

THREE OVERCOATS ON MAN ARRESTED

Detective With Prisoner Starts
Search for Homes He Is Alleged
to Have Robbed.

Something about George Houtville, talking to a young man at the Bowery and Houston street, suggested to Detective Hackett of the Drug Squad a transaction in drugs and Hackett questioned him.

"You're forty miles away," said Houtville. "I was trying to sell him an overcoat. See?" and he exhibited a top overcoat and showed two others.

Houtville, twenty-five, a waiter, also had baggage checks for suit cases left at Times Square and in the Hudson Tube at 32d Street. Hackett went with him to look them over. They contained wearing apparel. In Houtville's room, at No. 310 West 27th Street, Hackett found and arrested Raymond Smith, twenty-nine, a clerk, who like Houtville, is said by the police to be a graduate of Elmira Reformatory.

"Our game was," Hackett says Houtville told him, "to ring a bell with an empty suitcase in hand, and if there was no response use our keys to make an entrance. We confined ourselves to wearing apparel."

Houtville, the detective says, admits between ten and fifteen break-ins. He didn't know the numbers of the houses, but thought he could pick them out. He and Hackett are trying to find them.

SAYS MOTHER, 80, SLEW GIRL

Son Gives No Reason for Murder of
His Sister.

PAW PAW, Mich., Jan. 14.—Walter Taber, according to an alleged confession turned over to the Prosecutor, accuses his mother, Mrs. Sarah Taber, eighty years old, of killing her daughter, Maude Taber, Virgo, high school teacher, four years ago. Taber gave no reason for his mother's murder of his sister, but admits he buried the body in the old trunk in the basement of the Taber home in Lawton.

The body was found last November. Up to then the disappearance of the teacher had been a mystery. The son said in his confession that he buried the body at the request of his mother.

CONGRESS MAY END JUNE 5.

Mendell Predicts Adjournment Before
G. O. P. Convention.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Republican leader Mendell issued a statement today saying that the thirteen general appropriation bills might be passed by April 1. "This schedule," he predicted, might result in adjournment by June 5, several days before the Republican National Convention at Chicago.

"The date which I have suggested," the statement said, "will give us twenty weeks or 120 legislative days and much ought to be accomplished in that time. Now the duty of every member is to bend all our efforts and exert every energy in the direction of economy of expenditure."

Some of Cunard's Twelve New Ships as Long as 600 Feet.

In a cable received at the local office of the Cunard Line here yesterday the names and sizes of the twelve new ships being built for the company were given. Several will be named after vessels lost in the war. The names chosen and the lengths of the vessels are: Franconia, 500 feet; Lacombe and Sanaria, 600 feet; Tiburnia, 650 feet; Albania, 522 feet; Alania, Aurania, Antonia, Andania, Auonia and Ascania, 519 feet. Tiburnia and Antonia are new names for the line.

To Sell Historic Brooklyn Church.
The historic Second Unitarian Church, erected sixty-five years ago at Clinton and Congress Streets, Brooklyn, is to be sold by order of the trustees, who because of the change in the character of the neighborhood want a new site in the Park Slope section.

The Rev. Samuel Longfellow, brother of the poet, was one of the first pastors of the church. Ralph Waldo Emerson and other men of prominence have spoken from its pulpit. The Syrian Presbyterian Church may buy the property.

CARGO OF SUGAR BURNED ON BARGE

Waterfront Blaze Averted When
Tug Gets Burning Vessel Out
of North River Jam.

A threatened waterfront fire was prevented this morning when a New England Steamship Line tug pulled a burning barge from a jam of other barges and lighters at Pier 13, North River, at the foot of Vesey Street. The barge was loaded with 4,600 bags of brown sugar. It was an entire loss. On other lighters at the pier were 5,000 bales of cotton.

Capt. James Flynn of the barge was on the pier when he noticed flames shooting from his cabin. He is believed, by a stove. An alarm of fire was raised in, but the tug appeared and Flynn and Pier Supt. Cameron threw a rope to it from the burning barge. The barge's New Yorker and McCellan poured water into the barge, which drifted almost to Hoboken.

The sugar was to be loaded on the Mohican, bound for New London, Conn., for distribution in New England cities.

Harry New Guilty of Murder.
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 14.—The jury returned a verdict of murder in the second degree in the case of Harry S. New here last night. New was charged with the murder of Miss Freda Lerner in July.



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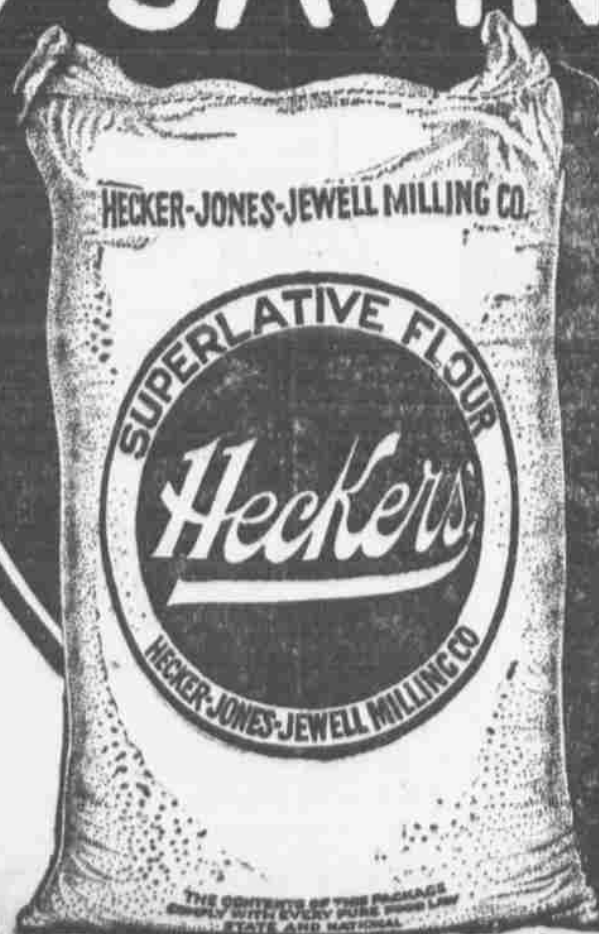
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