texas, on October 2, 1920, and sentenced on January 4, 1921, to serve four years in the Texas State Penitentiary. We do not know how he secured his release after receiving that sentence. However, in March, 1921, an individual under the name of J. E. Cleveland operated in Atlanta, Ga., with forged cashiers' checks. During April the same individual appeared in

San Diego, Calif., with checks of the same description, using the name of J. A. King. Shortly afterwards he defrauded member banks at Venice, Calif., and Los Angeles, Calif., by means of worthless checks. While our agents were investigating this matter they learned that an individual had been arrested in Cheyenne, Wyo., under the name of H. W. Fawzer. They had reasons to believe that Fawzer was Jack Berry, and have since established this fact beyond a doubt. King is now being held awaiting extradition to California.

HARRY BUREK was successful in securing cash from a Pittsburgh, Pa., member bank on a check bearing a forged indorsement. A few days afterwards Burek was arrested by the local authorities on another charge and confessed to having stolen the check in question and forged the indorsement thereon. He is now awaiting trial.

WILLARD CAMPBELL. Several months ago a member bank of Mason City, Iowa, sustained a loss on a check which they cashed and which had been raised from \$25 to \$925. It is alleged that Willard Campbell raised the check and Herman Meyers cashed it. Our detective agents' Des Moines and Minneapolis representatives endeavored to locate these men. They were successful in locating Willard Campbell in Little Falls, Minn., and he was placed under arrest. Since then he has been returned to Mason City, Iowa, and confessed to his part of the operation. Herman Meyers is still being sought. The Iowa Bankers Association cooperated in financing this investigation.

STEVEN D. CAPCAK, alias Steven D. Capsack, alias C. L. Steven, alias S. J. Madden, alias Frank Shar, etc. On May 31, 1921, this department was advised by a member bank of Alpine, Texas, that the above-named individual was then under arrest at Alpine, he having negotiated two worthless checks there, drawn on a Chicago, Ill., bank. Our detective agents telegraphed their Chicago representatives and learned that Capsack had defrauded three member banks in that city. Arrangements were made to have warrants lodged by the Chicago authorities at Alpine, Texas.

R. C. CASH defrauded a member bank of Los Angeles, Calif., by means of worthless checks and our detective agents' local representatives were requested to locate him. As the operations of this individual had been called to the attention of our agents on previous occasions by hotels and merchants, they experienced no difficulty in again locating him and effecting his arrest. On May 12, 1921, Cash was convicted and sentenced to serve one year in the county jail.

C. C. CROSSLEY caused a member bank of Bowling Green, Ky., to sustain a loss on a forged check. The matter was referred to our detective agents' Memphis representatives, who conducted an investigation and referred same to their Cleveland representatives. Crossley was located in Cleveland by our agents and placed under arrest by the local authorities. He has since made complete restitution and been released from custody.

W. P. FOSTER. Our attention was first called to this man in October, 1919, when a member bank of Carnegie, Pa., was victimized by means of a forged check. The same month his arrest was effected by our detective agents' Pittsburgh representatives. He was convicted and fined, then released on parole for one year. Articles relative to him were published in the January, 1920, JOURNAL Supplement. In December, 1920, he defrauded a member bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., on a forged check and the matter was reported to our detective agents during May, 1921. They found that Foster was confined in the county workhouse on another charge. Ar-



rangements were made to have a detainer warrant lodged by the bank.

FRED L. HAGUE and FRANK QUIGLEY were placed under arrest by the Chicago, Ill., police department on March 24, 1921, charged with holding up G. A. Blakeslee & Company, bankers, Galien, Mich., on March 18, 1921. At the time of their arrest they had in their possession bonds stolen from the above-named banking company. Hague and Quigley were convicted on May 5, and sentenced on May 13. Hague received a sentence of from twelve to twenty-five years and Quigley a sentence of from fifteen to thirty years in the Michigan State Penitentiary.

N. C. HALSTEAD. Articles relative to this operator have appeared in the November, 1916, February, 1917, and September, 1918, JOURNAL Supplements. Recently he defrauded member banks in West Virginia and Ohio by means of worthless checks. Our detective agents' Philadelphia representatives located Halstead on May 5, 1921, and subsequently he was placed under arrest by the local authorities. This man has also passed worthless checks at hotels and a warrant is lodged in Philadelphia from Washington, D. C., as well as Wheeling, W. Va.

W. N. HEATH, alias Lieut. J. J. Garrison, Jr., alias Wm. K. Savage, alias Wm. J. Patterson, alias Wayne E. Conklin, Jr., etc. Since 1916, this operator has been passing forged and bogus checks on banks and individuals. Articles about him appeared in the February, April and June, 1917, JOURNAL Supplements. After release from a two-year term at Atlanta, Heath defrauded a few member banks and many merchants and hotel proprietors. On May 28, 1921, Wayne E. Conklin, Jr., was arrested in Baltimore, Md., by the local authorities on a local charge. Our detective agents' Baltimore representatives identified Conklin as Heath and arrangements were made to have detainer warrants lodged. Heath is described as being 25 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches, 130 pounds, very slender build, fair complexion, brown eyes, brown curly hair.

WILLIAM J. HENRY defrauded several member banks of New York, N. Y., by forging the signature of a man who had died last year, to five checks. Our detective agents' local representatives investigated the matter and were successful in locating Henry and effecting his arrest. He is now awaiting trial.

CHARLES H. HERNE passed checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor on one of our Los Angeles member banks. Our detective agents located him and he was placed under arrest June 4, 1921, and is now awaiting trial. The California Bankers Association prorated the expenses of this investigation with this Association.

THOMAS HICKMAN, alias E. J. Raymond. This individual operated against a member bank of Des Moines, Iowa, with a forged check and caused them to sustain a loss. Our detective agents investigated the matter and a few days later Hickman endeavored to secure more money from the bank. He was held and our agents were notified. Hickman subsequently confessed to the operation and was held awaiting trial.

MILTON G. HOLIDAY was arrested at Westfield, N. J. on June 4, 1921, by the local police, charged with having passed numerous bogus checks in small amounts. His mode of operation was to enter a store, purchase a small amount of merchandise, tender a check and secure the change. He is now being held at the Elizabeth County Jail, Elizabeth,

N. J. Should any of our members have any record of this individual, we would suggest that they communicate same to us.



MILTON G. HOLIDAY

EDGAR R. JAY. An article relative to this man appeared in the February, 1919, JOURNAL Supplement. At that time Jay was quite successful in his fraudulent transactions as he represented himself to be the secretary of different well-known men. Recently he presented a worthless draft at a Clifton, Colo., member bank, but was unsuccessful in securing funds. However, during May he secured cash from a Kansas City, Mo., member bank by representing himself to be one of their depositors and telegraphing for money. Shortly afterwards Jay was arrested by the local sheriff at Garden City, Kan. He confessed to the operation and was sentenced to serve from one to five years at the Kansas State Penitentiary. While the sheriff was taking him to the penitentiary he escaped from custody and is now wanted as a fugitive from justice.



EDGAR R. JAY

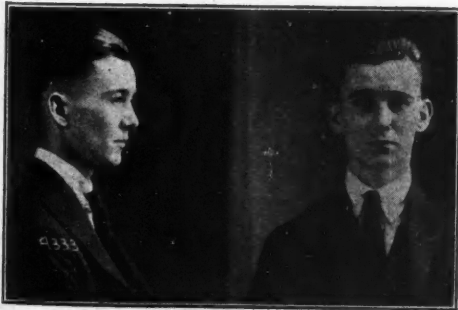
EDWIN E. LARSON worked a short time in Kansas City, Mo., for a local street car company. While so employed he forged the indorsement of another employee of this company to a check which he cashed at a member bank in Kansas City. At the same time his wife was employed as maid in a responsible family and in some manner Larson secured



EDWIN E. LARSON

the signature of his wife's employer. Later he forged this person's name to a check which he negotiated at a store in Kansas City, and the forgery not being discovered, the bank also lost on it. The matter was turned over to our detective agents' Kansas City representatives, who located Larson in Princeton, Mo., where he was arrested. He has been returned to Kansas City, and is being held awaiting trial. Larson is about 23 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds, fair complexion, blue eyes, light brown hair; slow and deliberate in movements.

**JAMES MASON.** On May 12, 1921, while J. M. Elder, detective of the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department was in Milwaukee, Wis., a young man and his wife were arrested for attempting to cash a worthless check at a member bank at that place. Mr. Elder identified the man as James Mason, alias Edward Myers, alias Arthur Clark, etc., who operated in Kansas City during November, 1920, as detailed in the December, 1920, JOURNAL Supplement. Our Kansas City detective agents were notified and arrangements are being made to return this criminal to Kansas City for prosecution. He is also wanted in St. Louis and other points for similar crimes. James Mason, whose photograph appears herewith, is about 21 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, 120 pounds, very slender build, dark eyes, dark hair.



JAMES MASON

H. B. MINICK deposited two worthless checks in a member bank at Seattle, Wash., and was successful in drawing against them before returns had been received. Our detective agents' Seattle representatives were called on to locate Minick. On May 29, 1921, they secured information from one of their informants that Minick was then on a certain street in Seattle in a Buick touring car. Acting on this information they located Minick and effected his arrest. He confessed to having passed the worthless checks, and was held awaiting trial. The Washington Bankers Association prorated the expense of this investigation.

**EARL W. PAULSON,** alias Frank Stevens. During May, 1921, a member bank of Chicago, Ill., reported a loss on two checks made payable to Frank Stevens and bearing forged signatures. Our detective agents investigated and established the identity of the operator as Earl W. Paulson. On June 7, 1921, Paulson was located by our detective agents and confessed. He was arrested by the local authorities cooperating with our agents. Subsequently complete restitution was made and Paulson was released from custody.

**S. PEICOFF,** alias Wm. Spiwak. The attention of our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives was called to this individual recently, due to his having passed a worthless check and having caused a member bank to sustain a loss. Our agents located Spiwak and he was placed under arrest by the local police department.

**DAVID H. RICHARDSON** victimized two member banks in San Diego, Calif., by means of worthless checks drawn on a Chicago, Ill., bank. He was arrested May 30, 1921, by the local authorities in Tijuana. He has since been returned to San Diego and sentenced to serve from one to fourteen years in the California State Penitentiary. The California Bankers Association prorated with this Association the expenses incurred by our detective agents in making the investigation.

**CHARLES W. SHARP,** alias George Harrington, alias Robert E. Sharp, alias Thomas O'Brien, etc. Articles relative to this individual have been published in various JOURNAL Supplements from July, 1912, to January, 1916. He has been arrested several times and has served terms in the New Jersey State Penitentiary and the Washington State Penitentiary. Recently he and an accomplice caused a member bank of Fort Worth, Texas, to sustain a loss on a worthless check negotiated by them. On March 17, 1921, Charles W. Sharp was placed under arrest in Portsmouth, Va., by a special officer of Norfolk County. He has since been returned to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for trial, where he was wanted on the charge of having defrauded a local party. Arrangements have been made to have detainer warrants lodged by the interested banks.

**PRESTON SIMMS** defrauded a member bank of Holbrook, Ariz., by means of a forged check. Simms was placed under arrest by the local authorities in Everett, Mass., on June 8, 1921, on information furnished by the Arizona authorities. He was held awaiting extradition to Arizona.

**G. R. SIMONS,** alias Ernest Sewell, alias G. B. Jackson, etc., appeared in Kansas City, Mo., June 6, 1921, and employed a messenger boy to deliver forged telegrams to four member banks, purporting to have been sent by different banks in Iowa and Missouri, authorizing them to pay him \$200, and waiving identification. At one of the banks he was held under a pretext and our detective agents' Kansas City representatives were notified. They effected his arrest,



and learned that he was wanted in Des Moines, Iowa, for defrauding three member banks a few days before. The Des Moines authorities were notified and Simons has been returned there for prosecution. Simons is described as being about 23 years of age, 5 feet 3 inches, blue eyes, brown hair, slightly wavy; very small mouth; sharp chin.

**GAYLE GEORGE SOWERS.** On May 13, 1921, a member bank of Rochester, N. Y., reported having been defrauded during November, 1920, by means of two worthless checks. The matter was referred to our detective agents' New York, Buffalo, Kansas City and Washington representatives. Their Kansas City representatives secured information as to Sowers' location in Washington, D. C., and their Washington representatives effected his arrest on May 21. He was held awaiting extradition to Rochester.

**ALEC E. STINSON.** Due to the acquaintance of this man at a Monrovia, Calif., member bank, he was successful in obtaining funds on a bogus check. After leaving Monrovia, Stinson went to Los Angeles and purchased a suit made from a striking green plaid pattern. The suit resulted in his arrest by our detective agents' St. Louis representatives. When then located a suspect in a hotel in St. Louis, under the name of Alfred Morton, he was not wearing the suit, but a piece of the cloth was found in his room. Stinson then confessed to having passed the check and was held awaiting the arrival of an officer from California.

**FRED THOMPSON.** A member bank of Little Rock, Ark., reported having been defrauded by Fred Thompson on a forged check. Our detective agents' Memphis representatives investigated at Little Rock and found that four trunks had been shipped to New Orleans, La., by Thompson. Our agents' New Orleans representatives took up this trail and were successful in locating Thompson and effecting his arrest on May 16, 1921.

## REMOVED

### FORGERS, ETC.

Barlow, Robert, forged check—Released on probation.  
 Beeler, Vivian R., forged check—Released on probation for 2 years.  
 Beveridge, E. L., forged checks—Acquitted.  
 Cash, R. C., worthless checks—1 year County Jail, Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Caudillo, Santos, forged checks—Indeterminate term, Ione Reform School, Calif.  
 Cecil, E. O., bogus checks—1 to 14 years State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.  
 Crossley, C. C., forged check—Effected restitution and released.  
 Fogel, Mrs. J., forged checks—Leniency extended, charges dismissed.  
 Hundley, John, bogus checks—Released.  
 Jay, E. R., forgery—5 years State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kans.  
 Krull F. D., worthless check—1 to 10 years State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.  
 Kuykendall, N. C., forged checks—1 year County Jail, Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Lauman, George G., forged check—2 years U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kans.  
 Marley, Mrs. M. J., worthless checks—Released, prosecution failed due to defendant's mental condition.

Minick, H. B., worthless checks—1 to 15 years State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.

Morse, W. H., mortgage swindle—2 to 5 years State Penitentiary, Florence, Ariz.

Mortan, Charles, worthless check—Indeterminate term, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.

Naylor, Arthur, swindle—Acquitted.

Paulson, Earl W., forged checks—Effected restitution and released.

Prescott, E. H., worthless check—1 to 10 years State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.

Reinhart, Robert, worthless check—1 to 3 years State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio.

Richardson, David H., worthless checks—1 to 14 years State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.

Scherer, Wm. E., bogus checks—5 years State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.

Schreiber, Julius C., bogus checks—Case dismissed.

Smith, Harold D., worthless check—Effected restitution and released.

Stevens, Maud, worthless checks—Released, insufficient evidence to convict.

Whitney C., forged checks—Case dismissed.

Zarate, P. S., forgery—1 to 14 years State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.

### BURGLARS AND HOLDUP ROBBERS

Baucom, Arthur, holdup—Life term State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.

Bohmer, John J., holdup—30 years State Penitentiary, Waupun, Wis.

Campbell, Harry, burglary—Fugitive from justice.

Clark, Tom, holdup—18 months State Penitentiary, Wethersfield, Conn.

Hague, Fred L., holdup—12 to 25 years State Penitentiary, Jackson, Mich.

Hamm, James H., holdup—Life term State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.

Marrow, Charles, holdup—28 years State Penitentiary, Wethersfield, Conn.

Quigley, Frank, holdup—15 to 30 years State Penitentiary, Jackson, Mich.

Stewart, Charles E., holdup—30 years State Penitentiary, Waupun, Wis.

Terrell, Ray, burglary—3 years State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.

Williams, Roland J., burglary—Fugitive from justice.

### STATISTICS OF THE PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1920	Arrested since August 31, 1920	Arrested in June, 1921	Total	Convicted	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc.....	144	326	33	359	191	99	24	130
Burglars .....	7	51	5	51	30	1	2	25
Holdup robbers.....	7	75	5	80	54	...	2	31
Sneak thieves.....	3	1	...	1	2	2	...	...
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>245</b>

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### PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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 CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Building.  
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 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON.—500 Southern Building.  
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 PENNSYLVANIA, PITTSBURGH.—Commonwealth Building.

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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## JULY PROTECTIVE WORK

### WARNING

#### CHECK SWINDLER OPERATING

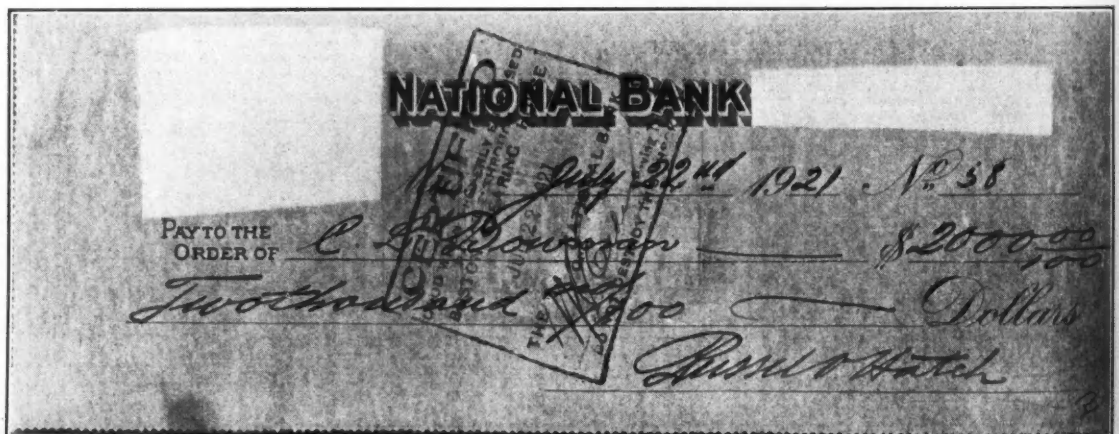
A crook who has succeeded in swindling twenty-five member banks and one non-member bank out of \$43,350 in the last two years is operating again, and extra precautions should be taken so that the bank tellers will be on the lookout for him. The criminal is known as F. Mayer, alias J. J. Reid, alias Chas. Becker, alias Thomas Fuller, alias L. A. Brown, alias Martin Enderlee, alias Howard R. Harvey, alias Thomas Liggett, alias G. L. Bowman, alias R. O. Hatch. His method of operation is simple and the only way he will be caught will be through the exercise of extreme caution and watchfulness.

Mayer has perfected a system peculiarly his own. He opens an account with two or three local banks and then proceeds to "kite" checks. When he has gained the confidence of the various banks where his accounts have been opened, he secures from one of the institutions a certified check which always is covered with funds in the bank upon which it is drawn and by whom it is certified. He then draws up three or four other checks which are exactly alike upon which he forges a certification stamp carefully copied from the original check. Armed with these he makes the rounds of his different banks where the fraudulent certified checks are accepted and immediately cashed. If one of the bankers had been suspicious of the check and called the certifying bank he would have learned that a check for the stipulated amount had been issued.

The safe way in dealing with this criminal will be for

every bank to carefully look into references given by those who open new accounts, as Mayer obviously gives references which will not bear close investigation. He has successfully operated in four member banks in Chicago where in August, 1919, he secured a total of \$8,000 through forged certifications. In December of the same year he defrauded four member banks in Milwaukee where he passed four certified checks for \$550 each. In the following month he opened three new accounts in member banks in Brooklyn and forged and passed three certified checks for \$1,450 each. In March of 1920, six member banks in New Orleans were defrauded in like manner. The checks in that instance being for \$1,800 each. His most recent activity was in Boston, Massachusetts, last month, when he succeeded in defrauding eight member banks and one non-member bank by cashing forged certified checks in each one for \$2,000 apiece. Mayer's description has been secured and is as follows: 35 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches in height, weight 140 or 150 pounds, sallow complexion, light sandy hair, stocky build, has the appearance of a German Jew and talks with a slight German accent. Mayer usually wears a straw hat and dark clothes. He affects tortoise shell rimmed or gold rimmed glasses.

The success with which this thief has operated will undoubtedly prove his undoing but his capture will be expedited if all banks pay particular attention to the investigation of all new accounts opened. His activities were explained at length in the April, 1920, issue of the Protective Department of THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION. A fac-simile of one of the checks which he has passed is presented herewith.



**\$500 REWARD OFFERED**

W. W. Bowman, Secretary of the Kansas Bankers Association, has issued a warning against H. B. Moore, of Oswego, Kansas, who has been cashing worthless checks on the Exchange State Bank, of Parsons, Kansas. Moore is described as 32 years old, height about 5 feet 8 inches, brown eyes and a natty dresser. He wears tortoise shell spectacles. The Kansas Bankers Association on behalf of Moore's father-in-law is offering a \$500 reward for his arrest.

According to the Association, Moore married a respectable Kansas girl, who was well known for her work as an army camp dietitian during the war, and is cashing checks on her reputation. He first secured money under false pretenses and then took his wife away on a trip. No word other than his worthless checks has been received although the girl's father believes she has written home often.

The worthless checks have been cashed by Moore at widely separated points and the warning against him is general.

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relative to this individual have been published in various JOURNAL Supplements during the past four years. While he has not operated frequently, his fraudulent transactions have been recurring from time to time and he has been very successful. Recently he operated with bogus certified checks drawn on the First National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa. His photograph is reproduced herewith, also one of his checks, showing his peculiar handwriting. If member banks will bear this article in mind, they may avoid a loss and aid in the capture of a dangerous operator. Pomeroy is 40 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, 119 pounds, very slender build, florid complexion, blue eyes, sandy red hair.



EDWARD CHARLES POMEROY

**BOGUS CERTIFIED CHECK OPERATOR**

EDWARD CHARLES POMEROY, alias James I. Covington, alias F. D. Jarrett, alias W. H. Wilson, alias H. J. Garland, alias Albert L. Moseley, alias W. Kramer. Articles

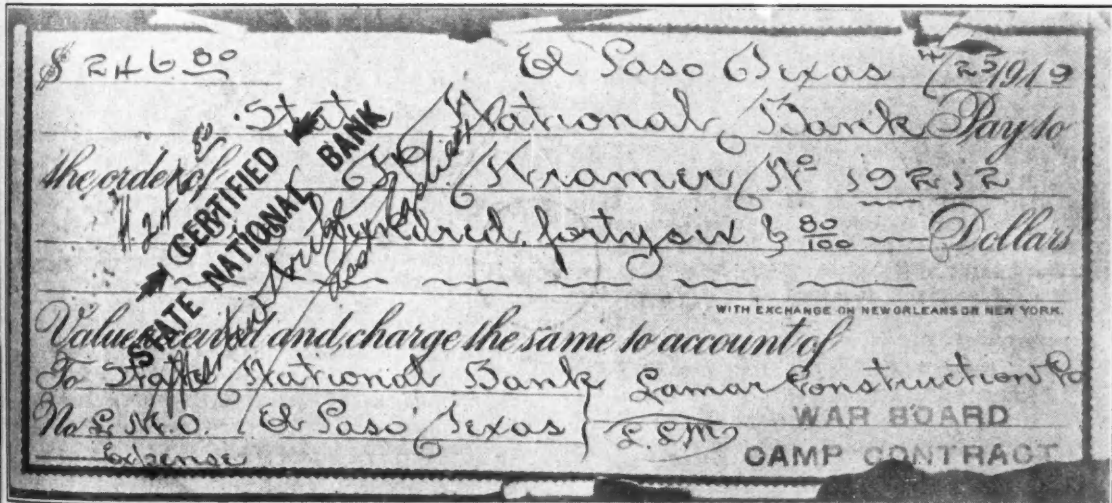


DAN J. MORRISSEY

**ESCAPED**

Dangerous operator again at large

DAN J. MORRISSEY, alias A. F. McAlfee, alias James Kenyon, while passing through the State of North Dakota on his way to Butte, Mont., for trial, escaped from a deputy sheriff and is now at large. An arrest article relative to this man, giving the details of his operations is published elsewhere in this issue. Morrissey operates with bona-fide





letters of credit, which he either raises or alters by means of acid. Several member banks in Texas and Montana have been defrauded. Morrissey is 26 years of age, 5 feet 7½ inches, 115 pounds, slim build, medium complexion, light gray eyes, medium chestnut hair; tattoo of bathing girl, "Marjie" below, on upper arm, front; tattoo anchor and crown on forearm. Bertillon measurements: 70.7; 66.0; 92.8; 19.5; 14.5; 13.5; 6.5; 25.1; 11.5; 8.7; 45.1. Finger print classification: 1 U 01 9  
1 U 10 7.

This man is badly wanted and any information relative to him should be transmitted to this department or the nearest office of our detective agents.

F. H. HOWARD is the name used by a bogus check operator who opened an account at a member bank in Duncan, Okla., during the latter part of May. He claimed to be drilling near there for an oil company. He opened his account with a cash deposit, and later deposited checks which proved to be worthless. He was permitted to draw on his account before the checks were collected. A specimen of Howard's handwriting is shown herewith. He is described as being about 48 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 160 pounds, slender build, dark complexion; neat dresser.



JAMES H. CRANSTON, alias W. E. Nelson, alias J. W. Parker, alias John Boyd, several months ago came to Wichita, Kan., with his wife and baby, and under the name of W. E. Nelson purchased a small grocery store at that place. About June 1, 1921, he sold his grocery store, deposited some worthless checks in a member bank there, where he carried an account as W. E. Nelson, drew the money on these uncollected items and disappeared. His correct name is said to be James H. Cranston, and it is alleged he was at one time on the Pennsylvania Mounted Police Force, working out of Scranton, Pa. The authorities in Wichita hold a warrant for this man, who is about 35 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches, 200 pounds, dark complexion, black hair, dark eyes, smooth shaven, large mouth; one or two front teeth missing; quite bald on top of head.

THOMAS WARLEY. An individual using the name of Thomas Warley is alleged to be the leader of a gang of Mexican swindlers operating with forged letters of identification and bogus drafts. Three members of this band were captured in Monterrey, Mex., and, according to their statements, Warley is the one who planned the operations and had the forged letters of identification and bogus drafts in his possession. Warley is an American, about 35 or 36 years of age, tall, medium complexion, blue eyes, light brown hair; may wear a false short English mustache.

F. A. FOSTER is the name used by a criminal who defrauded a member bank in Duncan, Okla., with a worthless draft drawn on an individual in Wichita Falls, Texas. He was permitted to draw on this draft before it was collected. A specimen of his handwriting is shown herewith. Foster is about 25 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds, slender build, light complexion, light brown hair; considerable gold in front teeth.



## ARRESTED

### CLEVER SWINDLER APPREHENDED

Our agents cause arrest of operator, who altered letters of credit

DAN J. MORRISSEY, alias A. F. McAlfee, alias James Kenyon. During May, 1921, Dan J. Morrissey purchased a letter of credit from a member bank in Taylor, Texas, which he immediately raised to a considerable amount. He secured funds on this letter of credit from member banks in Del Rio and El Paso, Texas, causing them to sustain losses. Morrissey then proceeded to Spokane, Wash., where he assumed the name of A. F. McAlfee, and purchased another letter of credit. By altering same, he defrauded member banks at Butte, Helena and Great Falls, Mont. Our detective agents' Dallas and Spokane representatives investigated this matter and warning circulars were sent out by our agents various offices regarding the operations of this man. On June 18, our agents' Minneapolis representatives were advised that J. B. Kenyon had just purchased a letter of credit from a Minneapolis member bank. It was ascertained that Kenyon answered the description of Dan J. Morrissey, alias A. F. McAlfee, and he was placed under surveillance while our agents investigated further. They learned that Kenyon was not employed by the firm he claimed to represent, then notified the local police department, who cooperated with them, and Kenyon was placed under arrest on June 20. Later Kenyon admitted that his right name was Dan J. Morrissey and that he had used the name of A. F. McAlfee. He was held awaiting extradition to Butte, Mont.

### INDEPENDENCE, LA., ATTEMPTED BURGLARY

NATALE DEAMORE, JOSEPH GIGLIO, JOSEPH BOCCIO, ROY LEONA, ANDREA LAMANTIA and JOSEPH RINI. Early in the morning of May 8, 1921, an attempt was made to burglarize a member bank of Independence, La. A local party who saw the attempt and gave an alarm was shot to death by the burglars. The local authorities at Independence and Baton Rouge worked on this case as well as the police department of New Orleans, with which our detective agents cooperated. They were successful in placing the above-named individuals under arrest. All were convicted of murder at Amite, La., during June, having been charged with the murder of the person who gave the alarm at the time the attempt was made to rob the bank. We wish to congratulate the authorities at New Orleans, Independence and Baton Rouge for their splendid work in effecting the arrest of these men.

### AUGUSTA, WIS., BURGLARY

STANLEY RUSSELL, OTTO FORSTER, GUST WATTS, RAY RUDDY and EARNEST FORSTER. Between 12:30 and 3:30 A. M., May 12, 1921, a member bank of Augusta, Wis., was burglarized. The operators broke into the vault and rifled the safe deposit boxes, but were unable to get the safe open. On May 18, 1921, the St. Paul Police Department arrested Stanley Russell, Otto Forster and Gust Watts. Ray Ruddy and Earnest Forster have also been arrested. All five were given a hearing in Eau Claire, Wis., on May 27, 1921, and bound over to the September term of court under heavy bail, on the charge of burglarizing the bank.



## HALSEY, ORE., ATTEMPTED BURGLARY

R. W. COOLEY, IRVIN L. WRIGHT, WILLIAM SCHULTZ and HENRY SCHULTZ. On June 27, 1921, an attempt was made to burglarize a member bank at Halsey, Ore. While the burglars were removing a window from the bank, a local citizen saw them and gave an alarm. When the local sheriff and others arrived at the bank, the burglars had gone, so they secreted themselves and waited. A short time afterwards the burglars returned in an automobile and when they did not stop at the sheriff's command, he fired, killing Henry Schultz and wounding William Schultz and Wright. The wounded men were arrested later by the local authorities and still later Cooley was arrested. They confessed to the attempted burglary.

HORACE ANDREWS and WILL HOPPER are now under arrest at Greenwood, S. C., on the charge of being implicated in the burglary of a Trenton, S. C., member bank, which took place on October 19, 1920. Andrews and Hopper were arrested by the local authorities at Shelby, N. C., and returned to Greenwood. Andrews has confessed his part in the burglary.

EARL "RED" BISHOP, who, it is alleged, was implicated in the burglary of the Carterville-Royalton Banking Company, Royalton, Ill., on August 20, 1919, was arrested in St. Louis, Mo., by post office inspectors, during the latter part of June, 1921. He has been returned to East St. Louis by the Federal authorities to answer charges of burglarizing banks and post offices.

ALEXANDER BLAIR was recently arrested by the local authorities in Des Moines, Iowa. During September, 1920, Blair caused a Des Moines member bank to sustain a loss on several worthless checks. He is now awaiting trial. The Iowa Bankers Association cooperated with this Association in defraying the expenses incurred by our agents in investigating this matter.

G. W. BROWN victimized a member bank of Lincoln, Iowa, by means of a worthless check in October, 1920. During February, 1921, he was arrested by the local authorities in New York, N. Y. The expenses of the investigation made by our detective agents were prorated between the Iowa Bankers Association and this Association.

F. L. CAMPBELL. Through his acquaintance with one of the tellers of a member bank in Cedar Falls, Iowa, this individual was able to secure funds on three bogus checks in small amounts. The matter was reported to our detective agents' Des Moines representatives, who investigated in behalf of the bank's membership in the Iowa Bankers Association and this Association. On July 6, 1921, they were successful in locating Campbell in Ottumwa, Iowa, and he was placed under arrest.

GEORGE CONWAY, alias Carl A. Reynolds, alias George V. Coleman. During February, 1921, this man deposited a bogus check at a member bank in Chillicothe, Mo., and was successful in drawing a small amount against that check. Recently Conway was arrested at Rochester, Ind., by the local authorities and returned to Tiffin, Ohio, for trial. There he pleaded guilty to having passed a worthless check. The sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

ANGELO CORRADI, alias Angelo Darca, alias Antonio Mesina, alias Angelo Roma, alias Frank Spinott, etc. An article giving the details of this man's operations was published in

the May, 1921, JOURNAL Supplement. On June 23, 1921, he was arrested by the local authorities at Tonopah, Nev., who acted on information supplied to our detective agents by the constable at Pittsburg, Calif. He has been returned to Martinez, Calif., for trial.

R. M. DE CORDOVA recently went into business in Duncan, Okla. During the early part of June, this year, the firm with which he was connected deposited in their account at a member bank in Duncan, several thousand dollars worth of checks, which proved to be worthless, and were permitted to draw on same to quite an extent before collection. Our detective agents' Kansas City representatives were called on by the bank and soon secured such proof that De Cordova was placed under arrest in Duncan on June 21, 1921, and is accused of writing the spurious checks himself. It later developed that he is wanted at several other points.

EDWARD E. EIDSCHUN secured an introduction at a Ridgewood, N. J., member bank through a local builder. A short time later he secured cash on a forged check in a considerable amount, drawn on a Greenwich, Conn., bank. Our detective agents were requested to investigate. They traced Eidschun to various points in New Jersey and finally to Stroudsburg, Pa., where they located him and effected his arrest. He was returned to Ridgewood, N. J., for trial.

W. A. FITZPATRICK. During November, 1920, W. A. Fitzpatrick defrauded a member bank of San Francisco by means of a check to which he had forged the name of his former employers. Our detective agents' San Francisco representatives investigated the matter and on learning that this man's home was in Brooklyn, N. Y., their New York representatives took up the case and located Fitzpatrick. On June 8, 1921, he was arrested by the local authorities in Brooklyn cooperating with our agents. He was held awaiting extradition to California. The California Bankers Association prorated with this Association the expenses incurred by our detective agents.



DR. R. G. GENTRY

DR. R. G. GENTRY defrauded several banks in Canada, Michigan and California, by securing advances on uncollected items. On June 26, 1921, he was arrested by the sheriff's office at El Centro, Calif., and returned to Pasadena. Most of the interested banks accepted restitution and dropped their charges against Gentry, but the defrauded banks in San Bernardino, Calif., refused to accept offers of settlement and decided to prosecute. On July 8, 1921, Gentry pleaded guilty to a charge brought by one of the San Bernardino banks and was sentenced to serve six months on the chain gang.

After completing that sentence he will be tried on the charge of another San Bernardino bank.

**WILLIAM GARDNER** and **ROBERT COLE**. While one of our detective agents' Buffalo representatives was in Jamestown, N. Y., it was reported to him that several forged checks were being passed and two local member banks had been defrauded. His investigation led him to suspect William Gardner and Robert Cole. With the assistance of the local sheriff's office, Gardner was located and questioned. He confessed to having passed certain checks and implicated Cole. Gardner was then placed under arrest and Cole was apprehended shortly afterwards by one of the deputy sheriffs. Both are now awaiting trial.

**GEORGE W. GORDON** defrauded one member bank in Johnstown, Pa., by means of a short change swindle, and was placed under arrest by the local authorities while attempting to defraud another member bank there. He is now awaiting trial.

**MRS. HELEN J. GOSSINOW** secured possession of a government pay check, forged the indorsement thereon, and deposited same in a Chicago, Ill., member bank. She then withdrew the funds at different times. Early in May, 1921, she was placed under arrest by operatives of the United States Secret Service and confessed.

**FRANK B. HALE** was arrested in Ottawa, Kans., on March 3, 1921, by the local authorities. He was held in connection with the holdup of a member bank in Rosedale, Kans. On June 29, 1921, he was convicted on that charge, but sentence has not been passed as yet.

**R. F. HAYWOOD**. On May 24, 1921, this man secured cash from a Hoboken, N. J., member bank on a worthless check. Three days later he attempted to secure funds on another worthless check and was detained until a representative of our detective agents reached the bank. Haywood was then placed under arrest and is now awaiting trial.

**FRED JAMISON**, alias Fred Jacobson, alias Carl Roberts. An individual using the above names defrauded member banks in Los Angeles and San Francisco, Calif., by means of worthless checks and our detective agents were called on to locate him. On April 16, 1921, they were successful in locating him in San Francisco and effecting his arrest. On April 18, Jamison was released on a small bond on the San Francisco charge, whereupon our agents again caused his arrest on the Los Angeles charge. He has been returned to Los Angeles for trial.

**ALBERT JONES** was arrested by the local authorities in Linwood, Kans., as he left the Linwood State Bank early in the morning of July 7, 1921. After his arrest Jones confessed to having attempted to burglarize the bank with another man, who escaped.

**J. W. KING**. A member bank in Duncan, Okla., was victimized by means of a bogus check, and the matter was reported to our detective agents' Kansas City representatives for investigation. On information supplied by them, J. W. King was arrested by the local authorities at Comanche, Okla., while attempting to secure, through a bank there, some of the funds paid by the Duncan bank on the bogus check. King confessed to having secured the funds from the Duncan bank, but stated he was under instructions from one E. R. Hammerson, to whom he claimed to have given most of the money. King is now awaiting trial and Hammerson is being sought.

**JAMES B. KING** was arrested on April 2, 1920, by the Minneapolis police department on a charge of being impli-

cated in the holdup of a Minneapolis, Minn., member bank. During May, he was convicted. The disposition of his case is given elsewhere in this issue.

**EDWARD KLOHS** defrauded a member bank of Glen Cove, N. Y., by means of a forged check during March, 1921, and our detective agents were requested to investigate. Our agents' representative, accompanied by an official of the interested bank and a detective of the Glen Cove Police Department, proceeded to Paterson, N. J., where they located and effected the arrest of Klohs. He was returned to Glen Cove for prosecution, and on June 4, 1921, pleaded guilty. The disposition of his case is given elsewhere in this issue.

**JOHN B. LITSEY**, alias J. Myron Chase, alias Paul Dupre, is now under arrest in Los Angeles, Calif. He defrauded member banks in Los Angeles, Oakland and Sacramento, Calif., through forged checks. On June 18, 1921, he was placed under arrest by the local authorities and other interested parties in Los Angeles. Later he was interviewed by one of our agents' representatives and confessed to having defrauded banks in the above cities. The California Bankers Association cooperated with this Association in defraying the expenses incurred by our detective agents in investigating this matter.

**CHARLES McCLELLAN**, alias Ricard Shontz, alias John Verosky, was arrested on June 29, 1921, at Mt. Pleasant, Pa., by the local authorities. McClellan operated with cashiers' drafts which were raised from eight dollars and some odd cents to eighty dollars and some odd cents. He defrauded several member banks in Pennsylvania.

**J. D. McCULLOUGH** defrauded an Atlanta, Ga., member bank on two forged checks during November, 1920, and the matter was reported to our special representative at Atlanta, who conducted an investigation. At that time he was unable to locate McCullough, but during June, 1921, additional information was secured and the investigation resumed. J. D. McCullough was located in Tampa, Fla., where he was living under the name of Dudley Jones. Our special representative then effected his arrest and he confessed to having passed the forged checks in question. He was held awaiting extradition to Atlanta.

**E. W. McDONALD**. In the March, 1921 JOURNAL Supplement we published an article relative to McDonald's previous record and quoted his arrest in New York, N. Y. While he was out on bail awaiting trial on the New York charge, he went to Philadelphia and defrauded two member banks there by means of worthless checks. Our detective agents were again called on to locate him, which they were successful in doing in New York, N. Y., on July 8, 1921. He was placed under arrest and held awaiting extradition to Philadelphia.

**ROBERT L. MESSIMER**, alias A. B. Burbank, alias L. L. Holmes, was apprehended in San Francisco, Calif., on July 8, 1921, by a special agent of a railroad. When our agents questioned him he admitted having passed two forged checks on which a member bank of Oakland, Calif., sustained a loss during December, 1920. The expenses incurred by our agents in investigating this case were prorated between the California Bankers Association and this Association.

**FREDERICK MOCK**, alias Frederick Rudisill, defrauded a member bank of Shamokin, Pa., by means of a bogus check. Recently he was arrested at St. Mary's, Ga., by the local authorities and returned to Jessup, Ga., where he was wanted on a local charge. He was convicted at Jessup, Ga., and sentenced. Inasmuch as it would be some time before he

could be tried on a bank charge, we are removing his name from the awaiting trial list and considering this a conviction. The sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

**HAROLD L. MONEY.** An article relative to this individual was published in the April, 1919, *JOURNAL* Supplement. In October, 1919, restitution was made and the case against Money dropped. On June 72, 1921, this operator was successful in securing cash from a Winthrop, Mass., member bank on a worthless check drawn on a Petersburg, Va., bank. Early in July, Money was arrested by the Boston police department on the charge of defrauding a hotel.

**JOSE V. NOBLE.** It is alleged that this individual caused a member bank of Los Angeles, Calif., to suffer a loss on two forged checks. Our detective agents investigated the matter and Noble was identified. As he was in the navy he was placed under arrest by the naval authorities and held for court martial.

**UNO. E. PETERSON,** alias Fred Swanson, defrauded a member bank of Fergus Falls, Minn., on a forged check during November, 1920. He was arrested a short time later by the local authorities at Fergus Falls and on being questioned by one of our detective agents' Minneapolis representatives, he confessed to the operation.

**WALTER PLOTNICKI,** alias Harry A. Smith, alias John H. Martins. This operator defrauded member banks in Lockport, N. Y., Rochester, N. Y., and Detroit, Mich., by means of bogus cashiers' drafts, purporting to have been issued by the Peoples Bank, Buffalo, N. Y., on the Irving National Bank, New York, N. Y. On June 28, 1921, Plotnicki was arrested in Detroit, Mich., by the local police department. The following day he pleaded guilty and the sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

**JACK PRESCOTT.** During January, 1920, this individual was located by our Atlanta special representative at Savannah, Ga. He was placed under arrest by the local authorities and returned to Waynesboro, Ga., for trial. It is alleged that he caused a Waynesboro member bank to sustain a loss on three checks bearing forged signatures.

**ELBIE B. RAINES** caused a member bank of Chicago, Ill., to sustain a loss on a forged check and the matter was called to the attention of our detective agents' Chicago representatives who investigated the matter. Raines was formerly employed by the firm whose name he forged on the check. Our agents, believing that he would enter the premises of that firm, as he had a key in his possession, held the premises under surveillance and were successful in effecting Raines' arrest on July 2, 1921. He is now awaiting trial.

**H. RHYNOS** victimized a member bank of Lake City, S. C., by means of a bogus check drawn on a Norfolk, Va., bank. Our detective agents investigated the matter and ascertained that Rhynos had been arrested by agents of the Department of Justice and was being held on a charge of desertion at Fort Howard, Md. A detainer warrant was lodged with the military authorities by the Lake City authorities so that when the government charge has been disposed of, Rhynos will be tried on the bank charge.

**JOHN J. ROCHE,** mentioned in the June, 1921, *JOURNAL* Supplement, was traced to Texas by our detective agents' Kansas City representative. Their Dallas representatives then investigated the case and were successful in locating Roche at Sherman, Tex., where he was arrested by the local sheriff's office cooperating with our agents. He is being returned to Chillicothe, Mo., for prosecution.

**W. W. SEARS.** A member bank of Chicago, Ill., sustained a loss on a forged check negotiated by Sears and our detective agents were requested to locate him. Their Chicago, New York and St. Louis representatives investigated the matter. On June 26, 1921, they located Sears in St. Louis, and with the cooperation of the St. Louis Police Department, effected his arrest. He has been returned to Chicago for trial.

**SHUBEL K. SIVER** removed several bonds from a safe deposit box of a New Brunswick, N. J., member bank, and disappeared. He was later arrested by the local authorities and returned to New Brunswick for trial. He pleaded guilty and the disposition of his case is given elsewhere in this issue.

**FRANK F. SMITH** recently opened an account at a member bank in Kansas City, Mo., with a check to which the name of one of their customers was signed. Before the forgery was discovered Smith had withdrawn most of the money. On July 9, 1921, Smith and a woman who has been living with him as his wife, endeavored to negotiate a check on his account at a clothing store, which communicated with the bank, and Smith was immediately placed under arrest. He is being held awaiting trial at the present time.

**FRED TAYLOR** victimized member banks in Louisiana and Mississippi by means of forged cashiers' checks, ostensibly issued by a bank in Barnesville, Ga. Early in June, he was arrested by the local authorities at Strong, Ark., and arrangements were made to have detainer warrants lodged by the interested banks.

**ROY WATERS,** alias Roy Watson, alias Raymond Olston. A member bank of Missoula, Mont., was defrauded by a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor which was passed in Los Angeles, Calif., by this individual. On June 29, 1921, Roy Waters was arrested in Spokane, Wash., by the local authorities cooperating with our detective agents.

**W. B. WELCH** and **SETH STONE.** During March, 1921, these two men were arrested in connection with the holdup of a member bank of Piedmont, Okla., by the local authorities in Oklahoma City, with whom our detective agents cooperated. On May 14, 1921, they were found guilty. The sentences they received are given elsewhere in this issue.

**A. E. YOUNG,** alias E. D. Gay, victimized a member bank of Petaluma, Calif., by means of a forged check in a small amount. Our detective agents' San Francisco representatives investigated the matter in behalf of the bank's membership in the California Bankers Association and this Association. On June 19, 1921, Young was arrested in San Francisco by a detective of the local police department, who cooperated with our agents.

## REMOVED

### FORGERS, ETC.

Abea, Albert, forged indorsements—6 months, chain gang, Fla.

Apple, A. B., forged checks—Released.

Barton, S. E., worthless checks—1 year chain gang, Ga.

Bottomly, Geo. M., bogus checks—Escaped.

Brady, James F., forged indorsement—Suspended sentence.

Brown, G. W., worthless check—Indeterminate term, New York County Penitentiary, Blackwells Island, N. Y.

Burek, Harry, forged indorsement—6 months Allegheny County Jail, Pa.



Conway, George, worthless checks—3 years State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio.  
 Crossno, O. K., forged checks—4 months Workhouse, Memphis, Tenn.  
 Edwards, R. J., forged checks—Case dismissed, insufficient evidence to convict.  
 Eidschun, Edward E., forgery—Effected restitution and released.  
 Exerstine, Herman, worthless check—Placed on probation.  
 Foster, Robert, bogus checks—1 year State Penitentiary, Stillwater, Minn.  
 Foster, W. P., forged check—6 months Allegheny County Workhouse, Pa.  
 Gadbury, Joseph H., worthless check—Restitution made and case dropped.  
 Gentry, Dr. R. G., swindle—6 months chain gang, Calif.  
 Hart, Wm. J., forged check—Suspended sentence.  
 Harvey, L. N., forged indorsement—1 to 20 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.  
 Heath, W. N., bogus checks—Paroled.  
 Jastraub, A. J., forged check—1 to 20 years Sate Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio.  
 Klohs, Edward, forged check—2 to 5 years Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y.  
 Knutson, Victor S., bogus check—Paroled.  
 Lowry, W. D., worthless check—Placed on probation for 1 year.  
 McGraw, Burroughs, forged checks—Indeterminate term Reform School, Preston, Ariz.  
 McMahon, P. J., forged checks—6 months County Jail, Spokane, Wash.  
 Mock, Frederick, bogus check—8 months chain gang, Ga.  
 Morrissey, Dan J., altered letters of credit—Escaped.  
 Murray, Walter, worthless checks—7 years Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y.  
 Parzpetinto, Narcisco, forged checks—5 years Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y.  
 Perry, M. P., forged checks—Escaped.  
 Plotnicki, Walter, bogus cashiers' drafts—5 to 14 years State Penitentiary, Jackson, Mich.  
 Rose, E. C., mortgage swindle—Restitution made and prosecution dropped.  
 Rouse, Justas E., forged check—Suspended sentence.  
 Simmons, G. R., forgeries—7 years State Reformatory, Anamosa, Iowa.  
 Simmons, Thomas, forged checks—2 years State Penitentiary, Tallahassee, Fla.  
 Slade, Clarence B., forged checks—Discharged.  
 Sowers, Gayle George, worthless checks—Effected restitution and released.  
 Swader, F. J., forgery—1 to 15 years State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.  
 Vanston, Orvall G., worthless check—Escaped.  
 Walmsley, J. C., forged checks—10 years State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.  
 Weeks, G. B., forged check—Suspended sentence.  
 Whitlow, C. S., forgeries—2 years State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.  
 Williams, Alfred, raised checks—Escaped.

**BURGLARS AND HOLDUP ROBBERS**

Barker, Arthur, burglary—Case dismissed, insufficient evidence to convict.

Barrington, Chas., burglary—Acquitted.  
 Bell, Edward, holdup—Acquitted.  
 Bracchi, John, holdup—10 years, Eastern Penitentiary, Easton, Pa.  
 Bocchio, Joseph, burglary—Sentenced to death, appeal pending.  
 Burns, J. R., holdup—Life imprisonment, State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Ind.  
 Byers, Joseph, holdup—Life imprisonment, State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Ind.  
 Casey, Edward, burglary—Forfeited bond.  
 Daniels, Harry, holdup—Acquitted.  
 Deamore, Natale, burglary—Sentenced to death, appeal pending.  
 Ellis, Frank C., holdup—Acquitted.  
 Fisher, Conrad, holdup—Acquitted.  
 Fox, Peter J., holdup—Life imprisonment, State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Ind.  
 Giglio, Joseph, burglar—Sentenced to death, appeal pending.  
 Hayes, B. E., holdup—20 years State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.  
 Lamantia, Andrea, burglary—Sentenced to death, appeal pending.  
 King, James B., holdup—5 to 15 years State Penitentiary, Stillwater, Minn.  
 Leona, Roy, burglary—Sentenced to death, appeal pending.  
 Maloney, John, burglary—Acquitted.  
 Miller, Ellis, holdup—Acquitted.  
 Montgomery, Thomas, burglary—Acquitted.  
 Rini, Joseph, burglary—Sentenced to death, appeal pending.  
 Ruddy, Ray, burglary—7 years State Penitentiary, Wau-pun, Wis.  
 Russell, Stanley, burglary—Escaped.  
 Schultz, Henry, burglary—Dead.  
 Silber, Art, holdup—Life imprisonment State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Ind.  
 Siver, Shubel K., sneak theft—2 to 7 years State Penitentiary, Trenton, N. J.  
 Stone, Seth, holdup—5 years State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.  
 Watts, Gust, burglary—Escaped.  
 Welch, W. B., holdup—5 years State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.  
 Whalen, Bernard, burglary—20 years State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.

**STATISTICS OF THE PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT**

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1920	Arrested since August 31, 1920	Arrested in July, 1921	Total	Convicted	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc.....	144	359	37	396	222	106	29	183
Burglars .....	7	51	19	70	38	5	6	28
Holdup robbers.....	7	80	4	84	63	5	2	21
Sneak thieves .....	3	1	1	2	3	2	.....	.....
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>232</b>

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CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Building.  
COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON.—500 Southern Building.  
ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.—1050 Otis Building.  
IOWA, DES MOINES.—609 Observatory Building.  
LOUISIANA, NEW ORLEANS.—Queen & Crescent 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.—Woolworth Building.  
OHIO, CINCINNATI.—505 Glenn Building.  
OHIO, CLEVELAND.—Swetland Building.  
OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA CITY.—Special Representative, H. O. Brown, 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.  
WASHINGTON, SPOKANE.—Old National Bank Building.

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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## AUGUST PROTECTIVE WORK

### WARNING

#### DO YOU INITIAL CHECKS?

##### Swindler forging officials' initials to bogus checks

Particular attention is directed to the recent activities of a very clever swindler. In some manner this individual secures a specimen of a bank official's initials as they appear on checks "O.K.'d" by him. He then forges these initials on a bogus check of considerable size. The teller upon noting the "Official O.K." on the check naturally does not suspect anything wrong and pays.

On several occasions the teller has seen the party that presented the check talking with the official whose signature has been forged. It is therefore believed that the operator has a small check "O.K.'d" and at a latter date presents the bogus check, having transferred the initials.

Steps should be taken by all officials whose duties require them to handle transactions of this kind to protect their institutions from such a loss.

The operator has been very active, having defrauded several Chicago and Detroit member banks. He is described as about 30 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, medium complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, nice voice, interesting conversationalist.

*Burr A. Kennedy.  
Bryant Bush  
T. J. Lane*

### MEXICAN SWINDLER

Banks in the Republic of Mexico have requested this department to watch for ALBERTO RUBIO and his wife, ANGELA N. DE RUBIO. These individuals are issuing checks drawn on the Petroleum Banking & Trust Co., S. A., of Tampico, Mex. Alberto Rubio is described as 40 years, medium height, slender build, dark complexioned, stooped shoulders, black hair and mustache streaked with gray. Banks in Mexico should be on their guard.

PALMER CHEEK. Bogus cashier's checks of the Farmers Bank of Abbeville, Ga., are being issued by an operator using the name of Palmer Cheek. The checks are issued against the banks account in the National City Bank, New York City, and are bogus.

*Palmer Cheek  
E. E. Bragg*



EDW. A. FLAVELL

EDW. A. FLAVELL is issuing bogus checks drawn on the First National Bank of Roy, New Mexico, purporting to bear the genuine signature of a customer. Flavell is described as 36 years old, 5 feet 9½ inches tall, weighs 166 pounds, has dark complexion, brown eyes, black hair, left ear split at bell, small scar on left cheek.

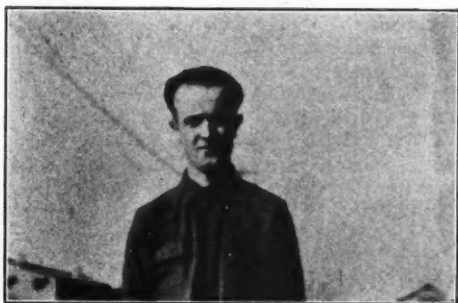
**G. W. WILSON.** An operator using the aliases of Wilson, J. G. V. Ingolsby, James G. Engelsby, John Murray, J. J. Vincent and George Ingolsby, is drawing checks on the El Paso Bank & Trust Co., El Paso, Texas. Wilson is a good confidence man and at times claims to be a wealthy oil promoter; at other times he is a lecturer. He is described as 44



G. W. WILSON

years old, 5 feet, 6¼ inches in height, weighs 140 pounds, dark complexion, dark chestnut hair, mingled with gray, blue eyes, lame in left leg. He is badly wanted for defrauding member banks of Los Angeles, Calif., and Phoenix, Ariz. Sheriff E. H. Fischer, of Nebraska City, Neb., has issued a reward circular for Wilson.

**RALPH E. TROTTER**, alias T. L. Talbert, while employed by the Truscon Steel Co., Youngstown, Ohio, in some manner secured possession of several commission and pay checks, and afterwards forged the signature of an official of the company to them and was successful in obtaining the funds and in doing



RALPH E. TROTTER

so defrauded several banks. Trotter is described as 26 years old, 5 feet 5 inches high, weighs 135 to 140 pounds, medium build, fair complexion, dark blue eyes, chestnut hair, upper and lower back teeth gold crowned; wears a tan straw leghorn hat.

*Ralph Trotter*

### BOGUS MECHANICAL ENGINEER

**R. B. THAYER**, alias C. A. Emerson. In the May, 1921, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, on page 83, we published a warning concerning the operations of R. B. Thayer. Apparently there was not much attention given this article as the operator is continuing merrily on his way and regularly finding his victims among the banking fraternity.

His method of operation is as follows: He will open accounts in several local banks in two different cities, making his initial deposits in cash. By kiting checks between these banks he succeeds in establishing his credit. He then deposits a good sized bogus check and upon being permitted to draw on this before the bank collects, he disappears. As a general rule he claims to be connected with an automobile firm. He is described as 40 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 155 pounds, medium build, medium complexion, dark hair tinged with gray.

*W R m c Farin*

*Twenty*

**BEN CLOUTHER** issued three checks bearing the forged signature of an official of the Stuart Motors and was successful in obtaining the funds from a member bank of Mission City, British Columbia. Cloutier is described as 32 to 34 years old, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, medium build, blue eyes, light brown hair, scar on upper lip.

*B Cloutier*  
*July 5*

**HARRY CARROLL**, alias Harry Roberts, alias Harry Jones, is using checks drawn on W. A. Higenbotham & Co., Bankers, Victor, N. Y. These checks are being returned to individuals residing in Northern New York.

**DR. FRED FORELL** is drawing checks on the First National Bank, Cleveland, Ohio, which are being returned as bogus. He is described as 50 to 55 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighs 130 pounds, small build, medium light complexion, gray eyes, gray hair, gray mustache, French or Jewish descent.

## ARRESTED

### APRILS ARRESTED IN AUGUST

Two brothers and companion held for series of New York City forgeries

WILLIAM V. APRIL, HARVEY APRIL and SAUL MEHL, alias Pete Rodgers, are under arrest charged with defrauding member banks of New York City by means of forged checks.

In the latter part of June our detective agents were requested to investigate a forgery wherein a local member bank was defrauded. While working on the case William V. April was suspected of the crime; however, when identifying witnesses were given the opportunity to see April they reported he was not the operator in their case. The investigation was continued with the result that Harvey April was identified by one lot of witnesses and William V. April by another. There was still one case unaccounted for and none of the witnesses in that case could identify the Aprils. It was decided to defer making arrests for a few days in the hope the April brothers would join the other operator. Our agents were rewarded for their patience for a friend of the April boys known as Saul Mehl was identified.

On August 12 our agents, co-operating with members of the famous New York bomb squad, placed the three men under arrest. Confessions were very shortly obtained and the prisoners are now awaiting trial. Six successful bank cases and three unsuccessful attempts were cleared up.

### CHICAGO POLICE MAKE QUICK ARREST

The Chicago Police are to be complimented for their quick arrest of four of the bandits that held up the State Bank of Clearings, Chicago, Ill. Within one hour following the holdup MICHAEL GEARY and VINCENT DURSIE and MARTIN SECKS, alias Big Six, were under arrest, and considerable of the loot recovered. Several days later FRANK COHEN was arrested and positively identified. Confessions have been obtained from two of the men. They are being held in \$40,000 bonds each, awaiting trial.

### BANK HOLDUP FAILS

A posse consisting of citizens of Oakdale, Tenn., have the distinction of being the first to resort to regular dime novel tactics in bringing about an arrest. On May 31, four men made an attempt to secure funds from the Oakdale Bank and Trust Co., but were scared off by the actions of one of the officials of the bank. A posse was quickly formed and as it was noted that the bandits had fled on a road that paralleled the railroad for several miles a freight train was pressed into service. The posse came upon the bandits so suddenly that the train ran a quarter of a mile past them before it could be stopped. The bandits, believing that they were about to be apprehended, left their car and separated. Two of them were trapped under a nearby bridge; the others disappeared in the heavy brush on the mountain side. The two that were captured are CHARLIE PETREE and JOHN B. McCLURE. Several days later TOM CHRISTMAS and OTTO STEVENS were arrested near Harriman. Owing to the fact that the bandits killed the owner of the car used in the holdup, they were tried on a murder charge and were convicted. They are to be put to death in the electric chair on September 15.

GEORGE F. KELSTON, an employee of a member bank of Kansas City, Mo., has caused that institution a loss by raising checks from \$16.00 to \$216.00 and \$10.00 to \$310.00, etc. Kelston worked as a bookkeeper and after having original checks signed for small amounts he would raise these checks and secure the funds from the interested bank. At the end of the month Kelston secured the canceled vouchers and destroyed them and then disappeared with a companion



GEORGE F. KELSTON

named Harry Garrene. Both men were recognized by our agents as ex-convicts and close friends of Howard H. Bell, mentioned elsewhere in this issue. Our agents traced these men to Oklahoma City, where they were arrested. Kelston was subsequently returned to Kansas City on the bank charge. As there was no known charge against Garrene it was necessary to release him.

### STATE TROOPS ARREST FIVE BANDITS

MAX GURSKI, alias Mike Persaske, and GEORGE VACHENSKI, PAUL OLAKOSKY, ALEX KLINSKY and FRANK KONHAOSKI, all Poles, ranging between the ages of 20 to 25 years, are under arrest, charged with holding up the Imperial State Bank, Imperial, Pa. Shortly after the investigation was started the chief of police of New Cumberland, W. Va., reported that he had seen a car containing four men who fitted the descriptions of the bandits. State Troopers were dispatched to the scene and were successful in rounding up the first four named men. Later the fifth was arrested near Niles, Ohio. All who are under arrest have been positively identified by officials of the bank. Our agents while not actually on hand at the time of the arrests aided the troopers.

HUGH H. NEWELL, alias John H. Douglass. During the early part of 1919 Newell, representing himself to be an official of the New Ellen Potash & Chemical Co., was successful in obtaining funds from a member bank of San Bernardino, Calif. He later defrauded an Oakland, Calif., member in the same manner. After a wide search Newell dropped from sight and nothing further was heard of him until our agents learned of the arrest and conviction of a man known as John H. Douglass. It was thought that Douglass was Newell. Steps were taken for identification and in this our agents were successful. During June, 1921, Douglass finished his term in the Clinton Prison, Dannemora, N. Y., and was returned to Oakland, Calif., for trial. Detainer warrants will be lodged with the California authorities for additional trials.

## SNOW FALLS IN JULY

### Our agents arrest ex-convict in Salt Lake City

In past issues of this supplement we have published considerable data relative to the operations of HOWARD H. BELL, alias F. Irving Snow, alias Sydney Dunlop, etc. Prison sentences do not seem to make much of an impression on this operator's mind. While in jail he usually leans toward religion and as a general rule is successful in gaining the aid of various prison reform societies. Just as soon as he is released he throws overboard his religious principles and follows the primrose path. Wine, woman and song coupled with bogus checks and highly scented toilet soaps have on two occasions been the cause of Bell's downfall. Bell likes to bask in the limelight, with the result that he finds it necessary to issue bogus checks to keep up the pace.

Just recently he was released from the Colorado State Penitentiary, where he had been transferred from Atlanta, following his arrest by our agents on a bogus check charge. A few weeks ago Bell went back to his old tricks. His record shows that in three weeks he was a prison reformer, then direct representative of the warden, then a judge. He then stepped out of these roles and went back to his old practice. He appeared at Salt Lake City, opened an elaborate suite of offices, and represented himself to be the advertising agent of the Palmolive Soap Co. Through this representation he was able to palm off several bogus checks.

In the meanwhile our agents and the police of a half dozen cities were searching for him. Our agents traced him to Salt Lake City and there got their first definite clue. Upon searching the alleged Palmolive Company's office our agents found that Bell had been arranging to distribute a million sample cakes of soap, but they were able to find only two cakes on hand; one without a wrapper which was just about to be consigned to the wash basin. The other was on exhibit. Bell was traced to a local hotel and found with two women in a highly intoxicated condition.

Owing to his operations in Utah he will be held in that State and then returned to Colorado to complete his unexpired sentence and to stand trial for his new crimes.

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WILLIAM ANDERSON is awaiting trial at Mullica Hill, N. J., charged with defrauding a local member bank. His arrest was effected by the local police.

ELLA ASBURY. By securing funds from a Chicago member bank on a check originally calling for \$7.50 but reading \$350 when paid, Ella Asbury has caused this bank a loss. Our detective agents traced this woman to Hamtramck, Mich., and there aided in effecting her arrest. She has been returned to Chicago for trial.

ABE BARKER has confessed to his share in the burglary of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Achille, Okla. He implicated Walter Patton who he claims was his companion in crime. The credit for the arrest is due the local police.

HOWARD BLUM. A member bank located at Cincinnati, Ohio, reported to our agents a loss sustained by them through paying out funds on a series of forged checks. Our agents' investigation developed the fact that Blum was the operator. After a one-day investigation Blum was located and his arrest effected. He confessed his crime to our agents.

S. E. BENNETT defrauded a member bank of Des Moines, Iowa, with worthless checks. He also found many victims among the local merchants. While our agents were engaged in making an investigation, Bennett appeared in Boone, Iowa, and was arrested by the local authorities. A few hours after his arrest he effected his escape, but three days later was rearrested while visiting his wife. He has been returned to Des Moines for trial. The Iowa Bankers Association prorated in defraying the expenses of the investigation.

RAY BLAKE defrauded a member bank of Farmington, Utah, who paid on checks received through deposits which were subsequently returned as forgeries and bearing forged indorsements. Blake is charged with stealing checks from the mail and passing them on local merchants. Our detective agents' Salt Lake City representative located Blake and after several positive identifications effected his arrest.

H. D. BROWN is under arrest at San Diego, Calif., charged with defrauding a member bank of Los Angeles, Calif., by means of a forged check. Brown's arrest was effected by the local authorities acting upon information received from our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives. The California Bankers Association prorated the expense of our agents' investigation.

HENRY CATO by forging the indorsement to a government pay check was the cause of a member bank of Des Moines, Iowa, suffering a small loss. Our detective agents upon investigating this case were successful in locating Cato in Kansas City, Mo., and through the aid of the local police effected his arrest. Cato will be tried on a Federal charge.

M. GREENBAUM, alias Greengold. Representing himself to be an official of Greenbaum Brothers, brokers, he opened a personal account with a member bank of Chicago, Ill. The initial deposit was made with a medium sized check drawn on a local bank. Before this item was collected the operator was successful in obtaining funds and as the check was returned as worthless our member bank sustained the loss. The Chicago representatives of our detective agents were successful in locating Greenbaum and effecting his arrest.

T. HALLEGAN, alias Russell McArdle, alias T. Harrington. Owing to the carelessness of a bank employee, a member bank of San Francisco, Calif., was defrauded through honoring checks received through the clearings purporting to bear their customer's signature. Upon discovering their loss our detective agents' San Francisco representatives were notified. A few days investigation resulted in the arrest of T. Hallegan by our agents cooperating with the local police. Hallegan is now awaiting trial. During the investigation the California Bankers Association prorated the expenses of same.

C. D. HARRIS. The Norfolk, Va., police have arrested C. D. Harris, who is charged with stealing funds from a local member bank. Harris' alleged companion made good his escape.

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## STOLEN BANK STOCK

A member of this Association has reported the loss of a certificate, No. 824, calling for thirty shares of Commerce Trust Co. stock of Baltimore, Md.

Kindly watch for this certificate and should same be presented notify this department.



## EX-CONVICT AGAIN IN TROUBLE

## D. A. Hatfield returns to the check game

D. A. HATFIELD, alias A. David. Through an introduction by a reputable customer of a Seattle, Wash., member bank, Hatfield was permitted to open an account with a draft drawn on an out of town bank. He was further permitted to draw against this item before returns had been received on it, with the result that when the draft was eventually returned as worthless the Seattle bank found itself short and Hatfield among the missing. Our detective agents traced the operator through several states and finally located him in Los Angeles, where he had repeated his transaction against a local member. Following his arrest at the hands of our agents he was returned to Washington for trial. The California and Washington Bankers Associations prorated the expenses of this investigation.

J. B. HEMPERLY is under arrest at Hopkinsville, Ky, charged with local crimes. Hemperly quite recently defrauded a member bank of Meadville, Pa., with bogus checks. The bank is endeavoring to return Hemperly for trial.

W. C. HILL was recently arrested at Goldsboro, N. C., by the police on a local charge. Our agents upon being notified recognized Hill as being the operator wanted in connection with a fraud committed against a member bank of New Bern, N. C. This bank has been notified of the arrest.

EDWARD F. KELLY is under arrest at Monessen, Pa., charged with swindling a member bank. Our agents aided officials of this bank to take Kelly into custody.

JOSEPH NOEL, alias Joseph V. Noel, was employed in Kansas City, Mo., for some time as a bookkeeper for a customer of a member bank. While working in this capacity, he forged the name of his employer to a check payable to "cash," on which he secured the funds at the bank, and immediately left for parts unknown. Our detectives traced him to Dallas and back to Kansas City, where he was arrested on August 5, 1921, and is now awaiting trial. Noel is 42 years of age, 6 feet 3 inches tall, weighs 145 pounds, very slender, complexion light, straight sandy mustache, slightly bald, an Austrian.

OREN PARMETIO, alias Jack Palmer, has been arrested by the Los Angeles, Calif., police on a local charge. Parmetio defrauded a member bank of Tehachapi, Calif., by means of a worthless check. The California Bankers Association prorated in defraying the expenses of our agents' investigation.

KENNETH PAYTON defrauded a member bank of Eldorado, Ark., with a check bearing the forged signature of one of its customers. Our agents made a short investigation of a few hours duration and located Payton in the county jail on a similar charge, his arrest having been accomplished by the local police.

LOUIS PENSADO and FRANK R. BANOS. These two operators were successful in defrauding a New Orleans member bank by obtaining funds on a check purporting to have been signed by one of its customers. Banos presented the check at the bank. Our detective agents' New Orleans representatives traced Banos to San Francisco, where he was placed under arrest by our agents' local representative. Banos in his confession to our agents implicated Louis Pensado. Our agents traced Pensado to Cleveland, where he was located, and his arrest was also effected by our agents' representative. Pensado also confessed his share in the crime.

## LASSEN HOLDUP

The Lassen Industrial Bank of Fall River, Calif., was on July 26, 1921, held up by two bandits, and several hundred dollars stolen. Our detective agents, aided by Sheriff Richardson of Redding, Calif., took up the chase and were successful in locating and arresting GEORGE LANG at Ashland, Oregon. There are still two members of this band at large, P. McMillin and J. L. Herberts. The California Bankers Association is prorating the expenses of this investigation.

F. H. LEARY. Our local agents, co-operating with the police of Bernardsville and Newark, N. J., were successful in locating and arresting Leary for defrauding a member bank of Bernardsville. Leary was well known at the bank and they did not hesitate to honor a check presented by him. This check was later returned as a forgery. Leary made a complete confession to our agents.

KID LIVIGNE, alias Overland Dutch, is under arrest at Wallace, Idaho, charged with being implicated in the holdup of the Citizens State Bank, Priest River, Idaho. His arrest came about through information supplied by the local authorities. Livigne's companion in crime, J. B. Lewis, alias the Palouse Kid, is still at large.

JAMES MCGRAW, who defrauded a member bank of Billings, Mont., by securing funds on a forged check, surrendered to the military authorities at Fort Douglass, Utah, on a desertion charge. A detainer warrant will be lodged with the military authorities by the bank.

WALTER E. PERRY, alias J. E. Bradley, alias E. Bradley. A member bank at Madison, W. Va., was defrauded by an individual using the name of E. Bradley, who secured funds on a check purporting to bear a customer's true signature. Our detective agents' Cincinnati representative was assigned to the case. He ascertained that the operator's real name was Walter E. Perry, and that he was hiding in the hills back of Bald Knob, W. Va. The exact location was ascertained and the information supplied to the local justice of the peace. Owing to certain conditions this official found it necessary to swear two new members into the police force and assign them to the case. As our representative was a stranger in the country it was thought best that he remain behind. On the following day the operator was brought in from the hills and lodged in the Madison jail.

WILLIAM ROMANO. Through information supplied by our detective agents' Cincinnati representative, Romano was taken into custody charged with defrauding a member bank of Joliet, Ill. Romano will be returned to Joliet for trial.

FRANK H. SMITH, JR., opened an account with a member bank of Oakland, Calif., as manager of a local firm, with the power to make withdrawals, etc. Subsequent events proved that Smith did not have authority to handle the firm's account. The bank having honored several checks of this firm bearing Smith's handwriting, found that they were victimized. Our agents on behalf of the bank's membership in the California Bankers Association and our Association traced Smith to Los Angeles, Calif., where in co-operation with the local police, he was apprehended. Smith made a complete confession and has implicated others.



DOUGLASS SPEERER and RONALD R. BEGGS. Having gained the confidence of officials of a member bank of Webb, Iowa, they having cashed checks on previous occasions, Beggs in company with Douglass Speerer called upon the bank and secured funds on a check purporting to have been issued by his mother. Our detective agents' Des Moines representatives co-operating with the local police were successful in locating and arresting the two boys. The Iowa Bankers Association prorated the expenses of this investigation.

**BANK HOLDUPS CAPTURED**

The holdup men who, on July 28, 1921, secured several thousand dollars from the First State Bank of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, were captured by Sheriff Fisher and his men. The bandits gave their names as RAY WATSON and EARL McFAIN. At their preliminary hearing both entered pleas of guilty and are now awaiting trial. Most of the loot was recovered.

ROLAND J. WILLIAMS and HARRY CAMPBELL, who effected their escape after having been arrested on a charge of

burglarizing the Farmers & Merchants Bank, Tryon, Okla., are again under arrest at Chandler, Okla. Ray Terrell entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to three years in the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla. Arthur Barker was released owing to insufficient evidence to convict.

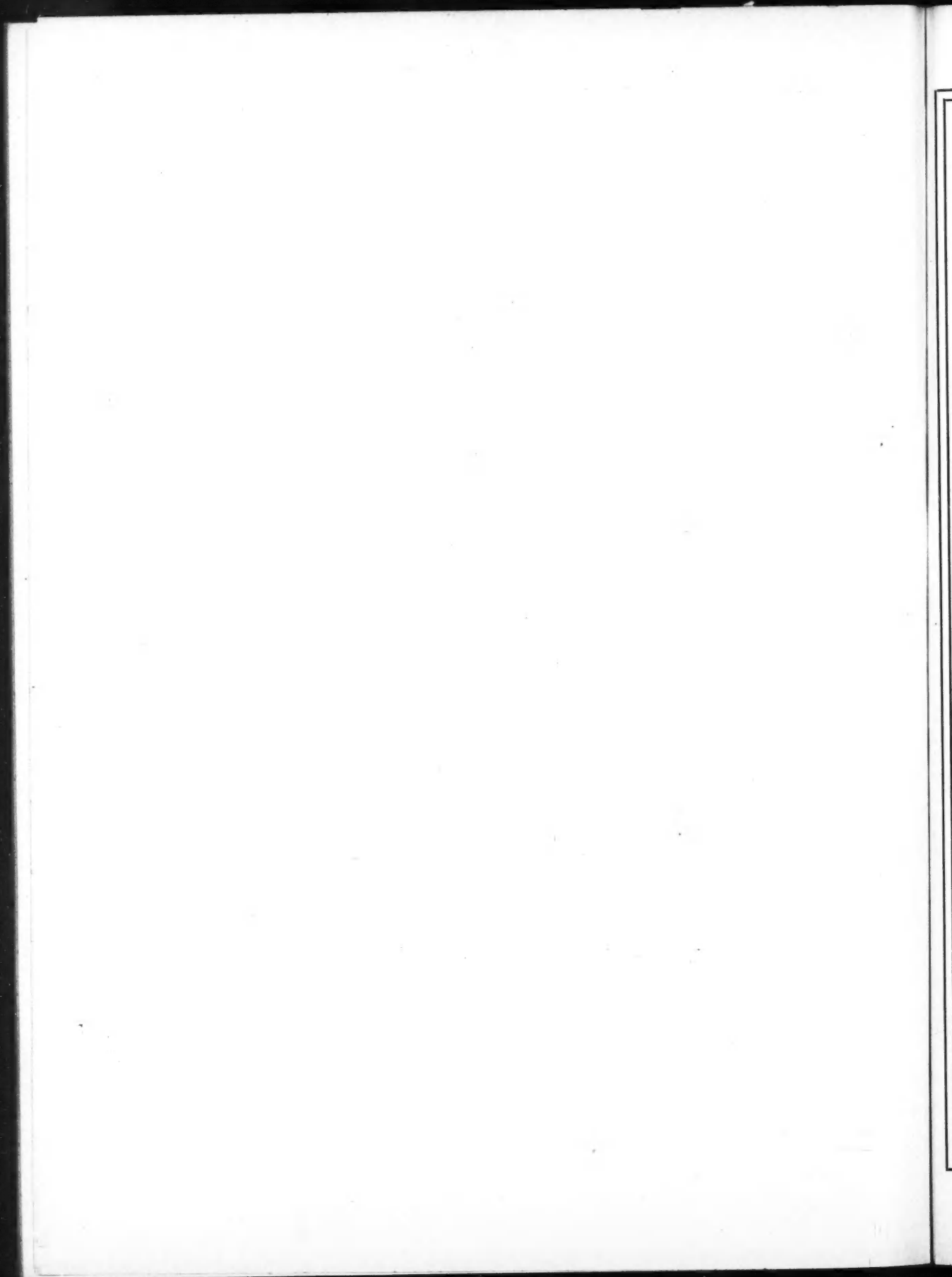
H. H. WILLIAMS, who defrauded a member bank of Clinton, Iowa, was arrested by the Peoria, Ill., police upon information supplied to them by a local bank official. Since his arrest Williams has been returned to Clinton for trial.

JOSEPH WEISS. A member bank of Los Angeles, Calif., has sustained a loss through paying funds on an uncollected item. Weiss was recently arrested by the Los Angeles authorities on a local charge and is being held for trial at that point. The California Bankers Association prorated the expenses of the investigation made by our agents.

H. C. ZANN by stealing from his employer a check that was intended for another party, and forging the payee's signature to same, defrauded a member bank of Hoboken, N. J. Our local detective agents located Zann and obtained a complete confession. Zann was arrested and is now being held, awaiting extradition to New Jersey.

**STATISTICS OF THE PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT**

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1920	Arrested since August 31, 1920	Arrested in August, 1921	Total	Convicted	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc.....	144	396	34	430	237	113	33	191
Burglars .....	7	70	3	73	40	5	6	29
Holdup robbers.....	7	84	17	101	63	8	2	35
Sneak thieves.....	3	2	1	3	3	2	....	1
Total .....	161	552	55	607	343	128	41	256



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ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.—1050 Otis Building.  
IOWA, DES MOINES.—809 Observatory Building.  
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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, TORONTO.—Kent Building.  
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ENGLAND, LONDON, S. W.—Crown Chambers, 5 Regent St. No. 1.

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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## SEPTEMBER PROTECTIVE WORK

### WARNING

#### WATCH FOR TELEPHONE SWINDLER

Call this article to the attention of your paying tellers

We believe this is an appropriate time to warn our members of the operations of one Charles B. Cole. This individual has followed the practice of waiting certain intervals between his operations, and we believe he is about due to operate again. This man has operated at many points throughout the United States.

Charles B. Cole's method is to call at a bank, open an account and make an initial deposit of about \$4,500 or \$4,800, at which time he remarks casually that he is a stranger in the city and is negotiating for the purchase of a local business. The account becomes fairly active. Finally, Cole appears at the bank at the noon hour, rushes the line and presents a check in the amount of about \$4,500. The teller verifies the fact that the account will stand the amount the check calls for and pays it, but is too busy to notify the bookkeeping department of this large withdrawal. The operator personally, or through the aid of an accomplice, immediately telephones this teller and informs him that some near relative has been injured in an automobile accident, and asks him to rush to a certain hospital. Naturally the paying teller is alarmed and rushes from the bank without notifying any of the officials that he is leaving. As soon as the paying teller leaves his cage, the operator rushes to the next line and presents another check for \$4,500. As the first withdrawal order has not been placed against the account, he is successful in securing this amount the second time.

Cole has used the following aliases: Charles B. Hinton, James B. Curtis, Charles B. Stone, Charles M. Brock, George F. Boyd, George L. Edwards, James P. Lewis, etc. A reproduction of his handwriting is shown herewith and he is described as follows: 30 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches tall, weighs 130 to 135 pounds, medium build, dark complexion, dark eyes, dark brown hair, smooth shaven.

*Chas B Hinton  
Five thousand  
Forty eight hundred  
Geo F Boyd*

### ESCAPED

#### Watch for this man—dangerous operator at large

PAUL SCHULTZ escaped from the custody of a deputy sheriff of Cedar county, Iowa, at 9:30 P. M. on September 8, 1921, while passing through Carroll, Iowa. It is believed he went in the direction of Des Moines. He is driving a Ford touring car, Iowa license No. 61872, motor No. 3175500. Paul Schultz is described as follows: 23 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall, 150 to 160 pounds in weight, medium build, dark complexion, his eyes have the appearance of being partly closed.

Schultz forged the name of his father on two notes and caused losses to member banks at West Branch and West Liberty, Iowa. Our detective agents after several months work, located Schultz working on a farm in the vicinity of Brantford, N. D. He was placed under arrest and held awaiting extradition to Iowa. A deputy sheriff of Cedar county, Iowa, proceeded to North Dakota, and started the return trip with Schultz in his custody. This man is badly wanted by the authorities of Cedar county, and any information relative to him should be communicated to the nearest office of our detective agents. Since his escape our detective agents have again taken up their investigation.

### INFORMATION WANTED

We would request our readers to examine the photograph below very closely and advise us should they have in their possession any information relative to the whereabouts of Carl Lewis. Lewis has been identified as being one of the bandits who participated in the holdup of the Bank of Bauxite, Bauxite, Ark. The source of this information will be treated as strictly confidential.



CARL LEWIS



FRANK BROWN, alias Walter Blake, an operator using these names, has in some way secured possession of a folding check book issued by the George D. Harter Bank, Canton, Ohio. He has opened accounts at several banks in Buffalo and Rochester, N. Y., with checks drawn on the above named bank, which have been returned as bogus, but to date he has been unsuccessful in defrauding any bank. He is described as being 24 or 25 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches; nervous.

M. M. HARTMAN. A man using this name recently opened an account at a member bank in Kansas City, Mo., with a check for a considerable amount, drawn on a bank in Waverly, Kan., to which the name of a depositor of that bank had been signed. Hartman represented himself to be in business at the city market and was permitted to draw on his account immediately. In due course of time, the check he deposited was returned marked "forged" and the matter was turned over to our detective agents' Kansas City representatives, who learned that Hartman had worked two days as a butcher for a concern at the city market. It is reported that while so employed he demonstrated considerable ability as a sign painter, as well as being a first-class meat cutter. It is reported that he was known as "Shorty." We are reproducing a specimen of this man's handwriting. His description is as follows: About 30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, chunky build, dark complexion, dark eyes, dark hair.

*M. M. Hartman*  
*M. M. Hartman*

HARRY M. KAPLAN, alias David Blankman, alias G. Simons, recently defrauded a member bank in Olathe, Kan., by inducing them to cash a check for him, to which he had forged the indorsement of one of their customers in good standing. Our detective agents' Kansas City representatives were immediately notified, and identified Kaplan as an ex-convict, who operated in Boston, Mass., several years ago. They are endeavoring to locate Kaplan for whom a warrant is held by the county authorities in Olathe, Kan. Kaplan

*G. Simons*  
 Cash  
 Forty-two

has worked in the restaurant business and is described as being about 26 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, sallow complexion, dark hair, smooth shaven.



ED. S. LEE

ED. S. LEE, alias Ray M. Howard, alias George Howard, alias Wm. G. Davison, alias B. B. Davison, regarding whom an article appeared in the May, 1920, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, was recently released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and has again started his swindling operations. He is a well educated negro and claims to be a druggist and pharmacist by occupation. His method is to introduce himself to reputable negroes and through them receive an introduction at a bank. He then secures their signatures, which he proceeds to forge in the way of an indorsement to bogus checks or drafts. Lee at the present time is wanted for defrauding a member bank at Rosedale, Kan. He is described as follows: 40 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, dark brown complexion, usually smooth shaven; claims to have come from Honolulu.

H. MONCKTON recently obtained his release from the Granite, Okla., Reformatory, and it is alleged that he has resumed his operations and defrauded a member bank of Dallas, Tex. During August, an individual giving his name as H. Mockton opened an account at the Dallas bank with a bogus draft in a large amount, drawn on the Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal, Canada. A day or so later he deposited another bogus draft on the same bank and was successful in securing a small advance. This individual is described as follows: 30 years of age, medium build, dark complexion, dark hair.

GEORGE J. WAGGONER entered a member bank in Rosalia, Kan., and asked one of the officials if he would cash a check indorsed by a well known local citizen who carried an account in the bank. On receiving an affirmative response, he left the bank and returned the following day when he presented a check in a large amount, signed by himself, drawn on the American National Bank of Sapulpa, Okla., and bearing what purported to be the indorsement of the individual he had named the day previous. He secured a small amount of cash, three cashier's checks in considerable amounts, and the balance was placed to his credit. A few days later the check deposited was returned as bogus and it was ascertained that the indorsement was a forgery. The operator then went to El Dorado, Kan., and purchased travelers checks with the cashier's checks, so that the Rosalia bank has sustained a loss of several thousand dollars. Waggoner is about 35 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches in height, weighs 150 pounds, slender build, dark, sandy complexion, sharp features, long Roman nose; one or more fingers on his right hand were bandaged.

**DORRIS WILSON.** Recently a woman giving this name called at a Chicago, Ill., member bank and stated she desired to open a checking account with a cash deposit of \$10, which the bank refused to accept. She then presented a check for \$2,500 drawn on the Fidelity Trust & Savings Bank, Kansas City, Mo., which was subsequently returned as bogus, there being no bank in existence, by the above name. The bank sustained a small loss through honoring two checks issued by Dorris Wilson. Later this woman opened an account at an Oak Park, Ill., member bank with a check in the amount of \$2,000, drawn on the Chicago bank, but was unable to secure any funds. She is described as being 28 years of age, weighs 125 pounds, slender build, light chestnut hair, sallow sunken features; well spoken.

### GENERAL

**R. S. GRANT** is operating in the eastern states with bogus checks purporting to have been issued by the California Commission Co. on the First National Bank of Salida, Calif. These checks are filled in with typewriter and protectograph, and are in amounts ranging from \$300 to \$500. No bank has been defrauded to date and we are unable to supply a description of the operator.

**GEORGE WILLIS** has operated in Boston, Maas.; Baltimore, Md.; Montreal, Can., and Chicago, Ill., with worthless checks ostensibly issued by the Colonial Construction Company, on the Diamond National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., and bearing signatures of Robert Swan, President, and A. W. Brown, Treasurer. No bank has been defrauded to date and we are unable to supply a description of the operator, but we are reproducing his handwriting herewith.

*George Willis*  
*Sept 3 21*  
*George Willis*

### ARRESTED

#### WORTHLESS BOND NEGOTIATORS ARRESTED

Three arrested by our detective agents after defrauding nine Minneapolis and St. Paul member banks

In the May, 1921, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT we published an article relative to the negotiation of worthless Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company of Iowa bonds. On September 12, 1921, a member bank of Minneapolis, Minn., was defrauded by purchasing three interest coupons from these worthless bonds from a young woman. Our detective agents were notified and immediately circulated the banks in the Twin Cities. Subsequently, eight other member banks reported having been victimized by cashing these worthless interest coupons. During the afternoon of September 13,

1921, the young woman endeavored to negotiate three coupons on a wide awake banker of Minneapolis, who remembered our agents' circular. He endeavored to detain the young woman but she ran from the bank. He followed her and was unable to catch her, but saw her jump into an automobile which was driven rapidly away. He secured the number of the car and notified our detective agents. They traced the car and found it had been hired by two young women who were left a short time before at a certain office. Our agents cooperating with the local police found the two young women in the office and after they were identified by the driver of the hired automobile they were placed under arrest. They gave their names as **ELMAIDA RINKER** and **CATHERINE BROWN**. The former made a confession, stating that she had defrauded three local banks, and named the other members of the band. Acting on information secured from her, our agents and the local police located **J. G. CHRISTY**, alias T. W. Paul, at a local hotel and placed him under arrest. A package of worthless Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company of Iowa bonds, several blank ownership certificates and two envelopes with detached coupons were found in Christy's room. The two women have been identified by the banks they defrauded.

Two individuals now at large are also alleged to be members of this band and our detective agents' Kansas City representatives are at present endeavoring to locate them and effect their arrest.

### OLD OFFENDERS AT IT AGAIN

Driven from Chicago while still out on bail they defraud bank in Gary, Indiana

In the last year our detective agents' Chicago representatives have been contending with a very peculiar case. On several occasions they have caused the arrest of **E. L. BEVERIDGE**, alias A. H. Lake, and **DOLLY HAGGERTY**. The day following the arrest, through proper pressure brought to bear, they have been successful in obtaining bonds. Immediately on securing their release the two returned to their fraudulent transactions and were again arrested through the efforts of our agents. Seeing that our agents were making things too hot for them in Chicago, they transferred their field of activity to Gary, Ind., where they were unsuccessful in attempting to defraud a member bank. Through the quick work of the local authorities Beveridge and Dolly Haggerty were apprehended at the railroad station as they were preparing to leave the city. They are at this time being held without bail and there is every prospect of an early trial and a successful prosecution. The method of operation used by these two individuals is as follows: Dolly Haggerty will appear at a bank, knowing that a certain firm carries an account there. She will represent herself as being an employee of that firm and will request to be handed their cancelled vouchers. The bank, not suspecting anything wrong, as this is a daily occurrence, usually turns over the cancelled vouchers to this woman. She in turn takes them to Beveridge and one of them copies the signature of the firm from one of the canceled vouchers. Then the woman presents the check at the bank and is usually successful in securing the funds. For some unknown reason, after each arrest the woman always assumes the blame and tries to cover Beveridge, but to date she has been unsuccessful in clearing him of these crimes. Our records now show that

E. L. Beveridge and Dolly Haggerty are awaiting trial on two different charges in Chicago, Ill., and one in Gary, Ind. They are drug addicts and very dangerous operators to be at large and we sincerely trust that the Gary, Ind., authorities will be successful in their prosecution.



R. E. CAPRON

R. E. CAPRON and B. VEDELER. It is alleged that these individuals have operated extensively, particularly on the Pacific Coast, with worthless checks and have also been involved in questionable bond deals. They were located and apprehended in Long Beach, Calif., by our detective agents, cooperating with the local authorities, on August 23, 1921. Our agents began their investigation after a member bank in South Bend, Wash., had been defrauded on a worthless check. We are reproducing photographs of these two men, and if anyone is able to identify them we would appreciate receiving full information. B. Vedeler is 29 years of age; height, 5 feet 9¼ inches; weight, 131 pounds; slender build; fair complexion; blue eyes; dark blonde hair. Finger print classification: 1 A 14

18 A ref 1/18 A/U

R. E. Capron is 32 years of age; height, 5 feet 9½ inches; weight, 160 pounds; medium stocky build; medium complexion; blue eyes; black hair; toupee. Finger print classification: 1 R 11 7

1 R 10 ref 1/1 T/R



B. VEDELER

JOE ADAMS, alias Joe Scott, alias Joe Bidwell, alias Bruno Krysiak. A member bank of Lincoln, Calif., was defrauded by Adams, he having secured funds from them on checks bearing the forged signatures of several of their customers. Our detective agents were requested to make an investigation and their San Francisco representatives located the operator on August 24, 1921, in San Francisco, Calif. Following his arrest he confessed to having cashed the two

checks which caused the Lincoln bank to sustain a loss. The California Bankers Association cooperated with this Association in defraying the expenses of the investigation.

OSCAR BOLIN forged his father's signature to a withdrawal order and secured the cash on same at a Chicago, Ill., member bank. Our detective agents' Chicago representatives conducted an investigation and traced Bolin to Atlanta, Ga. All information secured was wired to our agents' Atlanta representative and he was successful in locating Bolin and effecting his arrest. He has since been returned to Chicago and is now awaiting trial.

HENRY BOYD. The holdup of the Bank of San Gabriel, Calif., at 8:30 A. M. on August 30, 1921, was frustrated when the president of the bank gave an alarm and the operator ran from the bank, followed by the president and the cashier. Several local citizens took up the chase and Henry Boyd was placed under arrest by the local authorities, it being alleged that he had made the unsuccessful attempt to rob the bank.

MRS. IONE BROOKS, alias Mrs. Ione Stewart. A woman using the above names defrauded several member banks in Texas by means of worthless drafts and checks. On September 6, 1921, she was arrested at Comfort, Texas, by the local authorities. She has since been identified by several victims. Due to extenuating circumstances, it is believed full restitution will be made.

OLIVER BROWN, alias J. H. Freeman, defrauded a member bank of Chelsea, Okla., during the month of June by disposing of mortgaged property, and left for parts unknown. The matter was referred to our detective agents' Kansas City representatives, who, with the cooperation of the bank officials, located Brown in Harlowtown, Mont., where he was using the name of J. H. Freeman. He is being returned to Oklahoma for prosecution. Brown is about 26 years of age, 6 feet tall, weighs 200 pounds, light complexion, blue eyes, brown hair.

JOSEPH DUJOUR, alias Jose Dias. For some time past this individual has been successful in securing funds on checks drawn against the Bank of Nova Scotia, Quebec, Can., which were always returned marked, "no account." This man took up his operations in Philadelphia and worked west, finding numerous victims among banks and local individuals. On August 20, 1921, having defrauded a man at San Bernardino, Calif., he was traced by this individual and an interested bank, to Milford, Utah, where he was placed under arrest by the local authorities and returned to San Bernardino for trial. He is described as 27 years of age; height, 5 feet 2¾ inches; weight, 111 pounds; slender build; dark complexion; dark eyes; black hair; smooth shaven; a Cuban.

J. M. FENTON is under arrest at St. Louis, Mo., awaiting extradition to Petoskey, Mich. Several months ago this individual was successful in defrauding a New York City bank by means of a bogus draft drawn against a bank in Seattle, Wash. Our detective agents, on making an investigation, traced Fenton to Chicago, Ill., Milwaukee, Wis., and St. Louis, Mo., and while they were checking up certain angles in St. Louis they learned that Fenton had been arrested on the Michigan charge. Arrangements are now being made to place this additional charge against Fenton, whose true name is Melville J. Fenton.

RUPERT S. GORDON, alias R. S. Traub, alias R. S. Weintraub. This individual opened an account with a member bank of Los Angeles, Calif., with a check drawn on the

San Francisco branch of this bank, purporting to bear the signature of a customer of the San Francisco bank. Before returns were received on this check, the interested bank paid out funds to the operator. On learning that they had been defrauded, our detective agents' local representatives were called in to make an investigation in behalf of the bank's membership in the California Bankers Association and this Association. After a few hours' investigation our agents were successful in locating Gordon and placing him under arrest. During his numerous transactions he has used the following aliases: J. W. Meyers, Herbert Miller, R. Traut and Ralph Becker. Rupert S. Gordon is described as 28 to 30 years of age; height, 5 feet 9 inches; weight, 150 to 155 pounds; dark complexion, thick lips; neat dresser.

**WILLIAM FREDERICK HAZZARD.** An individual using the names of R. Brooks, C. Black and Arthur King, was successful in defrauding three member banks in Los Angeles, Calif., by means of checks bearing the forged signatures of a depositor. Our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives were requested to investigate the matter and suspicion pointed towards one William Frederick Hazzard. They were successful in locating him and secured a confession, then effected his arrest. Hazzard is now awaiting trial.

**LOUIS KEITH** forged the name of a man by whom he had been employed for several years to a check in a considerable amount and secured part of the funds at a Lilbourn, Mo., member bank. Our detective agents investigated the matter and the operator's father located his son and turned him over to our agents' representative and the local authorities, who placed him under arrest.

**E. B. KRATZ** and **R. L. FOSTER** held up a member bank of Waukomis, Okla., on August 13, 1921, and secured considerable cash. They left the vicinity of the bank in a Ford automobile and were followed by officials of the bank. Several miles from the bank they abandoned the car and went into a corn field. Shortly afterwards the posse arrived and the bandits were located. After a few shots were fired, Foster was wounded and both he and Kratz surrendered. Both have confessed and are being held awaiting trial.

**WILLIAM H. KROUT**, alias M. R. Daniel, alias G. C. Pearson, was arrested in Washington, D. C., on August 30, 1921, by the local authorities and other interested parties. He had attempted to defraud a Washington, D. C., member bank and had been successful in defrauding a Baltimore, Md., member bank.

**MRS. GERALDINE LONG** defrauded a member bank at Coulee City, Wash., by means of a worthless check. She was also successful in obtaining funds in a similar manner from a member bank of Spokane, Wash. Our detective agents, in behalf of the bank's membership in the Washington Bankers Association and this Association, took up the investigation and were successful in locating Mrs. Long a short distance from Spokane and placing her under arrest. She is described as 30 years of age; height, 5 feet 6 inches; weight, 115 pounds; slender build, sallow complexion, deep set dark blue eyes, black hair streaked with gray, prominent cheek bones, sunken cheeks, probably wears false teeth, wears eye glasses, sharp chin, long thin neck.

**LEON LUBKIN.** This operator was an employee of a customer of a New York City member bank. While acting in the capacity of bookkeeper, he took advantage of the situation, forged his employer's signature to several checks and on obtaining the funds from the interested bank, destroyed

the cancelled vouchers. While away from his work, his employer discovered his transactions and reported to the bank, who requested our detective agents to locate Lubkin. Our agents took up the investigation and after an extensive search Lubkin was located and his arrest effected. He is now being held awaiting the action of the Grand Jury.

**CHAS. L. LUFF.** Our local agents have come in contact with a young forger, who, while only 14 or 15 years of age, has the faculty of remembering a signature for some time after having seen it, and is able to reproduce it in a very clever fashion—almost a facsimile of the genuine signature. While employed in a local member bank as a messenger boy, Luff followed the practice of forging an official's initials to the backs of several checks and then presented these checks to the paying teller, advising him, that this official had initialed the checks and wanted the money to pay out to the customer. The teller, not suspecting anything wrong, readily complied with these requests, believing he was protected by the official's O. K. At the end of the month it was discovered that all these checks were forgeries. Our agents were requested to make an investigation and they very shortly determined that Luff was responsible for the crimes. He was questioned, confessed and was placed under arrest. At a subsequent date Luff was tried in the Juvenile Court of New York City and released on probation.

**JAMES A. MCINERY**, alias John L. Mallette, alias J. L. Moore. This operator opened an account at a San Francisco, Calif., member bank with a bogus check drawn on the National Bank of Bakersfield, Calif. Due to an oversight, McInery was permitted to draw against his account before returns were received on the check he had deposited, with the result that the bank sustained a loss. Our detective agents' San Francisco representatives took up the investigation in behalf of the bank's membership in the California Bankers Association and this Association. After several days' work by our agents, McInery was located and placed under arrest in San Francisco by our agents and the local police. He is now awaiting trial.

**FRANK MILLER**, alias Joan Keran, alias Anton Dular. Member banks in La Salle, Ill., and Cleveland, Ohio, have sustained losses through the operations of this individual, who secured funds on checks bearing forged signatures. Our detective agents were requested to make an investigation. After investigating in Cleveland and also Pittsburgh, our agents' Pittsburgh representatives located Miller in a local hospital. Following his arrest he confessed his operations and is now being held awaiting the arrival of the authorities from La Salle, Ill.

**A. NODLER** was employed for a short time as a bookkeeper for a depositor of a Pasadena, Calif., member bank. He took a blank check from the back of his employer's book, filled it in and forged his employer's name to same. Our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives investigated the matter and ascertained that Nodler was in San Francisco. Their San Francisco representatives were then notified and they were successful in locating Nodler and effecting his arrest. He confessed to his operation and is being held, awaiting trial. The California Bankers Association cooperated with this Association in financing this investigation.

**PAUL SCHULTZ** was arrested in Brantford, N. D., on September 1, 1921, by our detective agents cooperating with the local authorities. The details of his operations are given elsewhere in this issue.



FELTON STEPHENS, alias William Johnson (negro), defrauded a member bank of Savannah, Ga., on several checks to which he had forged the signature of a depositor. Our detective agents ascertained the identity of the operator, but were unsuccessful in locating him. Later Stephens sent a telegram to a member bank at Macon, Ga., signed with the name of a depositor and requested that funds be sent to him. The message was sent from Atlanta and our detective agents' representative there was notified, with the result that when the operator called for the money, he was placed under arrest on August 18, 1921.

LLOYD THOMAS, alias Orville King, defrauded a member bank in Dewey, Okla., by forging the name of a customer of the bank for whom he worked a short time. The bank referred the matter to our detective agents' Kansas City representatives. On September 13, 1921, they located Thomas, and with the assistance of the police department of Kansas City, Kan., he was placed under arrest. Thomas is about 22 years of age; height, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches; slender build, smooth shaven.

GEORGE WILLIAMS. On August 24, 1921, the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Rockford, Wash., was held up and several hundred dollars secured. About an hour after the crime was committed a posse consisting of local residents located the bandit, surrounded him and caused his arrest, and all the funds were recovered. Our agents were notified, but before they could reach the scene of activity, the desired result had been accomplished. The Washington Bankers Association cooperated in defraying the expense of the short investigation that was made.

W. T. WYATT was acquainted at a Culver City, Calif., member bank, and due to that fact experienced no difficulty in securing cash on a worthless check. Our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives investigated the matter and on August 18, 1921, cooperating with the local sheriff's office, they located Wyatt and effected his arrest.

REMOVED

FORGERS, ETC.

- Baynes, J. W.—4 months, United States Jail, Washington, D. C.
- Bowman, Walter H.—Case dismissed.
- Darcy, C. E.—Fugitive.
- Davis, H. E.—1 to 14 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.
- Fitzpatrick, W. A.—Effected restitution and placed on probation.
- Gay, Kendall—2 years, State Penitentiary, Raleigh, N. C.
- Gerrutti, C.—Probation.
- Hallegan, T.—2 years on probation.
- Hill, W. C.—2 years, State Penitentiary, Raleigh, N. C.
- Kelston, George F.—Forfeited bond.
- Kux, S.—Fugitive.
- Larson, Edwin E.—2 years, State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.
- Litsey, John B.—1 to 14 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.
- Long, Mrs. Mary—Paroled.

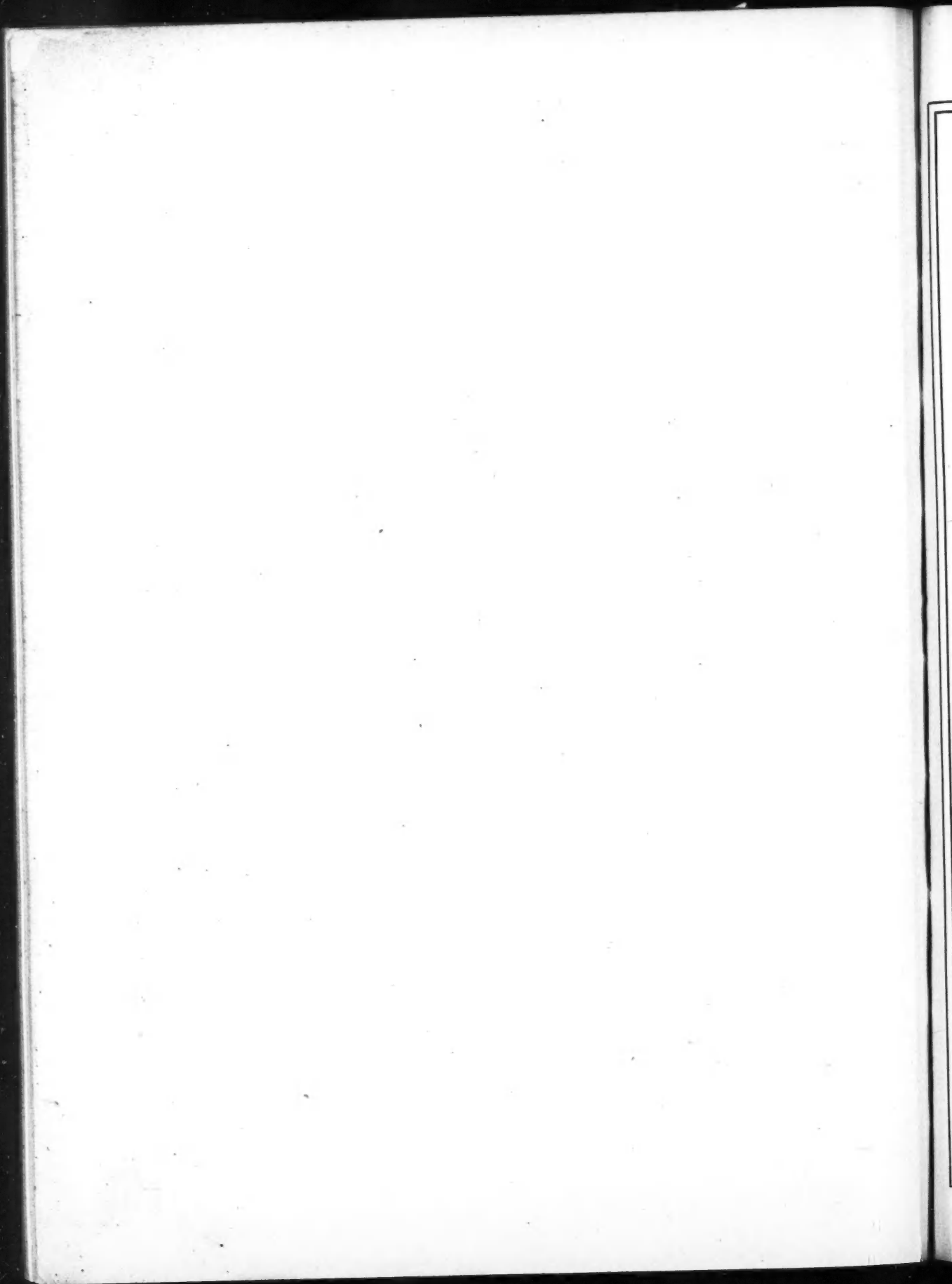
- Luff, Charles L.—Probation.
- McCullough, J. D.—2 years, State Farm, Milledgeville, Ga.
- McLaughlin, James E.—Fugitive.
- Manne, Adolph—3 years, Fairfield County Jail, Bridgeport, Conn.
- Mason, James—4 years, House of Correction, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Moronessa, Mrs. Katherine—Suspended sentence.
- Noble, Jose V.—Indeterminate term, Naval Prison, Mare Island, Calif.
- Parmetio, Oren—Released, prosecution dropped.
- Peicoff, S.—1 year on probation.
- Schultz, Paul—Escaped.
- Sheppard, Thos. H.—Case dismissed.
- Stinson, Alec E.—1 to 14 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.
- Sweeney, Frank A.—5 years, State Penitentiary, Little Rock, Ark.
- Wade, Robert—1 year, Workhouse, St. Louis, Mo.
- Wood, Mrs. Mamie—Paroled.
- Young, A. E.—1 to 14 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.
- Young, W. A.—Fugitive.

BURGLARS AND HOLDUP ROBBERS

- Bernstein, Harris—12 to 13 years, Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Campbell, Harry—Escaped.
- Christmas, Tom—Sentenced to death.
- Hale, Frank B.—Convicted, escaped while awaiting sentence.
- McClure, John B.—Sentenced to death.
- McCoy, Archie—This man's parole has been revoked and he will be returned to the penitentiary to serve 5 years on the revoked parole; in view of this the indictments against him have been dropped, and we are removing his name from the Awaiting Trial List, regarding this as a conviction.
- McFain, Ray—5 to 25 years, State Penitentiary, Boise, Idaho.
- Petree, Charlie—Sentenced to death.
- Stevens, Otto—Sentenced to death.
- Wallace, Stewart—19 to 20 years, Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Watson, Ray—5 to 25 years, State Penitentiary, Boise, Idaho.
- Williams, Roland J.—Escaped.

STATISTICS OF THE PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting trial, August 31, 1921	Arrested in September, 1921	Convicted.	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers.....	191	27	22	3	6	187
Burglars.....	29	..	1	..	2	26
Holdup robbers.....	35	4	9	..	..	30
Sneak thieves.....	1	..	..	..	..	1
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>244</b>



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## PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Building.  
COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON.—500 Southern Building.  
GEORGIA, ATLANTA.—321-22 Hesley Building.  
ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.—1050 Otis Building.  
IOWA, DES MOINES.—809 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.—Woolworth Building.  
OHIO, CINCINNATI.—505 Glenn Building.  
OHIO, CLEVELAND.—Sweetland Building.  
OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA CITY.—Special Representative, H. O. Brown, 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.  
WASHINGTON, SPOKANE.—Old National Bank Building.

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CANADA, MONTREAL.—Transportation Building.  
CANADA, TORONTO.—Kent Building.  
CANADA, VANCOUVER.—605 Vancouver Block.  
ENGLAND, LONDON, S. W.—Crown Chambers, 5 Regent St. No. 1.

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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## OCTOBER PROTECTIVE WORK

### WARNING

#### GREEK FORGER ACTIVE

John Lucas operating in the West with checks bearing forged signatures or indorsements of Greek depositors

Fourteen member banks in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Texas and Missouri have cashed forged checks for this man and warrants for his arrest are in existence in several cities. He is familiar with the restaurant business and at times secures a position as a waiter in a Greek restaurant so that he may secure specimen signatures. At other times he imposes on Greeks who have been friendly with him and in some way secures a specimen of their signatures.

With a specimen of a Greek depositor's signature in his possession, he forges that signature either as maker on one or more checks which he cashes at a bank, or as an indorsement on bogus checks. At times he opens accounts at the banks he intends to defraud and deposits his forged checks or bogus checks with forged indorsements, then withdraws the funds.

Should this man call on you detain him, call in the local police and notify the nearest office of our detective agents at once.

John Lucas has used the following aliases: John Ducas, John Doukas, James Rossi, Nick Callas, Louis Bouras, George Marinos, Tom Lewis, James Lewis, R. Williams, W. R. Cowen, James Clark, Harry Bakre, Harry Baker, D. Valliance and Joe Lucas.

*John Lucas*  
*Bill Callas*  
*Joe Clara*  
*Henry Bakre*  
*Seventy Five <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>*  
*ninety Sixty*  
*Cash*  
*Cash 90 <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> 75 <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>*  
*One Hundred and fifty*

We are reproducing specimens of his handwriting herewith. His description is as follows: Twenty-seven years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 145 pounds, medium slender build, dark complexion, dark brown eyes, black hair, gold fillings in front teeth, usually wears brown velour hat, Greek.

A telegram received as we go to press states that this party has been arrested by our detective agents and local authorities at Oakland, Calif.

GEORGE F. DAVIS. On April 4, 1921, this man opened an account with a member bank of Philadelphia, Pa., claiming to be in the employ of a valve company located at Wyndmoor, Pa. He deposited several checks, among them being one payable to the order of the valve company. He indorsed it with the firm name, then his own, and withdrew the funds. It was later returned for the reason that the valve company's indorsement had been forged. Subsequently it developed that several of the other checks he deposited also bore forged indorsements, with the result that the bank sustained a considerable loss. Our detective agents' Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Philadelphia and Washington representatives have investigated this matter. They have secured his record for a number of years past, but to date have been unable to locate him. He is described as being 35 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 145 pounds, medium build, light complexion, gray eyes, light brown hair (almost bald in front and on top), smooth shaven, but may grow a small sandy mustache.

BEN F. GARRETT recently opened an account at a member bank in Kansas City, Mo., and after establishing credit deposited some worthless checks to his account, checked against them immediately and disappeared. Garrett is a stock and bond salesman and was employed for a short time by an investment company in Kansas City. He is a graduate of Ann Arbor and his father, now dead, was prominent in Michigan politics, and was once state senator. He always mentions these two things. Our agents are endeavoring to locate him. He is described as being about 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 140 pounds, fair complexion, very light blue eyes, light brown hair, nose has been broken and twists slightly, small ears, snappy dresser, always wears silk shirts and socks, usually light colored, likes pin stripes.

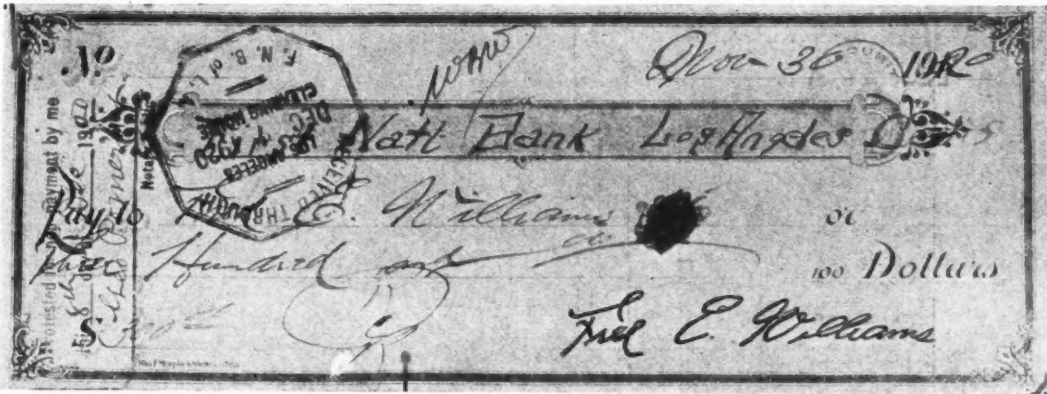
#### WATCH FOR FRED E. \_\_\_\_\_

Swindler uses bogus drafts on Western banks

We desire to warn member banks of the transactions of a bogus draft operator, who has used various surnames, but practically always favors FRED E. Among his many aliases are the following: Fred E. Williams, Fred E. Wilson, Fred E. McMorris, Fred E. Clark, Fred E. Davis, Fred E. Salton, etc.

His method of procedure and writing are of such a nature that he can easily be identified as the subject of this warning.





He usually ingratiates himself with a woman bank customer by claiming to be a close friend of one of her relatives. In some manner he has obtained certain data concerning this relative that enables him to answer correctly and intelligently any questions put to him.

He claims to be a mining engineer and that he is going to a certain point to attend the wedding or funeral of his sister, or some similar function, and due to misdirected funds, finds himself short of ready cash, and asks to be introduced at a local bank.

The customer, believing this impostor's story, willingly introduces him at the bank, and unless the bank is protected by its customer's indorsement, it is victimized, as the draft is always returned unpaid. These drafts usually range from \$150 to \$300, and are drawn on some western bank.

We are reproducing a facsimile of one of his bogus drafts. He is described as follows: Forty years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 160 pounds, medium complexion, brown hair, neat dresser, has a flesh tumor on forehead immediately over the right eye and a walnut-sized tumor on right side of neck.

Warrants are in existence. If he attempts to defraud you, detain him, call in the local police and notify the nearest office of our detective agents by telephone or telegraph.

HARRY ISAACS, alias A. C. Fink, is the name used by a young man who entered a member bank in Kansas City, Mo., recently and opened an account with a check for \$1,700, which was payable to "Cash." The signature on the check proved to be a forgery. Our detective agents were notified immediately and are investigating this matter. Isaacs, a specimen of whose handwriting is shown herewith, is described as about 24 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches, 140 pounds, olive complexion, dark eyes, dark hair, smooth shaven, Jewish appearance, neat dresser.

*Harry Isaacs*  
*3615 Cambridge*  
*Auto Exchange*

DANIEL J. O'DONNELL, alias J. R. McGill. The individual using these names is passing checks drawn on the Farmers State Bank, Charter Oak, Iowa. As there are no

accounts in the bank under these names, the checks are being returned as bogus. We are unable to supply a description of the operator at this writing.

J. D. WALKER gave a member bank in Forth Worth, Tex., a mortgage on a Dodge roadster, motor number 638028, Texas 1921, license No. 606466. Recently he left the vicinity, taking the mortgaged car with him or selling same. A warrant has been issued for his arrest and our detective agents are endeavoring to locate him. He is described as being 27 or 28 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches, 145 to 150 pounds, slender build, dark complexion, dark brown eyes, dark hair, neatly dressed, slightly stoop-shouldered, hair parted on left side; he continually throws hair back with his left hand.

GEORGE WAMPOLE recently defrauded a member bank in Kansas City, Mo., where he was known, by forging an indorsement on a check and receiving money on it. He was employed in Kansas City for a short time in the credit department of an oil company, and while so employed, it is reported he embezzled a considerable amount of money from them. Our detective agents are endeavoring to locate Wampole, who is about 30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 130 to 135 pounds, brown hair, large nose, and is said to be a drug addict.

## GENERAL EMBEZZLER AT LARGE

Examine your new accounts and recent renters of safe deposit boxes

JAMES TOWRIE. This individual, while acting as a teller of a New York member bank, disappeared on Saturday, October 9, with several thousand dollars of the bank's funds. In his loot were several one thousand and five hundred dollar bills, along with many one hundred and twenty dollar bills.

Previous to Towrie's disappearance, on several occasions, he expressed a desire for the west and it is consequently presumed that he has gone in that direction. He is an excellent horseback rider and may secure a position on a western ranch.

Members of this Association will be aiding a member of the banking fraternity if they will search their records of new accounts and renters of safe deposit boxes since October 9, 1920, as Towrie has either deposited this money or has rented a safe deposit box.

Being successful in one coup he might try it again, therefore our members are also urged to watch closely any new applicant for a position.



JAMES TOWRIE

A reasonable reward will be paid for information leading to the arrest of Towrie. Towrie is described as 21 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, 138 pounds, slim build, sallow complexion, gray eyes, dark brown hair; occasionally wears tortoise-shell rim spectacles with gold bridge and ear pieces.

## ARRESTED

### SLIPPERY NEGRO FORGER IN AGAIN

Foster Davis fails in his third attempt to escape

For the third time in five years, our detective agents have effected the arrest of Foster Davis on the same charge, namely, defrauding a member bank of Petersburg, Va., during 1916, by means of forgery. On December 2, 1916, our detective agents' New York representatives located him in Oyster Bay, N. Y., and after two days' sojourn at the local jail, he escaped.

Our agents then took up this negro's trail again, and after several months' endeavors, found him residing in New York City. The local police were notified and on July 20, 1918, he was arrested, but en route to the police station, he saw one possible chance of escape and seizing same, he made good his escape the second time.



FOSTER DAVIS

Once more our agents found it necessary to find the elusive negro, and while their efforts were untiring, it was not until October 4, 1921, that they secured positive information as to Foster Davis' whereabouts. They trailed Davis' wife, whom they had located in New York City, and held under surveillance, from New York City to Boston, Mass. In Boston, she proceeded to a certain address, where she met the operator.

Two policemen guarded an alleyway in back of the house in which Davis was located. One of our agents' representatives and two inspectors of the Boston Police Department went in the front entrance and another of our agents' representatives stood where he could watch the rear entrance. While Mrs. Davis was being questioned, Davis ran down the stairway and though called on to stop by the police inspectors, he gained the street, and after a chase of several blocks, during which shots were fired by the officers, Davis was caught, but did not surrender until a gun was pushed in his stomach. He was held awaiting the arrival of an officer from Virginia, where he will be returned for prosecution. Articles relative to this man appeared in the November, 1916, January, 1917, and September, 1918, JOURNAL Supplements.

## LONG TRAIL ENDED.

J. C. Taff traced by our agents from Georgia to Portland, Ore., and arrested

This man was in the garage business in Cedartown, Cartersville and Rome, Ga., and was well thought of locally until he disappeared last January. It was then discovered that he had defrauded a Rome, Ga., member bank by means of a note to which he had forged the indorsement of his uncle, and also by a chattel mortgage on five automobiles which could not be located when the mortgage became due. Taff also negotiated fraudulent mortgages with member banks in Cedartown and Cartersville, Ga. Our detective agents' various offices endeavored to locate this man, without success, until the latter part of September, when our agents' Atlanta representatives received information that Taff had been in Boise, Idaho. The information was immediately supplied to their Salt Lake City representatives, who, on investigating at Boise, learned that the operator had gone to Portland, Ore., and was stopping at a certain hotel. The data was telegraphed to their Portland representatives, who were successful in locating Taff on October 1, 1921, whereupon he was placed under arrest. He is being held awaiting extradition to Georgia.

W. L. BLACKWELL opened an account at a Williamsport, Pa., member bank some time ago. The account was regular until Blackwell deposited a bogus check drawn on an out of town bank, and was successful in drawing against same. Our detective agents conducted an investigation, and on August 30, 1921, their Philadelphia representatives located the operator in Philadelphia and effected his arrest. He was returned to Williamsport and plead guilty on September 12, 1921. The sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

DAVID BLANKMAN, alias Harry M. Kaplan, alias G. Simons, mentioned in the JOURNAL Supplement for the month of October, 1921, was arrested on information furnished by our detective agents in Winnipeg, Can., on September 27, 1921. Blankman denied his identity and the member bank in Olathe, Kan., defrauded by him, sent two witnesses to Winnipeg, who positively identified him. He has been returned to Olathe for prosecution.



HAROLD BOTTLESON

HAROLD BOTTLESON, alias Harold Smith, defrauded a member bank of Salt Lake City, Utah, by means of two checks, one being a forgery and the other bogus. He was able to secure the funds on these checks, due to the fact that he was known to be the step-son of a depositor. Our detective agents were requested to investigate the matter and their Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle representatives worked on the case. On October 8, 1921, their Seattle representatives learned that Bottleson had been arrested in Seattle on a local charge. The interested bank was immediately notified and arrangements have been made to extradite him to Salt Lake City.

SARAH BUTLER (negress). This young girl worked as a maid for a customer of a Wilmette, Ill., member bank, and secured cash on several checks, to which she had forged her employer's signature. Our detective agents investigated the case in behalf of the bank's membership in the Illinois Bankers Association and this Association, and were successful in effecting the arrest of Sarah Butler. She has been tried and convicted and the sentence she received is given elsewhere in this issue.

GEORGE CLAUSON. On July 25, 1921, a member bank of Camas, Wash., cashed a state soldier's bonus check, which it was later learned bore a forged indorsement. It was believed that George Clauson perpetrated the forgery, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Our detective agents were requested to locate Clauson, and during September they secured information that he had been arrested in St. Louis, Mo., on a local charge. This was verified and a detainer warrant has been lodged with the St. Louis police.

FREDERICK CLOUGH (negro). On September 28, 1921, this negro attempted to cash a forged check on a member bank in New Orleans, La. He claimed to have received the check from another person, which was proven to be untrue. The negro escaped, and on September 30, 1921, our detective agents were requested to locate him, as the bank desired to prosecute. One of our agents' representatives, accompanied by a city detective, proceeded to a point where the operator was supposed to be, and as he was not there at that time, it was arranged with an informant to notify the policeman on the beat when Clough returned. This action was taken and he was placed under arrest during the night of September 30. The following day he was questioned by our agents' representative and made a complete confession.

ELVA CURTIS, alias Elva Williams (negress). A member bank of Houston, Tex., was victimized by means of a forged check, and our detective agents were requested to in-

vestigate. One Elva Curtis was suspected and our agents were successful in their efforts to locate her, she being placed under arrest by the local authorities on October 3, 1921.

ALBERT B. DAVENPORT (negro). The name of a customer of a Chicago, Ill., member bank was forged to several checks, which the bank honored and our detective agents were requested to locate the operator. Suspicion was directed towards Albert B. Davenport, because he had a room with the man whose name was forged and had stolen several papers belonging to the customer. On September 27, 1921, Davenport's arrest was effected in Indianapolis, Ind., by one of our agents' representatives and he made a complete confession. He has been returned to Chicago and is now awaiting trial.

ARTHUR DAVIS. In the early morning of September 19, 1921, a member bank at Homestead, Mont., was burglarized and our detective agents' Spokane representatives investigated the matter. Before they arrived on the scene, Arthur Davis was arrested in Williston, N. D., by the local authorities. He was returned to Montana and questioned by our agents' representative at Plentywood, Mont. He confessed to having burglarized the bank with four other men. He is now awaiting trial.

WILSON DECRIES, RAYMOND YORTY and EVERETT JOHNSON. On the morning of September 12, 1921, a member bank of Greenville, Iowa, was held up, bonds and a small amount of cash being secured. Later Wilson Decries and Raymond Yorty were arrested by the local authorities and confessed to having held up the bank. They also implicated Everett Johnson, who was located in Minneapolis, and placed under arrest.

L. DESMOND defrauded a member bank of Pasadena, Calif., by means of a worthless check early in July, 1921. Late in September he was placed under arrest by the local authorities in San Jose, Calif.

A. B. EDSON. Articles relative to this man were published in the May, 1919, August, 1919, and the January, 1920, JOURNAL Supplements. During April, 1921, he again issued worthless checks and defrauded a member bank of Hollywood, Calif. Our detective agents investigated the matter in behalf of the bank's membership in the California Bankers Association and this Association. On May 28, 1921, our detective agents received information to the effect that an individual by the name of F. M. Davis, alias F. D. Carr, had been arrested at Little Rock, Ark. They established the fact that this individual was A. B. Edson. He was returned to El Paso, Tex., for trial and sentenced to serve a term in the State Penitentiary at Huntsville, Tex. A detainer warrant has been lodged by the Los Angeles, Calif., authorities and rather than carry his name on the Awaiting Trial List for two years, we are removing same and considering this a conviction.

JOHN P. EWELL. In the June, 1921, JOURNAL Supplement, we published an article relative to the arrest of Otto Kirkland, who victimized a member bank of Clinton, La. On May 10, John P. Ewell was placed under arrest by the local authorities in connection with the same crime. Ewell was tried and convicted on a charge of procuring Otto Kirkland to commit forgery. The sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

ROBERT HOLLAND. An article relative to the arrest of four other men on the charge of holding up a member bank in New Orleans, La., was published in the May JOURNAL Supplement. Robert Holland was also implicated in this hold-up, which took place on September 9, 1920, and subsequently he was arrested by the local authorities. He has been tried and



convicted and the sentence imposed is given elsewhere in this issue.

**O. T. HUTTON.** In the May, 1921, JOURNAL Supplement, we published an article relative to the arrest of Kendall Gay for defrauding member banks in Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids, N. C. O. T. Hutton was also arrested in connection with the same crimes and has been convicted. The sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

**ERA S. JOHNSON** defrauded member banks in Jamestown, N. Y., by means of forged notes and our detective agents investigated the matter. Early in October he was arrested in Erie, Pa., by the local authorities.

**B. E. JONES.** During January, 1918, this man victimized a member bank of Clarksville, Tenn., by means of a bogus check bearing a forged indorsement. Our detective agents conducted an investigation, and as there were no clues as to Jones' whereabouts, they were unsuccessful in locating him at the time. However, in August, 1921, they received additional information from the bank and located Jones in Washington, Ind., where he was placed under arrest on August 11.

**HARRY KERSTIN** is at the present time under arrest in New York City, awaiting the action of the Grand Jury, being charged with a series of forgeries. While employed as a bookkeeper by a New York City firm, Kerstin received all checks sent to that firm. From time to time he appropriated different checks, forged his employer's indorsements to same and through misrepresentation at various banks he was able to secure funds on the checks in question. Our detective agents, on being notified of the transactions of this man and ascertaining that a local member bank had sustained a loss, took up the investigation and were successful in locating Kerstin in Brooklyn. Following his arrest he made a complete confession. He is described as 27 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 140 pounds, medium slender build, muddy complexion, large dark eyes.

**LESLIE KINNARD.** In the year 1910, this man defrauded a member bank of Chicago, Ill., and we heard nothing of him from that time until August, 1921, when he defrauded a member bank of Muskegon, Mich., by means of a worthless check. During the latter part of September, he was arrested in Cincinnati, Ohio, by the local authorities.

**ROBERT MARTIN** recently surrendered to the police at Globe, Ariz., and confessed to having been one of two men who held up a member bank at Curlew, Iowa. He has been returned to Iowa, and is now awaiting trial.

**A. C. MILLER,** alias Henry Williams (negro), victimized a member bank of Jackson, Miss., by means of forgery. A few days later he attempted to cash another forged check and the teller requested him to wait. The negro ran from the bank and after a chase of several blocks he was caught and placed under arrest by the local authorities.

**HUGH L. MILLER** succeeded in securing cash from an Elmira, N. Y., member bank on a worthless check drawn on an Ithaca bank. Our detective agents' Buffalo representatives were requested to locate the operator and traced him to Ithaca, then to Corning, N. Y., where they effected his arrest. He has been returned to Elmira for trial.

**H. MONCKTON.** During April, 1921, this man defrauded a member bank of Waco, Tex., by means of a worthless check. He also defrauded two member banks in Oklahoma City, Okla. On April 20, 1921, he was arrested by the local authorities in Oklahoma City. Later he was sentenced to serve one year and one day in the Oklahoma State Reformatory. In some way Monckton secured his release, after serving only a short time. In August he defrauded a member bank of Dallas,

Tex., by means of a worthless check. On October 1, 1921, he was placed under arrest by the local authorities in Dallas, Tex., on information furnished by our detective agents.

**RUSH MOORE,** alias R. L. Mason, alias Ray Martin. Claiming to be a representative of a Brooklyn, N. Y., dairy company, this man succeeded in defrauding a member bank of Ralston, Pa., by means of worthless checks. He stated he was in the vicinity to look over the land, as his firm intended to buy some property in that section. Our detective agents were notified and immediately took up the investigation. A few days later Moore defrauded a member bank at Millville, Pa., and from there he proceeded to Clarke Summit. At Clarke Summit he opened an account at another member bank, but by this time our agents had caught up with him and wired the local authorities to arrest him. At the same time one of our agents' representatives boarded a train for that point. Before our agents' representatives arrived, Moore was placed under arrest by the local bank and the local authorities. He is at present awaiting trial on the Millville bank's charge.

**GEORGE ALBERT MORRISON.** After cashing two worthless checks at a member bank in Providence, R. I., Morrison settled one and gave a small amount on account in paying off the other. He then appeared at the bank with a check in the amount of \$1,800, issued by a Chicago firm and drawn on a Chicago bank. He requested the teller to take out the amount due the bank and give him the balance in cash. This was done and it later developed that the \$1,800 check had been raised from \$18.95. Our detective agents' Boston and New York representatives investigated the matter. On September 22, 1921, Morrison was arrested by the New York Police Department on a local charge and he admitted being wanted by our detective agents. On being interviewed by one of our agents' representatives, he confessed to having defrauded the Providence bank. He is being held awaiting trial on the New York charge and a detainer warrant has been lodged by the Providence Police Department.

**N. A. PATTERSON,** alias Frank Switzer, operated against a member bank of Des Moines, Iowa, with a worthless check and our detective agents were requested to make an investigation. On October 7, 1921, our agents ascertained that a man had been arrested by the local police department on another charge, under the name of McRiley. They identified him as the operator in this case and secured a confession from him.

**V. B. PIMENTA.** During the latter part of August, 1921, this individual entered a member bank of Shreveport, La., and covering the paying teller with a gun, handed him a note reading, "Give me \$1,000." The demand was complied with and Pimenta backed out of the bank. A few moments later he was located in a cafe next door by employees of the bank, and arrested by the local authorities. The money he secured was recovered and he has been convicted. His sentence is given elsewhere in this issue.

**J. L. POWELL.** Our detective agents' Memphis representatives were advised that the sheriff of Kensett, Ark., was on the way to Memphis with warrants for the arrest of this man, and they were requested to locate him, as he had defrauded a Kensett member bank by means of worthless drafts. Our agents succeeded in locating Powell and on October 10, 1921, the sheriff, cooperating with our agents, placed the operator under arrest.

**ERVIN S. RENDALL,** alias Albert P. Morton, alias Richard Morris Preston, alias Walter M. Duncan, alias A. M. Sargent, alias Lewis Rogers, etc. This man has victimized several member banks in California and attempted to defraud





ERVIN S. RENDALL

others with forged checks. His method is to burglarize homes and steal, among other things, a check book, pass book and cancelled vouchers. He forges the name of the man whose home he has burglarized as either drawer or indorser, or both, to the check, which he presents at a local bank for payment. On September 10, 1921, he attempted to defraud a member bank in Berkeley, Calif., and the bank official, becoming suspicious, verified the fact that his depositor had not written the check in question, then caused the arrest of the operator. On September 14, while in charge of an officer of the Berkeley Police Department, Rendall escaped in Sacramento, Calif., and he is now wanted as a fugitive from justice. He is described as 26 or 27 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 130 pounds, fair complexion, dark hazel eyes, brown hair, blotch scar on left side of chin, dresses well, neat appearance. Fingerprint classification: 3 I 11

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**HARRY W. ROCHE.** During October, 1919, this man secured cash on two forged checks from a member bank in Belleville, N. J. No trace of Roche was secured until August, 1921, when he cashed a forged check at a member bank in Alameda, Calif. During September he forged two checks in San Jose, Calif., and was arrested by the local authorities.

**HERMAN ROTHENBERG** attempted to cash a check at a Hoboken, N. J., member bank, which had been raised from \$5.94 to \$250, and to which he had forged the indorsement of the payee. He was detained and our detective agents notified. He admitted to our agents' representatives that he had forged the indorsement, but claimed he did not alter the check and had received same from another party. He was placed under arrest by the local authorities and is now awaiting trial.

**THOMAS RUSSO and ANTHONY NIZZO.** On September 23, 1921, a delivery boy stole four checks from a customer of a New York, N. Y., member bank. The following day Thomas Russo attempted to secure cash on one of the checks at the bank. The teller certified the check, but refused to cash it. The operator then proceeded to another member bank and attempted to cash the check there. He was detained and our detective agents notified. Russo confessed and implicated Anthony Nizzo, who was located by our detective agents and the local authorities. Both were placed under arrest and held awaiting trial in the Juvenile Court.

**JACK SCHOOLS and OLLIE SUMLIN** held up a member bank of Grand Cane, La., on September 13, 1921. The bank was prepared for the hold-up and Schools was shot and killed. Sumlin was captured by the local authorities and later con-

victed. The sentence imposed on him is given elsewhere in this issue.

**PETER T. STRAUFF and FRANK KODAT.** During the night of April 12, 1921, an attempt was made to burglarize a member bank at Gold Hill, Ore. The bank had been forewarned and kept a watchman on the premises. The burglars forced an entrance, deposited a set of wrecking tools at the vault door and commenced action. The night watchman then opened fire, but the burglars effected their escape. On April 13, 1921, the local authorities arrested Peter T. Strauff and Frank Kodat, and they were identified by the watchman. During June they were convicted and the sentences imposed are given elsewhere in this issue.

**W. WIGNALL.** During April, 1921, a member bank of Yorba Linda, Calif., was swindled and our detective agents conducted an investigation. On April 22, 1921, W. Wignall was placed under arrest by the local authorities in Sacramento, Calif., and returned to Orange County for trial.

**GEORGE WILLIAMS** (negro), walked into the residence of the cashier of a member bank at Foristell, Mo., at about 9 P. M., on June 30, 1921, and with a drawn revolver, demanded that the cashier accompany him to the bank and open the safe. After waiting at the house for over a half hour for the people to get off the streets, the negro was convinced the safe could not be opened until the next morning, and left. A few miles away he held up a railroad station, and on July 5 he was captured by a deputy sheriff of St. Charles County, at Harvester, Mo. On September 9, 1921, he was convicted for an attempt to rob this bank. The sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

**J. C. WILLIS** obtained a small amount of cash from a Brookfield, Ill., member bank on a worthless check. Our detective agents' Chicago representatives made an investigation, which resulted in the arrest of the operator in Chicago, Ill., on September 30, 1921. The Illinois Bankers Association cooperated with this Association in financing the investigation.

**PAUL A. YOUNG** caused a Pittsburgh, Pa., member bank to sustain a loss on a bogus check in a small amount and our detective agents were requested to locate him. They ascertained that Young had gone to Cleveland, Ohio, and our agents at that point took up the investigation, with the result that on October 4, 1921, they located him at a local hotel, which he had defrauded on an unpaid bill. He was placed under arrest and held awaiting extradition to Pittsburgh.

## REMOVED

### FORGERS, ETC.

Adams, Joe—Indeterminate, Preston School of Industry, Waterman, Calif.

Anderson, William—4 months, Gloucester County Prison, New Jersey.

Antrobus, L.—Paroled.

Bailey, J. W.—Fined, then released.

Bentley, C. C.—3 years, State Penitentiary, Wetumpka, Alabama.

Blackwell, W. L.—1 year, Lycoming County Jail, Pa.

Blake, Ray—Paroled.

Blum, Howard—Suspended sentence.

Brooks, Mrs. Ione—Effected restitution and prosecution dropped.

Butler, Sarah—18 months, State School for Girls, Geneva, Illinois.

Cooper, Willie—Discharged.  
 Corradi, Angelo—Probation.  
 Davis, J. C., Jr.—Fugitive.  
 Edson, A. B.—2 years, State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Tex.  
 Ewell, John P.—7 to 10 years, State Penitentiary, Baton Rouge, La.  
 Ford, Fred—8 to 14 years, State Prison, Trenton, N. J.  
 Fox, Raymond—4 months, Parish Prison, New Orleans, La.  
 Fryer, Edward K.—Released, case compromised.  
 Gilmore, John—7 years, State Penitentiary, Ft. Madison, Iowa.  
 Gordon, George W.—1 year, Cambria County Jail, Pa.  
 Greenbaum, M.—Released, grand jury failed to indict.  
 Guy, Lon L.—1 to 10 years, State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska.  
 Hatfield, D. A.—5 to 15 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.  
 Herne, Charles H.—1 year working on the roads, Los Angeles County, Calif.  
 Holiday, Milton G.—3 to 7 years, State Prison, Trenton, New Jersey.  
 Hutton, O. T.—4 years, State Penitentiary, Raleigh, N. C.  
 Jenkins, Wm. Forrest—Prosecution dropped, effected restitution.  
 Kirkland, Otto—Suspended sentence.  
 Klein, S. S.—2 years, State Penitentiary, Jackson, Miss.  
 Leary, P. H.—Probation.  
 McClellan, Charles—Fined \$5 and the costs of prosecution, also sentenced to serve 90 days in the Westmoreland County Jail, Pa.  
 McDonald, B. H.—3 years, State Prison, Tallahassee, Fla.  
 McDonald, E. W.—1½ to 3 years, Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y.  
 McDonald, E. W.—Was sentenced on the New York charge, and as it would be necessary to carry his name on the Awaiting Trial List for over a year before the Philadelphia charge could be disposed of, we are removing his name and considering this a conviction. A detainer warrant has been lodged by the Philadelphia authorities.  
 McDowell, Bruce I.—Suspended sentence.  
 McGraw, James—Released.  
 McNery, James A.—Case dismissed, effected restitution.  
 May, James E.—10 years, State Penitentiary, Wetumpka, Alabama.  
 Messimer, Robert L.—1 year, probation.  
 Miles, Merriam L.—Released.  
 Miller, Evret—2 years, State Penitentiary, Moundsville, West Virginia.  
 Milwee, R. L.—Prosecution dropped.  
 Noel, Joseph—3 years, State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.  
 Pablo, Enrique—3 years, probation.  
 Parker, W. F.—Released, case compromised.  
 Perry, Walter E.—2 years, State Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va.  
 Provataris, Louis—Released, extradition refused.  
 Radcliffe, W. W.—Case dismissed, restitution made.  
 Reed, A. P.—Prosecution dropped.  
 Reeves, Clyde—3 to 6 years, State Penitentiary, Deer Lodge, Mont.  
 Rendall, Ervin S.—Escaped.  
 Rhynos, H.—1 year, County Stockade, Wilmington, N. C.  
 Sanford, Joseph Byron—Prosecution dropped, no date set for trial.

Schoemaker, C. L.—42 days, County Jail, Des Moines, Iowa.  
 Sears, W. W.—Discharged.  
 Simms, Benjamin E.—Forfeited bond.  
 Slayton, Ray C.—Fugitive.  
 Speares, Willard E.—1 year, probation.  
 Springer, Frank—Fugitive.  
 Stephens, Felton—5 years, Fulton County chain gang, Georgia.  
 Thomas, Jeff—Released.  
 Thomas, Lloyd—Escaped.  
 Washington, Willie—2 years 3 months, State Penitentiary, Wetumpka, Ala.  
 Wignall, W.—1 to 14 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.  
 Wyatt, W. T.—1 year, County Jail, Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Zann, H. C.—Probation.  
 Zuckerman, A.—Discharged.

**BURGLARS AND HOLD-UP ROBBERS**

Bracket, Charles—1 to 5 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.  
 Cooley, R. W.—Paroled.  
 Decries, Wilson—Life, State Penitentiary, Ft. Madison, Iowa.  
 Downs, G. M.—Released.  
 Duree, Hattie—Released.  
 Duree, Nora—Released.  
 Foster, R. L.—25 years, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.  
 Green, Joe—15 to 20 years, State Penitentiary, Wethersfield, Conn.  
 Greer, John—10 to 20 years, State Penitentiary, Wethersfield, Conn.  
 Holland, Robert—10 years, State Penitentiary, Baton Rouge, La.  
 Kodat, Frank—5 years, State Penitentiary, Salem, Ore.  
 Kratz, E. B.—25 years, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.  
 Lang, George—1 to 5 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.  
 Pimenta, V. B.—2 to 4 years, State Penitentiary, Baton Rouge, La.  
 Schools, Jack—Died.  
 Schultz, William—Paroled.  
 Strauff, Peter T.—5 years, State Penitentiary, Salem, Ore.  
 Sumlin, Ollie—15 years, State Penitentiary, Baton Rouge, La.  
 Williams, George—20 years, State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.  
 Woods, Bush—10 years, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.  
 Wright, Irvin L.—Paroled.  
 Yorty, Raymond—Life, State Penitentiary, Ft. Madison, Iowa.

**STATISTICS OF THE PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT**

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1921	Arrested since August 31, 1921	Arrested in October, 1921	Total	Convicted	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc.	191	27	33	60	66	20	12	153
Burglars	29	3	3	6	3	2	2	21
Hold-up robbers	35	4	9	13	22	1	1	25
Sneak thieves	1							1
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>200</b>

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SECTION TWO

## PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

### OFFICES OF THE WILLIAM J. BURNS INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, INC.

CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES.—I. N. Van Nuys Building.  
CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Building.  
COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON.—500 Southern Building.  
GEORGIA, ATLANTA.—921-22 Healey Building.  
ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.—1060 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.—Woolworth Building.  
OHIO, CINCINNATI.—505 Glenn Building.  
OHIO, CLEVELAND.—Swetland Building.  
OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA CITY.—Special Representative H. O. Brown, 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.  
WASHINGTON, SPOKANE.—Old National Bank Building.

### FOREIGN OFFICES OF THE WILLIAM J. BURNS INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, INC.

CANADA, MONTREAL.—Transportation Building.  
CANADA, TORONTO.—Kent Building.  
CANADA, VANCOUVER.—605 Vancouver Block.  
ENGLAND, LONDON, S. W.—Crown Chambers, 5 Regent St. No. 1.

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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## NOVEMBER PROTECTIVE WORK

### WARNING

#### FORGED CERTIFIED CHECK OPERATORS ACTIVE

Alertness may protect you from loss and aid us in apprehending two clever forgers

Two swindlers are now operating with forged certified checks, their method of procedure being as follows:

One of them opens accounts with cash in about four banks in the same city, while the other does the same in a nearby city. Checks are kited from one bank to another, thereby gaining the confidence of the tellers. At times one of these men has pretended not to know anything about opening checking accounts or drawing checks; both, when depositing or withdrawing money, have conversations with the tellers regarding supposed business dealings. These men may represent themselves as carpenters, mechanics or salesmen. At the proper time forged certified checks drawn on one of the banks in the nearby city are either presented for cashing, or deposited and immediately checked against.

One of these men has used the names of ALBERT A. PRESTON, alias Wm. E. Hodgkinson, alias C. F. McClellan, alias Alfred C. Miller, etc. The other has used the following names: W. H. HARRISON, alias J. F. Crissinger, alias M. K. Lewis, etc.

We are reproducing herewith a check, the face of which was written by Preston, the indorsement being in the writing of Harrison.

These two men are described as follows:

PRESTON	HARRISON
40 to 45 years.....Age.....	30 years
5 ft. 7 in.....Height.....	5 ft. 10½ in.
150 lbs.....Weight.....	170 lbs.
Medium.....Build.....	Medium Slender
Sallow.....Complexion.....	Medium
Light.....Hair.....	Medium Brown
May have stubby....Mustache....	Smooth Shaven

Should one of these men endeavor to open an account at your bank, kindly accept same, but do not honor any checks drawn against uncollected funds, and notify the nearest office of our detective agents at once by telephone or telegraph at their expense.

W. R. BOUTWELL. A man representing himself to be W. R. Boutwell chartered a boat from a reputable New York attorney and gave in payment a check drawn on a member bank in Norfolk, Va. Later developments proved that the operator had impersonated a depositor of the Norfolk bank and the check bore a forged signature. Our detective agents are investigating the matter in an endeavor to locate the operator, who is described as follows: 45 to 48 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, 165 pounds, stocky build, dark complexion, blue or gray eyes, dark hair, graying.

GILBERT W. BROWN caused a member bank of Annapolis, Md., to sustain a loss on a note to which the indorsement of two ensigns in the U. S. Navy had been forged. Brown graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy and was an ensign in the navy until September, 1921, when his resignation was accepted "for the good of the service." Our agents have been endeavoring to locate this man, whose description is as follows: 25 years of age, 5 feet 9½ inches, 153 pounds, fair complexion, brown eyes, brown hair.

WM. P. CARROLL, alias Dr. William Burk, alias Wm. Kane, alias J. J. Keegan, is wanted for defrauding a member bank at Tiffin, Mo. During the first part of October, the citizens of Tiffin advertised in eastern papers for a physician, not having any in their city, and Carroll answered the advertisement, stating that his name was Dr. Wm. Burk. Soon after his arrival he opened an account at a local bank with a check for a considerable amount drawn on a member bank of Lynn, Mass. Part of the amount was credited to the account of Dr. Wm. Burk, and he was issued three time certificates of deposit, dated October 12, 1921, bearing interest at 4 per cent., one # 111 for \$6,000, one # 112 for \$3,000, and one # 113 for







WM. P. CARROLL

\$3,000. Carroll, alias Burk, is about 43 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 170 pounds; ruddy complexion, blue eyes, very keen; iron gray hair, thick and wavy; clear skin, thick lips; has two gold teeth in front of mouth; has slight Irish brogue and usually wears Elk's pin.

*Dr. Wm. P. Carroll*

### BOGUS TRAVELERS' CHECKS

It has been reported that a number of forged travelers' checks in several denominations purporting to have been issued by BARCLAYS BANK, LTD., LONDON, ENGLAND, are in circulation throughout the United States.

Those checks which have been noticed are as follows:

Series G for.....	\$10.00
Series K for.....	20.00
Series B for.....	50.00

and are signed by L. D. Lewis, Treasurer, and countersigned by W. C. Burton.

According to latest reports the people passing the checks have been working in the vicinity of Des Moines, Iowa.

F. A. DILE appeared at a member bank in New Castle, Pa., and presented a check signed with the name of a local grocery firm, drawn on the Mahoningtown branch of a local bank. He stated he wished to open a savings account for part of the amount of the check, and desired the balance in cash. As the amount was comparatively small, the teller took a chance and advanced the funds. It was ascertained the following day that the check in question was a forgery. Dile is described as about 24 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, rather thin build, black hair, smooth shaven; wore a tan raincoat.

CHARLES GARDNER, alias Harry Smith, alias M. Katz. This operator opened an account in a Camden, N. J., member bank by depositing cash and two checks drawn on another Camden member bank. About a week later he withdrew almost all the funds to his credit. It was later ascertained that the two checks deposited bore forged signatures, with the result that the bank on which these checks were drawn sustained a loss as the same were honored when presented for payment through the clearings. At the time the account was opened, Gardner gave his occupation as salesman. His description is as follows: 33 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches, 160 pounds, stocky build, light complexion, dark hair.

F. J. HARVEY is touring the States of Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Idaho, and is cashing worth-

less checks drawn on the Liberty National Bank, Oklahoma City, Okla., in amounts from \$10 to \$150. The checks in question purport to have been issued by the F. J. Harvey Film Company of Oklahoma City. Banks should be on their guard against cashing any of these checks.

JOHN A. McCORMICK, alias A. M. Knight, alias F. G. Thomas, alias W. A. Thomas. For approximately a year prior to September, 1921, this man was a member of a realty and loan company in San Antonio, Texas. He was well known at one of the local banks, due to having transacted business of that firm. During September he presented at the bank two checks in considerable amounts, on which he secured the cash. The checks were later returned as being worthless and McCormick disappeared from San Antonio, deserting his wife and children. After his disappearance it was also learned that for six months he had been working dishonestly and had embezzled a large amount of money from the firm he was connected with. The senior member of McCormick's firm committed suicide about this time, it is believed, as a result of McCormick's dishonest dealings. Our detective agents are endeavoring to locate this man at the present time and it is thought he is somewhere on the Pacific Coast. John A. McCormick has a previous record, as he was arrested in Providence, R. I., on January 12, 1916, and returned to Louisville, Ky., where he forfeited his bond. He was rearrested and on March 3, 1916, was sentenced to serve five years in the North Dakota State Penitentiary, being pardoned from that institution on June 8, 1919. His description is as follows: 43 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 170 pounds, medium build, medium dark complexion, greenish gray eyes, gray hair, smooth shaven. Finger

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CHARLES M. ROSS is operating in California at this time with bogus checks signed Carolina Realty Co. His method of procedure is to call at a bank, or on a customer of a bank, exhibit a letter, ostensibly from the Carolina Realty Co., with which is enclosed a check for an amount between \$20 and \$30. The letter states that the check is for rent of Ross' property and that the realty company has a client for the house if he agrees to sell. We are unable to supply a description of the operator at this writing.

R. E. VANCE, who was formerly a foreman for a contracting company with offices in Pittsburgh, Pa., defrauded a member bank of Baton Rouge, La., by means of a bogus draft. Vance was in Baton Rouge engaged on construction work for the firm referred to above. The bank, knowing Vance's connections, cashed a draft drawn by him on T. A. Snell & Co., Shreveport, La., and it now develops that there is no such firm in existence. No description of the operator is available at this writing.

### GENERAL

#### SUBSCRIPTION SWINDLERS

Numerous reports have reached New York of banks in the middle west suffering losses through their purchasing orders for subscriptions to magazines from supposed agents who had no authority to obtain subscriptions.

In this connection the National Weekly Corporation, which is now publishing the old *Independent* in combination with the *Weekly Review*, has issued the following statement:

"The National Weekly Corporation employs no solicitors authorized to accept orders for subscriptions to the *Independent* and the *Weekly Review*, on a basis of an advanced payment and successive instalment payments.

"The corporation desires to make clear that banks purchasing such orders do so on their own responsibility and without in any way committing the National Weekly Corporation.

"The only solicitors for subscriptions who have standing so far as the National Weekly Corporation is concerned are agents who carry credentials, and who deal only on an advanced payment basis."

### STOLEN TRAVELERS' CHECKS

Guaranty Trust Company reports loss

In a recent mail car robbery on the Santa Fe, between Burdett, Kan., and Kansas City, Mo., the Guaranty Trust Company of New York City had a package consigned to them stolen. This package contained one hundred traveler's checks, each in the amount of \$10, numbered A-300601 to 300700.

It is suggested that our members warn their customers in the clothing and hotel trades to watch for these checks.

E. J. BUTLER, alias R. R. Barnes. A man using these names is operating with worthless checks drawn on various banks, among them being the First National Bank, San Francisco, Calif., the National Copper Bank, Salt Lake City, Utah, and the First National Bank, Greenville, Miss. He claims to be a superintendent for the American Bridge Company. His description is given as follows: 6 feet, 185 to 190 pounds; well built, slightly stooped; swaggering walk; Canadian; Masonic square and compass tattooed on left arm just above wrist.

L. L. DE VOS, alias R. W. Barr, Jr., alias R. J. Smith. An individual using these names is operating with bogus checks drawn on a Baltimore, Md., bank. These checks are signed with the names of non-existing firms. Thus far he has favored the names of Smith Brothers Co. and the Continental Aluminum Co. Up to this writing we know of no bank having been defrauded and De Vos has confined his operations to the state of Pennsylvania. We are unable to furnish a description of the operator at this time, but are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

*Smith Brothers Co*  
*R. J. Smith*  
*L. L. De Vos*

GEORGE F. ROGERS, alias Earnest Jenkins, alias Earnest Janke, alias Robert R. Tucker, is passing bogus checks drawn on the Greenwich Trust Co., Greenwich, Conn. He is operating by renting rooms and giving the bogus checks in payment of same.

ANTOIN ZUKOWSKI and JOHN PATOCL. These individuals are passing bogus checks drawn on the First National Bank, South River, N. J. Merchants in various towns are the victims.

LOUIS ZUMAKY, alias William Murgatroyd. An individual using these names is operating with bogus checks drawn on the Southern National Bank, Richmond, Va., a non-existing bank. These checks are on a printed form, and purport to have been issued by Larus & Brother Co., but the form of the checks is different from genuine checks of that company. The operator is described as about 5 feet 10 inches; has red spots on face; medium well dressed.

### STOLEN NOTES

The following described notes were stolen by bandits from a United States mail wagon at New York, N. Y., on the evening of October 24, 1921:

BARBER ASPHALT Co.: 1—Note for \$5,000; numbers 2046-11507; dated October 21; matures March 21; payable to National City Bank.

WALTHAM WATCH Co.: 1—Note for \$5,000; numbers 825-11378; dated October 21; matures April 7; payable to National Park Bank.

Kindly watch for these notes, as they might be used as collateral for a loan. Should they be located please notify this department at our expense.

### STOLEN NOTE AND CHECK

We are requested to advise member banks that the following were stolen from the mails on November 5, 1921, between Ottawa and Holliday, Kan.:

A note (Lyons Milling Co. No. 945) signed by the Lyons Milling Co., by M. B. McNair, Pres., and indorsed by the Lyons Milling Co., by M. B. McNair, Pres., and G. C. Schumacher, personal indorsements. Amount of note \$5,000.

A check No. 16123, dated Nov. 4, 1921, on the Peoples' State Bank, Lyons, Kan., for \$90.28, payable to the Merchants National Bank of Boston. This check was signed by the Lyons Milling Co., by Wm. B. Boyce, and is the discount on the above mentioned note.

Any information relative to the above should be communicated to this department.

### ARRESTED

#### FRED E. — ARRESTED

Falls victim of circular letter of warning sent out by our detective agents

In the last issue of the JOURNAL Supplement we published a warning article relative to FRED E. —, and under date of October 10, 1921, our detective agents sent a circular letter with practically the same wording to banks in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. This man has operated against almost fifty banks and though in the majority of cases the banks were protected by the indorsement of a depositor, Fred E. — was badly wanted.

On November 2, 1921, this operator attempted to defraud a member bank in Swedesboro, N. J., on a bogus draft, which they refused to cash. After he had left the bank premises, the teller remembered the warning circular and telephoned the



ROBERT B. OTIS

information to our detective agents' Philadelphia representatives. It was ascertained that the suspect had hired an automobile to be driven to Woodbury, N. J. Our agents immediately telephoned this information to the police department at Woodbury. At the same time a representative left for that point. Before our agents' representative arrived the suspect had been arrested and on telling a satisfactory story and showing identification cards, he had been released. Our agents' representative, on learning this over the telephone, verified his suspicion that the suspect was the man wanted and requested the local authorities to again place him under arrest. Our agents' representative then continued on his way to Woodbury, and shortly after he arrived there the local police brought in the suspect for the second time. Our agents' representative established the fact that the man arrested was the much wanted operator and in fact, after a short time, secured a confession from him. He stated that his true name was ROBERT B. OTIS and admitted defrauding several banks under the names of Fred E. Baker, Fred E. McMorris, Fred E. Clark, Fred E. Davis, Fred E. Salton, etc.



THEODORE R. VON KELLER

### EDITOR JAILED AS FORGER

Man claiming he has been reported in "Who's Who in America," arrested by our detective agents

**THEODORE R. VON KELLER.** Our attention was first called to this man in 1911, when he defrauded a member bank in New York, N. Y., with a bogus check. Articles relative to him were published in the November, 1911, and February, 1912, JOURNAL Supplements. At that time our detective agents located him and effected his arrest, but in some manner he escaped prosecution, though he also defrauded several hotels on bogus checks. We did not hear of Von Keller from that time until May, 1921, when a member bank in Bethel, Vt., reported that it had been victimized by forged checks passed by an individual going under the name of Walter Bounard. Our detective agents investigated the

matter and established the fact that Walter Bounard was none other than Theodore R. Von Keller. This man has been employed in the editorial departments of many magazines and newspapers, and has marked ability as an editor and author of short stories.

The search for this individual was again taken up, and on July 15, 1921, our agents located Von Keller in Toronto, Can., where he was using the name of W. H. Breitman. They held him under surveillance for several days, but before the warrant from Vermont arrived in Toronto, Von Keller disappeared in the middle of the night after giving his landlady a bogus check. On October 18, 1921, our agents secured information to the effect that this operator was applying for a position with a firm in Louisville, Ky. The information was immediately telegraphed to their Cincinnati representatives, who were successful in locating Von Keller in Louisville, and on October 22, he was placed under arrest. He has been returned to Vermont and taken a plea of guilty. He was sentenced to from 2 to 4 years in the State Penitentiary at Windsor.

### YOUTHFUL FORGER APPREHENDED

Recently joined army to escape prosecution

About two years ago, seven banks situated in New York City and Brooklyn were defrauded by EVERETT I. LEVITT, in amounts ranging from \$20 to \$700. Levitt, in some manner, secured possession of the signatures of customers of these banks and was successful, after forging their names to checks, in obtaining the funds represented thereon.

During the investigation our detective agents learned that Levitt, to escape prosecution had enlisted in the U. S. Army and had been assigned to duty in Scofield Barracks, Honolulu, Hawaii. Due to extradition difficulties, it was decided to permit Levitt to stay where he was and to await his discharge before action was taken. Arrangements were consequently made so that our agents would be immediately advised of any attempt on the part of Levitt to secure his discharge before his term of enlistment had expired.

When our agents found that Levitt was getting a discharge, they learned that he would have to get his final papers at Fort McDowell, San Francisco, Calif. Therefore their San Francisco representatives kept in close touch with the situation. On November 8, 1921, Levitt received his final discharge and immediately boarded a train for New York. While stopping off in Chicago, Levitt was closely watched by our agents, and the same steps were also taken at Philadelphia, at which time one of our agents' representatives boarded the train and accompanied Levitt, unknown to him, to New York City, where he was pointed out to two of our agents' local representatives.

Levitt was immediately taken into custody and after a short questioning, confessed to his operations in the seven banks referred to above. On being arraigned on a charge of defrauding one of the local banks, he was held in \$5,000 bail for a further hearing.

### OUR AGENTS ARREST GREEK FORGER

**JOHN LUCAS.** An article relative to this man was published in the November, 1921, JOURNAL Supplement. He has defrauded numerous member banks in California, Oregon,

Washington, Idaho, Utah, Texas and Missouri. One of our detective agents' San Francisco representatives, who had been engaged on this case since Lucas first operated in California, the early part of this year, and who is familiar with every angle of it, finally secured information as to Lucas' whereabouts on October 31, 1921. The following day he located Lucas in Oakland, Calif., and effected his arrest with the



JOHN LUCAS

cooperation of the Oakland police department. Due to the fact that this operator was a Greek, and the Greeks, like other foreign nationalities, will not give information about one of their own kind, our agents experienced considerable difficulty. However, Lucas is now awaiting trial in Oakland and has been identified by several banks.

ED. ADAMS victimized a member bank in Dexter, Mo., on a forged check, which was cashed in Bartlesville, Okla. Our detective agents' Oklahoma City representative investigated in Bartlesville and secured a clue which led him to Chanute. In Chanute he was successful in locating Ed. Adams and effecting his arrest with the cooperation of the local authorities. Adams has been returned to Dexter, Mo., for trial.

ROBERT L. BRADFORD, alias A. A. Sanders, alias C. H. Fisher, alias W. A. Platt, alias John L. Gray. This man was successful in defrauding member banks in Oakland and Los Angeles, Calif., by means of worthless checks with which he purchased Liberty Bonds. Our detective agents investigated the matter thoroughly, but the operator was very careful not to leave any clues as to his identity. On November 2, 1921, Bradford attempted to purchase Liberty Bonds at another member bank in Oakland, presenting a check. It was ascertained that the check in question was worthless, therefore the bank detained Bradford when he came for the bonds and notified our detective agents' San Francisco representatives. Before our agents could arrive on the scene, Bradford was placed under arrest by the local authorities. Our agents identified him as being the same individual who operated previously in Oakland, also Los Angeles. He is being held awaiting trial in Oakland at the present time and a detainer warrant has been filed by the Los Angeles authorities. The California Bankers Association cooperated with this Association in financing the investigation made by our detective agents.

W. O. BRINSON. On September 27, 1921, a lone bandit entered a member bank in Jefferson, Ore., and at the point of

a gun forced the bookkeeper to hand over the money in the cage, then open the vault, from which additional cash was taken. Our detective agents took up the investigation in behalf of the bank's membership in the Oregon Bankers Association and this Association. On October 22, acting on information received from the bank and cooperating with the local authorities, our agents located and effected the arrest of W. O. Brinson, who confessed to having held up the bank. He is now awaiting trial.

GEORGE W. CHAMBERS. An article giving the details of this individual's fraudulent transactions was published in the July, 1921, JOURNAL Supplement. Out detective agents' investigation showed that Chambers had gone to California and while they were conducting an investigation at Los Angeles, he was arrested in San Bernardino by the local authorities. It developed that this man also had operated in Buffalo, N. Y., and Boston, Mass., with bogus checks, and as the Boston authorities put in the first claim he was returned to that point for trial. He has been sentenced to serve a term in the Boston jail and detainer warrants have been lodged by the Buffalo and Crystal Springs, Miss., authorities.

JAMES ENRIGHT and JAMES HYLAND. On June 11, 1921, a member bank in Addy, Wash., was held up and several thousand dollars secured. An interesting incident of the holdup is that the cashier and his wife were kidnapped during the night and in the morning the cashier was forced to open the safe, which was equipped with a time lock. Our detective agents investigated the matter in cooperation with the local authorities. On June 19, 1921, Jim Enright was placed under arrest by the local authorities at Toppenish, Wash. The arrest of James Hyland was also effected and he was identified by the bank cashier. Enright pleaded guilty and was sentenced to from 5 to 20 years in the State Penitentiary at Walla Walla. Hyland is awaiting trial. The expenses of this investigation were prorated between the Washington Bankers Association and this Association.

RICHARD CARL FAHRER, alias John T. Duffy, alias Walter Thomas, alias Wm. Wilson, attempted to secure the funds on a worthless check from a Chicago, Ill., member bank and was detained, subsequently being placed under arrest by the local authorities and other interested parties.

J. P. FRANK and CARL A. LOWTHIAN. During June, 1921, a member bank of San Francisco, Calif., reported having certified a check bearing the forged signature of one of their depositors. Our detective agents investigated the matter and were unable to ascertain the identity of the operator. On October 18, 1921, another San Francisco member bank advised that they had sustained a loss on a check to which one of their customer's signatures had been forged. Our agents' suspicion was directed towards J. P. Frank, and they were successful in locating this man in company of Carl A. Lowthian. Both of these parties were interviewed and confessed to being responsible for both forgeries. They are now awaiting trial.

VIOLA K. GILBERT caused a member bank of Salt Lake City, Utah, to sustain a loss on a check to which an endorsement was forged. Our detective agents investigated the matter and on October 13, 1921, she was placed under arrest at Bingham, Utah, by the local authorities, who cooperated with our agents.

HAROLD GOFF was able to secure an introduction at a bank in Providence, R. I., where he presented a check and secured the cash on same. It later developed that this check bore a forged signature and as it was honored when received



through the clearings by the Boston, Mass., member bank on which it was drawn, that bank sustained a loss. Our detective agents' Boston representatives conducted an investigation and it was believed Harold Goff was the operator. This man was identified and our agents then effected his arrest. He is now awaiting trial.

**ARTHUR GOTCHER, FLOYD CASTLEBERRY, CHARLIE THOMPSON and ED. SEWART.** On September 30, 1921, a member bank at Fitzhugh, Okla., was held up and some of the bank's funds secured. Later the same day the local authorities placed under arrest Arthur Gotcher and Floyd Castleberry, it being alleged that they were implicated in the crime. A few days later our detective agents' Oklahoma City representative was requested to take up the case. On October 8, 1921, he, cooperating with the local authorities, located and effected the arrest of Charlie Thompson. Thompson confessed to his part in the holdup and implicated others. Ed. Stewart was also arrested by the local authorities and is being held for implication in the holdup. All four are awaiting trial at this writing.

**FRANCIS B. HAFFENDEN,** alias Theodore F. Creighton. This man was formerly employed in a bank at Portland, Ore., and when he presented withdrawal orders bearing forged signatures at the bank, he experienced no difficulty in obtaining the cash. The bank referred the matter to our detective agents' local representatives and a warrant was sworn out for Haffenden. Our agents ascertained that this man was at a certain hotel in Chicago and their Chicago representatives were successful in locating him and effecting his arrest on November 6, 1921. He is being held awaiting extradition to Portland.

**EARNEST JOEHNE.** During January, 1920, a member bank of Portland, Ore., was victimized on checks to which the name of a depositor was forged. Our detective agents made an investigation at the time and Earnest Joehne was suspected, but he could not be located. On November 3, 1921, Earnest Joehne was arrested by the police department in Portland, on a robbery charge. Our agents suspected that he was the one who had defrauded the bank on the forged checks and secured a confession from him in which he admitted that he and another party were responsible for defrauding the bank. The expenses of the investigation made by our detective agents were prorated between the Oregon Bankers Association and this Association.

**JEROME KLAAR, JR.** Our local detective agents were notified on October 21, 1921, that a New York, N. Y., member bank was detaining a party who had presented a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. One of our agents' representatives proceeded to the bank and secured a confession from the operator, who, it is claimed, is only 15 years of age. Klaar was placed under arrest, a complaint being sworn to by the interested bank.

**MRS. H. LARSON** was arrested by the Spokane, Wash., police department on a charge of attempting to defraud a local merchant on a bogus check. Our agents, believing that this woman might be the one who had victimized a local member bank, interviewed her and she confessed to having defrauded the bank, also many merchants. She is now awaiting trial. The costs of our agents' investigation were prorated between the Washington Bankers Association and this Association.

**ED. S. LEE,** alias Ray M. Howard, alias B. B. Davidson. An article relative to this man was published in the October, 1921, JOURNAL Supplement. Early in October this man

secured an introduction at a St. Paul, Minn., member bank, then a few days later he attempted to cash a check at the bank, bearing the forged signature of the man who had introduced him. He was detained and arrested by the local authorities. He was tried and convicted on the St. Paul charge and sentenced to from 1 to 5 years in the State Penitentiary at Stillwater.

**ROBERT LEECE and GEORGE BEGGS.** During October a member bank in Portland, Ore., reported to our detective agents that they had been defrauded on a check to which the signature of one of their depositors had been forged. An investigation was conducted and it was determined that Robert Leece and George Beggs were the ones responsible for defrauding the bank. Both of these individuals were under parole from the Oregon State Penitentiary at the time the bank was victimized and later were arrested by the Federal authorities. They have been returned to the Oregon State Penitentiary to finish their terms and we are removing their names from the awaiting trial list, considering these convictions.

**HENRY E. LEWIS,** alias Jack Wagner, alias John Rice. This individual secured a position in the office of an association in Oakland, Calif., and stole several of their blank checks. He passed some of these checks bearing the forged signature of one of the officers of the association, a member bank of Oakland being defrauded. On October 11, 1921, Lewis was arrested by the Oakland police department and held to answer for his crimes. The California Bankers Association cooperated with this Association in defraying the cost of the investigation made by our detective agents.

**C. L. R. MACDONALD** secured a letter of introduction from an old acquaintance to a member bank in Chicago, Ill. On the strength of this letter he obtained cash on two bogus checks drawn on a bank in Toronto, Can. Our detective agents investigated this matter thoroughly and on October 26, 1921, they located MacDonald in a cafe in Chicago and effected his arrest. He is now awaiting trial. The Illinois Bankers Association cooperated with this Association in financing this investigation.

**CAMPBELL McCARTHY,** alias M. Jassen (negro), is under arrest in Chicago, Ill., charged with having passed a forged check on which a local member bank sustained a loss. Our detective agents conducted an investigation in behalf of the bank's membership in the Illinois Bankers Association and this Association and suspicion was directed towards McCarthy. In the opinion of one of the bank officials McCarthy's handwriting was identical with the writing on the forged check and he was later identified by the party who cashed the check. As the bank swore to a warrant for this man's arrest, he was apprehended by our detective agents cooperating with the local police department.

**HERMAN MEYERS.** In the July, 1921, JOURNAL Supplement, we published an article relative to the arrest of Willard Campbell, who defrauded a member bank in Mason City, Iowa. As Herman Meyers was alleged to have been implicated with Willard Campbell, our detective agents continued their efforts to locate him. On October 16, 1921, our agents' Minneapolis representatives, cooperating with the local authorities, apprehended Herman Meyers in the vicinity of Moorhead, N. D. He was held awaiting the arrival of an officer from Mason City, Iowa.

**ALEXANDER SCOTT NELSON.** Our record of this man dates back to the year 1913, when he defrauded a member bank

of New York, N. Y., on a forged check. He was arrested for that crime and sentenced to serve from five to ten years in Sing Sing Prison. During December, 1919, he attempted to defraud a member bank in Newark, N. J. We next heard of him during August, 1920, when he, operating with another individual, victimized three New York, N. Y., member banks on forged checks. During July, 1921, Nelson victimized two more New York, N. Y., member banks by means of forged checks. Our agents put forth their endeavors and information was secured to the effect that Nelson was in Baltimore. All data was supplied to their Baltimore representatives who located the operator and arrangements were made to have him identified by one of the New York banks. After the identification was made Nelson was placed under arrest on September 24, 1921, by our agents cooperating with the Baltimore police department. He has been returned to Brooklyn, N. Y., and on November 21, pleaded guilty. He will be sentenced in the near future.

J. A. NICHOLS caused a member bank of Spokane, Wash., to suffer a loss on a check in a small amount which was returned marked "no account." A warrant was issued for Nichols' arrest and our detective agents were requested to locate him. Their Spokane and Los Angeles representatives took up the investigation and on November 1, 1921, they located Nichols in Los Angeles and effected his arrest. He is being held awaiting extradition to Spokane.

GEORGE STECNIK, GIOVANI COPPARO, MARIANO PATALMO, FRANCISCO BARTOLIE and JOSEPH DISALIO. On October 10, 1921, a member bank of Spring City, Pa., was held up and considerable cash secured. A short time later the local authorities, acting on information received from a nearby resident, placed the above named men under arrest. All are awaiting trial at the present time.

FRED P. THOMPSON defrauded a member bank in Rock Island, Ill., on three bogus checks in small amounts, drawn on a Bellevue, Pa., bank. Our detective agents took up the investigation in behalf of the bank's membership in the Illinois Bankers Association and this Association. On October 10, 1921, Thompson was arrested at Columbia, Tenn., by the local authorities. He has been returned to Rock Island for trial.

OSCAR TURNER (negro) secured cash from a Pasadena, Calif., member bank on one bogus check in a small amount and was detained when he presented another bogus check. After being questioned by our detective agents he confessed to his operations. He was placed under arrest by the local authorities and is now awaiting trial.

JOHN WATTERS, DAVE MASTERS, HANK HANKINSON and BABE EMERSON. During the night of March 29, 1921, a member bank in Stuart, Iowa, was burglarized, a small amount of cash was obtained and the night watchman was murdered. Our detective agents conducted an investigation and cooperated with the local authorities. John Watters was later arrested in Sioux City, Iowa, by the local authorities. Dave Masters' arrest was effected in Lake Benton, Minn., early in July. Hank Hankinson was arrested and convicted of burglarizing a bank in Pleasantville, Iowa, and sentenced to serve 40 years in the Iowa State Penitentiary; however, he escaped from custody in Des Moines. During August Babe Emerson was placed under arrest in Minneapolis,

Minn. It is alleged that these four men were implicated in the burglary of the Stuart bank. Hankinson was later killed while resisting arrest. Emerson has been returned to the Iowa State Reformatory at Anamosa, to finish an unexpired term. Watters and Masters have been indicted for murder in connection with the murder of the night watchman of the Stuart bank and are at present awaiting trial.

RALPH A. WELDON, who defrauded three member banks in San Francisco on bogus checks in small amounts, was placed under arrest by the local police department on October 26, 1921, and held awaiting trial.

LAWRENCE WIELAND, alias R. C. Miller, alias Chas. C. Walton was arrested by the local authorities in Oakland, Calif., during October. He was wanted for defrauding member banks in Pasadena, Calif., and has been returned to that point for trial.

MERRITT T. WYATT operated against a member bank of Evanston, Ill., during July, 1921, with two worthless checks on which the bank sustained a loss. Early in November this man was arrested in New York, N. Y., by the local police department on a local charge. Our agents ascertained that he was the man wanted in Evanston and a detainer warrant has been lodged by the Evanston authorities.

WATCH FOR \$10,000 BILLS

This department would request that the members of this Association watch for ten \$10,000 bills that were secured from an official of a foreign bank, through the old, well-known "confidence game." These bills are as follows:

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Serial numbers:

- B 49 A B 484 A
- B 407 A B 518 A
- B 415 A B 541 A
- B 417 A B 617 A
- B 419 A B 626 A

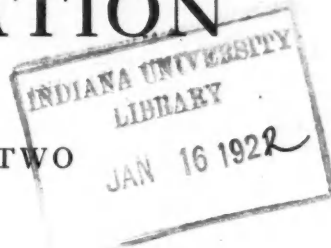
Should any of the above described bills be received by members kindly notify us immediately.

STATISTICS OF THE PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1921	Arrested since August 31, 1921	Arrested in November, 1921	Total	Convicted	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc.....	191	60	30	90	96	28	19	138
Burglars .....	29	3	4	7	7	3	3	23
Hold-up robbers.....	35	13	12	25	30	1	1	28
Sneak thieves.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Total .....	256	76	46	122	133	32	23	190

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PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

*OFFICES OF THE WILLIAM J. BURNS INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, INC.*

CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES.—I. N. Van Nuys Building.  
CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Building.  
COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON.—500 Southern Building.  
GEORGIA, ATLANTA.—921-22 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.—Woolworth Building.  
OHIO, CINCINNATI.—505 Glenn Building.  
OHIO, CLEVELAND.—Swetland Building.  
OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA CITY.—Special Representative H. O. Brown,  
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.  
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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## DECEMBER PROTECTIVE WORK

### WARNING

#### CLEVER CHECK OPERATOR ACTIVE

*Do not cash his brother's check*

ROBERT THORNTON has defrauded approximately forty banks in the States of Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana, Kansas and Missouri. His method of operation is to open an account at a bank by making a small cash deposit. He claims that he is working on a farm in the locality or is going into business. A few days later he returns to the bank with two checks, purporting to be drawn by an individual or a firm on a bank in some distant city. He claims that one of the checks is payable to himself and the other one to his brother. He requests that the check payable to himself be entered for collection, but states that his brother desires the cash. In practically every instance he has been successful in obtaining the funds on his brother's (?) check. Both checks, of course, are worthless.

Should this man open an account at your bank or attempt to defraud you, detain him, notify your local authorities and



A. R. FREIDES

store in a Southern New Jersey town, was successful in defrauding a member bank to the extent of \$11,000, by means of notes, the indorsements on which were later proven to be forgeries. Freides then disappeared from the vicinity and his present whereabouts are unknown. This man may start in business in your city and we would appreciate your notifying the nearest office of our detective agents, should he open an account with your institution. Herewith is a specimen of Freides' handwriting. He is described as follows: 32 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 175 pounds, stocky build, light complexion, grayish-green eyes, light brown hair, thin in front; nationality, Russian Jew, but speaks excellent English; has slightly Roman nose, thick, protruding lower lip, and occasionally grows a small, sandy mustache.



also the nearest office of our detective agents by telephone or telegraph at their expense.

Robert Thornton has used the following aliases: Henry R. Hamilton, Henry R. Haines, Fred Sears, Richard P. Coulson, Paul Hatton, Jack Reamer, J. H. Harron, Henry Hoffman, etc. We are reproducing herewith a worthless check passed by this individual, which shows his handwriting. He is described as follows: 23 to 25 years of age, about 5 feet 10 inches, 155 to 160 pounds, slender build, rather florid complexion, gray eyes, sandy hair; has prominent, hook nose; dressed like a farmer.

A. R. FREIDES. Member banks throughout the United States and Canada are requested to cooperate with us in endeavoring to cause the apprehension of A. R. Freides, whose photograph, as reproduced herewith, is an excellent likeness. Freides, who formerly conducted a ladies' wearing apparel

*A. R. Freides Fidelity*  
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*Eighteen 85*



**BOGUS CERTIFIED CHECK OPERATOR**

EDWARD CHARLES POMEROY, among whose numerous aliases are the following: Lee M. Furse, S. D. Jarrett, W. Kramer, etc., has been very successful in securing cash on bogus certified checks. This individual is in very poor health



EDWARD CHARLES POMEROY

and apparently finds it necessary to remain in the South. He has confined his operations to banks in the Southeastern states.

Pomeroy represents himself as a Government inspector of highways or other Government employee, or claims to be connected with a contracting firm, stating he is in the vicinity to look over prospects. Articles relative to this individual have been published in several previous JOURNAL Supplements. He may not attempt to operate for three or four months, but this article should be called to the attention of paying tellers and remembered by them. In this manner our members can aid us in the capture of a dangerous operator. Edward Charles Pomeroy is described as follows: 40 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, 119 pounds, slender build, florid complexion, blue eyes, sandy hair.

HOWARD N. McDERMOTT is representing himself as a National Bank Examiner. He presents credentials, including finger prints, photograph and a specimen of his signature, then requests that one of his personal checks be cashed. He has defrauded member banks in Des Moines, Iowa, and Kansas City, Mo., by this method of operation. When last heard of he was traveling with a woman whom he represented to be his wife. McDermott is described as being 25 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, dark complexion, smooth shaven; neat dresser.

C. H. MINER is the name used by a swindler who defrauded a member bank in Wichita, Kan., on October 27, 1921, by means of a bogus draft. Miner claimed to be the chief engineer of the Gulf Refining Company of Louisiana. Our detective agents are endeavoring to locate this operator, who is described as about 36 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches, 175 pounds, black eyes, dark hair; well dressed.

HARRY MONSON, who claims to be connected with a bank in Castlerock, Colo., has defrauded several member banks in Kansas City, Mo., with worthless checks. He is about 35 years of age, gray or blue eyes, light brown hair; neat dresser.

DR. PATRICK J. O'HARA is the name used by a swindler who recently defrauded a member bank in Kansas City, Mo. O'Hara was allowed to check on uncollected items. A specimen of his signature is shown below. He is described as being about 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 130 pounds, medium, slender build, dark complexion, dark eyes, dark hair; good dresser; talks with an Irish brogue and claims to be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

ALVIN WILLITT is wanted by a member bank at Tyrone, Okla., for defrauding them by disposing of mortgaged property. He is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 165 pounds, blue or gray eyes, dark hair; slightly stooped; has the appearance of a farmer.



## GENERAL

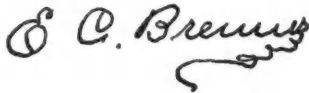
## BOGUS CASHIER'S DRAFTS IN CIRCULATION

We are advised that an operator is negotiating, in various cities, bogus drafts purporting to have been issued by the Boatmen's Bank, St. Louis, Mo., drawn against the Bankers Trust Co., New York, N. Y., and bearing a signature purporting to be that of J. W. Reinholdt, cashier. Our attention is called to the fact that on the bogus drafts the name of the bank appears as "Boatmens'" instead of "Boatmen's." This same operator previously used bogus drafts purporting to have been issued by the Englewood State Bank of Chicago, Ill., ostensibly signed E. W. Stansbury, cashier, payable through either the Irving National Bank or the National City Bank of New York.

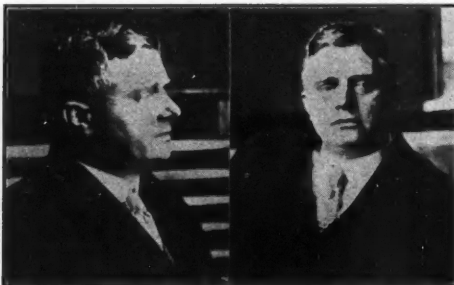
This individual's method of operation is to insert an advertisement in a newspaper for a secretary. He engages several secretaries in each city in which he operates and requests each of them to deposit in their bank for collection a draft which he has received from his firm, as he has not as yet established banking connections in that city. A day or so later he gives each of his secretaries a draft in an amount of from \$200 to \$400, stating he has received same for salaries, and requesting each of them to cash the draft. When the money represented on these drafts is turned over to him, he pays each secretary the salary agreed on, pockets the remainder of the money and disappears from the vicinity. In some instances this man hires a suite of offices, stating to each of the secretaries that they are to report for duty as soon as he advises them that the offices are furnished.

DOUGLAS ALLEN. It is alleged that this individual has caused a Florida bank to sustain a loss. Any information relative to him should be sent to this department.

E. C. BRENNES. An individual using this name is operating with bogus checks drawn on the First National Bank of Williamsburg, W. Va. We are unable to supply a description at this writing, but are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

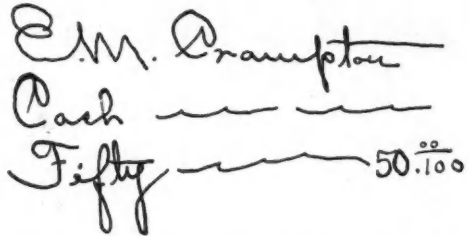


HOWARD E. FARNSWORTH, alias E. M. Crampton, alias Amos Churchill, alias William J. Reid, alias W. W. Patterson,



HOWARD E. FARNSWORTH

etc. Numerous articles relative to the operations of this man have been published in the JOURNAL Supplement between the years of 1906 and 1916. During 1916 Farnsworth was returned to the Vermont State Penitentiary to finish an unexpired term. Recently he was released from that institution, and he has resumed his operations. According to latest reports he is using bogus certified checks drawn on the State Bank and Trust Company, Hartford, Conn. During December he operated in New Jersey, but in his previous operations he



traveled throughout the United States and Canada uttering bogus checks, and it is reasonable to presume that he has started another tour. He is operating against merchants, hotels, etc., no bank having sustained a loss by his recent operations. We are reproducing his photograph and a specimen of his handwriting herewith. He is described as follows: 46 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, 160 pounds, medium build, medium complexion, light brown eyes, light brown hair.

A. K. HARTWELL, alias W. L. Sweeney. An individual using these names is operating with forged checks purporting to have been issued by Fisher, Sweeney-Bronze Co., drawn on the Hoboken Trust Co. of Hoboken, N. J. The checks are on an old form which was discarded some years ago. There is no one connected with the Fisher-Sweeney Bronze Co. by the name of A. K. Hartwell or W. L. Sweeney.

C. H. HOWELL, alias C. H. Harrell, is operating with bogus certified checks drawn on the Hamilton National Bank of Chattanooga, Tenn. These checks have been cashed in Nashville, Tenn.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Toledo, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio; Milwaukee, Wis., and other cities. The certification stamp reads, "Hamilton National Bank, L. J. Burton, Asst. Cashier," and is fraudulent. We are unable to supply a description of the operator at this writing.

## ARRESTED

## OLD OFFENDER RE-ARRESTED

Man who escaped from two state penitentiaries arrested in Streator, Ill., on December 5, 1921

Our attention was first called to CARL C. MILLER during October, 1914, when he defrauded four banks in Waco, Texas, by means of bogus checks. He was arrested shortly after these operations and sentenced to serve four years in the Texas State Penitentiary. In June, 1917, he was arrested in Dallas, Texas, and sentenced to serve six years in the Texas State Penitentiary. He escaped from that institution on February 15, 1918. During May of that year he victimized two member banks in Florence, Ala. On June 7, 1918, he was arrested in



CARL C. MILLER

St. Louis, Mo., and returned to Florence, Ala., for trial. In September, 1918, he was sentenced to serve twenty years in the Alabama State Penitentiary, from which institution he escaped on February 16, 1920. Articles relative to this man have been published in previous JOURNAL Supplements.

Carl C. Miller's operations were again brought to our attention during July, 1921, when he defrauded several member banks at Benton Harbor, Paw Paw, Decatur and Lawrence, Mich. Our detective agents investigated these operations thoroughly, but were unable to locate the operator. Later he defrauded two member banks in Michigan City, Ind., and attempted to swindle two others.

On December 5, 1921, the police department at Streator, Ill., arrested a man using the name of George Simms. Our detective agents identified Simms as being the man who had defrauded the banks in Michigan and Indiana and detainer warrants have been lodged from those states. It was also ascertained that Simms was none other than Carl C. Miller, who is wanted by the Texas and Alabama State Penitentiaries for jail breaking.

Carl C. Miller has used approximately fifty aliases, among them being the following: C. H. Schippe, George Frey, J. H. Brown, C. W. Walker, John Noble, W. R. Worth, G. B. Jones, C. B. Morgan, C. M. Marsh, John Moore, E. C. Dunkard, etc.

We would appreciate it if our members would view the photograph herewith and if they have any information relative to Carl C. Miller, communicate it to us.

This individual is described as follows: 52 years of age, 5 feet 8¼ inches, 185 pounds, medium build, medium complexion, light brown eyes, brown hair, graying.

### OUR AGENTS CAUSE ARREST OF THREE HOLDUP MEN

Fordyce, Nebr., bank bandits apprehended; most of loot recovered

On November 10, 1921, a member bank at Fordyce, Nebr., was held up. The employees were locked in the vault and the bandits secured gold, silver and paper currency. On the night of that day one of our detective agents' Des Moines representatives left his headquarters for Fordyce. When he arrived at Sioux City, Iowa, where he had to change for a train going to Fordyce, he met an informant at the railroad depot, who advised him that there were some suspicious characters at a local hotel.

After investigating at the local hotel, our representative secured the aid of the local police, and the hotel was raided with the result that HAROLD ROSS and FRED STEWARD were placed under arrest and part of the loot taken from the bank was recovered. Ross confessed and implicated another man who lived on a farm in the vicinity of Fordyce. Our agents' representative and the local authorities then proceeded to a farm north of Fordyce, where they placed MIKE CASEY under arrest and recovered more of the loot.

Ross and Steward have been returned to Nebraska, and all three were arraigned in court at Ponca, Nebr., on November 16, 1921, when they pleaded guilty and were sentenced.

### FORMER BANK PRESIDENT ARRESTED

Trailed by our detective agents to Terrell, Tex., and apprehended on December 8, 1921

MONT BERG recently bought considerable stock in two California banks through questionable deals, and was elected president of those institutions. It is alleged he then had a special book of stock certificates printed, signed his own name to them as president of the bank, and forged the name of another officer to same. With these bogus stock certificates Berg secured loans from member banks in San Francisco, Sacramento, Calif., and Reno, Nev., causing those institutions to suffer large losses. About two months ago one of the banks of which Berg was president was held up, and he claimed that certain stock certificates had been stolen. It was learned that some of these certificates were never in his possession and others were bogus certificates of his own make.

Berg disappeared from California about December 1, 1921, and our detective agents were notified of his fraudulent transactions and requested to locate him. Their San Francisco representatives immediately became active and different clues were followed out by their New Orleans, Seattle, Spokane and Dallas representatives.

On December 6, our agents' Dallas representatives received information through a member bank in Sherman, Texas, to the effect that Berg was in Terrell, Texas, representing himself to be Robert Hunter. One of our agents' representatives immediately proceeded to Terrell and found that Berg, alias Hunter, had been there, but was then in the vicinity of Mt. Pleasant. From some of his acquaintances it was learned that Berg intended to be in Mexia on December 8. Our agents' representative then made arrangements so that if Berg returned to Terrell he would be placed under arrest by the local authorities.

Our agents' representative then proceeded to Mexia. Berg did not put in his appearance in that town, but it was ascertained on the morning of December 8 that he was then in Greenville and was leaving for Terrell. Our agents' representative in Mexia immediately started for Terrell, and a representative in Dallas started for the same point. The marshal at Terrell was also notified by telephone that Berg was then en route to that city.

One of our agents' representatives arrived in Terrell just after the marshal had arrested Berg, and while he was being escorted to the city jail. Our agents' other representative arrived a short time later. Both questioned Berg at length,

and finally he made a few verbal admissions, but would not give a complete confession. Immediately after his arrest by the marshal he attempted to bribe that official to turn his back for a few minutes. Later he tried to induce one of our agents' representatives to give him a chance to escape extradition to California, promising that our representative would never have to work another day. He also hired an attorney and endeavored to secure his release by habeas corpus proceedings, but warrants from different cities in California were immediately telegraphed to Terrell and Berg was unable to secure his release. He was held awaiting the arrival of an officer from Quincy, Calif.

### METALINE FALLS BANDITS ARRESTED

On August 21, 1921, a member bank at Metaline Falls, Wash., was held up, Liberty Bonds and currency being obtained by the bandits. Our detective agents' Spokane representatives immediately took up the investigation. Several suspects were investigated and eliminated and it became evident that the operators had left the vicinity. On Friday, November 18, 1921, the attention of our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives was called to two men who were disposing of Liberty bonds under suspicious circumstances. Our agents notified the local post office inspectors and cooperated with them, as it was thought that some of the bonds might have been stolen in a post office robbery. On November 21, 1921, the two men who were selling these bonds were placed under arrest by the post office inspectors and local deputy sheriffs. The two men were questioned by our detective agents and others, and both confessed to having held up the Metaline Falls bank. One claimed his true name to be THOMAS WILSON and admitted using the aliases of John Fox and John Ward. The other gave his name as CHARLES EDGAR PIDGEON. Both were held awaiting extradition to Washington. Almost all of the bonds stolen from the bank were recovered.

### EAST PORTLAND, ORE., HOLDUP

The holdup of an East Portland, Ore., member bank was frustrated when the cashier opened fire on the bandits as they were leaving the bank. J. CAMPBELL fell dead at the entrance to the bank. JAMES BERGSTEDT and S. E. MURDOCK were captured a short time later by the local police. It is alleged that Bergstedt was also implicated in the holdup of a Grantsville, Utah, member bank, which took place several months ago.

ELEK BALINT, who defrauded a member bank of Johnstown, Pa., on a forged check, was arrested late in November, 1921, by the local authorities at Johnstown.

A. M. BOYD, who defrauded a member bank in Sullivan, Mo., on bogus checks, was arrested by the local authorities in Sullivan, Mo., late in October, 1921.

MAURICE LYON BRENNAN defrauded member banks in New York, N. Y.; Washington, D. C.; Denver, Colo., and Cheyenne, Wyo., by means of worthless checks. He was arrested early in November by the local authorities in Los Angeles, Calif., and later returned to Cheyenne.

JACOB CORNELIUS CAPPERSON held up a member bank of Aitken, Minn., on November 8, 1921, but was frightened off before securing any funds. He was arrested later the same day by the marshal at Cromwell, Minn., and is now awaiting trial.

LOUIS CARTER, who defrauded a member bank of Freeman, S. D., about two years ago by means of a forged check, was arrested early in December, 1921, by the local authorities at Fort Dodge, Iowa. He was held awaiting extradition to Freeman.

OTIS W. COBB recently defrauded a member bank in Baltimore, Md. Articles relative to his previous operations appeared in the January, June, July, October and December, 1917, JOURNAL Supplements. He was arrested early in December, 1921, by the local authorities at Jacksonville, Fla., on information furnished by our detective agents. He has been returned to Baltimore and is now awaiting trial.

G. A. CRIGER, who defrauded a Spokane, Wash., member bank on four forged checks, was arrested on December 3, 1921, by the Spokane police department, cooperating with our detective agents.

CHARLES H. DARNELL, alias James F. Murphy, alias J. P. McFarland, alias J. P. McDonald, defrauded a member bank in New Orleans, La. His arrest was effected by our detective agents' St. Louis representatives cooperating with the local authorities, on November 10, 1921. He was held awaiting extradition to New Orleans.

PHOEBE DeSEMONA, alias C. B. Durant, defrauded a member bank of Boston, Mass., by means of forged checks. Our detective agents' Boston representatives and the local police department effected her arrest on November 30, 1921, and she confessed to her operations.

T. A. FENTON, who defrauded a member bank of St. Louis, Mo., on a forged check, was arrested by the local authorities in that city on November 29, 1921.

WILLIS FENTON victimized a member bank of Los Angeles, Calif., by means of worthless checks. He was arrested on December 10, 1921, in Los Angeles by our detective agents' local representatives cooperating with the local authorities.

GUY FLEUREY, alias J. H. Bemis, alias Stacy Wilcox, etc., defrauded a member bank of Seattle, Wash., by means of a worthless check. His arrest was effected by our detective agents' Portland representatives and the Portland police department, on December 1, 1921. He has been returned to Seattle for trial.

### MAIL BOX OPERATOR ARRESTED

H. A. GIVENS, alias Roy D. Purdy, has been operating quite extensively in Kansas City, Mo., with forged checks. It is alleged that this man is a professional mail box thief and made a practice of stealing mail from apartment houses, especially about the first of the month when tenants were apt to receive their canceled vouchers and statements from their banks. Using the information contained in these statements and vouchers, he would write letters, forging the name of the party to whom the mail rightfully belonged, asking that a draft be mailed to him at some other address, usually at



apartment house, enclosing forged check in payment of the draft.

He defrauded a member bank in Kansas City and also one in La Crosse, Wis., in this manner. The member bank in La Crosse was also defrauded by this same criminal by means of a forged telegram, to which he signed the name of one of their depositors, who was living in Kansas City.



H. A. GIVENS

Givens' downfall came about through his writing a bond broker in Kansas City, enclosing a forged check and requesting that a Liberty Bond be mailed to him. The bond broker sent the check to have it certified before mailing the bond, and learned that it was a forgery. A trap was then laid for the forger, and he was arrested by local police in Kansas City on December 5, 1921.

Our detective agents immediately identified this man as being the one who had given so much trouble and the evidence they had was turned over to the postal authorities and the police department, with the result that Givens is now awaiting trial on a charge preferred against him by postal authorities for using the mails to defraud.

WILLIAM GLOBENFELD, alias L. M. Slater, defrauded a member bank of Exeter, Calif., by means of a forged check. His apprehension was effected in San Francisco, Calif., on November 29, 1921, by our local detective agents. He has been returned to Visalia for trial on the Exeter bank's charge.

HANS GOLDAMMER defrauded a member bank of Philadelphia, Pa., by means of a worthless check. His arrest was effected by our detective agents' Philadelphia representatives on November 19, 1921.

ALBERTO GONZALES caused a member bank at Los Angeles, Calif., to sustain a loss on a check bearing a forged indorsement. His apprehension was caused by our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives on December 2, 1921.

R. G. HAMILTON, who defrauded a member bank of San Francisco, Calif., by means of forged checks, was arrested recently by the police department of Sacramento, Calif., on a local charge. After his arrest he confessed to having defrauded the San Francisco member bank.

J. P. HARDY defrauded member banks at Roseburg, Ore., on checks bearing forged signatures. He was arrested on December 12, 1921, in Los Angeles, Calif., by our detective agents' local representatives cooperating with the local police department.

W. D. HOUSTON, alias W. W. Seary, alias S. S. White, relative to whom an article appeared in the September, 1917, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, recently defrauded a member bank at Greensboro, N. C. On November 15, 1921, he was arrested by the Philadelphia, Pa., police department. A short time later

he was identified by our detective agents and confessed to having defrauded the Greensboro bank. He has been sentenced on the Philadelphia charge.

EDDIE KAZMIERSCZAK defrauded a member bank of Pentwater, Mich., by means of forged checks. He was arrested on November 7, 1921, by the Chicago police department on information furnished by our detective agents.

J. E. KILLINGSWORTH, who defrauded member banks in Meridian, Miss., and Madison, Ga., was arrested on November 17, 1921, in Jamesville, N. C., by the local authorities, who cooperated with our detective agents' Atlanta representatives.

L. LINGLE defrauded a member bank of Kansas City, Mo., on a worthless check. Our detective agents identified an individual under arrest at Dallas, Texas, as being L. Lingle and secured a confession from him. It developed that Lingle also defrauded a member bank in Dallas, Texas, and he has been sentenced on the Dallas charge.

A. M. MITCHELLO victimized a member bank of St. Louis, Mo., on a forged check. He was arrested by our detective agents' St. Louis representatives cooperating with the local police department on November 18, 1921.

C. B. MURRAY caused a member bank of Beaver, Okla., to sustain a loss through a mortgage swindle. Late in October, 1921, he was arrested by the local authorities in Beaver, Okla.

HUGH H. NEWELL defrauded a member bank at Oakland, Calif., by means of a worthless draft and articles relative to him were published in the March, 1919, and September, 1921, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENTS. He was placed under arrest by the local authorities at Nogales, Ariz., late in November, 1921, after having been deported from Mexico as an undesirable alien. He was held at Nogales awaiting the arrival of a deputy sheriff from Oakland, Calif., to which point he will be returned for trial.

IVIS O'MARA defrauded a member bank of Kansas City, Mo., by means of forged checks. He was arrested on December 14, 1921, by our detective agents' Kansas City representatives cooperating with the local authorities.

FRANK PALONY victimized a Huntington, W. Va., bank by means of forged withdrawal orders. He was traced by our detective agents to Porter, Ind., and from there to Chicago, where he was placed under arrest on December 6, 1921. He has been returned to Huntington for trial.

SAM PARKER defrauded a member bank at Dodge City, Kan., by means of forged checks. He was arrested on December 15, 1921, at Battle Creek, Mich., by the local authorities, who cooperated with our detective agents' Detroit representatives.

JOSEPH R. PIERCE, who defrauded a member bank in Baltimore, Md., during June, 1920, on a worthless check, was arrested on October 29, 1921, by the Baltimore police department on another charge and identified by our agents as being the man wanted in the case reported to them.

LEO PINSKY, alias William Neilson, who defrauded a member bank of Boston, Mass., on a forged indorsement, was arrested by the Boston police department during November, 1921.

ORVILLE REESE, alias W. J. Davis, one of three bandits who held up a member bank of Alicia, Ark., on November 2, 1921, was arrested shortly afterwards by the local authorities.

He was severely wounded before being captured and has been sent to the hospital of the Arkansas State Penitentiary at Little Rock.

ERVIN S. RENDALL, relative to whom an article appeared in the November, 1921, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, and who defrauded several member banks in California by means of forged checks, was rearrested by the local authorities in Los Angeles, Calif., late in September, on a burglary charge.

HERBERT R. SEEMAN defrauded a member bank of Wichita Falls, Texas, on forged checks. His apprehension was effected by our detective agents' Kansas City representatives in Eldorado, Kan., on November 25, 1921. He has been returned to Wichita Falls, Texas, for trial.

NORMAN SMITH defrauded a member bank of Los Angeles, Calif., by means of forged checks. His apprehension was effected by our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives on November 26, 1921.

DAN P. SULLIVAN victimized a member bank of Kansas City, Mo., by means of forged checks, on November 21, 1921. He was arrested by the Kansas City, Kan., police department, who cooperated with our detective agents. Sullivan was held awaiting extradition to Kansas City, Mo.

JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN, who defrauded a member bank of Brooklyn, N. Y., by means of forged checks, was located by our detective agents in the Raymond Street Jail, Brooklyn, N. Y., he having been arrested on a local charge. Arrangements have been made for the bank to take action against him.

DORIS WILSON defrauded a member bank of Chicago, Ill., by means of bogus checks. She was arrested by the local authorities in Chicago, Ill., during the latter part of October, 1921, and confessed her operations to one of our detective agents.

THE AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION  
RULES OF THE PROTECTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Upon receipt of notification to the American Bankers Association, 5 Nassau Street, New York City, or the nearest office or correspondent of the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, Inc., of an attempted or successful perpetration of a holdup or burglary or the successful perpetration of a fraud or crime upon a member of this Association in its

banking rooms, or in the rooms of such branches as are members, either by forgery, check raising, worthless checks, bogus checks, swindle or sneak theft, the committee will at once use its best efforts to apprehend the criminals regardless of the amount involved or whether the perpetrator of the crime is a professional or an amateur. No action, however, will be taken unless notice is given within five days after the crime has been discovered, and a case once committed to the Association cannot be taken out of its hands nor the offense condoned or compromised.

Rule No. 1 does not apply:

(a) Where the member is protected by an indorser regardless of whether or not the indorser is financially able to reimburse the bank.

(b) Where the member does not itself sustain a loss.

(c) Where there is mysterious disappearance (1) of money or securities, etc., from the bank not presumptively attributable to sneak theft or (2) of the contents of safe-deposit boxes.

(d) Where a member has been defrauded by permitting withdrawals against items before returns from same have been received.

(e) Where the fraud or crime has been committed by an officer or employee of the member, either alone or in collusion with others inside or outside.

(f) Where it is evident that the bank is guilty of contributory negligence.

2. In reporting cases the member agrees to swear out a warrant for the criminal concerned when his identity has been determined; or a John Doe warrant at once in states where permitted.

3. The committee insists that the member take up with the state, county or local authorities and arrange for the extradition and the payment of expenses incident to the return of a prisoner. The committee will not pay extradition expenses or witness fees, and will not be responsible for any expense incurred for protective work or attorneys' fees which has not been previously authorized.

4. If for any reason whatsoever no prosecution takes place when the member is in a legal position to aid in the prosecution, and fails to do so, or in case it is found that any of the exceptions (a) to (f) inclusive, apply, such a member shall reimburse the Association for all expenses incurred in connection with the case reported.

STATISTICS OF THE PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1921	Arrested since August 31, 1921	Arrested in December 1921	Total	Convicted	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc.....	191	90	37	127	124	38	23	133
Burglars.....	29	7	.....	7	7	5	3	21
Hold-up robbers.....	35	25	10	35	38	4	2	26
Sneak thieves.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	256	122	47	169	170	47	28	180

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SECTION TWO

## PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Building.  
COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON.—500 Southern Building.  
GEORGIA, ATLANTA.—921-22 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.—Woolworth Building.  
OHIO, CINCINNATI.—505 Glenn Building.  
OHIO, CLEVELAND.—Swetland Building.  
OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA CITY.—Special Representative H. O. Brown,  
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.  
WASHINGTON, SPOKANE.—Old National Bank Building.

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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## JANUARY PROTECTIVE WORK

### WARNING

#### MAIL BOX THIEVES STILL WORKING

For the past several years we have been publishing articles relative to the operations of a clique of forgers known to us as the "Mail-Box Gang." Several members of this band have been arrested, but their activities continue, as enough evidence cannot be secured to convict the master mind.

One of the members of this gang was arrested about eight months ago. He was tried on January 23, 1922, and convicted. During the time this individual was awaiting trial, the operations of this gang were not so frequent as usual, as only about twelve banks were victimized during that time. It is firmly believed that since the case against the individual under arrest has been disposed of, their operations will become more frequent and we request that this article be called to the attention of our members' paying tellers, particularly in the banks of New York City and cities located within a day or two traveling distance from New York City.

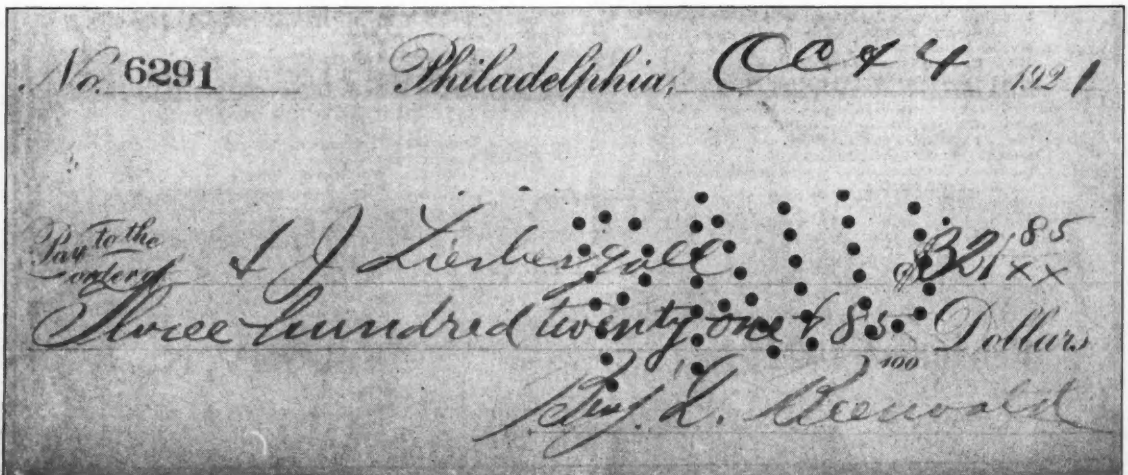
The method of operation of the "Mail-Box Gang" has been printed several times. Nevertheless, we will again go into detail, and are reproducing herewith a specimen of one of their checks. One of the gang steals checks from mail letter-boxes in the manufacturing district of New York City. If these checks are in substantial amounts and are payable to individuals, the gang simply forges the indorsements of the payees and makers (the latter acting as identification indorsements). Then another member of the gang presents the checks at the banks on which they are drawn regardless of whether the bank is located in New York City or within a reasonable traveling distance. If the checks are not in substantial amounts or are payable to firms, they are altered. The amounts are raised and the names of the payee firms are

*A. J. Lieberigall*  
*Benj. B. Beerwald*

erased by acid, or if the check is on safety paper, cleverly changed by a few pen strokes. For instance, a check made payable to Green & Glicken was changed to read "George Glicken," and the check in its altered form was honored on presentation at the bank on which it was drawn. The numbers and dates of checks are also often changed, making it hard for the banks to detect the alterations even if a stop-payment order has been placed on the missing check in its original form.

The check reproduced herewith was originally issued in the amount of \$2.85. The indorsement of Benj. B. Beerwald was forged and it can be seen that this is an excellent reproduction of the genuine signature shown on the face of the check. The writing appearing in the amount line is the writing of the individual who makes the alterations on these checks, and is always the same. Paying tellers should memorize this handwriting.

Should a check such as is reproduced herewith be presented at your bank, detain the presenter under a pretext and telephone the maker of the check to verify same. Then, if it is ascertained that the check has been altered or the indorsement forged, hold the man presenting same and notify our detective agents' nearest office, also the local police, showing the latter this article. Different individuals present these checks and we are therefore unable to give a description, but we must rely on the cooperation of our members to put an end to the activities of this gang.





## BOGUS SUBSCRIPTION AGENTS

On previous occasions we have published articles relative to these operators, who have been defrauding banks since 1917, but due to the small amounts and the nature of their operations, they have never been prosecuted. The only way the banks can protect themselves is by remembering this article.

The operators use various names and claim to be representatives of various circulation companies. They secure subscriptions to the *Cosmopolitan*, *American*, *Illustrated World* and *Outdoor Life*, also other magazines at times. As payment for subscriptions to these magazines, the bogus solicitors accept notes, usually in the amount of \$7.80, payable six months later at a local bank. The notes are then discounted at the local bank, and nothing is thought of the matter until the notes become due. The signers of the notes then refuse to pay same, on the grounds that the magazines contracted for were never received. In the latest operations, the names of E. E. Duncan, R. A. Ingersoll, A. M. Harris, W. A. Rogers and William Bartlett were used by the bogus solicitors.

**HARRY CAMPBELL.** A party using this name defrauded a member bank at Waterville, Wash., by means of a check to which he had forged the name of his employer. He claims his residence as Granger and Breckinridge, Texas, and says he has driven a truck in the oil fields in Oklahoma. Following is his description: 25 to 30 years of age, medium height, 165 pounds, gray or blue eyes, brown hair, smooth shaven; has noticeable scar on right side of neck extending below right ear towards Adam's apple. This scar is about one-half inch wide and three inches long.

**W. H. HASSETT.** We have been advised by a member bank that W. H. Hassett is soliciting advertising for a pamphlet entitled "Banking Primes." According to the information we have received, the pamphlet was never published and banks and individuals have been defrauded. Hassett is described as being about 26 years of age, 6 feet, 175 pounds, light complexion, smooth shaven, well dressed; wears a fedora hat with a broad brim.

**B. S. HOLMES,** alias William Hartman, defrauded a member bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., by means of a bogus check to which the indorsement of a depositor had been forged. Holmes also operated against individuals in Pittsburgh with bogus checks. His description is given as follows: 26 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 165 pounds, well built, fair complexion, light eyes, light brown hair, well dressed; wore black derby hat and dark gray overcoat; frowns when talking.

**TAYLOR HUDSON** has operated against member banks in Texas, Arizona and California with worthless checks. He has also defrauded individuals in Mexico. We were recently in receipt of information to the effect that this individual will return to the United States. He will probably continue his fraudulent transactions and we would suggest that banks in the Southwest be on their guard against cashing worthless

checks issued by this individual. We are reproducing here-with a specimen of Hudson's handwriting and he is described as follows: 35 years of age, 6 feet, 140 to 145 pounds, slender build, black hair.

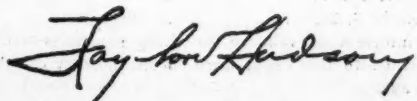
**A. W. KING** recently opened an account with a member bank in Terrell, Texas, representing himself to be connected with the Union Oil Company of California. He had in his possession a letter of introduction purporting to have been signed by an individual well known in the oil fields. He deposited in the bank a cashier's check in the amount of \$10,000, drawn on the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, Western Avenue Branch, Los Angeles, Calif., and was successful in drawing a considerable amount against this cashier's check before returns on same had been received. Later developments proved that the cashier's check deposited was forged. King is described as 38 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 9½ inches, 165 pounds, ruddy complexion, blue eyes, sandy hair; wore a dark blue suit with pin stripes.

**JOHN W. SCOTT.** We are requested by a member bank to warn other member banks against cashing drafts drawn on the Wheeling Steel & Iron Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa., by John W. Scott. Scott represented himself as being in the employ of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Corporation, and succeeded in securing cash on a worthless draft from a member bank in Brunswick, Ga. Scott is not employed by that firm, nor is he connected with them in any way. He is described as about 5 feet 6 inches tall, has large blue eyes, is well dressed, and apparently Jewish.

**H. R. FISHER,** alias Harry Fisher. An individual using this name defrauded a member bank in Cleveland, Ohio, by means of checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor. The checks in question were stolen from the check book of the Whitney Tractor Company, Cleveland, Ohio, by which firm, it is believed, the operator was employed. The name H. R. Fisher with the title auditor was signed on the checks. This matter was reported to our detective agents' Cleveland representatives, who immediately started an investigation. They have traced the past record of the operator, but have been unable to ascertain his present whereabouts. Apparently he has left Cleveland without leaving any clues whatsoever. We are giving below a description of the operator, and any information relative to this man should be communicated to the nearest office of our detective agents. H. R. Fisher is about 28 years of age, 6 feet 2 inches, 200 pounds, medium build, fair complexion, blue eyes, light hair, smooth shaven.

## R. M. MOORE STILL OPERATING

Numerous articles relative to the operations of this man have been published in issues of the *JOURNAL Supplement* between May, 1914, and this date. His photograph was reproduced on page 28 of the October, 1920, issue. He operates with bogus certified checks drawn on various banks throughout the country. In the latest operations which have been called to our attention he is using the name of M. A. Breed and drawing his checks on the Richmond Trust Company, Richmond, Va. This operator confines his activities to defrauding merchants,



hotels, etc., and does not operate against banks, but several banks have been annoyed by the necessity of returning numerous bogus certified checks drawn on their institutions. Moore is described as follows: Sixty-five years of age, 5 feet 5½ inches, 138 pounds, slender build, sallow complexion, dark eyes, graying hair; may have a mustache. His fingerprint classification is: 1 U 10

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### INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN LETTERS OF CREDIT ADVISABLE

It is rumored that certain individuals in Greece are placing orders with various manufacturers of the United States for several thousand dollars' worth of merchandise, such as motor trucks, tires, oil, briquettes, etc., and that letters of credit purporting to have been issued by the International Bank, Piræus, Greece, are sent forward with the orders. It is suggested that member banks use due precaution before advancing any funds on the strength of such letters of credit, and if it comes to the attention of a member bank that one of their customers has received such an order for merchandise, a thorough investigation should be made before the merchandise is shipped.

ROBERT C. MONROE opened an account with a member bank at Orlando, Fla., representing himself to be the local agent for the Moon Automobile Company. He requested that a check book be printed for him, and deposited a draft drawn on the First National Bank of Passaic, N. J. Later it was ascertained that the draft drawn on the Passaic bank was worthless. In the meantime, however, Monroe had secured a cashier's check from the Orlando bank, No. 8948, in the amount of \$400. A warrant has been issued for this individual's arrest and is held by the Orlando authorities. Any information relative to this man should be communicated to this department or the nearest office of our detective agents. We are unable to supply his description at this writing.

### LOST OR STOLEN SECURITIES

It has been reported to us that the following securities were either lost or stolen in New York City on December 5, 1921:

*400 Shares United Fruit Company In the name of*  
 Ctf. 1856, 100 shares.....Thomson & McKinnon  
 Ctf. 1865, 100 shares.....Thomson & McKinnon  
 Ctf. 2920, 100 shares.....Thomson & McKinnon  
 Ctf. 7843, 100 shares.....F. S. Moseley & Co.

*900 Shares*  
*Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co. In the name of*  
 Ctf. 60865, 100 shares.....Louis W. Pease  
 Ctf. 70355, 100 shares.....Thomson & McKinnon  
 Ctf. 52593, 100 shares.....Thomson & McKinnon  
 Ctf. 52591, 100 shares.....Thomson & McKinnon  
 Ctf. 56497, 100 shares.....Thomson & McKinnon  
 Ctf. 72455, 100 shares.....Clarence A. England  
 Ctf. 59271, 100 shares.....Sutro Bros. & Co.  
 Ctf. 67699, 100 shares.....George Rugg  
 Ctf. 71836, 100 shares.....William T. Chapin

Any information relative to these securities should be communicated to this department.

### LOST OR STOLEN TRAVELERS' CHEQUES

We are advised that a package containing one hundred blank travelers' cheques, in the denomination of \$10, issued by the Guaranty Trust Company, New York, N. Y., was either lost or stolen from the mails recently. The numbers of the cheques in question are:

A-300601 to A-300700

Any information relative to these cheques should be communicated to this department.

### STOLEN CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

We are advised that a certificate of deposit of the Jefferson Trust Company, Hoboken, N. J., No. 291, issued in favor of E. C. Baldwin, under date of December 3, 1921, has been stolen. Should this certificate be presented to any of our members it is suggested that they detain the presenter and notify this department or the nearest office of our detective agents.

### NEW COUNTERFEIT

#### \$5 Indian head silver certificate

We have been advised by the Treasury Department that a counterfeit of the following description is in circulation: Portrait of Indian Chief "Omenapa"; W. S. Elliott, Register of the Treasury; John Burke, Treasurer of the United States; check letter "D"; face plate No. 22; back plate No. 1220; series of 1899; serial number of the note at hand M91958378.

This is a photo-mechanical production, on two pieces of paper, faint ink lines being used to imitate the silk fiber of the genuine. The printing on the face of the note is somewhat too dark, but the coloring of the seal and serial number is very good. The note is slightly too long and too wide. The back of the note is off color.

This counterfeit is deceptive, and will not attract the notice of the ordinary handler of money.

### STOLEN SECURITIES

The following certificates of deposit were stolen from the vault of the First National Bank of Stroud, Okla., on the night of January 23, 1922:

Date	Number	Amount
September 3, 1921.....	2,055	\$900.00
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September 14, 1921.....	2,058	4,000.00
September 6, 1921.....	2,063	5,400.00
December 19, 1921.....	2,082	1,400.00

The following stock certificates of the First National Bank of Stroud, Okla., were also stolen:

Date	Number	Shares
June 17, 1915.....	140	10
June 17, 1915.....	141	10
June 17, 1915.....	142	10
June 17, 1915.....	143	10
June 17, 1915.....	144	10
June 17, 1915.....	145	10
June 17, 1915.....	146	10
November 6, 1920.....	169	10

Any information relative to these securities should be communicated to this department or the nearest office of our detective agents.

GENERAL

LOST OR STOLEN TRAVELERS' CHECKS

The following numbered travelers' checks issued by the National City Bank of New York to the Traders' State Bank, Salina, Kans., during 1916 have been either lost or stolen:

No. A-11717 to A-11750, inclusive.....	@ \$ 10.00
No. B-8154 and B-8155.....	@ 20.00
No. A-23801 to A-23840, inclusive.....	@ 10.00
No. B-17291 to B-17320, inclusive.....	@ 20.00
No. C-5761 to C-5770, inclusive.....	@ 50.00
No. D-2011 to D-2020, inclusive.....	@ 100.00

Recently some of these checks were negotiated in the vicinity of Salina, Kans., by an individual using the name of Frank Carter. Any information relative to the checks described above should be communicated to the nearest office of our detective agents.

STOLEN UNITED STATES TREASURY CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS

We are advised that a messenger of a Cincinnati, Ohio, member bank was held up on December 10, 1921, and the following United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, in the amount of \$1,000, due March 15, 1922, were stolen:

No. 39464	No. 11294
3129	11295
3134	11296
3133	11297
35079	11298
35080	10301

A reward of \$1,000 has been offered by the Hamilton County Bank of Cincinnati, Ohio, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the bandits, and also an additional reward of \$1,000 for the return of the above listed certificates. Any information relative to these certificates should be forwarded to either this department or the Hamilton County Bank of Cincinnati, Ohio.

STOLEN AMERICAN EXPRESS CO.'S TRAVELERS' CHEQUES AND MONEY ORDERS

The following listed travelers' cheques and money orders have been stolen from the American Express Company's office at Niagara Falls, N. Y.:

TRAVELERS' CHEQUES—IN BLANK

A-188443-599.....	\$10.00 each
B-186815-999.....	20.00 each
8324822-929.....	50.00 each
9423693-729.....	100.00 each
126510-519.....	200.00 each
734160-209.....	200 francs each
1001790-839.....	400 francs each
353468-509.....	£5 each
505400-449.....	10 each

Unlimited Check No. 2334429

STOLEN MONEY ORDERS—IN BLANK

A-9907327-419
D-5167220-379
D-5167183-199
F-5386950-5387079
Foreign Money Orders 4451830-869..40 @ \$100 each
Foreign Money Orders 4003740-809..70 @ 50 each

American Express Company money orders Nos. 472380-499 were stolen at the time a collector was held up in Chicago, Ill., on December 2, 1921.

Our members should be on the alert and any information relative to the above numbered cheques or money orders should be forwarded to this department.

ARRESTED

WILLIAM J. BAILEY defrauded a member bank of Austin, Texas, by means of a forged check. Later he attempted to defraud a member bank in McKinney, Texas, on another forged check. His arrest was effected on December 21, 1921, by one of our detective agents' Dallas representatives co-operating with the local authorities.

FONG BOR victimized a member bank of Brooklyn, N. Y., by means of a forged check. Our detective agents' local representatives investigated the matter and secured information to the effect that the operator would probably call at a certain Newark bank. The officials of that bank and the Newark Police Department cooperated with our agents and on December 24, 1921, Fong Bor was arrested in Newark by the local police and held awaiting extradition to Brooklyn.

JOHN E. BRAME operated against a member bank in Fort Worth, Texas, with a forged check. He was arrested shortly afterwards by the local authorities in Fort Worth and held awaiting trial.



E. J. BUTLER

E. J. BUTLER defrauded a member bank of Montevallo, Ala., by means of a worthless check during February, 1917. Early in June, 1921, we secured information relative to further operations of this individual. During November he victimized a member bank in Bowman, Ga. He also secured funds from a member bank in Norton, Va., on one of his worthless checks. Late in November he was arrested in St. Petersburg, Fla., by the local authorities and other interested parties. He has been returned to Norton for trial and detainer warrants have been lodged at that point.

PAUL C. CLIFFORD defrauded a member bank of Georgetown, S. C., by means of forged checks. On January 7, 1922, he was located at Hagerstown, Md., by our detective agents'

Baltimore representatives and his arrest effected. He was held awaiting extradition to South Carolina.

G. W. CANNING defrauded a member bank of Oceanside, Calif., by means of a check bearing a forged indorsement. On September 20, 1921, he was arrested by the Police Department at Seattle, Wash., and returned to Montesano, Wash., for trial on a local charge.



JOHN C. CASEY

JOHN C. CASEY, alias Zeno Casey. On December 20, 1921, an operator who later proved to be John C. Casey opened an account at a member bank in Kansas City, Mo., with a draft for \$3,000, which he claimed he had received from St. Louis, Mo. He was introduced at the bank by a business man in Kansas City, from whom Casey had engaged office space. On the strength of the introduction, Casey was allowed to check on his account before the item was collected. It later developed that the draft had been stolen, together with other mail from an apartment house in Kansas City. Our Kansas City detective agents' representatives were called on and learned the identity of the operator, also that he had a previous criminal record and was out on bond in Kansas City at that time. This information was furnished the local police department and Casey was arrested January 10, 1922, by the local authorities. Zeno J. Casey pleaded guilty in the criminal court and was sentenced on January 12 to serve seven years in the Missouri State Penitentiary. He is described as being 5 feet 11 inches, 180 pounds, medium heavy build, dark complexion, dark hair and eyes.

ALEX COLLINS recently defrauded a member bank in Oklahoma City, Okla., by forging the name of a relative to a check. The matter was turned over to our detective agents' Oklahoma City representative, who caused the arrest of Collins. At this writing he is awaiting trial.

FRANK DANER, JOE JOLLY and TALMADGE MILLER were placed under arrest some time ago and are now awaiting trial—a charge of holding up a member bank at Wiggins, Miss.

ALLEN F. DUNCAN, alias John Fitzgerald, alias Alfred Duggan, was successful in securing cash from a New York City member bank on two forged checks. On December 30, 1921, he again entered the bank and endeavored to cash another check. He was detained in the bank and his arrest caused by one of the officials.

SAM ELAN defrauded a member bank of Lake Mills, Iowa, by means of worthless notes. On December 15, 1921, he was located in the vicinity of Salyersville, Ky., by one of our de-

tective agents' Cincinnati representatives and placed under arrest by the local authorities. He was held awaiting extradition to Iowa.

BERTHA ERICKSON defrauded several member banks in Kansas by means of coupons taken from worthless Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company of Iowa bonds. She was arrested by the local authorities at Pittsburgh, Kans., during the latter part of October, 1921, and returned to Iola, Kans., for trial on the charge of defrauding a member bank at Moran.

JOSEPH GABRIEL was successful in securing funds from a New York, N. Y., member bank on two forged withdrawal orders. On January 9, 1922, he was arrested by the New York Police Department on information furnished by the individual whose name had been forged.



CHARLES GOODALL

CHARLES GOODALL, alias D. A. Reed, who defrauded member banks in Kansas City, Mo., Oklahoma City, Okla., and Omaha, Nebr., by means of forged cashers' checks, was arrested by the local authorities in Kansas City, Mo., during the latter part of October, 1921. He was extradited to Omaha for prosecution.

AMON HASBROUCK victimized a member bank of New Paltz, N. Y., by means of two forged notes. Our detective agents' New York representatives were requested to investigate this matter and located Hasbrouck under arrest at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on a local charge. He admitted defrauding the New Paltz bank.

P. K. JARVIS, alias J. E. McFee, caused member banks of Macon and Cartersville, Ga., to sustain losses on forged checks. On October 13, 1921, he was located by our detective agents' Atlanta representatives in a hospital in Atlanta. Shortly afterwards he was placed under arrest by the local authorities acting on our agents' information.

PAUL A. KERSHNER victimized a member bank of Reading, Pa., by means of several forged checks. On December 24, 1921, he was located at Reading, Pa., and placed under arrest by the local authorities cooperating with our detective agents.

C. A. KJER attempted to defraud a San Francisco, Calif., member bank by means of checks bearing forged indorsements. Our detective agents' San Francisco representatives were notified and when Kjer called at the bank on December 29, 1921, in an endeavor to secure funds, he was detained and questioned. After some time he admitted forging the indorsements to the checks in question and was placed under arrest by the local authorities.



**WILFRED C. LANE.** During July, 1918, this individual defrauded a member bank of Chicago, Ill. Later he passed worthless checks in New York City, but was unsuccessful in defrauding a member bank. During December, 1921, Lane was arrested in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, by the local authorities.



DR. WILLIAM MANELLA

**DR. WILLIAM MANELLA.** This man began operations with bogus checks during the year 1916. Since that time he has been placed under arrest at Grand Island, Nebr., and Chicago, Ill. He served a term in the house of correction at Chicago. During 1921 he resumed operations and defrauded member banks of La Crosse, Wis.; San Francisco, Calif.; Louisville, Ky.; Nashville, Tenn.; Binghamton, N. Y.; Buffalo, N. Y., and Hammond, La. On December 28, 1921, Manella was located at New Orleans, La., and placed under arrest by the local police cooperating with our detective agents' New Orleans representatives.



DR. PATRICK J. O'HARA

**DR. PATRICK J. O'HARA,** alias R. B. Clancey, alias Dennis L. Kelley, mentioned in the January, 1922, JOURNAL Supplement, was arrested by the local authorities at Bay St. Louis, Miss., on December 27, 1921, and has been returned to Louisville, Ky., for prosecution.

**DWIGHT L. OLIVER,** alias R. J. Duprey, victimized a San Francisco, Calif., member bank by means of a forged check. On January 7, 1922, he was located by our detective agents' San Francisco representatives and confessed to forging the check. He was then placed under arrest and is now awaiting trial.

**FRANCIS L. PRATT** caused a member bank of New York City to sustain a loss on a worthless check. On January 3, 1922, he was arrested by the local authorities in St. Louis, Mo., on a local charge.

**A. A. RAGAN** caused a member bank of Priest River, Idaho, to sustain a loss on a check bearing a forged indorsement. On December 28, 1921, Ragan was arrested at Endicott, Wash., by the local authorities. He has since been returned to Sandpoint, Idaho, for trial on the bank's charge.

**J. H. REDFIELD** secured a considerable amount from a West Palm Beach, Fla., member bank by means of forgery. He was arrested on December 19, 1921, by the local authorities at Fort Pierce, Fla., and the bank's funds recovered.

**SIGMUND L. REISS** caused a member bank of Chicago, Ill., to sustain a loss on a bogus check. On December 16, 1921, Reiss was located by our detective agents' Chicago representatives and placed under arrest.

**J. S. RICE** defrauded a member bank at Mineral Wells, Texas, by means of a worthless check. On June 30, 1921, he was arrested by the sheriff's office at Dallas, Texas, cooperating with our detective agents' representatives.

**WILLIAM J. RICHARDS** defrauded a member bank of Philadelphia, Pa., on a check bearing a forged indorsement. On December 23, 1921, Richards was located by our detective agents' Philadelphia representatives and his arrest effected.

**MRS. ARTHUR SHUMARD,** alias Grace McClelland, while in Hutchinson, Kans., secured mail belonging to another person named Shumard, which mail contained a check for a considerable amount. She forged the payee's name to same and managed to get it cashed through a former acquaintance. The check was drawn on a member bank in Kansas City, Mo., and when the forgery was discovered, the matter was referred to our local detective agents, who, cooperating with the local police department, caused the arrest of this woman on January 14, 1922. She was returned to Hutchinson, Kans., and at this writing is awaiting trial.

**LARRY SIMPSON** defrauded a member bank of Burlington, N. C., by means of a forged draft. On December 28, 1921, our detective agents' Richmond representatives located Simpson in jail in Richmond, Va. He confessed to having defrauded the Burlington bank. He was tried on the local charge in Richmond, Va., and the sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

**DONALD A. STEWART** and **WALTER JOHNSTON.** On December 1, 1921, our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives were notified by a local member bank that they had sustained a loss on several checks to which the signature of one of their depositors had been forged. Our agents conducted an investigation, and on December 28, 1921, our agents' Chicago representatives located Walter Johnston and he was placed under arrest after making a confession. On December 30, 1921, our agents' Los Angeles representatives located Donald A. Stewart. He also confessed to his part in the fraudulent transactions and was placed under arrest.

## HOLDUP MEN ARRESTED

**HARLOW TOWER** and **AUGUST REID** were arrested in New York City by the local authorities on December 23, 1921, on the charge of being implicated in the holdup of the Niagara Falls Trust Company, Niagara Falls, N. Y. Later both confessed to participating in this holdup and also in the holdup of the Marine National Bank, Ashtabula, Ohio. They were returned to Buffalo, N. Y., and pleaded guilty to the charge of holding up the Niagara Falls bank. On January 12, 1922, they were sentenced and the terms they received is given elsewhere in this issue.

GEORGE J. WAGGONER, alias D. J. Haskell, alias D. J. Holt, alias M. G. Saulter, etc. This individual was successful in defrauding member banks at Rosalia, Kans.; Teague, Texas; Iowa Park, Texas, and Wichita Falls, Texas, by means of bogus drafts in large amounts. On December 21, 1921, he was arrested by the local authorities at Okmulgee, Okla., on information supplied by an official of one of the Texas banks and our detective agents. After his arrest he was identified as



GEORGE J. WAGGONER

being the individual who had defrauded the other banks referred to above. While being returned to Texas in the custody of local officers, Waggoner escaped from the train. A short time afterwards he was again arrested by the local authorities in the vicinity of Wichita Falls, Texas, and he is now in jail at Teague, Texas, awaiting trial on the charge of the local bank.

JOHN WEEMS held up a member bank at Fort Cobb, Okla., on January 3, 1922, securing some of the bank's funds. Immediately after Weems left the bank a posse was organized and started in pursuit of Weems. Later the same day he was shot by one of the members of the posse and severely wounded. He was then placed under arrest and is now awaiting trial.

REMOVED

FORGERS, ETC.

- Balint, Elek.—3½ years, Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Bell, Howard H.—Indeterminate, State Prison, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Berg, Mont.—1 to 10 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.
- Bering, C. G.—Discharged, effected restitution.
- Bremnes, Arne—No date set for trial, prosecution improbable.
- Buel, Frank—Discharged.
- Carter, Louis—6 months, State Penitentiary, Sioux Falls, S. D.
- Casey, John C.—7 years, State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.
- Cobb, Otis W.—1 year, State Penitentiary, Baltimore, Md.
- De Cordova, R. M.—Case dismissed.
- Feingold, Herman—1 year, probation.
- Fleurey, Guy—1 to 5 years, State Reformatory, Monroe, Wash.

- Frank, J. P.—1 year, probation.
- Goff, Harold—Suspended sentence.
- Hays, Allen—5 years, State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kans.
- Joehne, Ernest—25 years, State Penitentiary, Salem, Ore.
- Jones, H. M.—5 years, State Penitentiary, Columbia, S. C.
- Lane, Wilfred C.—Insane.
- Levitt, Everett I.—Indeterminate, State Reformatory, Elmira, N. Y.
- Long, Mrs. Geraldine—Eastern Washington Hospital for Insane, Medical Lake, Wash.
- Lowthian, Carl A.—1 year, probation.
- Lubkin, Leon.—2 years 6 months to 5 years, Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y.
- Miller, Carl C.—Returned to Alabama State Penitentiary, from which institution he escaped on February 16, 1920, to serve remaining 18 years and 7 months' sentence.
- Morgan, Thomas H.—Discharged, lack of prosecution.
- Nelson, Alexander Scott—6 months to 3 years, Blackwells Island, N. Y.
- Nichols, J. A.—Released on condition he make restitution and reimburse the county for extradition expenses.
- Otis, Robert B.—18 months to 3 years, State Penitentiary, Trenton, N. J.
- Raines, Elbio B.—Probation.
- Rice, J. S.—Discharged, effected restitution.
- Richards, W. J.—Released, effected restitution.
- Simpson, Larry—1 year, State Penitentiary, Richmond, Va.
- Smith, Frank H.—Discharged.
- Sullivan, Joseph J.—Discharged, effected restitution.
- Williams, Willie—Discharged.

BULGLARS AND HOLDUP ROBBERS

- Bishop, Earl "Red"—Burglary, 7 years, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kans.
- Capperson, Jacob—Holdup, indeterminate, State Penitentiary, Stillwater, Minn.
- Cohen, Frank—Holdup, forfeited bond.
- Forster, Ernest—Burglary, 4 years, State Penitentiary, Waupun, Wis.
- Geary, Michael—Holdup, life, State Penitentiary, Joliet Ill.
- Jones, Albert—Burglary. Acquitted.
- Reid, August—Holdup, 10 years to 20 years, State Prison, Auburn, N. Y.
- Secks, Martin—Holdup, 20 years, State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.
- Tower, Harlow—Holdup, 10 to 20 years, State Prison, Auburn, N. Y.

STATISTICS OF THE PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1921	Arrested since August 31, 1921	Arrested in January, 1922	Total	Convicted	Discharged or Acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc.....	191	127	32	159	145	49	25	131
Burglars.....	29	7	.....	7	9	6	3	18
Hold-up robbers.....	35	35	6	41	43	4	3	26
Sneak thieves.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	256	169	38	207	198	59	31	175

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## PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES.—I. N. Van Nuys Building.  
 CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Building.  
 COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.  
 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON.—500 Southern Building.  
 GEORGIA, ATLANTA.—921-22 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.—Woolworth Building.  
 OHIO, CINCINNATI.—505 Glenn 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.  
 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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CANADA, MONTREAL.—Transportation Building.  
 CANADA, TORONTO.—Kent Building.  
 CANADA, VANCOUVER.—605 Vancouver Block.  
 ENGLAND, LONDON, S. W.—Crowa Chambers, 5 Regent St. No. 1.

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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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Five Nassau Street, New York

## FEBRUARY PROTECTIVE WORK

### WARNING

#### DANGEROUS BOGUS CHECK OPERATOR

Old method of operation netting Charles King large profits

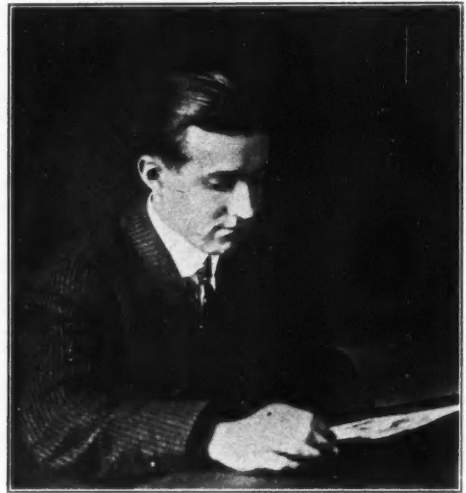
CHARLES KING, alias Allen G. Davies, alias Anson Tradd, alias Bertrand Hill, alias Cantrell Wentworth, alias Paul Grimm, alias J. C. Hately, alias Harvey C. Bennett, alias G. B. Morgan, alias J. Carlquist, alias Albert Van Velzer, alias C. Schindler, alias J. L. Tabler, alias C. V. Thomas, alias C. Colman, alias Nathan Down, alias I. A. Chaffer, are a few of the names used by this man in his fraudulent operations. *Caution your new account man. See that your tellers read this warning and familiarize themselves with this individual's handwriting and description.* We are reproducing one of the worthless checks written by King herewith. In the May, 1921, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT a previous article relative to this operator was published.

During January, 1922, King defrauded several banks in San Diego and Santa Ana, Calif. Last November he opened small accounts in the banks he intended to victimize. He then drew several small checks, sometimes asking the teller to make out the check, which he would then sign, in this manner getting well acquainted with the employees of the banks. During January he deposited in each bank a check in the amount of about \$3,200, drawn on San Francisco banks, and while these checks were going through the clearings, he presented at each bank another check drawn on a San Francisco bank in the amount of about \$800, on which he was successful in securing the cash. All checks drawn by this operator on the San Francisco banks were returned a few days later marked, "No Account."

Member banks are requested to cooperate with us: any information relative to this man should be promptly reported to the nearest office of our detective agents. Should he be

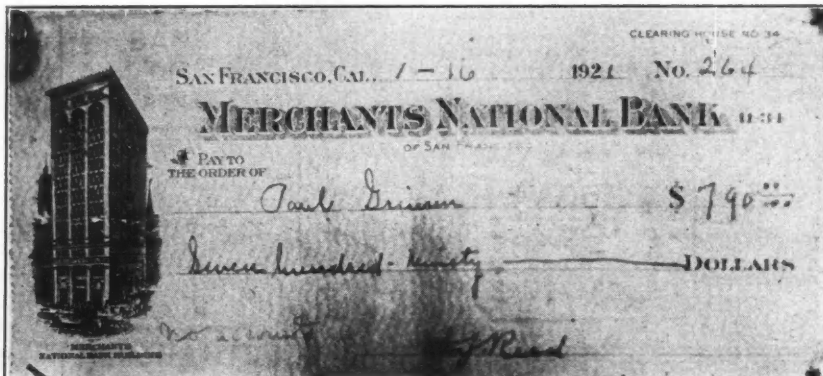
located, he should be placed under arrest as warrants are in existence.

The description of Charles King, alias Paul Grimm, etc., is given as follows: 33 to 35 years of age, about 5 feet 8 inches, 180 pounds, stocky build, fair complexion, blue eyes, blond or light brown hair, smooth shaven; regular features, round face.



JOHN T. BLACK

JOHN T. BLACK, alias J. J. Shubert, is wanted for defrauding member banks in Kansas City and St. Louis, Mo., by means of forged checks. This man is an excellent stenographer. He was employed by a law firm in Kansas City, from whom, it is alleged, he stole some blank checks, forged their name to several of them and cashed them in Kansas City. He then went to St. Louis and repeated the transaction. We are reproducing herewith a photograph of Black. He is described as being about 25 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, 155 pounds, dark eyes, dark hair; has a slight limp. Black is accompanied by a woman, who poses as his wife. She is described as being about 25 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches, 125 pounds, brown hair, large brown eyes; well dressed.







ROBERT DUVAL

ROBERT DUVAL, alias Robert Lemar, alias Robert Foster, alias Viktor Ludig, alias Carl Hillman, alias The Count, is wanted by a member bank in Arkansas, which he was successful in defrauding. Our detective agents are endeavoring to locate him. Any information relative to him should be communicated to this department or the nearest office of our detective agents.

*George E. Foster*

GEORGE E. FOSTER was successful in securing cash from a Dorchester, Mass., member bank on a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. The bank is unable to supply us with a description of the operator, but we are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting herewith.



LOUIS OBENRAUGH

LOUIS OBENRAUGH, alias Louis Benda, alias Louis Valusek. During last June, this man defrauded a member bank of Bettendorf, Iowa, by means of a forged check. He is a butcher and also has some talent as a violin player.

Obenraugh is badly wanted by the Bettendorf bank and any information relative to him should be communicated to the nearest office of our detective agents. We are reproducing his photograph herewith and his description is given as follows: 36 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, 250 pounds, very stocky build, dark eyes, black hair; has a gold tooth on upper jaw.

JOSEPH M. ROSS defrauded a Pittsburgh, Pa., member bank by means of a check bearing a forged indorsement. This man has followed the restaurant business for some time and has also worked in commissary departments of large corporations. Lately, however, he has taken to the road and worked as a salesman selling pop-corn. His traveling occupation caused him to need more funds, as he entertained ladies extensively, with the result that he is now being sought by our detective agents. We are reproducing herewith a specimen of Ross' handwriting, and his description is as follows: 40 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 130 pounds, slender build, but rather broad shoulders, very dark complexion, black eyes, black hair, smooth shaven; is a very neat dresser; usually wears dark fedora hat, dark suit and dark overcoat.

*Joseph M. Ross*

ALBERT SMITH, alias G. E. Wright, operated in Montpelier, Vt., with a bogus check drawn on the Royal Bank of Canada, Granville and Davie Streets Branch, Vancouver, B. C., and bearing a forged certification stamp of that bank with the signature of C. H. Dunlap as cashier. When Smith arrived in Montpelier he hired the best room in the local hotel and inquired as to where he could obtain storage space. He was referred to a local citizen and later requested the latter to identify him at a local bank. The local man finally indorsed the check in question for Smith on condition that he leave with him the bill of lading ostensibly covering the shipment which Smith claimed was on the way to Montpelier. Smith turned over a bill of lading on the form of the Canadian National Railways, dated January 12, 1922, at Superior Junction, Ont., giving the car number and describing the goods shipped, which included one Ford automobile, a piano, a parlor suite, and other household articles. The local citizen then indorsed the check, Smith obtained cash for it and then left the vicinity. Smith is described as being about 30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches, 175 to 190 pounds, light complexion, full face; wore lumberman's rubber shoes.

*Albert Smith*  
*Albert Smith*

JOHN STEVENS, alias E. Gorman, alias Frank Morris, alias Geo. Brown, is operating with forged checks drawn on the Peoples State Bank, Farmington, Mich. The checks are on a draft form check printed on pink safety paper. "Frank Ayers, Good Roads," appears in the upper left hand corner, and the forged signature of Frank Ayers appears on the signature line. Pink colored checks are not those furnished by the bank to Frank Ayers, its customer. A description of the operator is not available at this writing.

WADE WITHROW defrauded a Pittsburgh, Pa., member bank by means of forged checks. Withrow held a position as an engineer, but made the acquaintance of gentlemen known as "bootleggers," consequently he needed more funds. He ascertained from a friend who worked with him, that this man's brother had a considerable amount of money on deposit in a Pittsburgh bank. Withrow proceeded to the bank and impersonating their depositor inquired as to the amount of his balance. Later in the day, he withdrew part of the funds by forging the depositor's signature to a check. He then left for New York City and on his arrival there, negotiated with another bank to have them collect the balance of the account in the Pittsburgh bank. The forgeries were not discovered until some time later when the depositor's book was presented to have interest entered thereon. Our detective agents are endeavoring to locate Withrow. He is described as being 35 years of age, 6 feet, 160 pounds, slender build, blue gray eyes, dark hair, smooth shaven; has a low voice and is a slow talker.

## GENERAL

### WORTHLESS BOND COUPONS

A member bank of St. Louis, Mo., has been defrauded by cashing five \$20 interest coupons, ostensibly clipped from bonds of the Wabash Pittsburgh Terminal Railway Company. We are advised that the property of the Wabash Pittsburgh Terminal Railway Company was sold in foreclosure in August, 1916. The first mortgage bond holders were reorganized under the name of the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Railway Company. The second mortgage bond holders did not participate in the reorganization; and holders, who did not deposit their bonds with the committee received \$1 per \$1,000 bond as their pro-rata share of the foreclosure proceedings. Banks should be on their guard against negotiating loans on bonds of this description, or cashing interest coupons clipped therefrom.

### AMSTER CONSTRUCTION CO. CHECKS

We are informed that several times during the past three years, the Bank of Europe, New York, N. Y., has returned checks drawn on that bank by the Amster Construction Company, bearing different officials' names and coming from different states in the Union. The last check was cashed in Duluth, Minn. We are further advised that in cashing these checks rubber stamp indorsements of "State Board of Control" or "Treasurer of Taxes" are used. The Amster Construction Company carries no account at the Bank of Europe and is unknown to that institution.

### PENNSYLVANIA JUSTICE DEMONSTRATED

**Spring City Holdup Men Receive Long Sentences at Hard Labor and Solitary Confinement**

We wish to commend the actions of Judge Butler of Chester County, Pa., in sentencing Mariano Patalmo, Francisco

Bartolie and Giovanni Gopparo to undergo solitary imprisonment at hard labor in the Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, Pa., for from 29 to 30 years, also in sentencing George Stecnik to serve from 27 to 30 years in the same institution. An article relative to the arrest of these men, who held up a member bank of Spring City, Pa., was published in the December, 1921, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT.

If similar sentences were imposed on men who hold up banks throughout the country, it would tend to diminish the number of holdups and discourage men from attempting these crimes.

MAX PARR. We are advised that an individual using this name is operating with checks signed Dr. J. Robert Moseley, drawn on and bearing the forged certification stamp of the St. Augustine, National Bank, St. Augustine, Fla. Checks No. 223 to 240 inclusive were stolen from the check book of Dr. J. Robert Moseley and member banks are requested to be on their guard against cashing any checks of this description. We are reproducing herewith a specimen of Max Parr's handwriting and his description is as follows: 30 years of age, six feet, 160 pounds, slender build, dark hair, small black mustache.

*Max Parr*  
*Thirty Two and 60/100*

ADOLPH REINSBERG. We are informed that a man falsely representing himself to be Adolph Reinsberg is traveling in the state of Indiana in a Cadillac automobile and passing forged checks drawn against the Continental and Commercial Trust Company, Chicago, Ill. This operator is traveling with a woman, ostensibly his wife, and when cashing checks exhibits literature of the Central States Tire Company, Grand Rapids, Mich., who handle the products of the World Tire Company, Chicago, Ill.

J. S. TAYLOR carried a small account some time ago with a member bank in Milford, Del., which was soon exhausted. He then left Milford and is now passing numerous checks drawn on the Milford Trust Company, Milford, Del., which are being returned marked "insufficient funds." He has operated in the states of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware. We are unable to supply a description at this writing.

G. E. WALLS, alias B. V. Scruggs, is operating with bogus checks drawn on the Springfield Marine Bank, Springfield, Ill., purporting to have been issued by the Illinois Hide and Leather Company. The Illinois Hide and Leather Company carries no account in the Springfield Marine Bank and as far as can be ascertained, is non-existing. We are unable to supply a description of the operator at this writing.

## ARRESTED

### PROSPECTIVE MOVIE ACTORS ARRESTED

**Negotiating Worthless Checks More Remunerative**

JAMES A. MORSE and EDWARD WOLF left their homes in North Carolina early last December to go to Los Angeles and work in the moving picture studios. They did not get

very far however, before their funds were depleted and they evolved a scheme of passing worthless checks. They planned their method of operation along old lines; namely, opening an account at a bank with cash, then depositing a worthless check and drawing against it, but met with considerable success. Two member banks in Atlanta, Ga., one in New Orleans, La., two in Houston, Texas, two in El Paso, Texas, and one in Los Angeles, Calif., were victimized. They evidently determined by this time that passing worthless checks was more profitable than working in the "movies" and therefore continued their worthless checks operations, defrauding two member banks in San Francisco, Calif., three in Oakland, Calif., and two in Portland, Oregon.

When Morse attempted to defraud another member bank in Portland, Ore., he was detained and the local police department notified. Our detective agents' Portland representatives were also advised. Morse, on being interrogated by one of our agents' representatives and an inspector of the Portland police department, confessed to his operations and implicated Edward Wolf.

Wolf was located a short time later in a local hotel and placed under arrest by our agents and the Portland police.

Morse is awaiting trial in Portland, while Wolf has been returned to San Francisco, Calif., for trial. In their various operations, these men have used the following names—James A. Parsley, M. A. Stone, C. E. Taylor, G. W. Linder, M. A. Davison, J. A. Pennington, J. A. Cleaves, Harry B. Meyer, etc.

### ELUSIVE FUGITIVE AGAIN ARRESTED

ALFRED WILLIAMS, alias J. A. Jones. An article relative to this man's arrest in Baltimore, Md., and subsequent forfeiture of bond was published in the November, 1920, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT. Early in 1921, he was re-arrested in Pittsburgh, and lodged in the jail at Washington, Pa., awaiting trial, an article relative to this arrest appearing in the March, 1921, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT. During July he escaped from the Washington jail.

On February 2, 1922, one of our detective agents' Pittsburgh representatives registered at a hotel in Steubenville, Ohio, while working on another case. It happened that Alfred Williams was registered at the same hotel under the name of Alfred Reed. Our agents' representative recognized this man as soon as he saw him and followed him to his room, then checked the hotel register to see what name he was registered under. The Washington County, Pa., authorities were immediately notified by telephone, and requested the arrest of Williams. He was then taken into custody by the local authorities cooperating with our agents' representative and held awaiting extradition. After his arrest he readily admitted his identity and spoke of his escape from the Washington jail.

### ENGINEER—WORTHLESS CHECK OPERATOR ARRESTED

HARRY E. THOMPSON, alias Harry E. Burke, alias William H. Burke, alias "Smoke" Thompson. This man, who was formerly a locomotive engineer and was able to represent himself as a Shriner, Elk and Mason, has traveled through

the Atlantic, Southern and Pacific Coast states passing worthless checks. Member banks in New York, Texas and California have been victimized and he has attempted to defraud many other banks. In several cases the banks protected themselves from losses by securing the indorsement of a depositor before cashing his checks. On January 9, 1922, Thompson was arrested by the sheriff at Athens, Texas, and returned to Kaufman, Texas, to be tried on the charge of attempting to defraud a bank at Maybank, Texas. Our detective agents identified the man arrested as being the same individual who was wanted throughout the United States on worthless check charges, and all interested banks were notified to lodge detainer warrants with the sheriff at Kaufman, Texas.

CLAUDE BERNERO, PETER McCANN, MELVIN CRAMER and LEE HILDERBRAND. In connection with the recent holdup of a member bank at Dupon, Ill., in which several thousands of dollars were stolen, the four above men were arrested at East St. Louis, Ill., by the local police department on the evening of December 24, 1921. All were later indicted by the St. Clair County grand jury. At present they are awaiting trial.

J. A. BLACKBURN caused a member bank of Kemmerer, Wyo., to sustain a loss on forged checks. He was arrested on January 26, 1922, in Buffalo, N. Y., by our detective agents' representatives cooperating with the local police. He has since been returned to Kemmerer, Wyo., for trial and pleaded guilty, his sentence being given elsewhere in this issue.

ROBERT L. BRALY victimized a member bank of San Diego, Calif., by means of forged checks. He was arrested on January 21, 1922, by the San Diego, Calif., local authorities.

GEORGE BURKE, alias Albert Lynch, and FREDERICK HAAS. On October 24, 1919, a member bank of Beaver Falls, Pa., was held up by three men. The bandits shot and killed one of the directors and wounded two other employees of the bank. They secured several thousands of dollars in cash. Several suspects were investigated and eliminated by our detective agents' Pittsburgh representatives and the local authorities. During July, 1921, George Burke and Frederick Haas were arrested by the Pittsburgh Police Department on a charge of pickpocketing. These men were later identified by employees of the Beaver Falls bank, also several local citizens, as being two of the men implicated in the holdup. After serving their sentences for pickpocketing, Burke and Haas were returned to Beaver Falls for trial on the bank charge. During December, 1921, both were convicted on the charge of first degree murder in connection with the killing of the bank director at the time of the holdup. They are awaiting sentence at this writing. The third bandit has not yet been identified, or arrested, but the search is being continued.

ALMA CARSON defrauded a member bank at San Jose, Calif., on a worthless check. Later in January she was arrested by the San Jose local authorities.

EDWARD DANIELS defrauded a member bank at San Francisco, Calif., on several forged checks. On January 14, 1922, he was arrested by the Los Angeles police department cooperating with our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives and other interested parties. He confessed to our agents' representatives and was held in the local jail awaiting the arrival of an officer from San Francisco. The California Bankers Association cooperated with this association in financing the investigation made by our detective agents.

HAROLD DES MOINEAUX, alias P. H. Hill, defrauded two member banks in San Francisco, Calif., on forged checks.

His arrest was effected on January 27, 1922, in Seattle, Wash., by our detective agents' Seattle representatives. It developed that he had stolen pay checks from the Navy Yard at Bremerton, Wash., before defrauding the San Francisco banks. He was tried on the Federal charge and convicted. The sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

F. R. EMERY victimized a member bank of Los Angeles, Calif., on a worthless check. He was arrested on January 21, 1922, in San Francisco by our detective agents' representatives and the local police. He has since been returned to Los Angeles and is awaiting trial at that point.

AARON FIBER defrauded a member bank of Los Angeles, Calif., on a worthless check. He was arrested on January 25, 1922, in Holbrook, Ariz., by railroad special agents. He has been returned to Los Angeles for trial.

DAN GALLITIN caused a member bank of Fresno, Calif., to sustain a loss on a worthless check. He was arrested by the Bakersfield, Calif., police department on January 22, 1922, on the charge of obtaining an automobile on a worthless check. He will be tried on the Bakersfield charge first.

BEN J. GIFFORD, alias Charles P. Robinson, alias J. R. Phillips, defrauded member banks of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Kankakee, Ill., by means of worthless checks. This individual is an old operator, numerous articles relative to him having been published in the JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT from 1910 to 1916. Late in November, 1921, he was placed under arrest by the local authorities at Kankakee, Ill. He was tried at that point and convicted. His sentence is given elsewhere in this issue.

J. S. GOODBREAD. A member bank in Brunswick, Ga., was burglarized during the night of January 11, 1920. During October, 1921, Goodbread was arrested by the local authorities in Jacksonville, Fla., at the request of the Brunswick, Ga., authorities, it being alleged that he was implicated in the burglary of the bank. He was returned to Brunswick for trial and on January 19, 1922, was convicted on the charge of burglarizing the Glynn County Court House. On that charge he was sentenced to serve from three to five years in the chain gang, and inasmuch as it would be three years before this man could be tried on the bank charge, we are removing his name from the Awaiting Trial List and considering this a conviction.

W. L. HARDY defrauded member banks in Winlock, Wash., Salem, Ore., and Eugene, Ore., by means of forged checks. Early in January, he was arrested at Martin, Wash., by the local authorities and returned to Seattle for trial on the charge of passing a worthless check there. He has been convicted and the sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue. The expenses of this investigation were pro-rated between the Washington Bankers' Association and this Association.

WALTER R. HARROLD recently defrauded a member bank in Kansas City, Kans., by forging a customer's indorsement to a check drawn on a bank in Paola, Kans. Our detective agents' Kansas City representatives were notified and caused the arrest of Harrold in Kansas City, Mo., with the assistance of the local police department. He is being returned to Kansas City, Kans., for prosecution.

FLOYD E. HORNEY, at one time an official of a bank in Tulsa, Okla., has been causing considerable trouble during the last two months by defrauding banks in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma, where his former banking connections were known. He usually operated with worthless checks drawn on a bank in Bloomington, Ill. Our detective agents were

requested to locate this man after several member banks in Wichita, Kans., had been victimized. They were successful in locating Horney in Birmingham, Ala., and he was arrested by the local police on January 24, 1922. He is to be returned to Wichita for prosecution.

EDWARD LLOYD JOHNSON caused a member bank of San Francisco, Calif., to sustain a loss on forged checks. On January 16, 1922, his arrest was effected by our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives and he has been returned to San Francisco for trial. The California Bankers' Association cooperated with this Association in financing this investigation.

GEORGE KIENLEN victimized a member bank of St. Louis, Mo., by means of forged checks. He attempted to cash another check on February 4, 1922, and was detained in the bank. Our detective agents' St. Louis representatives were notified, and on questioning Kienlen, secured a confession from him. He was then placed under arrest and is now awaiting trial.

ERNEST KRUEGER, RAY THOMAS and JIM BRADY. On October 29, 1921, a member bank at Parker, Colo., was held up by three men. Early in December, the Denver police department arrested Ernest Krueger, and Ray Thomas. Jim Brady was arrested in Casper, Wyo., on the request of the Denver police. Krueger and Thomas pleaded guilty in January, 1922, to holding up the bank and are now serving time in the State Penitentiary. Brady is awaiting trial.



J. F. LESLIE

JOHN F. LESLIE defrauded a member bank of Peoria, Ill., by means of a worthless check bearing a forged indorsement. On January 21, 1922, his arrest was effected in New York, N. Y., by our detective agents' local representatives



and he was held awaiting extradition to Peoria, Ill. The Illinois Bankers Association cooperated with this Association in financing the investigation made by our detective agents.

EDWARD LAYMAN, alias Ray Smith, alias Ray Brown, was a truck driver for a depositor of one of the member banks in Kansas City, Mo., and had access to his employers' check book. It is alleged that he stole several blank checks, forged his employer's name to them and caused the bank to sustain a loss, as the forgeries were not detected and the checks paid. On January 21, 1922, Layman was arrested in Kansas City by our detective agents and the local police. He pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery. The sentence imposed on him is given elsewhere in this issue.

SANFORD K. MARSH defrauded a member bank of Pontiac, Ill., by means of forged checks. On January 12, 1922, he was arrested by the police department in St. Louis, Mo., on a local charge. Our detective agents identified him as being the man wanted for defrauding the Pontiac bank. The expenses incurred by our agents in investigating this case were pro-rated between the Illinois Bankers' Association and this Association.

MANUEL MEDEIROS, alias M. Faustino, defrauded a member bank in Gustine, Calif., by means of forged checks. He was arrested on January 25, 1922, in Modesto, Calif., by the local authorities cooperating with our detective agents' San Francisco representatives. The expenses of this investigation were pro-rated between the California Bankers' Association and this Association.



FRANK MOORE

FRANK MOORE, relative to whom an article appeared in the June, 1921, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, was arrested by the local authorities in Louisville, Ky. At a later date he was tried and convicted on a charge of forgery and his sentence is given elsewhere in this issue.

A. NODLER caused a member bank at Pasadena, Calif., to sustain a loss on a forged check. An article, relative to the arrest of this man, was published in the October, 1921, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT. During the latter part of November he escaped from the Los Angeles County Jail. Our detective agents renewed their endeavors to locate this man, and on January 10, 1922, their Kansas City representatives were successful in ascertaining his whereabouts, and effected his arrest with the cooperation of the local authorities. He has been returned to Los Angeles and is awaiting trial at that point. The California Bankers' Association cooperated with this Association in financing this investigation.

WILLIAM O'DONNELL, CHARLES STEVENS and WILLIAM STEVENS. Early in November, 1921, a member bank

of Minneapolis, Minn., was held up by four men and several thousand dollars secured. Some time later, the local authorities placed the above named men under arrest on another charge. They were identified as having participated in the holdup of the bank. O'Donnell is now awaiting trial on this charge, while Charles and William Stevens were also identified in connection with the holdup of a messenger of another bank in Minneapolis and are being held on that charge.

J. B. PATTERSON defrauded a member bank of Los Angeles, Calif., by means of forged checks. On January 13, 1922, he was arrested by the local authorities in San Diego, Calif., on a local charge. Our detective agents identified the man arrested as being the one wanted by the Los Angeles bank. The expenses of this investigation, were pro-rated between the California Bankers' Association and this Association.

WALTER S. PECK and GEORGE WHITACRE defrauded two member banks in Los Angeles, Calif., on forged checks. They were located by our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives and placed under arrest by a deputy sheriff cooperating with our agents. Both are now awaiting trial.

ALVIN SMITH, alias C. E. Harris, victimized a member bank at El Monte, Calif., on a forged check. On January 25, 1922, he was located in the vicinity of El Monte by our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives and arrested. He confessed to having passed the check in question and is now awaiting trial. The expenses of this investigation were pro-rated between the California Bankers' Association and this Association.

PATRICK TOCA, JOHN T. BRENNAN, LARRY HIRSH and JOSEPH PRINCIPANO. An article, regarding the arrest of two of the six men implicated in the holdup of a member bank at Niagara Falls, N. Y., appeared in the February JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT. The first three above named men, were arrested in Pittsburgh, Pa., by the local authorities during the latter part of January. Principano was arrested in Buffalo, N. Y., by the local authorities. All pleaded guilty to having held up the bank and have been sentenced, their terms being given elsewhere in this issue.

GUST WATTS and PERRY C. BRUMLEY, alias Calvin Lester. Sometime ago a member bank in Augusta, Wis., was burglarized and an article, relative to the arrest of several men, appeared in the August, 1921, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT. Gust Watts, one of the men under arrest at that time, later escaped from the local jail. On November 23, 1921, he was rearrested in Chicago, Ill., by the local authorities. Perry C. Brumley was also arrested with Gust Watts. Both were returned to Eau Claire, Wis., for trial. Gust Watts pleaded guilty to burglary and Brumley pleaded guilty to forging eleven Liberty Bonds, which were stolen from the bank at the time of the burglary. The sentences they received are given elsewhere in this issue.

REMOVED

FORGERS, ETC.

Arnett, J. D.—8 years, State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Texas.

Beveridge, E. L.—Discharged.

Blackburn, J. A.—2 to 5 years, State Penitentiary, Rawlins, Wyo.

Blankman, David—1 to 10 years, State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kan.  
 Bradford, Robert L.—1 to 14 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.  
 Brown, H. D.—1 to 14 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.  
 Brumley, Perry C.—25 years, State Penitentiary, Waupun, Wis.  
 Clifford, Paul C.—Released, restitution made.  
 Clough, Frederick—Discharged.  
 Collins, Alex—Case dismissed.  
 Copley, W. H.—2 years, State Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va.  
 Des Moineaux, Harold—3 years, U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Wash.  
 Dujour, Joseph—2 to 3 years, State Penitentiary, Santa Fe, N. Mex.  
 Elan, Sam—Released, effected restitution.  
 Fenton, T. A.—6 months, workhouse, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Gifford, Ben J.—1 to 10 years, State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.  
 Givens, H. A.—2 years, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kan.  
 Globenfeld, William—Indeterminate, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.  
 Gonzales, Alberto—Forfeited bond.  
 Gordon, Rupert S.—Indeterminate, State School of Industry, Preston, Calif.  
 Harvey, W. L.—2 to 10 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.  
 Keith, Louis—Paroled.  
 Kjer, C. A.—Case dismissed.  
 Kuns, W. R.—Discharged.  
 Layman, Edward—2 years, State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.  
 MacDonald, C. L. R.—1 year, probation.  
 Martin, Chas. E.—Discharged, lack of identification.  
 Moore, Frank—5 years, State Penitentiary, Frankfort, Ky.  
 Morrison, George Albert—Indeterminate, State Reformatory, Elmira, N. Y.  
 Parker, Sam—Discharged, lack of identification.  
 Prescott, Jack—Discharged, prosecution dropped.

Rinker, Elmaida—Case nol prossed, turned state's evidence.  
 Thompson, Fred P.—1 to 10 years, State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.  
 Weldon, Ralph A.—3 years, probation.  
 Wieland, Lawrence—1 to 14 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.

**BURGLARS AND HOLDUP ROBBERS**

Ahern, Ed.—Discharged.  
 Bartolie, Francisco—29 to 30 years, Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Bergstedt, James—18 years, State Penitentiary, Salem, Ore.  
 Boyd, Henry—1 to 10 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.  
 Brennan, John T.—20 years, State Prison, Auburn, N. Y.  
 Brinson, W. O.—7 years, State Penitentiary, Salem, Ore.  
 Christie, Arthur M.—Case dismissed.  
 Downs, Glen—Case dismissed.  
 Duree, Jeff—25 years, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kan.  
 Goodbread, J. S.—3 to 5 years, Chain Gang, Ga.  
 Gopparo, Giovanni—29 to 30 years, Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Hirsh, Larry—15 to 30 years, State Prison, Auburn, N. Y.  
 Keys, Roswald—Discharged.  
 Krueger, Ernest—15 to 20 years, State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colo.  
 Murdock, S. E.—25 years, State Penitentiary, Salem, Ore.  
 Patalmo, Mariano—29 to 30 years, Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Principano, Joseph—10 to 20 years, State Prison, Auburn, N. Y.  
 Ringer, Chas. W.—Discharged.  
 Stecnik, George—27 to 30 years, Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Thomas, Ray—10 to 12 years, State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colo.  
 Toca, Patrick—20 years, State Prison, Auburn, N. Y.  
 Watts, Gust—30 years, State Penitentiary, Waupun, Wis.  
 Weston, Wm.—Discharged.

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1921	Arrested since August 31, 1921	Arrested in February, 1922	Total	Convicted	Discharged or Acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc.....	191	159	29	188	168	60	26	125
Burglars.....	29	7	2	9	12	8	3	15
Hold-up robbers.....	35	41	16	57	57	8	3	24
Sneak thieves.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>164</b>

PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

SECTION TWO

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## SAVE YOUR BANK MONEY

Do not cash checks for strangers

In opening accounts for strangers do not permit withdrawals against items before returns have been received.

Before cashing checks bearing alleged endorsement of your depositor call up the depositor and see if he endorsed the check.

If in doubt as to whether a check is genuine, before cashing, verify signature or call up depositor. If this action is taken and the check is a forgery, the presenter will leave the check and the bank in a hurry.

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UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY.—301-302 Tribune Building.  
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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## MARCH PROTECTIVE WORK



HENRY J. FERNEKES

### WARNING

#### BADLY WANTED

Our Members Are Requested to Aid in Locating a Bank Employee Murderer

At about noon, December 29, 1921, the First National Bank of Pearl River, N. Y., was held up by a lone bandit, whose identity has been determined as being HENRY J. FERNEKES, alias Henry J. Darche, alias Jimmy Knight, alias C. F. Richards, etc. The holdup of this institution was frustrated by the bravery of two employees of the institution who gave their lives in protection of the bank's funds. These em-

*H. J. Darche*

ployees were shot down in a very cold-blooded manner, and this department is using its utmost efforts in their endeavors to bring to justice the man responsible for this crime.

Fernekes, while only 26 years of age, has had a criminal career since reaching the age of 18. At the present time he is also a fugitive from justice on the charge of having participated in the holdup of the Argo State Bank, Argo, Ill., and it is alleged that he has participated in other similar crimes since the holdup of the last mentioned bank.

Previous to the murder of the Pearl River bank employees, Fernekes, under the name of C. F. Richards, rented a safe deposit box from the First National Bank of Pearl River, this giving him the opportunity of getting a good line on the activities and habits of the officials and employees of this institution. He will no doubt endeavor to follow the same practice should he plan to loot another institution. It is therefore suggested that our members who rent safe deposit boxes read this warning and scrutinize the accompanying picture very closely and advise us whether or not the man in question is listed among their renters. A warrant charging Fernekes, under the alias of C. F. Richards, with murder in the first degree, is held by the sheriff of Rockland County, New City, N. Y. Our detective agents are in receipt of information to the effect that Fernekes is now in the west. He is an electrician and it is probable that he will soon establish himself in a small community and again take up electrical work as a cover. Consequently it will be well for the western banks to note this warning very closely, and in doing so they will aid this department in bringing to justice a very dangerous criminal.

Fernekes is described as follows: 26 years of age; 5 feet 4 inches; 130 pounds; slender build; sallow complexion; dark chestnut hair; very neat dresser; supposed to be of French-Canadian descent.



RIGHT HAND



LEFT HAND



Special attention of the wardens of penal institutions, the various police departments, and sheriffs' offices throughout the country is called to the finger prints of Fernekes, reproduced herewith, and their assistance is solicited because sooner or later Fernekes will again renew his criminal activities and might be apprehended under some alias. Should any of the readers of this article be successful in locating and causing the apprehension of Fernekes, they should immediately notify this department, which will take immediate steps to protect their interests and see that Fernekes is properly prosecuted for the crimes committed against the members of our Association.

The above-named officials are warned that Fernekes no doubt will be armed and due precaution should be used in endeavoring to arrest him.

### CLEVER OPERATOR HAS DEFRAUDED BANKS SITUATED ON THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC COASTS

LARKIN J. FLANNIGAN, alias W. D. Sharp, alias C. H. Randall, alias J. H. Lamb, etc. Attention is called to the operations of a very clever swindler, who follows the practice of impersonating an official of some correspondent bank. His method is to call on an institution in the city where he is planning his operations, and after a very pleasant conversation, introduces himself to an official, as an official of one of the banks that handles the out-of-town business for the bank in question. He presents alleged credentials, and states he finds himself short of funds and requests to have one of his checks, which he has signed as an official, honored. The interested official, believing that everything is in order, readily honors the check only to learn a few days later that the operator in question is an impostor, and that the check in question is a forgery.



LARKIN J. FLANNIGAN

Articles relative to this operator have been published in the following JOURNAL SUPPLEMENTS: September, 1911; November, 1911; April, 1912; August, 1912; November, 1915; February, 1916; May, 1921; February, 1922.

For the convenience of our readers, we are reproducing a photograph of Flannigan.

Flannigan is described as follows: 38 years of age; 5 feet 10 inches; 168 pounds; medium build; florid complexion; blue eyes; blond-sandy hair; round face; usually wears a blue serge suit and black derby hat.

Watch for this operator!

M. D. BIDDULPH. This individual is traveling about the country alleging to be connected with the firm of Kidder, Peabody & Co., of New York City. He has been issuing checks drawn on the Texas Bank & Trust Co., of Galveston, Texas, which are being returned as bogus. He claims that he is selling an issue of municipal bonds. This individual has also operated in Cincinnati, Ohio. Kidder, Peabody & Co. desire us to advise the members of this association that this man is not connected with their firm and any statement made concerning their firm is unauthorized. Our members should watch for this man and notify the local police should he put in an appearance.

W. H. BLACKWELL, alias J. R. Cawan. Through paying out on an uncollected item, a member bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., sustained a loss through the operations of Blackwell, who used a check drawn on the Oakland Savings & Trust Co., of that city. The check was returned as worthless. No description of the operator is available at this time.

*W. H. Blackwell*

H. BURDICK is operating with checks of his own get-up, drawn on the Atlas Trust Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., and carrying a forged certification stamp of this institution. The checks are usually made payable to Frederick Stein and signed H. Burdick. These checks have been negotiated in the central states. Inasmuch as the Atlas Trust Company of Pittsburgh is a non-existent institution, our readers should thoroughly question any man presenting such a check.

J. R. HILL is issuing checks drawn on the American State Bank, Kansas City, Mo. He was successful in causing a member bank at Orlando, Fla., to sustain a small loss; this bank paying on an uncollected item. Hill is described as 30 to 35 years of age; 5 feet 6 inches tall; 135 to 140 pounds; medium build; dark hair and eyes; smooth shaven. He is supposed to be an oil stock salesman.

*J. R. Hill*

A. V. HUGHES, alias W. S. Bare. A member bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., has sustained a small loss through paying out on an uncollected item. The operator in this case is using checks drawn on the East End Savings & Trust Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. He is also using checks of the Union Savings Bank of the same city. These checks were returned as worthless. No description of this operator is available at this time.

BEN D. KRIVCHER is issuing bogus checks drawn against the New Orleans Bank & Trust Co., of New Orleans, La. To date he has confined his activities to merchants of that city. The operator is described as 21 to 23 years of age; 6 feet tall; sallow complexion.

*Ben D. Krivcher*

E. L. MACK endeavored to defraud a member bank of Kansas City, Mo., by the use of a check drawn on the Corn Exchange Bank, Harlem Branch, New York City. Mack

claimed to be a representative of The Theatrical Production Company of New York and was supposed to appear at the Empress Theatre, Kansas City, Mo. This check on being sent to New York for collection was returned as worthless. Meanwhile, the operator having obtained possession of a small check book, issued a few checks to the local merchants. He also rented a local theatre. He engaged several chorus girls and set a certain date for the rehearsal of a musical show. On that day the chorus girls appeared but the operator did not appear. From advertising found in his effects, he intended to call his show "Vanity Revues, Sunkist Peaches." Should this man appear in your community, immediately notify your local police department.

C. MASON, alias Jerome, defrauded a member bank of Oakland, Calif., who paid out on a check bearing a forged signature of one of their customers. The operator is described as 50 to 55 years of age; 5 feet 8 or 9 inches; 165 to 175 pounds; sallow complexion; mixed gray hair; heavy build; pug nose; smooth shaven; bad teeth; speaks Spanish fluently.

CLINT MOSS. Through cashing a check bearing the forged indorsement of one of their customers, a member bank at Tulsa, Okla., has sustained a loss of considerable size. The operator, using the name of Clint Moss in this matter, is described as follows: 30 to 35 years of age; 5 feet 6½ inches; 140 pounds; light complexion; smooth shaven; wore dark suit.

HAROLD MOYNES is issuing pay checks drawn on the First National Bank, St. Louis, Mo., purporting to be signed by R. S. Martin, an alleged official of the St. Louis Car Company. These checks are all being returned as bogus. The clearing house number on the checks is shown incorrectly. The check is made up on Basic Safety Paper, and is protected by an F. & E. check writer, the name of the payee being filled in with a rubber stamp. No description of this operator is at present available.

R. K. NOBLE, alias H. M. Miller, alias Fred Love, is issuing checks drawn on the First National Bank of Bryan, Ohio. The checks are generally in the amounts of \$12.50 and \$18.75. At present the operator is working in the state of Ohio. The checks are being returned as bogus, consequently our readers should watch for them.

WALTER PARK. Through paying out on a forged signature, a member bank of Washington, D. C., has sustained a loss of considerable size. Park in some manner had obtained the correct signature of a customer of this institution and was successful in securing funds on three checks. Our detective agents are engaged in endeavoring to cause the apprehension of this operator. He is described as 40 years of age; 5 feet 7 inches; 155 pounds; medium build; fair complexion; small mustache; small nose and eyes.

*Walter Park*  
*Cash*

CARL SEXTON. A member bank located at Portland, Ore., has been victimized by a man representing himself to be Carl Sexton, he having forged the indorsement on an insurance check which went astray. Our detective agents are endeavoring to cause the apprehension of Sexton and the Oregon Bankers Association is prorating the expenses of the investigation.

L. A. STANTON, alias C. E. Powell, alias Harry G. Clarke, is operating throughout the middle western states with checks purporting to be issued by the Michigan City Foundry & Machine Company, Michigan City, Ind., drawn on the Citizens' Bank. These checks are all being returned due to the fact that he does not carry an account with the member bank. To date none of our members have sustained a loss, as this operator is confining his activities to merchants and hotels.

LAWRENCE TAGGART was successful in causing a member bank of Kansas City, Mo., to sustain a loss by means of a check, on which he had forged the signature of a customer. Taggart is a railroad man and formerly worked for the Missouri Pacific Railway, running between Kansas City and Jefferson City, Mo. He has admitted forging this check and is a fugitive from justice. Should any of our members in the state of Missouri have information as to his whereabouts they should immediately notify this department.

EVELYN TODD. Some unknown party using the name of Evelyn Todd forged her indorsement to two cashier's checks issued by the Peninsular State Bank, Detroit, Mich. These checks were negotiated on a local member of Owosso, Mich., who sustained a loss, the checks being returned because of the forgery. No description has been supplied of the operator.

## WATCH YOUR COLLATERAL

### Is Your Institution Accepting Securities as Collateral Covering Loans?

In recent months our detective agents have discovered that there is a band or syndicate of criminals following the method of negotiating loans from small country banks and using as collateral securities gained through bank holdups and burglaries. This is an easy way for the bandits to dispose of negotiable securities with very small chances of being apprehended at the time of negotiating a loan.

We, consequently, must rely on our members to aid in putting a stop to this practice by requesting them to use due diligence in thoroughly investigating any collateral that may be presented to them, even though they are well acquainted with the man negotiating the loan. At times the members of the syndicate have gained the assistance of well-known individuals of small towns to dispose of the loot, these citizens not knowing that they were handling stolen securities.

The cost of a telegram to the headquarters of the company issuing the securities presented for collateral will readily determine the genuineness of same, and save the institution at a future date from attorney fees in protecting their collateral.

Aid the Protective Committee in putting a stop to the activities of the members of this syndicate by complying with these suggestions.

## GENERAL

### STOLEN CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

We have been requested by the Union Bank of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wis., to report the loss of the following described certificate of deposit:

No. 1822, payable to J. M. Palakow, in the amount of \$2,000, dated December 31, 1921.

Should this certificate be brought to your notice, kindly hold it and notify this department.

## ARRESTED

### CANADIAN FORGER APPREHENDED

R. E. SNEYD. Quite recently this operator went on a rampage in Washington, D. C., and defrauded several member banks of that city, and also a member bank in Durham, N. C. Sneyd first deposited with one of the Washington banks a forged check for several hundred dollars, drawn against the Durham, N. C., bank. The check was sent through for collection and honored by the southern bank, whereupon the operator was permitted to draw funds from the Washington institution. Then the operator opened accounts in several banks in Washington, using checks drawn on the bank in which he had carried his account. Inasmuch as the checks in question were drawn on a local bank, the interested banks permitted the operator to immediately draw against these accounts with the result that they sustained losses. Meanwhile Sneyd had disappeared.

Our detective agents, on making the investigation, ascertained that Sneyd would be in New York City on a certain date awaiting the arrival of a member of his family. This party was located and on March 26 Sneyd was arrested and immediately confessed. He has been returned to Washington, D. C., to stand trial. Sneyd is described as 40 years of age; 5 feet 9 inches; slender build; sallow complexion.

### PARK HILL BANK HOLDUP

A member bank in Park Hill, Okla., was held up on January 25, 1922. Our detective agents immediately conducted an investigation and on January 28 GEORGE RUCKER and ERWIN RUCKER were arrested by the local authorities cooperating with our detective agents' Oklahoma City representative. LEWIS CURTIS and BUSTER SUMPTER were arrested by the local authorities on February 2. CHARLEY WHITE and FRED WALKER were also placed under arrest. Curtis and White pleaded guilty and Walker was convicted by a jury. The sentences these three men received are given elsewhere in this issue. Sumpter, George Rucker and Erwin Rucker are at present awaiting trial.

EDDIE ADAMS, FRANK FOSTER, WM. FENTLEMAN and BASIL QUILLIAM. On the night of November 10, 1921, burglars forced their way into the vault of a member bank in Rose Hill, Kans., rifled a number of safe deposit boxes, and secured a considerable amount of coupon bonds, registered bonds, war savings stamps, etc. Our detective agents' Kansas City representatives immediately began an investigation, and during the course of same, Eddie Adams, a notorious burglar and murderer was shot and killed by local officers in Wichita, Kans., on November 22. Further investigation on the part of our detective agents, local police and postoffice inspectors developed the fact that this same gang had burglarized several other banks in Kansas, and at this writing all but one of the gang are under arrest. Basil Quilliam was arrested by the Wichita police department on November 24, and is now

awaiting trial at that point on a Federal charge of assisting in the Rose Hill burglary. Frank Foster, another member of this gang, was arrested in St. Joseph, Mo., on December 19, by the local authorities, and returned to Wichita. From that point he was extradited to Iowa for trial on a murder charge at Oskaloosa. Wm. Fentleman was recently arrested in Wichita by local officers, and he has also been returned to Iowa for trial on a murder charge. Both Foster and Fentleman were convicted in Iowa, and the sentences they received are given elsewhere in this issue.

BEN ANDERSON defrauded a member bank in Jersey City, N. J., on a forged check. He was arrested on March 17, 1922, by the local police department, which cooperated with our local detective agents.

D. BILOG, who defrauded a member bank at Los Angeles, Calif., by means of forged checks, was arrested on October 24, 1921, by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's cooperating with our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives.

WILLIAM BOLAND and FRANK GORDON, who caused many member banks in New York City and the vicinity to sustain losses on checks which had been stolen from the mails and altered, were arrested on February 10, 1922, by the New York City Police Department and other interested parties. Both have been convicted on a Federal charge and the sentences they received are given elsewhere in this issue.

HARVEY BRIGHT, JOY BRIGHT and TOY BRIGHT. On September 15, 1921, a member bank in Rupert, W. Va., was held up. Shortly afterwards the three above-named men were arrested by the local authorities. Harvey and Joy Bright have been convicted and the sentences imposed on them are given elsewhere in this issue. Toy Bright escaped from the local jail and is now wanted.

GEORGE J. CAPELLO caused member banks in Philadelphia, other parts of Pennsylvania and in New Jersey to sustain losses on worthless checks. He was arrested during January, 1922, by the local authorities at York, Pa., and has been returned to Lancaster for trial.

DAVID S. CLARK victimized two member banks at Alameda, Calif., on forged checks. He was arrested on December 8, 1921, by the local authorities in Oakland, Calif., and confessed to one of our detective agents' San Francisco representatives. He is now awaiting trial.

JULIAN H. CORBETT caused a member bank of San Francisco, Calif., to sustain a loss on checks bearing forged indorsements. He was arrested on March 2, 1922, by the local authorities at San Rafael, Calif., and has been returned to San Francisco for trial.

JAMES H. CRANSTON victimized a member bank at Wichita, Kans., during May, 1921, by means of worthless checks. An article relative to him appeared in the August, 1921, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT. He was arrested recently in Houston, Texas, by the local authorities and returned for trial to Detroit, Mich., where he was wanted for defrauding a non-member bank. The Wichita bank has been advised to lodge a detainer warrant at Detroit.

JOSEPH DeCELLES, who defrauded a member bank at Baltimore, Md., was arrested by our detective agents' Baltimore representatives cooperating with the local police department on March 6, 1922.

PETER FAGAN, who defrauded a member bank of Wilson, Pa., was arrested on February 25, 1922, by our detective agents'

Pittsburgh representatives cooperating with the local authorities at Wilson, Pa.

F. E. FITE caused member banks at Eldon, Iowa, to sustain losses through a swindle. Our detective agents made an extensive investigation, and on March 6, 1922, Fite was arrested by the local authorities at Winnipeg, Canada, on information furnished by our detective agents' Des Moines representatives.

LUTHER FORD, who defrauded a member bank at St. Louis, Mo., by means of forged checks, was arrested on February 22, 1922, by the local authorities at St. Louis, Mo.

HARRY GLACKIN defrauded a member bank in Philadelphia, Pa., on forged checks. His arrest was effected on March 8, 1922, at Philadelphia, by one of our detective agents' Philadelphia representatives.

DWAINE HAMNER, who it is alleged caused a member bank of Pleasanton, Calif., to sustain a loss on a forged check, was arrested by the local authorities at Bakersfield, Calif., on March 2, 1922. He has been returned to Stockton for trial at that point on another charge.

JOSEPH HARRIS, H. M. O'NEIL, SHELLY GATES and JOHN FRANKLIN. A member bank at Warden, Wash., was burglarized during the night of December 24, 1921. The first two named were arrested at Spokane by the police, it being alleged that they had sold Liberty Bonds which were stolen from the interested bank. Gates and Franklin were arrested by the police in Portland, Ore., where they were found in an automobile answering the description of the car used by the burglars. All four have been convicted on the bank's charge but have appealed their cases.

WILLIS E. HIRSCH defrauded a member bank at St. Louis, Mo., early in February, 1922, on a forged check. Shortly afterwards he was arrested by the local authorities in Silver City, N. M., on a local charge. He is now awaiting trial at that point.

ROY JEWETT victimized member banks at Des Moines and Boone, Iowa, on forged checks. His arrest was effected on March 14, 1922, at Boone, Iowa, by one of our detective agents' Des Moines representatives.

THOMAS KERN victimized member banks in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento, Calif., on forged checks. He was arrested on February 19, 1922, by the local authorities in Denver, Colo., on a local charge. Our detective agents identified him as the man wanted by the California banks. He has been returned to San Francisco and is awaiting trial.

JOHN C. KING victimized a member bank at Boston, Mass., by means of forged checks. He was arrested on February 21, 1922, at Buffalo, N. Y., by the local authorities cooperating with our detective agents' Buffalo representatives, and confessed.

GLADYS LESLIE caused a member bank of New York, N. Y., to sustain a loss on forged checks. She was arrested on February 9, 1922, by our local detective agents and the New York Police Department.

JOE LOPEZ victimized a member bank of Puente, Calif., by means of forged checks. He was arrested during February, 1922, by the local authorities at Riverside, Calif.

LEONARD MIDGLEY, who defrauded a member bank at Salt Lake City, Utah, on a forged check, was arrested on March 14, 1922, by our detective agents' Salt Lake City representatives and the local police. He is now awaiting trial.

GEORGE MOODY, who was arrested some time ago by the Minneapolis, Minn., Police Department, has been convicted on the charge of being implicated in the holdup of a Minneapolis, Minn., member bank. The sentence imposed on him is given elsewhere in this issue.

JEROME ROOSEVELT NAGEL defrauded a member bank at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., by obtaining cash on a check to which he had forged his brother's signature. On March 12, 1922, he was arrested in Augusta, Ga., by our detective agents' Atlanta representatives cooperating with the Augusta police. He is to be returned to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for trial.

DWIGHT L. OLIVER caused a member bank of San Francisco, Calif., to sustain a loss on a forged check. An article relative to this individual appeared in the February, 1922, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT. When his case was called on March 14, 1922, he failed to appear. His bond was forfeited and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest. On March 15, 1922, Oliver was rearrested by the police department at Berkeley, Calif., on information furnished by our detective agents' San Francisco representatives.

RAY RENARD and HARRY RUHMANN, alleged to have been implicated in the holdup of a member bank at East Alton, Ill., were arrested on February 18, 1922, by the St. Louis, Mo., Police Department, and held awaiting extradition to East Alton, where they are to stand trial on the bank's charge.

HYMAN B. SINGER. During the night of March 9, 1922, an attempt was made to burglarize a member bank at Denver, Colo. Early on March 10, before our detective agents' representative arrived on the ground, the local authorities had placed Singer under arrest. He confessed to this crime and is now awaiting trial.

L. A. SKILES, who victimized a member bank at Peoria, Ill., on a forged check, was recently arrested by the local authorities at Honolulu, T. H.

ARTHUR SMITH, WILLIAM FOLEY and LEO W. TIGHE. On January 25, 1922, a member bank in Pine Lawn, Mo., was held up and funds of the bank stolen. The St. Louis Police Department did very commendable work on this case and were successful in arresting the three and securing confessions from them. Smith, Foley and Tighe are awaiting trial.

C. H. SMITH victimized a member bank of Portland, Ore., on a forged check. He was arrested on March 7, 1922, by the local authorities at Seattle, Wash. Inasmuch as it developed that he was a parole violator he has been returned to the Oregon State Penitentiary to serve the remainder of his sentence.

PAUL SMITH, alias Roy Williams, alias Roy Walker, alias Willie Gaines (colored), defrauded two member banks in Kansas City, Mo., during the month of January. He then learned of other negroes carrying accounts at the two member banks in question and proceeded to forge their names to checks, which he succeeded in cashing. The matter was turned over to our detective agents' Kansas City representatives, who traced Smith to Omaha, Neb., Sioux City, Iowa, and back to Kansas City, where he was arrested with the assistance of local officers on March 7, 1922. He later pleaded guilty and the sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

C. E. SPADE defrauded a member bank of Beckley, W. Va., by means of a mortgage swindle. On February 10, 1922, he was located in Staunton, Va., by our detective agents' Cincinnati representative and arrested.



EDWARD P. SWANBOM defrauded a member bank in Chicago, Ill., by means of forged checks. He was arrested on March 17, 1922, by our detective agents' Chicago representatives, cooperating with the local police.

JOHN R. TURZINSKI, alias Jack Laird, alias John Clayton, CLAUDE COSMAN and GEORGE J. KING. During the night of March 1, 1922, a member bank at Oak Harbor, Wash., was burglarized and some of the bank's funds stolen. Our detective agents' Seattle representatives conducted an investigation and cooperated with the local authorities. The three above-named men were arrested on suspicion by the Everett sheriff and when our detective agents' representative saw and questioned these men he recognized Turzinski and Cosman as individuals alleged to have been connected with a bank burglary in 1919. He succeeded in securing a complete confession from Turzinski and partial confessions from the other two. Turzinski and Cosman pleaded guilty and the sentences imposed on them are given elsewhere in this issue. King will be tried at the June term of court.

J. M. WHEELER, CLAY PERKINS and H. L. TURNER. On November 14, 1921, a member bank at Roy, Wash., was held up by three men. Clay Perkins was arrested on November 19, 1921, by the local authorities at Hutte, Wash., and later pleaded guilty. H. L. Turner was arrested at Tacoma, Wash., by the local authorities and was later convicted on this charge by a jury. J. M. Wheeler was arrested at Stanley, N. D., by the local authorities and he also confessed. The disposition of the cases against Wheeler and Perkins is given elsewhere in this issue, and Turner is now awaiting sentence.

I. E. W. YAWN defrauded a member bank of Port Arthur, Texas, on a forged check. He was arrested on March 8, 1922, at Sulphur, La., by the local authorities and has been returned to Port Arthur for trial.

## REMOVED

### FORGERS, ETC.

Adams, Ed.—Discharged, lack of evidence.  
 Asbury, Ella—Discharged.  
 Bolin, Oscar—Discharged.  
 Boland, William—5 years, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.  
 Boyd, W. M.—6 years, State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.  
 Brackenridge, N. B.—3 years, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.  
 Braly, Robert L.—1 to 14 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.  
 Campbell, F. L.—Sentence suspended.  
 Canning, G. W.—6 months, County Jail, Montesano, Wash.  
 Carson, Alma—1 to 14 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.  
 Collum, Belle—Case pending 4 years, no date set for trial, prosecution improbable.  
 Craig, L.—2 years, State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.  
 Cranston, James H.—3 to 14 years, State Penitentiary, Jackson, Mich.  
 Fagan, Peter—Released, effected restitution.  
 Fite, F. E.—2 years, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kan.  
 Gallatin, Dan—1 to 14 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.

Gilbert, Viola K.—Case dismissed.  
 Goetz, E. R.—3 years, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.  
 Goldammer, Hans—Discharged, effected restitution.  
 Goodall, Charles—Returned to Asylum for Criminal Insane, Lima, Ohio, from which he escaped, and where he was serving a 20-year sentence.  
 Gordon, Frank—5 years, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.  
 Hardy, J. P.—20 years, State Penitentiary, Salem, Ore.  
 Harrold, Walter R.—Released, effected restitution.  
 Hemperly, J. B.—4 years, State Penitentiary, Eddyville, Ky.  
 Johnson, Edward Lloyd—1 to 14 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.  
 Johnson, Era S.—4 to 6 months, Erie County Penitentiary, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Johnston, Walter—2 years, probation  
 Kazmierczak, Eddie—Indeterminate, State Reformatory, Ionia, Mich.  
 Kershner, Paul A.—Probation, on condition he made restitution.  
 Kienlen, George—Released, effected restitution.  
 Kinnard, Leslie—Released, effected restitution.  
 Leslie, Gladys—Discharged, effected restitution.  
 Miller, Hugh L.—Released, effected restitution.  
 Mitchello, A. M.—Acquitted.  
 Moore, Rush—3 years, Lyeoming County Jail, Pa.  
 Morse, James A.—2 years, probation.  
 Oliver, Dwight L.—Forfeited bond.  
 O'Mara, Ivis—Indeterminate, House of Good Shepherd, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Shumard, Mrs. Arthur—6 months, County Jail, Hutchinson, Kans.  
 Smith, C. B.—Returned to State Penitentiary, Salem, Ore., to complete unexpired term of 1 year (parole violator).  
 Smith, Frank F.—Discharged.  
 Smith, Paul—2 years, State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.  
 Speerer, Douglas—Released, grand jury failed to indict.  
 Stewart, Donald A.—2 years, probation.  
 Turner, Oscar—Probation.  
 Weiss, Joseph—6 months, County Jail, Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Wilson, Doris—Forfeited bond.

### BURGLARS AND HOLDUP ROBBERS

Adams, Eddie—Dead.  
 Bright, Harvey—12 years, State Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va.  
 Bright, Joy—12 years, State Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va.  
 Bright, Toy—Escaped.  
 Cosman, Claude—5½ to 10 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.  
 Curtis, Lewis—5 years, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.  
 Daner, Frank—Discharged, insufficient evidence to convict.  
 Davis, Arthur—3 years, State Penitentiary, Deer Lodge, Mont.  
 Gentleman, Wm.—Life, State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa.  
 Foster, Frank—Life, State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa.  
 Jolly, Joe—Discharged, insufficient evidence to convict.  
 Kyle, Mrs. L. M.—Acquitted.

Miller, Talmadge—Discharged, insufficient evidence to convict.

Moody, George—10 years, State Penitentiary, Stillwater, Minn.

Perkins, Clay—3 to 15 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.

Reese, Orville—Life, State Penitentiary, Little Rock, Ark.

Turzinski, John R.—5½ to 10 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.

Walker, Fred—12 years, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.—Appeal pending.

Weems, John—33 years, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.

Wheeler, J. M.—5 to 15 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.

White, Charles—8 years, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.

STATISTICS OF THE PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1921	Arrested since August 31, 1921	Arrested in March, 1922	Total	Convicted	Discharged or Acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc.....	191	188	30	218	197	75	29	108
Burglars.....	29	9	12	21	17	8	4	21
Hold up robbers.....	35	57	18	75	67	12	4	27
Sneak thieves.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	256	254	60	314	282	95	37	156

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## SAVE YOUR BANK MONEY

### Do not cash checks for strangers

In opening accounts for strangers do not permit withdrawals against items before returns have been received.

Before cashing checks bearing alleged endorsement of your depositor call up the depositor and see if he endorsed the check.

If in doubt as to whether a check is genuine, before cashing, verify signature or call up depositor. If this action is taken and the check is a forgery, the presenter will leave the check and the bank in a hurry.

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CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Building.  
COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON.—500 Southern Building.  
GEORGIA, ATLANTA.—921-22 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.—Woolworth Building.  
OHIO, CINCINNATI.—505 Glenn 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.  
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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CANADA, MONTREAL.—Transportation Building.  
CANADA, TORONTO.—Kent Building.  
CANADA, VANCOUVER.—605 Vancouver Block.  
ENGLAND, LONDON, S. W.—Crown Chambers, 5 Regent St. No. 1.

# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## APRIL PROTECTIVE WORK.

### WARNING

#### ESCAPED FORGER RESUMES OPERATIONS

GEORGE DEZELL, alias G. W. Hoover, alias C. J. Beckett, alias G. F. Lowe, alias J. Orth Lansing, etc. This individual is now operating with bogus cashiers' checks ostensibly issued by the First National Bank, Albany, N. Y., drawn on the American Exchange National Bank, N. Y. These checks are usually signed C. J. Beckett, assistant cashier, and are bogus. Dezell is an old operator relative to whom articles appeared in the December, 1917, and May, 1918, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENTS. He



GEORGE DEZELL

was arrested during October, 1917, and sentenced to serve a term in the Indiana State Penitentiary, from which institution he escaped on September 19, 1918. Dezell is described as follows: about 56 years of age, 5 feet 9¼ inches, 205 pounds, stout build, fair complexion, light gray eyes, gray hair.

*C. J. Beckett*  
*G. F. Lowe*  
*G. F. Lowe*

#### DANGEROUS SWINDLER ESCAPES

EDGAR R. JAY, alias Fred Smith, alias Jay Gould, alias Jule Lee. We are reproducing herewith a photograph of this man, who escaped from Kansas State Penitentiary guards on April 15, 1922. Articles relative to him were published in the February, 1919, and July, 1921, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENTS. Prior to his last arrest, Jay defrauded several member banks with worthless checks. He usually poses as a doctor or professional man of some kind and after gaining the confidence of a banker negotiates a worthless check. He is described as about 36 years of age, 5

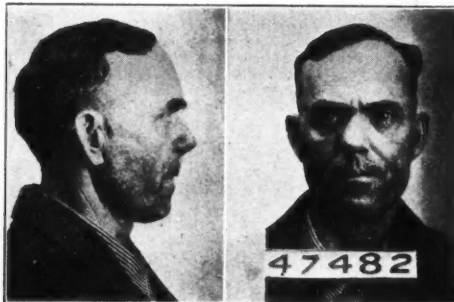


EDGAR R. JAY

feet 8 inches, 155 pounds, medium build, dark complexion, brown eyes, dark hair turning gray.

A. V. BROWN opened an account at a Bakersfield, Calif., member bank with a check drawn on the Mishawaka Trust & Savings Bank, Mishawaka, Ind., against which he was successful in making a withdrawal. It is alleged that this individual is an ex-chief of police of Sheridan, Wyo., and our detective agents are endeavoring to locate him. He is described as follows: about 35 or 40 years of age, 5 feet 4½ inches, about 150 pounds, stocky build, ruddy complexion, blue eyes, sandy hair; well dressed, has the appearance of a westerner.

HARRY C. BROWN defrauded a member bank of Tippecanoe City, Ohio, by securing cash on a bogus check drawn on the Twentieth Street Bank, Huntington, W. Va. Brown had been a resident of Tippecanoe City for the past two years and was employed as a factory hand. About the same time he defrauded the bank he also victimized two merchants on bogus checks. Information has been received that he is an ex-convict having served time in the Ohio State Penitentiary. We are reproducing herewith a photograph of Brown and members should be on their guard against cashing checks for this individual.



HARRY C. BROWN



GEORGE DOLLGOFF defrauded a member bank of San Francisco, Calif., by forging the signature of his father to two checks which the bank cashed. Our detective agents are now endeavoring to locate this individual, who is described as being 19 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 140 to 150 pounds, medium complexion, brown eyes, dark brown hair.

GEORGE V. HENDERSON, JR., who is about 21 years of age, a former student of Dartmouth College and a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity, Hanover, N. H. (steps are now being taken for his expulsion from the Fraternity), has been issuing worthless checks on the Dartmouth National Bank, Hanover, N. H., in payment of hotel bills and other expenses. Members are warned to use caution in accepting checks or drafts drawn or indorsed by this man.



LOUIS S. JACKSON

LOUIS S. JACKSON defrauded a member bank in Oklahoma City, Okla., by negotiating a check to which the name of his employer was forged. Our detective agents are endeavoring to locate this man, who is alleged to be an ex-convict having served time in the Florida State Penitentiary in 1918. His photograph and a specimen of his signature are reproduced herewith. He is described as about 32 years old, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches; 130 to 140 pounds, stout build, dark complexion, blue eyes, dark hair, graying.

T. J. KELLER opened an account at a Haynesville, La., member bank with bogus checks drawn on the Apache State Bank, Apache, Okla., and the First National Bank, Fort Smith, Ark. He was unsuccessful in securing any funds from the Haynesville bank but did negotiate several checks drawn on that bank among local merchants. He is traveling in a Ford automobile and is probably on his way to the Mexia oil fields. His description is as follows: 40 years of age, 160 pounds, dark complexion, dark hair turning gray; has diagonal scar on upper lip.

LAWRENCE LEE, alias Buck Lee, defrauded a member bank in Owasso, Okla., recently by forging the name of one of its depositors to a check which was cashed in Tulsa. Our detective agents are endeavoring to locate this man who is about 24 years old, 5 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds, slender build, dark complexion, black eyes, black hair, part Indian.

W. M. McCURRY recently opened an account with a member bank in Oklahoma City, Okla., representing himself as the manager of the Jacques Service Company. When the account was a little over a month old, he deposited two worthless checks, which were credited to his account. He immediately checked against same and disappeared with the result that the bank sustained a loss. McCurry is about 35 to 40 years old, 5 feet 10 inches, 160 pounds, slender build, fair complexion, blue eyes, light hair.

L. J. H. PAIGE is operating in Kansas and eastern Nebraska with worthless checks drawn on the Commerce Trust Company of Kansas City, Mo. His method is to approach a banker and ask to be referred to a reliable real estate man, whom he will approach, stating that he desires to purchase some property. Through such deals he paves the way to passing one of his worthless checks. A specimen of his signature is reproduced herewith. The best description we can secure of him is that he is about 40 years old, medium build, light complexion, blue eyes, has the appearance of a drug addict.

ROBERT A. SCHULTES, alias W. W. Robertson, alias James P. King, etc. An individual using these names, whose photograph is reproduced herewith, is operating with worthless drafts in large amounts drawn on various banks in which he has no account. In his last operation he deposited with a New York City member bank a worthless draft drawn on the Anglo and London Paris National Bank of San Francisco. To date we have no record of his being successful in defrauding a bank, but nevertheless our members should be on the alert. His description is given as follows: 36 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 145 pounds, medium build, dark complexion, brown eyes, brown hair, left arm longer than right, nervous disposition.



ROBERT A. SCHULTES

J. B. SCOTT caused a member bank at Wortham, Texas, to sustain a loss on a check bearing a forged indorsement. Scott first endeavored to have the check cashed at the bank. Being unsuccessful in this, he went to a local merchant, made several purchases and secured the balance in cash. He is about 30 years of age, 160 pounds, light complexion, light hair.



AL SPENCER

AL SPENCER, whose photograph is reproduced herewith, is an escaped convict from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. It is alleged that on February 21, 1922, in company with another ex-convict named Silas Meigs, he held up and robbed a member bank at Broken Bow, Okla. After the holdup Meigs and Spencer are said to have taken refuge in the Osage Hills and on February 24, Sheriff Musselwhite of Pawhuska, Okla., with his deputies and a posse, located Meigs hiding in the hills. After a battle with them Meigs was killed, as well as a member of the posse. Our detectives are assisting in this matter, and Spencer has not yet been located. He is described as follows: 33 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 131 pounds, medium build, medium complexion, gray eyes, chestnut hair; farmer and electrician.

### GENERAL

GEORGE C. BROWN, alias George C. Bronson, alias Frank Farrington, alias F. H. Von Domm, alias Frank J. Grady, alias H. George Brown. An individual using these names is operating with bogus checks drawn on the Plainfield Trust Company, Plainfield, N. J. We are unable to furnish a description at this writing.

W. J. FEENY, alias W. H. Feeny, alias J. B. Barnes, alias J. D. Burns, alias J. B. Bond. This man was formerly employed by a dealer in cement and building materials at Boston, Mass. He carried a small account with the Webster & Atlas National Bank of Boston, which account was closed during July, 1921. Recently several checks drawn on the Webster & Atlas National Bank of Boston, Mass., have been negotiated in New York by this man using the above names. To date no bank has been defrauded and we are unable to supply a description of the operator.

GEORGE G. HILL is operating with bogus checks purporting to have been issued by the Trenton Machinery Company of Trenton, N. J., drawn on the Mechanics National Bank, Trenton, N. J. He is described as being 40 or 45 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 140 pounds, dark hair turning gray, smooth shaven, neat appearance.

DOROTHY JOYCE, alias Mrs. A. B. Scott, is operating against merchants in Washington, D. C., with bogus checks in small amounts drawn on the First National Bank, New York, N. Y. We are unable to supply a description of her at this writing.

S. S. McWILLIAMS is operating against merchants with bogus checks in small amounts purporting to have been issued by the Ithaca National Bank, Ithaca, Mich. The description of the operator is as follows: 33 years of age, 6 feet, 180 pounds, light complexion, light hair.

WILLIAM H. MOORE is operating with bogus checks drawn on the Warren National Bank, Warren, Pa., some of which bear a forged certification. The checks are in various amounts up to \$250, and are being cashed in New York City, Westchester County, N. Y., and Connecticut. Member banks should be on the alert for checks cashed by this operator.

### INFORMATION DESIRED

We wish to locate the owner of a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) Federal Reserve Bank Note, issued by 2B District, who possibly lost same in a fake race horse wager or stock speculation to confidence men in Florida or Havana, Cuba, last winter, after getting a number of such bills from his home bank and returning to the tourists' city where the gang was operating.

Can any bank furnish this information?

### NOTICE

We would like to be advised if any of the Safe Deposit Companies who use the Hall's Safe & Lock Co.'s keys can advise us as to key No. 1611. This key was found on some parties arrested in New York City for committing safe burglaries and who are now awaiting trial. Any information received, of course, will be treated in confidence.

### LOST OR STOLEN CASHIER'S CHECK

Among personal papers recently lost by a bank official there was a cashier's check described as follows: dated on or about March 1, 1922, payable to Miss Grace McCollum, drawn on First National Bank, Calexico, Calif., in the amount of \$400, signed J. M. Edmunds, Vice-President. Should this check be presented for payment the presenter should be detained under a pretext and the nearest office of our detective agents notified.

### ARRESTED

#### FOUR YOUTHFUL FORGERS ARRESTED

During January 1922, a member bank of Chicago, Ill., was victimized by honoring through the clearings several checks bearing the forged signatures of a customer. Our detective agents immediately took up the investigation in behalf of the bank's membership in the Illinois Bankers Association and this Association. On February 8, 1922, FRANK STANISH was located by our agents and placed under arrest. He admitted cashing some of the forged checks. CLARENCE WOOD was arrested by the Chicago Police Department on February 13, 1922, and he made a confession. CHARLES STEINBACK was also arrested on the same day. VAL SEDGEWICK, who, according to the statements of the other operators, was also implicated in the passing of the forged checks, was arrested on February 15, by the Chicago Police Department cooperating with our agents. Wood and Stanish pleaded guilty to the charges against them on March 8, and the sentences they received are given elsewhere in this issue. Steinback and Sedgewick were held awaiting the action of the Grand Jury.



LOUIS D. MERRIAM

**SNEAK THIEF APPREHENDED**

Washington paying teller causes arrest of old offender.

LOUIS D. MERRIAM, alias Charles Merrion, alias Roy Henry Edwards, is well known to this department, as he has been arrested in connection with three previous cases wherein member banks have sustained losses through sneak thefts. Our detective agents have aided materially in securing previous convictions against this man. Articles relative to him were published in the December, 1918, and June, 1919, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENTS.

On April 3, 1922, Merriam, possibly with one or two accomplices, entered a member bank in Washington, D. C., and when the opportunity presented itself he reached into the paying teller's cage, secured several thousand dollars in currency, then ran from the bank. The teller, picking up a revolver, pursued him and fired four shots during the chase along the street. The operator then dropped the money and was placed under arrest by a member of the Washington police force. The identity of his possible accomplices has not yet been ascertained. Merriam is now awaiting trial.



WILLIAM J. HILL

**TRYON, OKLA., HOLDUP**

About noon on April 13, 1922, two men entered a member bank at Tryon, Okla., held up the cashier and after locking him in the vault, made their escape in an automobile which they had waiting outside. The cashier soon made his escape from the vault and gave the alarm. A local garage owner, G. C. Norris, immediately got in his car and gave chase to the robbers crowding them so close that two of them left the machine, in which they were riding, and ran to the woods about seven miles from Tryon.

A search was made in the woods immediately by local officers and R. P. WALKER, alias Bob Walker, together with W. J. HILL, alias Jack Hill, were soon located and most of the money secured from the bank found on their persons.



R. P. WALKER

These men had a driver for their car who was identified as BUELL WALKER, son of R. P. Walker. On April 15, this young man was arrested by Sheriff Brown and his deputies in Bristow, Okla. Our detective agents' Oklahoma City representatives are assisting in securing evidence against these men.

VERNON ASHCRAFT and WILLIAM KLOPFER. During January, 1922, a member bank in Los Angeles, Calif., reported to our detective agents' local representatives that they had been victimized on several checks bearing the forged signatures of a depositor. An investigation was immediately started and suspicion was directed towards the two above named men. Various clues as to their possible location were followed out by our detective agents' representatives in different parts of the United States. On January 24, 1922, our agents located William Klopfer in Cincinnati, Ohio, and effected his arrest. Acting on information secured by their Salt Lake City representatives, our agents at Los Angeles located Vernon Ashcraft on January 28, and effected his arrest. The latter confessed to his part in the fraudulent transactions and implicated Klopfer, who had maintained his innocence at the time of his arrest. On March 30, Ashcraft was convicted and sentenced, his term being given elsewhere in this issue. Klopfer was returned to Los Angeles and the date of his trial has been set as May 15, 1922.

CHARLES ABEL victimized a member bank in Brooklyn, N. Y., on two forged checks. On March 16, 1922, his arrest was effected by one of our detective agents' local representatives. He is now awaiting trial.

HENRY ADKINS. During October, 1921, a member bank at Ceredo, W. Va., reported having been defrauded on a forged check. Our detective agents' Cincinnati representatives investigated the matter and secured considerable evidence against Henry Adkins, a local man. Due to complications, Adkins was not placed under arrest at that time but was arrested later by the local authorities. He was convicted during the February term of court and will be sentenced in May.

W. ROY CAMPER operated against a member bank of La Verne, Calif., with a worthless check and caused that institution to sustain a loss. He was arrested on February 9, 1922, by the local authorities at Reno, Nev., on a charge of passing worthless checks there. Camper will be tried first at Reno and a detainer warrant has been lodged by the California authorities.

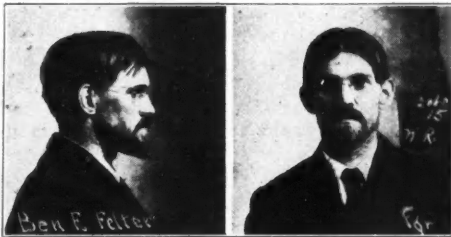
KINGDON CLINE. On February 7, 1922, a man using the name of Clint Moss and claiming to have charge of a gang of men, entered a member bank in Sand Springs, Okla., and opened an account with a check drawn on a member bank in Tulsa. The name of a depositor of the Tulsa bank was signed to the check and it was paid in the regular manner. It later developed that the signature had been forged. The matter was reported to our detective agents' Kansas City representatives, and on March 31, assisted by local authorities, they caused the arrest of Kingdon

Cline in Tulsa. Cline has been identified as the man who presented the check in Sand Springs. He is awaiting trial in Tulsa.

GEORGE COBB (Negro) operated against a member bank in Arcadia, Calif., and caused them to sustain a loss through forgery. On December 28, 1921, Cobb was located by our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives and his arrest effected.

J. L. COLYAR victimized a member bank in Tracy, Calif., on forged checks. Our detective agents conducted investigations in various cities and on April 12, their Chicago representatives were successful in locating Colyar in Chicago, and effected his arrest.

WILLIAM COOMER was placed under arrest on April 4, 1922, by the local authorities in Junction City, Ky., on a charge of attempting to burglarize a bank there.



BENJAMIN E. FELTER

BENJAMIN E. FELTER, alias J. J. Knox, alias George Murray Baker, alias John Brooks, etc. Articles relative to this individual have been published in the following JOURNAL SUPPLEMENTS: July, 1915; August, 1915; June, 1916; June, 1917; and June, 1921. In his more recent operations, member banks at Somerville, N. J., and Tuxedo Park, N. Y., were defrauded. It will, no doubt, be remembered that Felter is the operator who poses as a minister and actually preaches a sermon in a local church in order to get into the good graces of the residents. He was arrested on April 6, 1922, in New York City by the police department. He has been taken to Brooklyn for trial on the charge of a merchant and detainer warrants have been filed with the Brooklyn authorities by the Somerville, N. J., and Tuxedo Park, N. Y., police.

F. N. FOWLER victimized a Peoria, Ill., member bank on a bogus check. He was arrested by the St. Louis Police Department on January 17, 1922, and returned to Peoria for trial. He later pleaded guilty; the disposition of his case is given elsewhere in this issue.

VIOLET GABRIEL. During March, several checks in small amounts were passed on merchants in Portland, Oregon. A Portland bank sustained a loss through honoring one of these checks bearing a forged signature when it was received through the clearings. Violet Gabriel, who admitted passing these checks with another young woman, was placed under arrest on April 10, 1922, by the Portland Police Department cooperating with our detective agents' representatives.

GEORGE R. GOFF caused a member bank of New York, N. Y., to sustain a loss when they honored through the clearings two forged checks passed by him. During March, 1922, Goff was arrested by the Pittsburgh, Pa., Police Department, and returned to Boston, Mass., for trial on a charge of stealing an automobile. The New York bank has been advised to lodge a detainer warrant with the Boston Police Department.

MYRL H. GRANGER victimized a member bank at Glen Ellyn, Ill., on a check bearing a forged indorsement. He was arrested by the local authorities at Lafayette, Ind., and convicted on a local charge.

BILL GROVES, who victimized a member bank in Healdsburg, Calif., on two forged checks, was arrested by the local authorities in San Francisco, Calif., on February 28, 1922. He has been returned to Healdsburg and pleaded guilty to the charge against him.

HARRY W. HALL recently defrauded a member bank in Oklahoma City, Okla., by forging the name of one of their customers to a check. He was arrested by the police department in Dallas, Texas, on March 30, and has been returned to Oklahoma City for prosecution.

LEE D. HAYES, alias G. E. McClure, alias G. E. Franklin, etc. This man is an old offender, articles relative to him having been published in the September, 1913, and February, 1914, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENTS. During December, 1921, he was successful in defrauding a member bank in Denver, Colo., on two forged cashier's checks. He also operated against merchants



LEE D. HAYES

and hotels with cashier's checks purporting to have been issued by another Denver bank. On February 23, 1922, he was arrested by the police department in Chicago, Ill., on a local charge. Our detective agents identified him as being the man wanted by the Denver bank. Hayes is awaiting trial in Chicago and arrangements were made to have the Denver bank lodge a detainer warrant.

JESSE HILDENBRAND, who defrauded a member bank at Williams, Calif., on a worthless check, was arrested early in April, 1922, at Calexico, Calif., by the local authorities.

SIDNEY KAROFSKY, who defrauded a Chicago, Ill., member bank on a forged check in a small amount, was detained, in the bank on April 1, 1922, when he presented another forged check. The bank notified our detective agents who effected Karofsky's arrest and he is now awaiting trial.

MICHAEL KELLY, J. F. SCOTT and JOHN O'KEEFE. On March 21, 1922, a member bank at Eatonville, Wash., was held up by three men. A posse was immediately organized and the three above named men were placed under arrest, the funds secured from the bank being recovered.

OLSEN LAFATER passed numerous checks bearing forged signatures on merchants in the vicinity of Sacramento, Calif. A member bank on which they were drawn honored one of these checks on presentation through the clearings. Lafater was arrested on March 25, 1922, by the Oakland Police Department and is now awaiting trial.



LOUIS LINSKY was detained at a member bank in Chicago, Ill., on November 15, 1921, when he attempted to secure funds on a forged check. Our detective agents' Chicago representatives were notified. As Linsky could not explain satisfactorily where he got the check he was placed under arrest. During March, 1922, he pleaded guilty to the charge against him and the sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

WALTER P. MARTIN was arrested by the police department in San Francisco, Calif., early in April, 1922. It is alleged that this is the same individual who caused a San Francisco member bank to sustain a loss on a check bearing a forged indorsement during May, 1921. He is now awaiting trial.

HARRY MEYERS, who defrauded a New York, N. Y., member bank by means of a forged check, was recently arrested by the New York Police Department. He has been convicted and the sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

W. R. MIREE, who caused a Kansas City, Mo., member bank to sustain a loss on several forged checks was located by our detective agents' Kansas City representatives on March 17, 1922. He made a confession and was then placed under arrest. The disposition of his case is given elsewhere in this issue.

K. S. OKADA caused a Gardena, Calif., member bank to sustain a loss on several forged checks in small amounts. Our detective agents' investigation in behalf of this bank's membership in California Bankers Association and this Association, developed the fact that Okada had also defrauded another member bank in Gardena and a member bank of Compton. On March 27, 1922, Okada's arrest was effected by one of our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives. On April 7, he pleaded guilty and was bound over to the superior court.

PHILLIP OSCAR PARENT was arrested by the local authorities in Vienna, Ill., early in April, 1922, on charges of bigamy and larceny. It is alleged that he is the individual who defrauded a member bank in Harrisburg, Ill., by means of two forged checks in small amounts.

JACK PODLIPSKI. On August 31, 1921, a member bank at Tunnelton, W. Va., was held up and our detective agents' Pittsburgh representatives conducted an investigation. Some time afterwards Jack Podlipski was arrested by the local authorities. He has been tried and convicted but sentence has not been passed as a motion for a new trial has been made.

AL PREVOST. On March 28, 1922, a Portland, Ore., member bank reported to our detective agents' local representatives that they had been defrauded through honoring six checks bearing forged signatures of a depositor. Later the same day our agents located Prevost, secured a confession from him and effected his arrest. He is now awaiting trial.

L. K. RAWLS, who, it is alleged, was implicated in the burglary of a member bank at Roberta, Ga., was arrested on March 19, 1922, by the local authorities at Trenton, S. C.

WADE SMITH defrauded a member bank at Clemenceau, Ariz., by means of several forged checks. His arrest was effected in Los Angeles, Calif., on January 25, 1922, by one of our detective agents' representatives.

GEORGE SPENCER, alias James Scott, alias James Walker, etc., defrauded a member bank in Colville, Wash., by means of a forged check. He was located in Spokane on February 17, 1922, by one of our detective agents' representatives and placed under arrest. He has been returned to Colville, where he pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery. The sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

CLYDE SPINNING, alias Fred Curtis, caused a member bank of Visalia, Calif., to sustain a loss on a worthless check. He

also passed numerous bogus certified checks on merchants in the vicinity of Visalia. His arrest was effected on March 25, 1922, by an official of the Visalia bank.

GEORGE A. STERN victimized a member bank in Chicago, Ill., on a check bearing a forged indorsement. He was arrested on April 6, 1922, by the Chicago Police Department on a charge of rifling mail boxes, stealing letters containing currency and checks and afterwards forging indorsements on the checks. He is now being held by the Federal authorities awaiting trial.

ALTA M. TRUMBULL and MRS. EDITH HALL caused a Boston, Mass., member bank to sustain a loss on three worthless checks. On March 26, 1922, they were arrested in Rochester, N. Y., by our detective agents' Buffalo representatives cooperating with the Rochester Police Department. Both were held awaiting extradition to Boston.

WILLIAM WALKER, alias William Walters, was arrested by the local authorities at Tacoma, Wash., on March 12, 1922. From that point he was returned to Centerville, Wash., for trial on a charge of burglarizing a Centerville member bank. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced on March 16, his term being given elsewhere in this issue.

GEORGE WEISGERBER, the last member of the Eddie Adams Gang, relative to whom previous articles have been published, was arrested on March 19, 1922, by the local authorities in Woodbury, N. J. He was returned to Osceola, Iowa, for trial and confessed to being one of four men who murdered a resident of Murray, Iowa, after burglarizing a bank there. The sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

ALFRED WILSON victimized a Princeton, N. J., member bank on several forged checks. His arrest was effected on February 3, 1922, at Princeton, N. J., by one of our detective agents' local representatives.

WADE WITHROW, who defrauded a member bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., by means of forged withdrawal orders and relative to whom an article was published in the March, 1922, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, was placed under arrest in Pittsburgh, Pa., on April 5, 1922, by our detective agents cooperating with the local police department. On April 13, he pleaded guilty, and the sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

## REMOVED

### FORGERS, ETC.

Anderson, Ben.—Indeterminate, State Reformatory, Rahway, N. J.

Andrews, F. G.—4 years, State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo., appeal pending.

Ashcraft, Vernon—1 to 14 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.

Bor, Fong—Suspended sentence.

Corbett, Julian H.—Case dismissed.

Day, H. H.—Discharged, lack of prosecution and ill health.

Dunham, J. P.—Discharged, insufficient evidence to convict.

Emery, F. R.—Case taken off calendar due to debates with medical experts who have been examining this man.

Fenton, Willis—Discharged, lack of positive identification.

Ford, Luther—2 years, State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.

Fowler, F. N.—1 year, probation.

Gabriel, Joseph—Indeterminate, State Reformatory, Elmira, N. Y.

Granger, Myrl H.—1 to 5 years, State Penitentiary, Jeffersonville, Ind.  
 Hammer, Dwaine—1 to 10 years, State Penitentiary, St. Quentin, Calif.  
 Hasbrouck, Amos—3 to 6 years, Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y.  
 Hickman, Thomas—Forfeited bond.  
 Jones, Art—Indeterminate, State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kans.  
 King, John C.—Probation.  
 Krout, William H.—10 years, State Penitentiary, Raleigh, N. C.  
 LeRoy, Michael—10 years, Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y.  
 Linsky, Louis—1 year, probation.  
 Meyers, Harry—5 years, probation.  
 Miree, W. R.—Discharged, restitution effect.  
 Morello, Jim—3 years, Chain Gang, Fla.  
 O'Hara, Dr. Patrick J.—2 years, State Penitentiary, Frankfort, Ky.  
 Palony, Frank—Case dismissed.  
 Patterson, Mrs. J. B.—3 years, probation.  
 Patterson, N. A.—Discharged, effected restitution.  
 Peck, Walter S.—5 years, probation.  
 Rothenberg, Herman—Fined \$250 and costs, then paroled.  
 Smith, Alvin—3 years, probation.  
 Smith, Norman—14 years, probation.  
 Smith, Wade—Suspended sentence.  
 Spade, C. E.—Released, effected restitution.  
 Spencer, George—5 to 15 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.

Spinning, Clyde—Indeterminate, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.  
 Stanish, Frank—1 year probation.  
 Taff, J. C.—1 year, Fulton County Chain Gang, Ga.  
 Thompson, Harry E.—15 years, State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Texas.  
 Williams, H. H.—Discharged, lack of positive identification.  
 Willis, J. C.—Died.  
 Wilson, Alfred—Indeterminate, State Reform School, Jamesburg, N. J.  
 Withrow, Wade—18 months, Allegheny County Workhouse, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Wood, Clarence—1 year, probation.

#### BURGLARS AND HOLDUP ROBBERS

Disalio, Joseph—29 to 30 years, Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Dursio, Vincent—Discharged.  
 Pidgeon, Charles Edger—5 to 15 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.  
 Singer, Hyman B.—Indeterminate, State Reformatory, Buena Vista, Colo.  
 Walker, William—7 to 15 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.  
 Weisgerber, George—Life, State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa.  
 Wilson, Thomas—5 to 15 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.

#### STATISTICS OF THE PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1921	Arrested since August 31, 1921	Arrested in April, 1922	Total	Convicted	Discharged or Acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc.....	191	218	38	256	229	85	31	102
Burglars .....	29	21	4	25	20	8	4	22
Hold up robbers.....	35	75	7	82	70	13	4	30
Sneak thieves .....	1	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	1
Total . . . . .	256	314	50	364	320	106	39	155

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## SAVE YOUR BANK MONEY

**Do not cash checks for strangers**

In opening accounts for strangers do not permit withdrawals against items before returns have been received.

Before cashing checks bearing alleged endorsement of your depositor call up the depositor and see if he endorsed the check.

If in doubt as to whether a check is genuine, before cashing, verify signature or call up depositor. If this action is taken and the check is a forgery, the presenter will leave the check and the bank in a hurry.

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CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES.—I. N. Van Nuys Building.  
 CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Building.  
 COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.  
 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON.—500 Southern Building.  
 GEORGIA, ATLANTA.—921-22 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.—Woolworth Building.  
 OHIO, CINCINNATI.—505 Glenn 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.  
 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.

### FOREIGN OFFICES OF THE WILLIAM J. BURNS INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, INC.

CANADA, MONTREAL.—Transportation Building.  
 CANADA, VANCOUVER.—605 Vancouver Block.  
 ENGLAND, LONDON, S. W.—Crown Chambers, 5 Regent St. No. 1.

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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## MAY PROTECTIVE WORK

### UNCOLLECTED ITEMS

Excerpt from Report of the President of the American Bankers Association, Thomas B. McAdams, to the Executive Council, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., May 8-12, 1922.

"The great increase in crime against banks during 1920 and 1921 put a serious burden upon our Protective Department and increased month by month the necessary expenses for so operating this Department as to properly protect our institutions. The expenses, however, were increasing at a rate out of proportion to our total income, so that two years ago it was necessary to limit the operations of the Department to cases involving \$200 or more. The banks of the Association showed a splendid spirit of cooperation in this emergency, and this amendment to our rules had the desired effect of holding the expenses of the Department within the necessary limits. It was recognized this was but a temporary expedient and that so soon as possible the needed funds should be provided for aggressively and actively fighting crime against banks, regardless of the amount involved.

"The big criminal is usually the natural development of the small operator and to prevent crime we must deal with it in its incipency. I am, therefore, glad to report that following the increase in revenue, made possible by our new schedule of dues, the Protective Department has done away with the limitation of \$200 and is now handling all proper cases reported to it regardless of the amount involved.

"There is a growing feeling, however, that our protective work, to be effective, should be one of prevention as contrasted with detection, and, in order to prevent crime, the most effective means is through the education of the banker himself, that through contributory negligence he will not make it easy for frauds to be perpetrated.

"The Protective Committee therefore concluded it is desirable—from the standpoint of both the banks and the Association—that the individual banks, if they of their own volition dealt with strangers—either through the cashing of checks or the opening of accounts without proper investigation or introduction—should assume responsibility for such losses as might be incurred in this manner.

"If the Association should handle cases of this character, it could with equal propriety investigate losses which are the outgrowth of bad loans resulting from lack of proper information as to the value of collateral or the strength of endorsements. This action on the part of your Protective Committee has already had a most beneficial effect and, through banks realizing the responsibility for such cases was entirely their own, has resulted in many of them adopting rules of operation which are effectively protecting them against loss.

"The Protective Department is operating today with less friction and with more effectiveness than for many years and is an agency in behalf of better banking, fully justifying its cost of operation."

### WARNING

#### EX-CONVICT AGAIN DANGEROUS OPERATOR

Operator using forged cashier's checks and checks ostensibly issued by the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Butte, Mont.



CHAS. E. MUNSON

This man enters a bank and opens an account with either a forged cashier's check or a check purporting to have been issued by the Supreme Court of the State of Montana, usually signed by either J. P. Carroll or J. F. Driscoll, Clerk of the Supreme Court, drawn on the Silver Bow National Bank, Butte, Mont. He has used forged cashier's checks ostensibly issued by the Hanover National Bank, New York, N. Y., Commercial National Bank, Los Angeles, Calif., National Bank of Commerce, Dallas, Texas, and checks drawn on the bank of Italy, Montgomery Street Branch, San Francisco, Calif., printed with the names "Gordon and Beecher, Contractors," or "Thomas Leonard and C. M. Bryan, Stock Brokers."

*J. P. Carroll.*

*Frank J. Snyder.*

*Louis P. Sanders*

*J. F. Gordon*

*R. B. Maddox*

*Chas. E. Munson*

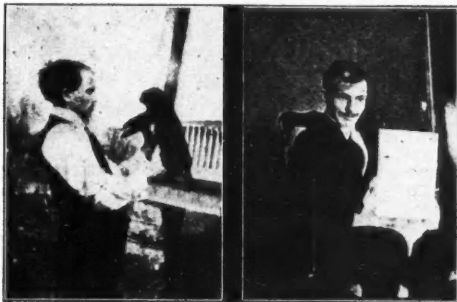


In his recent operations member banks in Portland, Ore., Seattle, Wash., Denver, Colo., Sedgwick, Kans., and Des Moines, Iowa, have been defrauded by this individual, whose photograph we are reproducing herewith.

Member banks should be on the alert and if this man, who is carried in our files under the name of CHARLES E. MUNSON, attempts to secure funds on one of his forged or bogus checks, he should be placed under arrest and the nearest office of our detective agents notified.

Charles E. Munson has used the following aliases: David G. Beeching, J. W. H. Whittaker, Thomas Leonard, John Collins, William J. Bledsoe, L. P. Pollock, G. W. Gould, I. H. Gordon, William Foster, Edward McLain, Frank Kennedy, John W. Pearce, Frank J. Smythe, Louis P. Sanders, etc. Articles relative to him were published in the September, 1916, November, 1916, January, 1917, February, 1917, March, 1917, and May, 1917 JOURNAL Supplements. He is described as about 55 years of age, 5 feet 5½ inches, 170 pounds, medium build, dark complexion, brown eyes, formerly black hair, now almost all gray.

JACK BAILEY, alias Ed. H. Miller, was successful in passing a forged check on a member bank in Muncie, Ind. A warrant for this individual's arrest has been issued and any information relative to his whereabouts should be communicated to the nearest office of our detective agents. His description is as follows: 5 feet 6 inches, 130 to 135 pounds, light complexion, blue eyes, light hair; wears light suit, light cap, tan shoes and a ring on left hand.



PAUL LATHROP DEXTER

PAUL LATHROP DEXTER has defrauded member banks in Purcell, Mo., and Neck City, Mo., by means of worthless checks drawn on the State Bank of Annawan, Annawan, Ill. This man has been a resident of Alba, Mo., and is a minister by occupation. He is about 35 years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches, 140 to 145 pounds, medium build, dark complexion, dark brown eyes, dark brown or black hair, smooth shaven but may raise mustache; scar near left eye; somewhat bald.

*Paul Lathrop Dexter*  
Cash Five <sup>no</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

I. O. EMMONS attempted to defraud a Los Angeles, Calif., member bank by means of a worthless check in a small amount drawn on the First National Bank of San Diego. As a means of identification he displayed a Masonic receipt showing his name.

He claimed to be in Los Angeles on a mission for the Masons. Emmons opened an account with the Los Angeles bank, then endeavored to secure cash on his worthless check. The Los Angeles bank telephoned the San Diego bank and were informed that that institution had been victimized in the same manner by this operator, only he gave them a check drawn on the Yuma National Bank, Yuma, Ariz., which was returned marked "No Account." Emmons is described as 40 to 45 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 150 to 155 pounds, fair complexion, wears Masonic pin in lapel of coat.

*L. O. Emmons*

JAY S. FENTON is operating on the Coast with bogus checks drawn on the Vernon Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Calif. In some instances these checks are merely signed "Jay S. Fenton," while in other instances they are signed "American Canadian Sales Company, by Jay S. Fenton, President." He is described as being 23 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 140 pounds, small blue eyes, dark hair, thick lips, short straight nose.

*Jay S. Fenton*  
Hundred Fifty

JOHN R. HAINES, alias Jack Haines, alias Jesse James, caused a member bank of Kansas City, Mo., to sustain a loss on a forged check in a small amount. He is described as being 90 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, about 100 pounds, thin and erect build, light complexion, blue eyes, white hair; usually wears a close-cropped mustache; very strong and active for an old man.

DONALD LOVATT, alias Theodore Kern, recently opened an account in a Yardley, Pa., member bank, depositing a small amount of cash. He claimed to be building a bungalow in the vicinity and desired to have an account so that he could use checks in paying for the bungalow. The following day he deposited a worthless check drawn on the Excelsior Trust Company, Philadelphia, Pa., signed J. Walter Cook, who he explained was his father-in-law. The following day he again called at the bank and deposited a check drawn on the Bristol Trust Company, Bristol, Pa., and was successful in withdrawing a considerable amount. This operator is described as about 25 years of age, medium height, smooth shaven, fairly well dressed, considerable gold in his front teeth.

ROBERT MEYERS. A man using this name is operating with bogus checks purporting to have been issued by the American Brake Company and the American Car & Foundry Company, drawn on the National Bank of Commerce, St. Louis, Mo. The checks are printed on safety paper and the amounts are inserted by a protectograph. We are unable to supply a description of the operator but are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting herewith.

*Robert Meyers*

GEORGE P. OLMSTED is wanted by the Police Department at Tampa, Fla., who are holding a warrant for his arrest on the charge of uttering a fraudulent draft in the amount of \$150, on a local member bank. Olmsted is described as being 50 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 155 pounds, light complexion, scanty hair, shrunken and dissipated looking face.

M. H. PARKSON. This individual resided in the vicinity of Kalispell, Mont., for about two years prior to April 17, 1922. On that date he disappeared from the vicinity after having secured cash from a local member bank on a check drawn on a Rosedale, Ill., bank. Parkson is about 53 years of age, short in stature, gray eyes, gray hair, smooth shaven, wart under one eye, face considerably wrinkled.

RALPH J. ROGERS, representing himself as being connected with the Rogers-Wilson Realty Co., Ocala, Fla., is endeavoring to defraud banks by means of worthless drafts. Two member banks in Fort Worth, Texas, received letters purporting to have been written by the above-named firm, inclosing a worthless draft and a deed on a tract of land. Rogers then called on one of the banks and exhibited a letter which he had ostensibly received from Ocala, Fla., advising that the draft and deed had been sent to him in care of the bank. He was unsuccessful in securing any funds on his worthless drafts in Fort Worth, but members should be on their guard. Rogers is described as 40 to 45 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches, 140 pounds, dark complexion, dark eyes, black hair, neat dresser.

J. M. STRONG, alias J. R. Simmons, alias C. B. Watson, is operating by means of forged checks which are ostensibly form checks of the Kemper Thomas Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. The checks are drawn against the First National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio, signed J. R. Simmons, Treasurer, bearing a countersignature of C. B. Watson, and are printed on Hammermill Safety Bond paper. We are able to supply only a meagre description, which is as follows: 38 years of age, short heavy build, wears a gray suit.

MRS. M. M. SULLIVAN. On March 29, a woman using this name and giving a fictitious street address, entered a member bank in Kansas City, Mo., and opened an account by depositing \$50 in cash. The following day she deposited a check for a considerable amount on another member bank in Kansas City to which the name of one of their customers had been cleverly forged. This check was paid. In the afternoon of the same day the woman withdrew the larger part of her account. She evidently had an accomplice who, on March 31, called at the member bank on which the forged check was drawn, signed a receipt and secured the canceled vouchers for the month of March, which, of course, included the forged item. Mrs. M. M. Sullivan is described as about 30 to 35 years old, 5 feet 5 inches, 130 pounds, rather slender appearance, light brown or blonde hair, neatly but plainly dressed.

*Mrs. M. M. Sullivan*  
*Mrs. M. M. Sullivan*  
 432 W 58<sup>th</sup> St  
 March 29 - 1922 50<sup>00</sup>

A. J. TAYLOR, alias O. E. Harris, is operating in the southeastern states with checks purporting to have been issued by the Evansville Bottle Company, drawn on the Mercantile Commercial Bank, Evansville, Ind. These checks are printed and various names are used in signing the checks below the printed words "Evansville Bottle Company, By." There is no such firm as the Evansville Bottle Company and this operator is representing himself as a traveling salesman for that company. We are unable to supply any description of the operator at this time but are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

*A. J. Taylor*  
*Harry E. Weber*

FRANK WILSON, alias James P. Wood, is operating in various cities in California with forged checks and member banks have been defrauded. His method of operation is to rush into a small business house with a check usually in the amount of \$40, purporting to have been issued by a firm doing business in the neighborhood. If the check is from a confectionery store or a restaurant he will wear a white coat or apron and claim to be "stealing the boss's time." The firm named is generally printed on the check with a cheap rubber stamp and the signature of an official is forged. Wilson is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds, ruddy complexion, dark eyes, dark hair.

### STOLEN CHECKS

The Prairie Oil & Gas Company's offices in Cleveland, Okla., were recently broken into and checks, numbers 467 to 500, inclusive, and numbers 601 to 700, inclusive, stolen. The thieves also stole a check protector which has the words "PRAIRIE P. L. CO." preceding the amount in the body of the check.

These checks are drawn on the First National Bank of Cleveland, Okla., are used by the District Foreman of this Company, and printed on the checks is the name "Guy Most, Special."

We would suggest to the Oklahoma banks that if any of the above checks are presented they immediately report the matter to their local authorities and also to Mr. Fred S. Cook of the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, Tulsa, Okla.

### ARRESTED

#### CRAFTON, PA., BANDITS ANNIHILATED

Two men killed resisting arrest; one dead as result of wounds; another severely wounded and awaiting trial on murder charge.

On January 27, 1922, a large touring car drove up in front of a member bank at Crafton, Pa., and five bandits entered the bank. They herded the employes and patrons into the vault, but before doing so, the assistant cashier endeavored to obtain his gun. One of the bandits, noting his action, shot him, with

the result that he died several hours afterwards. The bandits secured all the cash, bonds and stocks that were in sight and escaped. They were met by a squad of detectives from the Pittsburgh central office in a high-powered automobile and were chased through the down-town section of Pittsburgh. They were successful in eluding the detectives, although the latter got the bandits' car and recovered cash and securities amounting to \$24,000, which had been stolen from the Crafton bank.

Several suspects were arrested by the Pittsburgh police, but later developments proved that none of these were implicated in the crime in question. Immediately after the hold-up our detective agents' Pittsburgh representatives also took up the investigation and several suspects were checked up. On April 24, 1922, Andrew Kapler was indicted for the holdup of the bank and the murdering of the assistant cashier, sufficient evidence having been secured to warrant this action.

On May 4, 1922, the Canton, Ohio, Police Department having received information to the effect that certain men would attempt to liberate from the county jail a holdup man confined therein, were on the alert and when they attempted to stop the automobile in which were the four men against whom suspicion had been aroused, a gun battle followed. Two men, whose names were later learned to be EDWARD STEVENSON and JOHN HAGER STEPHENS, were killed resisting arrest. The other two men were severely wounded resisting arrest and one of these men was identified as being ANDREW KAPLER by the Canton Police Department through a tattooed design on his arm. The name of the other wounded man proved to be THOMAS SEXTON. A Canton citizen, who was driving the automobile for the police, was shot and killed.

On May 9, Andrew Kapler confessed to one of our detective agents' Pittsburgh representatives that he had participated in the Crafton holdup and had killed the assistant cashier. He also stated that Edward Stevenson, John Hager Stephens and Thomas Sexton were with him at the time and took part in the holdup of the Crafton bank. The bodies of Stevenson and Stephens were identified in the Canton Morgue by officials of the Crafton bank. On May 10 our agents' representative secured an admission from Thomas Sexton that he was a participant in the holdup of the Crafton bank. This man died May 17, as result of the wounds he had received in the battle with the Canton police. Kapler is now confined in the Stark County Workhouse and it is believed that he will be tried first on the charge of being implicated in the murder of the Canton citizen who was driving the car for the police. (Information has been received since writing the above that Andrew Kapler died on May 31, 1922.)

### ELUSIVE FORGER ARRESTED

Man on bail in Chicago arrested by our detective agents in New York

SIGMUND L. REISS, relative to whom an article appeared in the February, 1922, JOURNAL Supplement, recently secured several thousand dollars on forged checks from a Brooklyn, N. Y., member bank. Our detective agents began an investigation and found that this operator had been arrested in Kansas City, Mo., in 1918, in addition to being on bond at the present time on the charge of a Chicago, Ill., member bank. During March and April our agents followed out every clue which might lead to the whereabouts of "Sig" Reiss, as he was known, but while they were positive that he was in New York City they were unsuccessful in locating him, though additional information was secured that this man was also on bond on another New York charge.

Finally on April 10, one of our agents' representatives secured a new clue which led him to 72d Street. There he observed a Cadillac roadster standing in front of an apartment house. Knowing Reiss's weakness for women, he took a chance and, on inquiring for Mr. Reiss in that house, found that there was a Mr. Victor Reiss visiting a young lady in her apartment. Under pretext Mr. Victor Reiss was called down to the Cadillac car and our agents' representative immediately identified him as being Sigmund Reiss. He admitted his identity and was placed under arrest. He is now confined in the Tombs awaiting trial, as he has been unable to raise \$18,000 bail.

### WEST VIRGINIA BANK BURGLARS ARRESTED

Our detective agents cooperating with state police and local authorities cleared up Bruceton Mills burglary

During the night of April 23, 1922, burglars forced their way into a member bank in Bruceton Mills, W. Va., securing a small amount of cash and other articles. Our detective agents' Pittsburgh representatives took up the investigation, secured a description of the automobile used by the operators, and traced same to Morganville. It was then ascertained that a man named Dave Bayles owned an automobile which answered the description of the one used by the burglars. Due to this fact and other suspicious circumstances DAVE BAYLES was arrested on April 27 by our agents' representative and the local constable. Acting on information secured from Bayles, our agents' representative and the state police then located OKEY SAVAGE, BERT RECKERT and JIM HALL and placed them under arrest. Savage and Reckert also confessed, and their statements implicate Hall, who has so far not made any statement, all four now being held awaiting trial.

### WASHINGTON BURGLARS ARRESTED

During the night of March 23, 1922, a member bank at Sequim, Wash., was burglarized. Trace of the burglars was secured by the local sheriff and on April 1, 1922, he and his men arrested FRANK GRANT and ERNEST BROWNING, most of the loot being recovered. Grant was shot resisting arrest and later died. JOSEPH McNULTY, who it is alleged was also implicated in this burglary and in the burglary of a Poulso, Wash., member bank, was traced to Oakland, Calif., by our detective agents' Seattle representatives. He was placed under arrest in Oakland by our detective agents' San Francisco representatives cooperating with the local authorities. He has been returned to Washington and is now awaiting trial. Browning has been convicted and the disposition of his case is given elsewhere in this issue.

THEODORE O'BRIEN BELANGER, who secured cash from a member bank of Nashua, N. H., on a forged withdrawal order, was traced by our detective agents' Boston representatives to Canada. Our agents' Montreal representatives then took up the trail and effected the arrest of this man in Montreal on April 21, 1922. He has been returned to New Hampshire for trial.

JOE BERNARD, alias Joseph Caron, who defrauded a member bank in New Haven, Conn., on two forged checks during June, 1920, was arrested in Springfield, Mass., on April 26, 1922,

by the local authorities. He has been returned to Connecticut and is now awaiting trial.

FRED BERTHOLD caused a member bank at Woodhaven, N. Y., to sustain losses on four forged checks which he negotiated in Los Angeles, Calif. He was located and his arrest effected by our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives on January 5, 1922. He later pleaded guilty to the charge against him, but to date has not been sentenced and is still confined in the Los Angeles County jail.

J. BOWERS was successful in making a withdrawal from a Coleman, Texas, member bank against a worthless check which he had deposited. He was arrested shortly afterwards by the local authorities at Abilene, Texas, and returned to Coleman, Texas, for trial. Our detective agents identified this man as an escaped convict of the Texas State Penitentiary.

CLARENCE E. BROWN, alias Edgar K. Welch, victimized a Berkeley, Calif., member bank on a worthless check. He was arrested on April 18, 1922, by the Oakland, Calif., Police Department.

H. BRUNDAGE victimized a San Francisco, Calif., member bank during March, 1920, on a check bearing a forged endorsement. At that time our detective agents were unsuccessful in locating him. However, during April, 1922, Brundage was arrested in Los Angeles, Calif., on a local charge. He was released on the Los Angeles charge, but our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives were successful in locating him again. He was rearrested and held for the San Francisco authorities on the interested bank's charge.



HERBERT C. DEBO

HERBERT C. DEBO, alias William P. Arnold, defrauded a Kirksville, Mo., member bank by means of forged checks which he cashed at Kansas City, Mo., and Los Angeles, Calif. Our detective agents' Kansas City representatives traced this man to Los Angeles. Their Los Angeles representatives traced him to Denver and their Denver representatives were successful in locating him and effecting his arrest on April 26, 1922. He has since been returned to Kansas City for trial on the charge of the interested bank.

H. M. DODSON defrauded a member bank in Portland, Ore., by means of forged checks. On April 13, 1922, he was located in Seattle, Wash., by our detective agents' Seattle representatives and his arrest effected. He was returned to Port-

land, where he was convicted. The sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

GEORGE DOLGOFF caused a member bank of San Francisco, Calif., to sustain a loss on two forged checks. Our detective agents' San Francisco representatives located this man in San Francisco on April 13, 1922, when his arrest was effected.

E. L. GAFFNEY. Some time ago a member bank in Clinton, Iowa, was defrauded by means of a bogus check. As a result of our detective agents' investigation, E. L. Gaffney was located by them and placed under arrest on January 7, 1922. He pleaded guilty to the charge against him and the sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

E. D. GRADKE, alias G. H. Osborne, who defrauded a member bank of Everett, Wash., on a worthless check, was arrested in Seattle, Wash., on April 28, 1922, by the local authorities.

LAWRENCE HARMON caused a member bank in Washington, D. C., to sustain a loss on a note bearing a forged endorsement. He was arrested recently at Atlanta, Ga., by the local authorities and has been returned to Washington for trial.

SAM HARMON and FLOYD ROGERS. On the morning of April 14, 1922, two unmasked men entered a member bank at Uncas, Okla. After drawing guns they forced the cashier and three patrons into the vault; then escaped with between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Cashier Jaques immediately made his escape from the vault and notified Sheriff Bain at Newkirk, Okla., who with his deputies gave chase to the robbers, who had left in a small motor car, and captured them. The money they stole from the bank was found in their possession.

GEORGE K. HARRIS, who defrauded a member bank in San Diego, Calif., on a worthless check and attempted to defraud other California member banks, was arrested on March 8, 1922 in San Francisco, by our detective agents' San Francisco representatives cooperating with the local authorities.

JOSEPH BANCROFF HAUSE, alias J. M. Warfield, alias J. F. Allen, alias J. B. Walsh, alias J. B. Livingstone, alias George B. Durand, alias J. M. Wortser, alias J. B. Rhodes, alias J. Fenton, alias J. B. Hanna, etc. This man began his operations with bogus checks in 1918 when he victimized member banks in Cleveland, Ohio, and Chicago, Ill. An investigation was made but the operator's identity or whereabouts could not be ascertained. During 1921 he caused two more member banks in Cleveland, Ohio, to sustain losses, also member banks in Grand Rapids and Pontiac, Mich. He attempted to defraud member banks in Indianapolis, Ind., and Cincinnati, Ohio. On March 31, 1922, a Youngstown, Ohio, bank received a long-distance telephone call from Pittsburgh, Pa., the party speaking claiming to be an official of a Pittsburgh bank and stating that any favors extended to a Mr. Fenton, who would be in Youngstown in a day or so, would be appreciated. Suspicion was aroused, and



JOSEPH BANCROFF HAUSE



it was found that the Pittsburgh bank official had not telephoned to Youngstown. When Fenton appeared at Youngstown he was placed under arrest by the local authorities on information furnished by the Youngstown bank. Fenton was later identified as the individual who had operated in the cities referred to above and his true name is Joseph Bancroff Hause. He was returned to Cleveland for trial and on April 24 pleaded guilty. The sentence he received is given elsewhere in this issue.

GEORGE I. IDE, who defrauded member banks of Kansas City, Mo., St. Louis, Mo., and Hammond, Ind., by means of forged checks, was arrested by the Chicago, Ill., Police Department on a local charge early in April, 1922.

J. M. JARVIS, alias J. M. Martin, who attempted to defraud a member bank in Houston, Texas, by means of a forged telegram, was arrested on April 27, in Houston, Texas, by our detective agents cooperating with the local police.

DEWITT C. KAUFFMAN. Recently several blank drafts were stolen from a member bank in Baxter Springs, Kans., and two individuals met with considerable success in negotiating these drafts in Texas and Louisiana, several member banks and hotels being defrauded. On April 6, 1922, Dewitt C. Kauffman was arrested in Covington, La., by the local authorities. He has been returned to Bogalusa, La., for trial.

FRED KEATING held up a member bank at Danforth, Me., on April 26, 1922. On leaving the bank he entered the woods. Local officers immediately started in pursuit. They were successful in locating Keating and placing him under arrest. Practically all of the funds obtained from the bank were recovered.

FRED GRAVES KIRBY, who defrauded two Boston, Mass., member banks on worthless checks some time ago, was located in Pittsburgh, Pa., on May 16, 1922, by our detective agents' Pittsburgh representatives and his arrest effected. He was held awaiting extradition to Boston.

JACK KLINE, alias Harry Greenberg. During December, 1921, a member bank in Chicago, Ill., was defrauded on two forged checks. Our detective agents conducted an investigation, located Jack Kline in Toledo, Ohio, and effected his arrest. He was returned to Chicago for trial and on April 17, 1922, pleaded guilty to the charge brought by the interested bank. The disposition of his case is given elsewhere in this issue.

ROBERT E. LAW defrauded a member bank of Pasadena, Calif., during October, 1921, by depositing a worthless check and being permitted to draw against same before returns had been received. Our detective agents made an investigation and on April 20, 1922, Law was arrested at Asheville, N. C., by the local authorities. He confessed to the Asheville police and one of our detective agents' representatives and was held awaiting the arrival of a California officer to return him to that state.

HOWARD N. McDERMOTT, alias J. T. Henry, victimized member banks in Des Moines, Iowa, and Kansas City, Mo., by means of worthless checks. An article relative to him appeared in the January JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT. On January 24, 1922, McDermott and another man held up a bank at Palms, Calif. McDermott and his companion in the holdup were arrested shortly afterwards by the local authorities and lodged in the Los Angeles County Jail. McDermott gave the name of J. T. Henry. He was identified as the man wanted by the Des Moines and Kansas City banks, and was later sentenced to serve from one to fifteen years in the California State Penitentiary on the charge of holding up the Palms bank, but en route to the penitentiary he escaped and his present whereabouts are unknown.

LAWRENCE MAHACH and MARION RUBE. A member bank in Fortuna, Calif., was held up and several thousand dollars secured by two bandits on May 3, 1922. Before the arrival of our detective agents' representative in Fortuna, Lawrence Mahach was arrested. Our agents cooperated with the local authorities and as a result of their efforts Marion Rube surrendered on May 11. Considerable evidence has been secured against these men and both are now awaiting trial on the charge of holding up the interested bank.

J. MAZZOLA caused a member bank of New York, N. Y., to sustain a loss on a forged check during January, 1922. Our detective agents made a thorough investigation and were finally forced to discontinue temporarily, as Mazzola had disappeared without leaving any trace. However, late in April our agents secured new information and acting on same they were successful in locating Mazzola and effecting his arrest on April 27. He is now awaiting trial.

ELIX O. PERRIN, who, it is alleged, caused a member bank of Waterloo, Iowa, to sustain a loss on a check bearing a forged endorsement, was located in Denver, Colo., by our detective agents during January, 1922. Due to technicalities, no action was taken at that time, but he was later placed under arrest in Denver by agents of the United States Secret Service and held awaiting extradition to Iowa.

N. RUSSO and G. MIRCKLE attempted to defraud a member bank of New York by means of a bogus check. They were detained at the bank and placed under arrest by one of our detective agents' local representatives and the New York police.

HARRY A. SIMON, who, with two other men, victimized a Brooklyn, N. Y., member bank, was arrested on April 21, 1922, by the New York Police Department.

## REMOVED

### FORGERS, ETC.

- Abel, Charles—Indeterminate, State Reformatory, Elmira, N. Y.  
 Brame, John E.—Discharged, effected restitution.  
 Butler, E. J.—2 years, State Penitentiary, Richmond, Va.  
 Clark, David S.—Indeterminate, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.  
 Davis, Mrs. M.—Case dismissed.  
 De Celles, Joseph—6 months, probation.  
 Dodson, H. M.—6 months, County Jail, Portland, Ore.  
 Gaffney, E. L.—Suspended sentence.  
 Gardner, William—Probation during good behavior.  
 Haggerty, Dolly—6 months, Women's Prison, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Hall, Mrs. Edith—Probation.  
 Harmon, Lawrence—Suspended sentence.  
 Harris, George K.—Probation.  
 Hause, Joseph Bancroff—19-20 years, State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio.  
 Hirsch, Willis E.—Insane.  
 Horney, Floyd E.—Discharged, effected restitution.  
 Karofsky, Sidney—4 years, State Reformatory, St. Charles, Ill.  
 Kern, Thomas—6 months, County Jail, San Francisco, Calif.  
 Kline, Jack—1 to 10 years, State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.  
 Leslie, John F.—1 to 10 years, State Penitentiary, Chester, Ill.

Lopez, Joe—1 to 10 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.  
 McDermott, Howard N.—Escaped.  
 Midgley, Leonard—Indeterminate, State Penitentiary, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 Miller, Frank—Probation during good behavior.  
 Murray, C. B.—Case dismissed, insufficient evidence to convict.  
 Nodler, A.—1 to 14 years, State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.  
 Oliver, Dwight L.—Probation.  
 Pizani, Arturo—Discharged, lack of prosecution.  
 Redfield, J. H.—Indeterminate sentence.  
 Sedgewick, Val.—10 days, House of Correction, Chicago, Ill.  
 Simms, Preston—Discharged, effected restitution.  
 Steinbach, Charles—3 to 5 years, State Reformatory, Pontiac, Ill.  
 Trumbull, Alta M.—Probation.

**BURGLARS AND HOLDUP ROBBERS**

Brawley, William—Acquitted.  
 Browning, Ernest—10 to 30 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.  
 Cartledge, Alex—Acquitted.  
 Cartledge, Willis—Acquitted.  
 Dennis, Dewey—Acquitted.  
 Foley, William—15 years, State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.

Franklin, John—7 to 15 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.  
 Gates, Shelly—5 years, State Reformatory, Monroe, Wash.  
 Goff, J. M.—Acquitted.  
 Grant, Frank—Died.  
 Gunn, John—Acquitted.  
 Harris, Joseph—7 to 15 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.  
 Kelly, Michael—10 to 20 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.  
 King, George J.—2½ to 15 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.  
 Lovick, Loyd—Acquitted.  
 Norvall, William—Acquitted.  
 O'Keefe, John—7 to 20 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.  
 O'Neill, H. M.—7 to 15 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.  
 Scott, J. F.—10 to 20 years, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.  
 Sexton, Thomas—Died.  
 Smith, Arthur—10 years, State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.  
 Stephens, John Hager—Died.  
 Stevenson, Edward—Died.  
 Tighe, Leo W.—5 years, State Reformatory, Boonville, Mo.  
 Trefrey, William—2 years, Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y.  
 Turner, H. L.—12 to 30 years State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.  
 Wallace, Watson—Acquitted.

**STATISTICS OF THE PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT**

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1921	Arrested since August 31, 1921	Arrested in May, 1922	Total	Convicted	Discharged or Acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc.....	191	256	27	283	254	91	33	96
Burglars .....	29	25	7	32	26	17	5	13
Hold up robbers.....	35	82	9	91	78	13	7	28
Sneak thieves.....	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	1
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>138</b>

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