

"Sailor" Voorhees Is Captured With Watson In Daring Attempt to Rob Milltown Bank; Knocked Unconscious by Bullet; Two Escape Force Way Into Vault But Abandon \$3,000 in Silver When Surprised by Posse

Frank "Sailor" Voorhees of this city, sought for nearly two years by the police of New Brunswick and a dozen other cities, was captured last night with a companion, Walter Watson, of Melrose, Mass., in an attempt to rob the First National Bank of Milltown. Two other men who were with them managed to escape. Voorhees and Watson, who first bore the name of Clifford Jackson of New York, were captured after a chase by a posse of citizens gathered by Mayor Christian Kublthau of Milltown after Herman Willenbrock, a nightwatchman at the Michelin Tire Co. plant, had tipped the robbers at work. In attempting to scale the wall in front of the bank, Voorhees was struck a stinging blow in the head by a bullet and was knocked unconscious. He was seized as he fell to the ground and Watson was captured at the same time. The two men escaped through the rear of the bank property along Lawrence street and eluded their pursuers here.

The robbery occurred at about midnight last night. Shortly after seven o'clock an automobile, with lights, and said to contain four men and a woman, was seen proceeding along Main street. The car was seen by a group of young men in front of the Michelin Community House, but little attention was paid to it. The car turned into the alleyway between the bank and the Michelin buildings—where it saw a standing in a doorway opposite a bank. As Willenbrock passed the man, he saw a man in a white shirt and Willenbrock saw another man inside.

Instead of attacking the men, Willenbrock at once informed Head watchman Charles Beecher. The latter got in touch with Mayor Christian Kublthau of Milltown, who immediately went to the bank. A posse of about forty men, armed with rifles, shotguns and revolvers, on the way. So quick were they that they reached the bank within ten minutes after the alarm.

The robbers apparently had not had much attention to the watchman, for they were still in the bank when the posse approached. They were in from all sides in an attempt to surround the robbers, but their eagerness to get Voorhees and Watson the other men eluded them.

Several volleys were fired at the escaping robbers, but apparently the only one that took effect was the shot which hit Voorhees. It passed through the top of his head. Voorhees was picked up and carried into the bank office. Dr. Riva was immediately summoned, but he

was unable to do much for him. He died at 10:30 p. m. after a short illness.

Local Man Charged With Long Series of Crimes Captured by Posse—Bandits Fail to Get Bank Loot—Planned to Rob Post Office.

Voorhees has long been a thorn in the sides of police and county officials here and has been suspected of being the ringleader in half a dozen holdups and robberies. He is wanted by the county detectives for the two Wolfson robberies, the attempt to rob Tepper Brothers, the holdup of the Hanover Shoe Store, and robberies of Houghton and Strauss, S. Spitz, Stewart and Clayton, in New Brunswick, the local Y. M. C. A. and Sol Rubenstein's at 15th Amboy.

He is also wanted in New Bedford, Mass., where he broke jail on July 20 last. New Rochelle, Peekskill and White Plains, N. Y., and Elizabeth and Plainfield in this State. Watson is also wanted in New Bedford.

The men have been in New York for some time, they said, and Voorhees declared this morning that on one occasion he escaped from a home there just as County Detective Ford David entered.

Detective David has taken up the chase of the two men who escaped and hopes to have them in custody shortly. He refused to talk in reference to the statements made by the men.

It is not known yet whether Voorhees and Watson were implicated in the Stillman and Woolworth robberies, but these are being carefully investigated.

Alfred S. Puerchner, warden of the county jail, took no chances on letting his prisoner escape and he remained on guard himself all night at the jail. Special precautions are being taken to safeguard the prisoners.

Posse Called Out

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Scales to Weigh Overloaded Trucks on Lincoln Highway

(By Associated Press) HARRISBURG, Dec. 21—Scales have been established at Morrisville where the Lincoln Highway enters Pennsylvania from New Jersey by the State highway department for weighing of trucks traveling between Philadelphia and New York. A number of arrests have been made of truck drivers for overloading and the heavy trucks have damaged the highway. The scales are 24 feet long and have a capacity of twenty tons.

NAME ASSESSORS ON BIG PAVING JOBS IN PARK

Borough Council Makes Selections at Busy Meeting—Danger at Second Avenue Pond is Warned Of.

With the paving program of 1920 brought to a successful close, the Borough Council of Highland Park, at its regular meeting last night in the council chambers, appointed Albert L. Wyckoff, cashier of the Peoples National Bank; John H. Conger, vice president of the New Brunswick Trust Company; and Norton F. Redfield, as commissioners to assess the property for benefits derived from the construction of concrete pavements on South First avenue, Second, Third and Fourth avenues, Magnolia and Penner streets. As soon as they are sworn into office, they will begin the work, which council hopes will be completed in the early part of next year.

The payment of the above streets involved an expenditure of \$250,000 and the work was done under the supervision of the council and Borough Engineer Hopkins. While the detailed report of the work has not been fully completed, it is estimated that by the borough doing its own construction work, there will be a saving of \$100,000.

The following letter came to the Home News office this morning: "I am a twit with a sick brother who has heart trouble. All I want from you, dear editor, is to get a job for my father so that we could get along as we ought to. Dear editor, I know you are kind to little children so please try to do something for us as we are very poor."

Life Imprisonment for Hold-Up Folk Proposed by Passaic Assemblyman

TRENTON, Dec. 21—A bill to make life imprisonment the penalty for hold-ups where weapons are used will be introduced in the legislature by Assemblyman Tattersall of Passaic county, announced here today. The bill will also include the imposition of life imprisonment for persons convicted of breaking into homes, when weapons are used.

NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF GARBAGE AND ASHES, BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK.

FIND DOFFAN GUILTY IN MURDER CASE

Second Degree Conviction Returned Against Slayer of Dunellen Man—Charges "Frame-Up" to Shift the Blame to Him.

A conviction of murder in the second degree was returned against Joseph Doffan yesterday afternoon as a result of the killing of Joseph Zavlinski at Dunellen on November 2. The jury was out about an hour and returned at about 4:30 in the afternoon. Doffan was immediately sentenced to from 15 to 30 years in State Prison.

Counsel for the defense charged yesterday afternoon that Doffan was the victim of a "frame-up" and that he had never shot Zavlinski at all. It was claimed that the deceased had been shot by other persons and that they had entered into a conspiracy to place the blame on Doffan.

The latter declared that he got drunk on the night of the shooting and could not remember connectedly what happened during the evening, but he was positive that he had never had a revolver and that he did not shoot Zavlinski.

Counsel laid great stress on the fact that John Cunningham, one of the witnesses, said that when the call was sent in to police headquarters at 11th Amboy.

Who Will Loan Cars for Christmas Carolers on Friday?

There are twelve little children from Washington school who have volunteered to sing Christmas carols for New Brunswick "shut ins" on Friday. They will go to the Middlesex and St. Peter's Hospitals and Parker Home and sing. It is quite a long distance for little feet to travel to the Parker Home and maybe there are some good hearted owners of automobiles who would be willing to loan their cars—there are only twelve children—for about an hour to convey these little Christmas singers.

Electrical Contractors Want City to Make Good Their Loss on School Job

Request Turned Down at Meet of Commission—Not Advised by School Board—Other Business of "City Fathers."

A request for an appropriation of \$3,300 over the original contract, made by the firm of Blackall & Baldwin of New York City, who have the electrical contract at the new Junior High School on Livingston avenue, was refused by the City Commissioners this morning when the matter was brought to their attention by the Board of Education.

The request for additional money was made to cover extra labor charges, incurred through the failure of George T. Kelly, the general contractor, to complete the work on the school on scheduled time.

Ernest H. Webb, of the Board of Education and Architect Alexander Merchant were present to explain to the commissioners, the difficulties experienced in completing the new school building and the reason for the request of Blackall & Baldwin. Neither one spoke in favor of granting the request, each believing that it would be establishing a bad precedent. The members of the commission were of the same opinion and as there were no funds available, the request was refused.

During the discussion of the matter, Contractor Kelly was criticized for the slow progress being made on the building. It was explained that the contract was to have been completed on March 31 last, but only now being completed, and that it will be at least a year before the entire structure is finished. The delay, Messrs. Webb and Merchant explained, held up the work of the electrical contractors and a result extra charges for labor had piled up on these contractors through no fault of their own.

It was pointed out that Kelly was making better progress on the addition to the Lord Stirling school.

Adolph May Again Aids Accused in Matter of Bail

NEWARK, Dec. 21—Bail for one defendant in the sum of \$5,000, was given by Adolph May of Newark, who was before Federal Judge Bodine yesterday in the matter of an indictment against David Moon, Fred Lauric and four other New Brunswick men accused of complicity in the theft of several hundred thousand dollars worth of "boose" from the Pennsylvania Railroad freight yards at Newark.

Mr. May, who had already gone on a surety bond of \$50,000 required at the time of the arrest of Moon and Lauric, gave bail yesterday for Thomas Shields, the other defendant, Jacob Brown, John Miller and Nelson Brower, posted bail before their arraignment here and the names of their sureties were not known in the Federal court here.

Four Wills Admitted to Probate by Surrogate

The will of Philip Carolan, late of this city, was admitted to probate today by Surrogate Clayton. It divides his estate equally between his six children and names as executors, a daughter, Elizabeth, as co-executors. The will is dated March 4, 1903, and witnessed by D. D. Williamson and H. Reynolds.

Surrogate Clayton also probated the will of Bertalan Remak, late of New Brunswick, which leaves the entire estate to his widow, Mary, and makes her executrix. The will is dated November 6, 1920, and witnessed by Frederick Weigel and Joseph Supp.

The will of Charles B. Ames, late of Metuchen, probated today, makes his widow, Lucretia Ames, executrix and sole beneficiary. It is dated January 21, 1916, and witnessed by Elizabeth Burr and Roy Burr.

Probate was also granted for the will of Louisa Kutcher, late of Perth Amboy. It is dated September 2, 1920, and witnessed by Thomas Brown, Antonia J. Heffernan and Henrietta V. Snell.

MRS. PELTIER GRANTED ADMINISTRATION HERE

Anna E. Peltier of Woodbridge township, widow of Richard A. Peltier, late Chief of the County Detachment, was granted letters of administration this morning by Surrogate Clayton on the estate of her late husband. Mr. Peltier leaves no children except an adopted daughter.

Lena Cohen of Perth Amboy was granted administration of the \$250 estate of her late husband.

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FRENZ AND OTHERS RELEASED BY JUDGE FOR XMAS HOLIDAY The Christmas spirit again reached into the county jail this morning when Judge Peter F. Daly decided to release Charles F. Frenz of Helmeton, whose financial activities have net that borough by the ears, on his own recognizance in order that he may spend Christmas with his wife and children.

William Silzer Named Attachment Auditor William Silzer of Highland Park has been named by Judge Frank T. Lloyd of the Circuit Court as auditor in three attachment cases in that court. They are Swiller Brothers vs. Joseph Gyuran of this city, Martin Wetzel vs. Adam Mader of this city, and James Beckeny vs. George W. Exon of Spotswood. J. P. Kirkpatrick represents the plaintiff in each case.

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