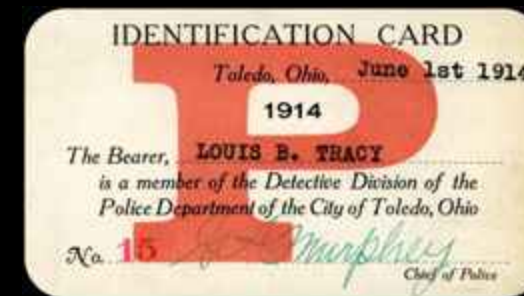




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The *Real* Detective Tracy

To all of the Tracy family:

The next time you are introduced to a stranger who jokingly asks if you are related to Dick Tracy, you can tell him that, yes, you actually are a close relative of the infamous Detective Tracy - not the comic book character, but a real living crime fighter, Detective Lewis B. Tracy of Toledo, Ohio - a cop's cop who nabbed the bad guys and kept the rough streets of Toledo safe in the early 20th century.



**Captain
Lewis B. Tracy**

**Toledo
Police
Department**

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How much do most of us really know about our ancestors? If we're lucky, we may know when some of them were born, where they lived, who they married, what they did for a living and when they died - but not much else. In the case of Lewis B. Tracy, we know much more, thanks to two voluminous scrapbooks of newspaper clippings that document his entire career with the Toledo Department of Police, plus a treasure trove of photos and other artifacts. We are extremely fortunate that this rare set of memorabilia has been handed down and preserved for future generations to see and share.

The two scrapbooks contain close to 700 newspaper articles and related artifacts that are far too numerous to include in this book, which is only intended to provide an overview of Lewis B.'s career. By no means is it a complete work. A more comprehensive book detailing his life as a crime fighter in Toledo demands to be written some day when this vast archive of material can be properly organized, researched and combined with information from other sources to create a more extensive biography.

Lewis B. Tracy was born May 13, 1862 in Farmer Township, Defiance County, Ohio. His father and mother, Alfred and Lucretia, were descendants of the pioneer Tracy's who migrated from Pennsylvania in the late 1700's to settle in the area of Salt Creek Township, Wayne County, Ohio, in what we now know as 'Amish country'. Later in life, Alfred Tracy established himself as a cabinet-maker, farmer and carpenter in Wauseon, Ohio, where Lewis B. grew up.

Lewis B. found his way to Toledo in 1879, working various jobs, among them managing a carpet cleaning company. He joined the Toledo Department of Police in 1898, starting his law enforcement career as a city patrolman, and reaching the rank of Captain in the Detective Division. His scrapbook chronicles his career with the police department in great detail, beginning around 1902 and ending with his death on October 29, 1921.

When Lewis B. Tracy arrived in Toledo in 1879, the population was 50,000, making it one of the largest cities in Ohio. By 1899, the population had more than doubled to 115,000. It's hard to imagine what life was like in the early 1900's. Urban life in Toledo was certainly very different than life on the farm and in the surrounding small towns. Horses were still the primary mode of transportation, as cars were just beginning to take over. Travel by air was primitive and only for daredevils. Conveniences that we take for granted, such as electricity, phones and sanitation, were still relatively primitive and not widespread. Attitudes and values were probably a little rigid and somewhat harsh by today's standards. Cops were expected to enforce the laws and the community standards, even if it meant treating the scofflaws with a heavy hand.

Toledo, Ohio, at the turn of the 20th century was known as a rapidly growing, but still very rough town - a place where gangsters from nearby Detroit and more distant Chicago could find refuge when things got a little hot in their cities. It was a Great Lakes port city with plenty of sordid entertainment for the sailors as well as a highly diverse city that was constantly battling drugs, prostitution, alcohol, robberies, racial strife and just about every other kind of urban problem imaginable.

Toledo was also a city of opportunity for refugees from the neighboring small towns looking for jobs, money and a shot at a better life in the city, as well as a mecca for immigrants. The canals and the Great Lakes brought a mix of people and cultures to Toledo.

Lewis B. had an illustrious, if not infamous, career with Toledo's police force. He was known at various times as "Cap", "Loyalty Lou" and "Papa" (by the ladies of the night) and had the reputation of being a hard-nosed, but fair, crime-fighter. He was shot, stabbed, beat up, robbed, injured in a car chase and accused of corruption. He rose from Patrolman to Detective to Captain and was known throughout Toledo and northwest Ohio as either a tough-but-honest cop or a crooked cop-on-the-take, depending on which side of the crime world you were on.

He covered a variety of beats during his career, the most infamous being his assignment as the supervisor of Toledo's notorious red-light, aka 'tenderloin', district, responsible for keeping both the ladies and their customers in line. During his career, he nabbed murderers, pickpockets, prostitutes, drug-dealers, safe-blowers, jewel thieves, juvenile delinquents and muggers. According to his Chief, Lewis B. was involved in virtually every murder case that occurred in the Toledo area during his 23-year career.

He was also a family man with three children, who took great pride in his family values. He had a reputation for often trying to instill these values in the scofflaws he encountered. The citizenry of Toledo knew him well and followed his every adventure in what seemed to be a never-ending flow of newspaper articles, columns and cartoons written with that period's sensationalized view of crime-fighting characters, foreshadowing the Dick Tracy comic books that would appear more than a decade later.

Lewis B.'s most difficult period was the result of his assignment working the 'resorts', where drugs, gambling, prostitution and drinking prevailed. Late in his career, a notorious resort madam, Nellie Schwinn, accused him of demanding and taking protection money from her. Her accusations led to his indictment in 1915 for allegedly taking bribes. The indictment, the investigation and the widespread publicity were crushing blows for a man who took such great pride in being a good cop.

Although he was eventually exonerated, the damage to his reputation and all of the negative publicity took its toll on his health, causing him to take medical leave from the Police Department to recover from a nervous breakdown and heart problems. He died in Toledo on October 29, 1921, of heart failure.

What the actual connection was with Nellie Schwinn is a story that may never be completely known. What we do know, however, is that Nellie Schwinn was known throughout northwest Ohio, having set up shop at various times in Findlay, Sandusky, Lima and Toledo, and was constantly in trouble with the law everywhere she went. We also know that a crystal decanter, said to be a gift from Nellie Schwinn to Lewis B. for being so good to the ladies of the resorts, has been handed down through three generations of Tracy's and is still in the possession of Lewis B.'s grandson. The decanter is strong evidence that there was indeed some kind of personal connection between Lewis B. and Nellie Schwinn.

And, in Lewis B.'s scrapbook are a grouped set of unlabeled portrait photos of some unidentified ladies. Could one of these photos be of Nellie Schwinn? An intriguing thought, but impossible to confirm or refute without more evidence. We can only wonder. No doubt, the story of Nellie Schwinn would be a book in and of itself.

The articles and photos in the pages of this book are presented with little narration and in the order they appeared in the scrapbook, which is roughly chronological. Some had dates handwritten on them. Others did not. Most of the articles speak for themselves. They paint a picture of a very different time and a very colorful career. The complete set of the scrapbook articles, photos and other research can be viewed via the enclosed DVD's. Please share them freely and let me know if you run across any more material.

By the way, we still do not know what the "B" in Lewis B. Tracy stands for.

R. Douglas Tracy
Christmas, 2009

CAPTURED AFTER RUNNING FIGHT

4/11 1908
Detective Tracy Chases Hold-
Up Man, Wings Him

DETECTIVE TRACY SHOT BY CAPTAIN TRACY

3/4/1913
Detective Louis B. Tra-
cy shot by a negro at Lafayette a-
cross streets at 1 o'clock this mo-

"NOT GUILTY" IS PLEA OF DETECTIVE TRACY

TRACY MAKES CLEVER CAPTURE

Picks Up Man Wanted in
Akron on Charge of
Murder.

10/10 1909
A man who gave his name as
Fred Johnson

HEAR 'CAP' TRACY BRAG

He : ... Children Get Prowler; You Can't Blame Him

1908
"PAPA" LOUIS TRACY
Louis Tracy, an all-sorts-of-jobs man at Cen-
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MORE BURGLARS CAUGHT AT WORK

Patrolmen MUNDIN and TRACY Distinguish Themselves
by Clever Captures--Splendid Record Made by
Department in Last Few Hours.

Tracy Residence Damaged by Fire

THIS POLICEMAN

ARRIVED IN TIME

Patrolman Tracy Prevented a Rob-
bery and Arrests One Man

LOYALTY LOU GAINS NAME FROM "TALKS"

2 POLICE HEADS
ARE EXONERATED

Will Be Buried Tuesday



VETERAN SLEUTH TAKEN BY DEATH

Louis B. Tracy Dies of
Heart Disease
Saturday.

Louis B. Tracy, veteran city de-
partment who narrowly escaped death
times during his career in
the department, died of nat-
ural causes early Saturday in his
home at 1410 Collingwood avenue.
Tracy had been suffering from mus-
tard disease since Aug. 9, but
remained so conscious until an-
nounced his death. At his bed-
side were Mrs. Tracy, a daughter,
his son, Robert. An-
derson, died three years

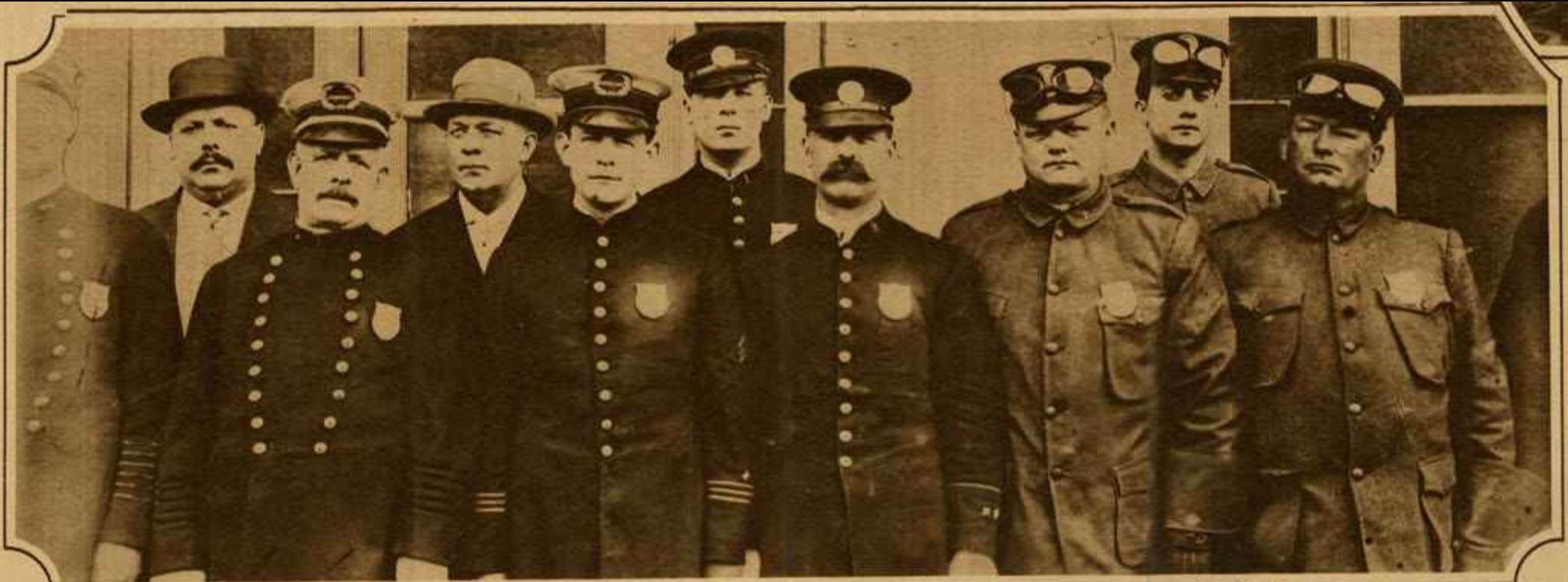
OFFICER TRACY HELD UP

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FINEST IN 1913. A group of Toledo police officers who were presented with honor medals May 24, 1913. Left to right, Detective Steve Quinn, Lieutenant Pat Sheehey, Captain Louis Tracy, Sergeant Frank Reilly, Patrolman William Culver, Patrolman William Carroil, Patrolman Fred Palicki, Patrolman Paul Fakehany and Patrolman Oscar Bruhl.



Lewis B. Tracy's service revolver and billy club.



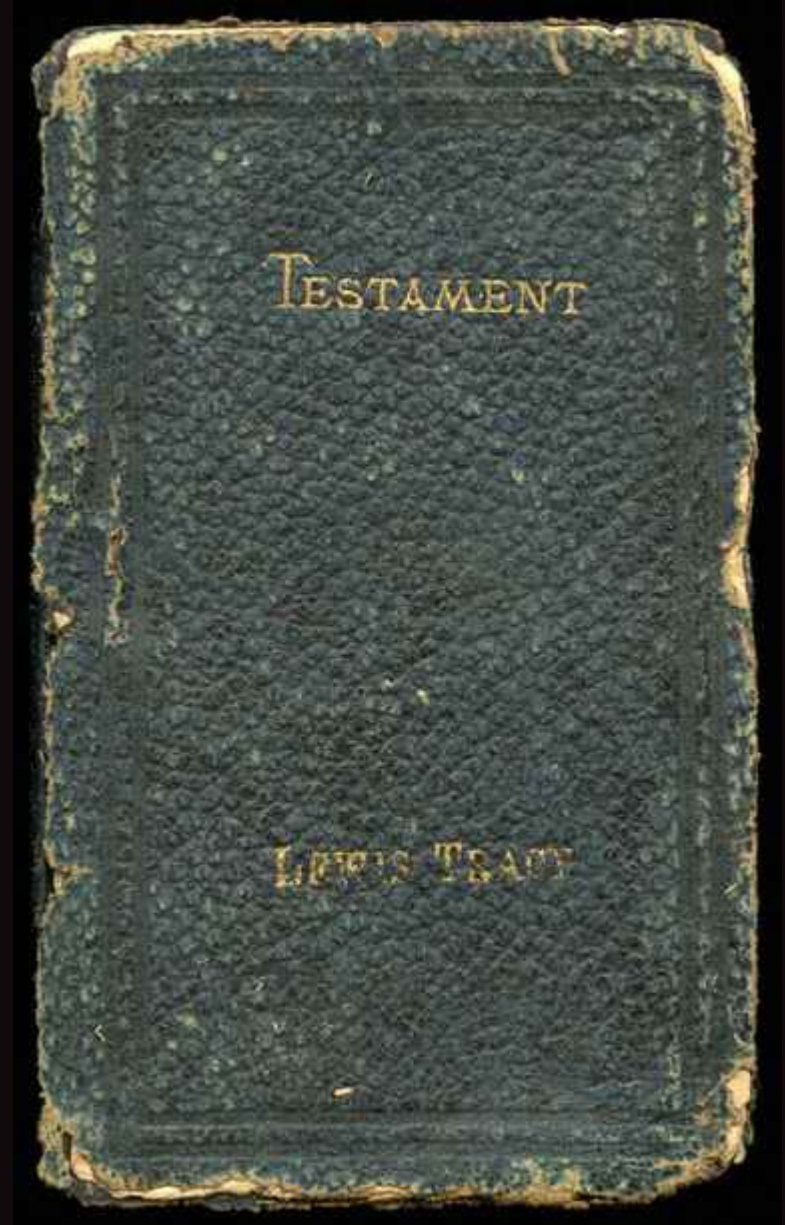
Lewis B. Tracy's second billy club.

Lewis B. Tracy's blackjack.

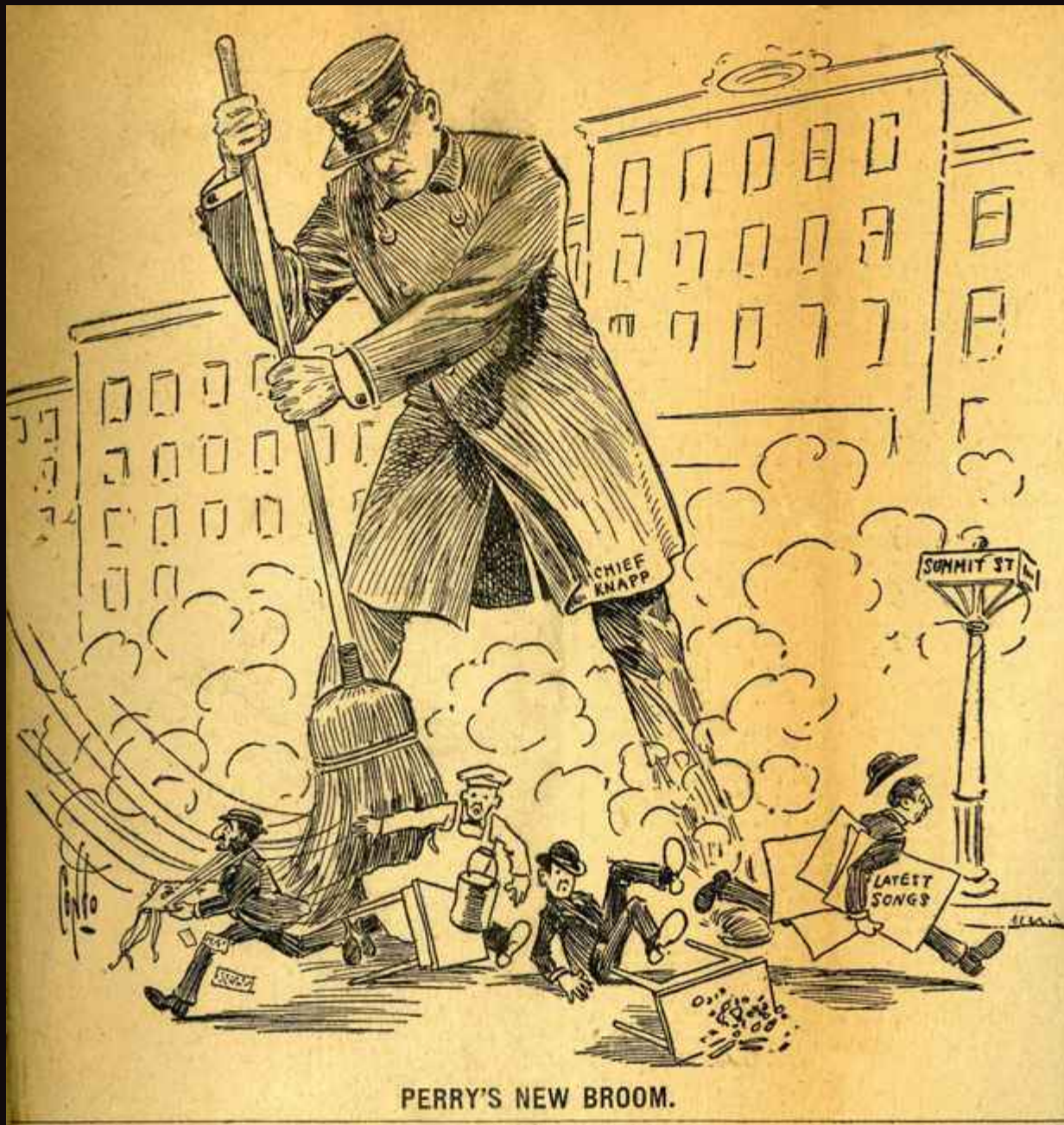




Tracy family lore says that this cut-glass decanter was presented to Detective Tracy by one of the Red-Light District's Madams for his kindness to the 'ladies of the night'.



Detective Tracy's pocket Bible.



Bawdy House Raided.

At 11:50 last night the patrol wagon from the central station backed up in front of Flosele Burns' resort at 33 South Huron street and proceeded to convey four women and five men to the city prison. Flossie Burns was charged with keeping a house of ill-fame; Ella Reid, Ethel Decamp and Pearl Kibler with residing, and four young men with visiting. A colored musician, W. Skeldon, who gave his address as being at the Burnett house, was one of the five men arrested, and he was also charged with residing. The raid was made on a warrant sworn out by Detective Jack Welsh, on September 20, charging Miss Burns with keeping a house between that date and January 1, 1902. The officers assisting Welsh in the raid were Detectives Howard and Carl, Sergeant Smith and Patrolmen Cairl, Patterson, Langenderfer, Tracy and Will Delehaunty.

Went Hard with Her.

Nellie Akens, a comely waitress, aged 19, who lives at 323 Huron street, was brought to headquarters at 10 o'clock last night by Officer Tracy. The young woman had been indulging in intoxicants quite freely and as this was the first time she has been arrested she grew almost hysterical at the thoughts of being locked up. She declined to go upstairs with the matron, so the only thing left to do was to place her in a cell down stairs. At the cell door she fainted, but copious quantities of ice water brought her to her senses and she peaceably accompanied the matron.

FABER WAS DESPERATE.

Notorious Crook Escaped From Officer Tracy After Taking the Latter's Gun and Billy From Him—
Desperate Struggle on a Narrow Landing—Faber Has a Bad Record.

Aug 30 1899
After a desperate struggle with Officer Tracy last night, George Faber, a well known character in police circles, made his escape, taking with him the officer's club and revolver. Faber had evidently just completed a job of burglary on Nebraska avenue when approached by the officer, and the desperate struggle of the two men on a narrow landing at the second story building at Erie and Vance

it. He struck me on the shoulder twice and I grabbed for my gun. I was holding him with one hand and, as I pulled out my revolver, his two hands were free and he grabbed hold with both hands and wrenched it from me. I then went for my billy and, in the struggle, my foot slipped down one step. He then had me at a disadvantage and, putting on his whole weight, bore me down the stairway. I struck on my head and was otherwise considerably bruised by the fall. I was dazed for the moment, and



THE DESPERATE STRUGGLE.

streets, was of the hair raising order. Tracy lost his grip on Faber when he tried to use the handcuffs, and taking advantage of the situation, Faber pushed him down the stairway. Consideration for his prisoner in not using the club at first, gave the officer the worst of the situation. Officer Strassburg 'phoned the station at ten o'clock that he thinks he has Faber located in a woods near the asylum, and a force of men have gone to search for him. As he is well armed, the officers may have some difficulty in capturing the man.

Officer Tracy was seen at the station this morning and told The Blade of his desperate encounter with Faber. He said:

"I was at the corner of Vance and Erie streets about 1:10 o'clock this morning and I saw two men near Vance and Eleventh. I slipped up toward them and saw the two fellows evidently dividing spoils. Before I could get very near to them, one started on a run out Vance street, while the man, Faber, came towards me. He went up a stairway leading to the second story and I followed. I grappled him on the narrow landing at the head of the stairs and there we had it for twenty minutes. I blew nine whistles altogether. I had the better of the fellow and thought I could put the nippers on him. I reached for them and, in doing so, my club dropped and he got

when I came to myself, Faber was nearly up to Eleventh street. The landing was very narrow, about three by four feet, and I lost my balance when I was struggling for my billy. I made a mistake in not using my club from the first, but I did not know what he had done and merely wanted to investigate the man.

"I traced him over to Dove island, where his mother-in-law lives. Faber was bareheaded, and told her that he had trouble with an officer. In the struggle, he dropped one shirt, two collars, and a pair of socks, the property of Christ Bretscher, the dry goods man on Nebraska avenue. I understand they got about two hundred dollars' worth.

"Faber is the same fellow who jumped out of the court window into the alley several years ago. He got away at that time. Later he shot a Buffalo officer, and was sent up for two years. He had just got home after serving out his time. He found his wife here in Toledo, and made her put on men's clothing and together they hoboed it back to Buffalo. There he used her so mean that she left him and came back here last Thursday. He followed her to Toledo. Faber is a man weighing about 160 pounds, a ruggedly built fellow and has a smooth face."

Shortly after the escape, the police station was 'phoned, and Detectives Carl and Howard sent to the scene. They got no further trace of the man, but found that Faber had been living with his wife in the second story of the house where the struggle occurred.

Toledo Blade, 8/30/1899.

MORE BURGLARS CAUGHT AT WORK

Patrolmen Mundin and Tracy Distinguish Themselves
by Clever Captures--Splendid Record Made by
Department in Last Few Hours.

TOLEDO'S detectives will have to get a move on or their reputations will suffer through the fine work of the uniformed force, somewhat sarcastically referred to by the plain clothes men as "tatties."

Two more of the uniformed men added to their reputations last night and this morning and incidentally gave the force a boost for efficiency, by apprehending men whom Chief Knapp believes to have been implicated in burglaries. One man was caught with proceeds of a burglary in his possession—in fact all those under arrest had property, said to belong to others, on them when locked up.

Coming as they did on top of Patrolman J. J. Lisakowski's capture of Thomas Kelly after that individual had broken into the Persian Rug company's store on Dorr street, the result may strike terror to Toledo's colony of burglars, for Chief Knapp says the men under arrest are local talent.

PATROLMAN MUNDIN.

Patrolman Mundin made the first capture at 2 o'clock this morning. While on duty in South St. Clair street, near Logan street, he espied three men approaching him and when they drew near enough, it became apparent that they were loaded down with bottles.

Halting the trio and investigating, Mundin ascertained that they had thirty-three bottles of beer in their possession. This fact was ground enough to detain them and he called for the patrol wagon. When the police station was reached the identity of the suspects was revealed. They were

Edward McGinn of No. 636 Walbridge avenue; John Harrington, better known as "One Armed Jack," who has had several experiences with the police; and the third, Bart Gavin, 235 South street. It is not thought Gavin had anything to do with the alleged burglary.

Gavin is but 16 years of age. He says he met Harrington and McGinn on the way home and at their request helped them carry the beer. Harrington and McGinn were somewhat under the influence of liquor and the younger man was not. It is not likely he will be prosecuted, for the others are said to have admitted that he had nothing whatever to do with securing the beer.

Shortly after the arrival of the trio at the central station, Patrolman Will Delchanty and Detective Welsh learned that a box car standing on the side track back of the Schlitz bottling works at the corner of Lafayette and Ontario streets had been broken into and fully a case of beer removed.

The arrest of the three with bottles of Schlitz beer in their possession and the subsequent discovery of the car with the seal broken, led to the conclusion that the suspects were the burglars. The manager of the Schlitz plant today is taking an inventory of the car and if he finds himself short he will swear out warrants, charging at least two of the party with burglary.

PATROLMAN TRACY.

Daylight had hardly broken this morning when a telephone message informed the police that burglars had been making merry during the night in the store of B. H. Holtgreive & Son, Nos. 11-13 Superior street. Detectives Nichter and Hasenzahl, who were detailed on the case, went out to get a list of the stolen property, which from the description and length of the list must have necessitated a wagon to get it away from the vicinity of the store.

Cigars, tobacco, thread, trinkets, collar buttons, mittens, candy, gloves, cheap jewelry—in fact everything imaginable had been taken from the shadows of the police station. Entrance to the store had been

gained by way of a skylight in the rear of the store and two or three men were included in the work.

For some time Patrolman Fisher, who is on duty on the market, had noticed John Kearn, better known as "Squinty" Kearn, a huckster, hanging about the market. He had been doing nothing but loaf, but was on the market continually.

This morning Kearn was not to be seen and Patrolman Fisher and Tracy arrived at the conclusion that he had something to do with the job. This was jumping at conclusions perhaps, but they felt they had struck the nail square on the head. Within half an hour after he started out to find "Squinty," Tracy caught him coming out of Rogan's saloon on St. Clair street, carrying something.

Without wasting time to think the matter over, Tracy placed his hand on Kearn's shoulder and marched him over to police headquarters, where he was locked up on suspicion. The bundle he had proved to be of the same character as the goods stolen from the store. He had, huckster like, been trying to peddle the stuff in the saloons and other resorts along St. Clair street, within a block of Holtgreive's store and the police station.

His boldness was either that of a clever man or a chump and in the light of developments, the latter theory seems applicable. Detectives Nichter, Hasenzahl and Carey were out looking for the man who was with Kearn, and were at one time close behind him; so close in fact that he was forced to drop a bar of cigars he carried in order to get away. The cigars were thrown in an outhouse back of one of the Superior street resorts, and the police believe it is only a matter of a few hours before this man will be apprehended.

Thomas Kelly, of No. 670 Prouty avenue, waived examination in police court today when arraigned for burglarizing the Persian rug store on Dorr street and Judge Wachenheimer bound him over to the grand jury in \$1,000 bond. James Cunningham of No. 822 Avondale avenue is still held on suspicion, but the Portland brothers, Peter and Frank, have been turned loose.

TACKLED THE WRONG POLICEMAN

June 21 1903

James Magruder is colored. He is likewise six feet high and extremely husky. Saturday night he was creating a disturbance on Officer Tracy's beat, and, when the officer remonstrated, he swung viciously at him. Now it happens that Tracey can go some himself, and in just a moment there was something very lively doing at that particular point. The scrap wound up as usual, with the nippers on the colored man and the officer puffing but victorious. This morning Magruder was charged with disturbance and resisting an officer. He was sentenced to ten days and fined the costs on the disturbance charge and drew \$25 and costs or resisting the officer. That will detain him for some time.

FIND WOMAN'S LEG *May 1 1903* *See* IN RUBBISH HEAP

JOE GARRETT and Edward Stone, colored, while engaged in cleaning out a barn belonging to Brenzinger on Woodruff avenue this morning were nearly frightened out of a year's growth by discovering a human leg in a pile of refuse in one corner of the building.

The leg was composed chiefly of bones, most of the flesh having rotted away, but some of the muscles were left clinging to the bones. About the foot considerable flesh adhered. The size of the foot indicates that the limb belonged at one time to a woman, but where the rest of the body is forms the mystery.

How long the leg remained in the dump heap in the barn is not at this time explainable. The barn has been used for

some time by the Salvation Army salvage corps for the purpose of sorting out different material. When discovered by the colored men today the leg was wrapped in newspapers.

After overcoming their excitement the finders reported their discovery to Thomas Dowling at the Toledo Transfer barn and he in turn notified Patrolman Tracy, who secured the specimen and took it to a couple of physicians who pronounced it that of a woman. Where it came from or how it chanced to find its way into the barn is a question. Whether the rest of the body is buried in the barn, whether the leg was used by some medical student for experiments or whether some crime has been perpetrated and a corpse cut into sections by a murderer is something the police may be asked to decide.

Patrolman Tracy sent the leg to police headquarters. When unwrapped a piece of rope was found tied tightly around the specimen. Both had the appearance of having been buried for some time, pieces of earth clinging to both leg and rope.

OFFICER TRACY HELD UP

While Attempting to Arrest Two
Vance Street Burglars.

BOTH MADE THEIR ESCAPE

A Blow on the Head Rendered
the Officer Unconscious.

ONE SUSPECT ARRESTED

The Thieves Were Surprised While
Dividing Plunder From
Breischer's Store.

Officer Tracy, in attempting to arrest two burglars at 1 o'clock this morning, was set upon, knocked in the head and had his revolver and club taken away from him. The burglars made their escape. As the paper goes to press, a detail of officers and detectives are on their trail, and will probably succeed in running them down, as one of the men is known to the police. His name is George Faber.

The affray occurred near the corner of South Erie and Vance streets. As Tracy was making his rounds, he saw two men on the sidewalk, about 200 feet from the corner. They had a bundle of goods between them and appeared to be engaged in sorting it out and dividing it. Tracy got almost upon the men before they discovered him, when they jumped to their feet and started to run, dropping their plunder as they ran. One man started across the street, while the other ran west along Vance. Tracy took after the first, who started up the steps of a three-story brick house, on the south side of Vance street, three doors from Erie.

The man got half way up the steps and turned upon the officer, who had drawn his revolver. Seizing hold of the revolver, he wrenched it from the officer's hand and dealt him a stunning blow on the head with the butt.

Tracy fell heavily down the steps, and after securing his club, his assailant fled. The officer regained consciousness in a remarkably short space of time and whistled for assistance, which was not long in arriving. Police headquarters was telephoned, and Detectives Howard and Carl sent to the scene. By this time Tracy had taken an inventory of his injuries and found that beyond being bruised and wrenched he was none the worse. With the detectives and a couple of policemen he started after the burglars.

The plunder consisted of some new shirts, collars, cuffs, hosiery, etc., evidently stolen from some cheap clothing store.

It was later learned that the man Tracy encountered on the steps of the house roomed there, with his wife. The woman was frightened into giving his name as George Faber, a "railroad man out of a job."

TENDERLOIN RAID.

Officers Tracy and O'Reilly raided a saloon at 121 South Erie street at an early hour this morning and arrested the proprietors, Frank and Josephine Ornsbee, charging them with keeping a house of ill-fame, and Nellie Lewis and A. J. Reed, a traveling salesman found therein. The character of the place was decidedly bad, as shown by the testimony, and Judge Wachenheimer ordered it vacated. Frank Ornsbee was sentenced to 90 days in the workhouse and Reed and Nellie Lewis were fined \$5 and costs each. Their fines were remitted. Mrs. Ornsbee was discharged.

TENDERLOIN OFFICERS WERE BUSY LAST NIGHT

Nov 12 — 1903

Patrolmen Langhoff and Tracy assigned to the Tenderloin district were quite active last evening and furnished considerable business for Judge Wachenheimer.

Goldie Irvine, 424 Lafayette street, was fined the costs for drunkenness. Mrs. Frank Lohr was also assessed the costs for a similar offense, and her husband, who interfered when she was arrested, was sentenced to 30 days in the works and fined \$25 and costs.

Grace Johnson, a familiar figure in the red-light district, was fined \$5 and costs for loitering, and Belle Mack, arrested for the second time this week on the charge of loitering, was fined \$10 and costs.

Burdie Burns, a colored dame with a habit of spending her own time and other people's money in bad company, faced Judge Wachenheimer on the charge of larceny from the person. Burdie was arrested by Officer Cairl for lifting \$5 from the pocket of John Edward Quintrell without his permission. Burdie leaves for the island this afternoon to work out a sentence of 30 days and \$25 and costs for this offense.

POLICE RAID

AN OPIUM DEN

Nov 14 1903

LOCATED ON SECOND FLOOR
AT 603 LAFAYETTE—THREE
SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

*30 days cost sup
if leave city*

At 1:45 this morning Patrolmen Tracy and Langhoff, who are assigned to duty on Lafayette street, chanced upon a full-fledged "hop joint" in a room on the second story of 603 Lafayette street. The "layout," consisting of a regulation pipe, alcohol lamp and a quantity of opium, was seized by the officers as evidence and three people who happened to be in the room at the time were locked up at headquarters on a charge of suspicion, pending an investigation of the matter and the decision of Chief Knapp as to what he will do about it. William Jameson, a bartender; his wife, Verne Jameson, and Florence Myers, of 421 Lafayette street, were the names given by the trio who were caught in the raid. It is said that one other man was in the room at the time they were "hitting the pipe," but that he escaped from the officers by jumping out of the second story window at the rear of the building and made good his escape before either Tracy or Langhoff could get to him.

OPIUM

"JOINT"

One Is Raided by Patrolmen This Morning.

THE OUTFIT IS SEIZED

TWO WOMEN AND ONE MAN CAUGHT
IN THE PLACE.

Fourth Occupant Escaped by
Jumping Out of the
Window.

At an early hour this morning Patrolman Tracy and Langhoff raided the apartment occupied by William Jameson, and his wife, over 607 Lafayette street, found the occupants to be conducting an opium den and seized the outfit, consisting of the regulation pipe, an alcohol lamp and a quantity of opium. They arrested Mr. and Mrs. Jameson and Florence Myers, of 421 Lafayette street, who happened to be there at the time. A fourth party escaped by jumping out a second-story window, and as yet his identity has not been discovered by the officers.

In police court the women were charged with being common characters and pleaded guilty while Jameson pleaded not guilty to the charge of being a suspicious person. All three denied there was a fourth party in the room when the officers appeared on the scene or that they had been "hitting the pipe." On the other hand the officers testified that the room was so full of smoke that it nearly knocked them down and that they had to open the windows to purify the atmosphere of the apartment.

Jameson and his wife are a good-looking young couple, neatly dressed and having all the appearance of respectability. They were married August 15 at the court house. Since then he claims he has been tending bar at the Casino and at one of the big hotels and denies any knowledge that his wife has been leading a life of shame or that she has been supporting him. However, he did admit that he had a suspicion that she had gone back to the life she was leading when he married her.

Judge Wachenholmer ordered the women out of town and gave Jameson 30 days, which he suspended afterwards on the wife's plea that he be permitted to accompany her elsewhere.

THIS POLICEMAN ARRIVED IN TIME

Patrolman Tracy Prevented a Robbery and Arrests One Man on Suspicion.

William Jinks of 237 Erie street, was knocked down last night by two men at the alley on Lafayette street, between St. Clair and Superior streets, and would have been robbed but for the appearance of Patrolman Tracy on the scene.

He sent a shot after the would-be robbers but did not succeed in getting them at the time. However, this morning he arrested J. H. Roberts of Lima, on suspicion of being one of Jinks' assailants. Jinks identifies him as one of the men.

STREET WALKERS RAIDED BY POLICE

Half Dozen Arrested on the Streets Last Night by Police Officers.

Of late there have been numerous complaints of bold, brazen women who parade the cross streets north of Adams street after dark, and to break it up the police made a raid on the "street walkers" last night, gathering an even half dozen into the drag net.

The women arrested were Ruth Roberts, 718 Jackson street; Maude Brooks, Grace Manning, and Anna Snyder of 427 Huron street, and Mabel St. Claire and Mamie Allen of 421 Huron street. The arrests were made by Detective Welsh and Patrolmen Tracy and Gauthier.

MADE FOOT-BALL OF WIFE

Now Joe Brown Will Make a Few Bricks for the City.

Joseph Brown, of 113 Huron street, last night dared his wife, Freda, to have him arrested, promised to fill her hide full of lead if she sent him to the works, and she took the dare. Wherefore, Joseph will have to wile away 60 days in the city brick yard before he can execute his threat.

Freda says Joe started it, and Joe says Freda is to blame, but, anyway, in the words of the wife: "He got me by the sweater and made a football out of me." Then she ran upstairs, she says, and tried to jump out of a window, but he caught her just in time, and tossed her back down stairs. At this stage of the game Officer Tracy showed up and arrested Brown.

TOOK ICY BATH IN THE MAUMEE

Patrolman Fished Out a Huron
County Man Who Wandered
into the River.

Patrolmen Kujawa, Tracy and O'Reilly pulled George Robinson, a Huron county resident, out of the frosty waters of Swan creek last night, at the foot of Superior street. Robinson said he had wandered down the street to view the contemplated municipal improvements, and stepped into the water. He was heard floundering around by some one who notified the police. Robinson was given a bunk at the central station and seemed to be no worse for his cold bath this morning.

TROUBLE IN THE BROADWAY GYPSY CAMP

Trouble broke out in the Broadway gypsy camp on the Maumee road yesterday afternoon and it was necessary for Sergeant Crowley and Patrolman Tracy to go out and stop it. Charles Smith is said to have been abusing a horse when Smith's wife objected. He set upon her, striking her several times. The wife called for help and a couple of men working near by responded but Smith resented their interference in his family affairs. There was a general mixup, and when the police arrived the combatants were still at it. Nothing more serious resulted than a few torn clothes and some scratches on one or two faces. All participants promised to be good and go about their business and no arrests were made.

THIEF'S SNORE 9/11/1905 HIS DOWNFALL

Found Asleep Under a Step Comfortably Wrapped in a Stolen Blanket.

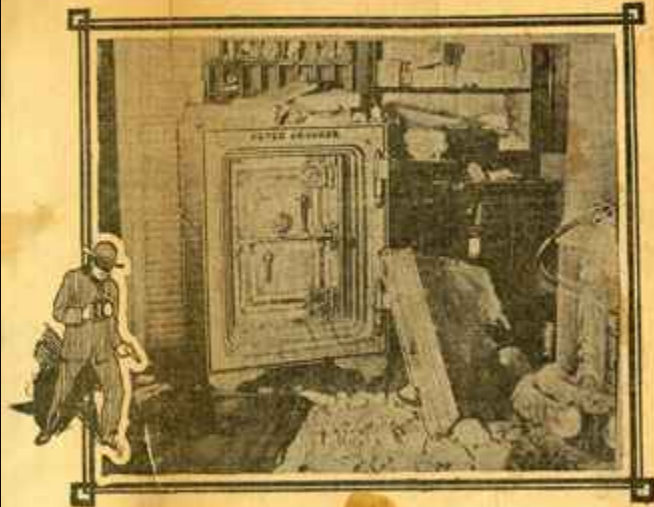
That a thief should not have the snoring habit was demonstrated in police court this morning.

Max Wirth seems to have a penchant for other people's property. He also snores when he sleeps. Last night Fred Mominee, of the town of that name drove up to the market. While he was putting his horse away in a livery stable someone took a \$4 horse blanket from his rig.

The case was reported to Patrolman Tracy, who heard sonorous snores coming from under a step in an alley back of Superior street. Investigation showed Mix Wirth rolled up in the lost blanket and courting Morpheus with a loud noise.

Wirth was fined the costs and given ten days in the works in police court this morning.

WORK OF THE SAFE BLOWERS AT WEST TOLEDO



Blowings done, 1217 1/2 street, 5142 on the floor, dynamite from the ceiling near the safe. The dynamite is on top of the door, and the inner door is still fastened with wire, holding attachments in place.

Apparently believing in the old saw, "three times and out," yeggmen dynamited the safe in the West Toledo postoffice Friday morning, destroying the strong box and demolishing the furniture in the room, but getting nothing for their trouble.

The safe was blown at 3:57, as the office clock, stopped at this time, shows.

At 3:30 two milkmen on their way to Toledo stopped their teams in front of the building and looked in to see what time it was. At this time the postmen were undoubtedly at work, but the high desk, with its many letter boxes, prevented them seeing the men at the safe.

Entrance to the postoffice was

gained by smashing in the front door. Disdaining to pick the lock or use a key, the men threw their weight against the door and broke the lock. Prior to this they had tried the rear windows, their footprints being plainly seen in the soft clay.

Tried Two Safes.

Inside, screened by the office furniture, the mob divided. Some attacked the safe in the postoffice and others another safe in the office of Fred Cranker, clerk of Washington township, which was in the same building, with a partition between it and the postoffice.

The first shot did no damage to the safe beyond ripping off the front

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SAFE WRECKED BY DYNAMITE CHARGE

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doors and scattering cement over the floor. The inner doors were not marred.

Soaping the cracks thoroughly the men then made a small cup of soap at the top of the inner door over the crack and poured another charge of "soup" into the safe.

Apparently the men were frightened away about this time by the increasing traffic, for they left the postoffice without attempting to fire a second charge, although the safe was ready for the effort.

Failed to Arouse Residents.

The noise of the first explosion failed to arouse the residents in the vicinity of the postoffice. One or two heard it, but the familiar sound did not enthruse them enough to start them gunning for the yeggs. Past experience has demonstrated that robbers go well armed and are ready to give battle upon the slightest provocation.

The police were notified that the postoffice had been visited by the safe blowers about 4:30 and Officers Tracy and Kujawa were sent to the scene. Not having vehicles for making trips of this length they were forced to await the first Cherry street car.

Peter Cranker, the postmaster at

West Toledo, said Friday morning that he considered himself on familiar terms with safecrackers. This last call is the third he has received and among those who have thus invaded his place is Topeka Joe, who in March, 1901, blew the safe and secured several hundred dollars in cash and stamps.

Had the latest attempt to reach the cash been successful, the harvest would have been the richest ever reaped in West Toledo as approximately \$750 in cash and a like amount of stamps is in the safe. Registered letters are also locked in the safe.

About the only clue existing is the report of one man, who says he saw several men walk down the Michigan Central tracks between 4:15 and 4:30. They disappeared in the direction of Toledo.

Postmaster the Only Loser.

Peter Cranker is the only loser as the result of the attempted robbery. He must pay for the repair of the postoffice safe and new windows and put the demolished office equipment in good condition again.

The task of opening the safe is not one of joy. With its equipment of dynamite, ready to cut loose at the slightest jar, it will require a man of nerve to tackle the ticklish job. Officials and spectators who gazed upon the wrecked office Friday, tip-toed about as if fearing the vibration might set off the explosive.

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COP PUT STOP TO A BOLD ROBBERY

W. E. Hart of Air Line Junction was assaulted and robbed at the corner of St. Clair and Perry streets by two men at 1 o'clock this morning.

Patrolman Langdorf appeared on the scene while the men were going through their victim's pockets and the men ran away.

Langdorf with Detectives Kujawa and Tracy started after the robbers and apprehended the men at the cor-

ner of Superior and Lafayette streets.

One of the men, Henry Michalls of Elmira, N. Y., admitted having been released from the Detroit workhouse Monday, where he served three months for stealing an overcoat.

The other man is Thomas E. Curtis of Youngstown, O.

Hart claims to have been robbed of \$20 by the men but the money was not found upon the prisoners.

26 CAUGHT IN SALOON RAID

Led by Acting Sergeant Herbert and Detectives Kujawa and Tracy, a squad of eight patrolmen raided the Pekin restaurant, a "chop suey house," corner of Washington and Erie, at 2:30 o'clock this morning. Harry Rosenblum, the proprietor, and 26 others, 14 men and 12 women, were arrested, the former for selling beer out of hours and the others for visiting.

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ACCOMPLISHED IN EVIL ARE THESE YOUNG GIRLS

It Is Claimed by the Landlady of a Hotel That They Would Have Taken the House Had It Not Been Spiked Down.

Hazel Lemming, 16, and Irene MacIntosh, 15, of Detroit, were arrested Monday evening by Detectives Kujawa and Tracy on Ottawa street, for the Monroe officials.

The girls have been sought for several days, being wanted in Monroe for the alleged theft of \$25 and

a gold watch. Coming to this city the girls put up at the Oak hotel, where, it is claimed, they stole everything removable and in the opinion of the landlady, would have taken the house had it not been spiked down.

Silverware, bed clothes, even pianos disappeared while the girls were in the house and to this the pair of beautiful little crooks added the robbery of young men whom they took to their room.

When arrested the girls were taken to the Lagrange station and Tuesday were sent back to Monroe.



Hazel Lemming.

Irene MacIntosh.

OFFICERS RAID A CHINK "DOPE" DEN

White Woman, Alleged to Be
Well Connected in Buffalo,
and Alleged Wife of China-
man, Held as Witness.

Concealed beneath a table in the Chinese laundry of Charley Wah, 619 Jefferson avenue, at 1 o'clock this morning, Mrs. Jim Hong, the alleged wife of a Chinese residing in the city, was found by Detectives Tracy, Herbert and Brossia.

Officer Merman first observed the woman in the place and notified the other officers. When discovered under the table the woman said she was really Mrs. J. Bosch of 484 Clinton street, Buffalo, and was well connected.

She confesses that she visited the laundry to purchase opium and said she had a "hop" outfit at her rooms.

Her confession implicated Wah with the illicit sale of "dope" and smoking outfits and he was arrested and brought to the police station.

The officers also confiscated about \$10 worth of opium. Mrs. Hong is held as a witness.

8/13 YOUNG MEN FINED 1906 For Annoying Women on the Streets.

"If there are persons to be despised, they are, in my opinion, men and boys who make a practice of annoying and insulting women on the streets, and the police are to be commended for corralling all such as you. This being the first case of the kind that has been brought to the attention of this court for some time, I'll be lenient, but I want to warn you that if you are ever brought before me again, a stiff sentence will be the result. You are each fined \$10 and costs."

Thus spoke Judge Connolly this morning to Leo Adamshik, 17, 710 St. Clair street, and Peter Craft, 22, 802 Erie street, on trial in police court on a charge of insulting females. The boys were arrested about 8 o'clock last night by Detectives Tracy and Kujawa, at the corner of Summit street and Jefferson avenue.

The officers testified that the defendants were amusing themselves by shoving one another against women who were walking along the street, and then laughing at their antics. The women molested boarded a car before the officers could learn their names.

YOUNG GIRL'S DOWNFALL

Opens Some Sensational Dis-
coveries to the Police.

Arrested on a warrant charging a statutory offense, H. D. Gilson, 313 Madison avenue, is locked up at the central police station, and the police say they will bring more serious charges against the prisoner, in that he has conducted a rendezvous for the ruin of young girls.

Gilson has been sought by the police for several days, but was apprehended by Detectives Tracy and Kujawa last night. His incarceration is due to the parents of 15-year-old Alma Sheets, who is also held at the juvenile department in the county jail as a witness.

The girl disappeared from her home three weeks ago, and, although the police instituted a search for her, she was not located until a few days ago. At the time of their daughter's disappearance the parents mistrusted that she might be found in the company of Gilson, with whom she was enamored. The officers assert they have evidence at hand which will cause a sensation when it is produced in court. The little girl, who was at first reluctant about making a statement, is said to have placed information in the hands of Prosecutor Austin which will greatly assist the state's case.

Gilson's friends have rallied to his aid, and assert that he is the victim of circumstances. The defendant himself says he has no fear but that he will be exonerated after his hearing, which is on in police court this afternoon.

OPIUM DEN LOCATED IN HEART OF TOLEDO

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Four Smoking Layouts and Large Quantity of Dope Captured by Officers—Man and Woman Are Arraigned in Court.

Through the shrewd detective instinct of Geo. Schroeder, a tailor at 922 Monroe street, an opium den at 317 Huron street was located last night and four smoking outfits were confiscated.

About 4:45 p. m. a man and a woman entered Schroeder's shop and the woman made a small purchase, and when the couple left Schroeder missed a bolt of goods. He followed the couple to 317 Huron street and a few hours later notified the police.

Detectives Tracy and Herbert were sent to the place and found John Baynes and Blanche Everett in the house. They found four complete opium outfits and a trunk full of goods of various kinds, also a large quantity of opium. Schroeder identified the man and woman as being the same who entered his place late in the afternoon.

Bayne and the woman were arraigned in court this morning and

asked for a continuance. In the meantime the police are trying to locate A. R. Cawthon, alias John F. Campbell, who, it is claimed, owns the trunk which was found in the opium den.

Bayne and the woman refused to divulge any information with regards to the trunk and also refused to open it. The detectives pried the trunk open. The trunk was recently shipped from Kansas City, Mo., to Eddie Enright in this city. It was shipped by Campbell, C. O. D., with \$15 charges upon it.

The detectives found in the trunk a letter written by a man named Lowe at Shreveport, La., to Cawthon, in which Cawthon is congratulated upon getting out of a certain scrape, but is admonished to "get out of the business or you will get yourself in more serious trouble."

Besides the opium smoking sets two fine Turkish pipes and outfits were found in the room.

"YEGGS" BLOW SAFE ESCAPE WITH BOOTY

10/14/1906

Toledo Police Posted to Watch for the Men
But They Failed to Find Trace of Them
---\$500 Total of Proceeds.

Six men entered the postoffice building at Waldon, Mich., about 1:30 o'clock Monday morning, blew the safe and escaped with \$500 in money and stamps.

The town marshal immediately notified the Toledo police, and a party of detectives was sent out to Holland to meet the interurban car. They failed to find any of the men.

Waldon is about five miles south of Hillsdale and the postoffice is in a small building adjoining the general store of the place. The safe yielded easily to explosive, and the job was quickly done.

When the men left the building they took a hand car from the section house and started south on the Cincinnati Northern railway, presumably headed for Bryan, where it was supposed they would catch an interurban car and come into Toledo.

Detectives Tracy, Kujawa and Brosila and Patrolman Brazill went to Holland on a freight train, and waited for the Toledo & Indiana car. When the car arrived it was unoccupied.

The officers returned to the city, and a squad of twenty patrolmen was distributed at various points on the outskirts to watch for the men should they attempt to enter the city from any other point.

WILLIE'S WALTZ COST HIM \$15

"Waltz me around again, Willie," sang Martin Geist, when an automatic piano in a St. Clair street saloon began grinding out an enticing waltz. In response to the invitation, James O'Brien grabbed hold of Geist, and they waltzed.

During the dance O'Brien is believed to have relieved Geist of \$15. In company with a chap giving his names as A. Frances, "O'Brien" was arrested by Detectives Kujawa and Tracy shortly after Geist reported his loss to them. Both are held upon suspicion.

SURPRISED MEN ^{9/15 1907} FOUGHT DETECTIVE

Detective Tracy and Patrolman Doody surprised Peter Williams, 20, and John Coyle, 40, in the act of breaking into Joe Ziegler's tailor shop Sunday night. Tracy received word at headquarters that the men were in the rear of the shop, and started after them. When he entered the areaway both men made a rush at the officer, and put up a fierce battle.

LET WIVES SUPPORT THEM

Husbands Sentenced to the Works. ¹⁸⁰⁷

Although an able-bodied man, Frank Mohr, 23 Superior street, has, for the past eight months compelled his wife to support him, and as a result he was convicted of being a suspicious person in police court this morning and sentenced to 30 days, \$50 and costs.

Mrs. Mohr, on the stand, told how she worked every day for \$7 a week, and that when she drew her money, her husband would take it from her and gamble it away. When arrested \$13 was found in Mohr's possession which he was forced to admit was his wife's property.

Arthur Ganzell, another advocate of the "let the women do the work" policy, was found guilty of being a suspicious person and given a similar dose. Both men were arrested by Detectives Herbert and Tracy.

DANCE WAS EXPENSIVE. ⁰⁸

A stranger who refused to give his name reported to the police last night that a negress who gave him a dancing lesson on the sidewalk at Ontario and Jackson streets, picked \$6 from his pocket last night. Detectives Herbert and Tracy later arrested seven women who are held for investigation at the Lagrange street station.

The stranger said the woman stopped him, threw her arms around his neck, and offered to teach him a dance. He broke away as soon as he could, but a few minutes later noticed his pocketbook was gone.

Charges of suspicion were made against Laura Ferguson, Virgie Saunders, Maud Jones, Madge Egbert, Madge Williams, and Elizabeth Prince, all of whom pleaded guilty and were fined \$25 and costs. Sentences were suspended.

RAN INTO TRACY'S ARMS

Howard Blue Arrested on Complaint of Miss Schatz.

Accused by Miss Ida Schatz, of Noble street, of having paid her his attentions under the representations that he was unmarried, when in fact he was a benedict, Howard Blue, a clerk, residing at 2413 Maplewood avenue, was arrested last night by Detectives Herbert and Tracy. His case was continued this morning and the bond was fixed at \$200.

Blue was recently arrested on a warrant issued in city court in which the

charge was more serious, and he is at present out on \$400 bail.

Several previous attempts had been made to apprehend the man, but heretofore he always managed to elude the detectives. Tracy stood at a rear door with a gun in his hand last night, while Detective Herbert knocked for entrance at the front door. When Blue attempted to leave through the rear door he ran into the arms of Tracy.

WOMEN ROB ON ORDERS FROM MEN?

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Identified by Ezra Blair of 111 Tenth street as the woman who snatched his wallet, containing \$46, on Jefferson avenue at an early hour on Saturday morning, Mary Whitside, colored, was later arraigned in police court on a charge of larceny from the person, and bound over to the grand jury under \$300 bond.

Following Blair's report of the robbery, Detectives Herbert, Tracy, Brossia and Gauthier, with Patrolmen Jackson and Harris, rounded up five colored women and four colored men and sent them to the station on suspicion.

That there is an organized gang of colored people that makes a practice of "touching" white men, and dividing the spoils, is the opinion of the police.

"These men send out the women to get the money, and then divide the proceeds," said a detective on Saturday morning.

COPS IN DOPE SWOOP

Four Men and Women Arrested Mixing "Yen Shi."

Four negroes, two men and two women, were arrested at 27 N. Huron street, this morning at 1 o'clock as they hovered over a stove, on which a kettle, alleged to contain "yen Shi," was boiling. Remnants of a late lunch, two opium pipes, lamps, and a quantity of "dope" were found in the rooms.

The women, before boarding the patrol wagon, were permitted to fill their arms with bananas and sandwiches. They gave the names of Lulu and Hazel Moore, aged 21 and 19 respectively. The men gave the names of Arthur Moore, 28, a bartender of Detroit, and Charles Riggins, 32, of Woodruff avenue. All are held on charges of suspicion.

Part of the "dope" was contained in a yellow can, bearing the label: "Hair dressing for making harsh, stubborn hair soft, glossy and luxurious."

The raid was made by Detectives Quinn, Haas, Tracy and Daly.

Toledo, O. Jan'y 30th 1908
Officers Herbert, Tracy, Brossia and Kujawa
Central Police Station, Superior St.
Gentlemen:
accept the cigars accompanying
this as a slight token of my appreciation
of the prompt and successful work you
performed Sunday Morning Jan'y 5th 1908
in arresting the two desperados who
broke into my residence
Yours Truly
J. W. Lawford.

April 30th. 1910

Detective Tracy

The Inspector wants you to take a
Preacher to the Whore houses he will be at the
Station at 9 this Pm

Captain Hall

MADE REGULAR DETECTIVES

4/11 *1912*
**Herbert and Tracy Appointed by
Director Mooney.**

H. J. Herbert and L. B. Tracy were appointed regular detectives Tuesday by Safety Director Mooney. They had been detailed as "plain clothes" men for a number of years. With the appointment the force of regular detectives was increased to 10 and there are six patrolmen detailed to plain clothes.



IDENTIFICATION CARD

Toledo, Ohio, June 1st 1914

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The Bearer, **LOUIS B. TRACY**

*is a member of the Detective Division of the
Police Department of the City of Toledo, Ohio*

No. **15** *Murphy*
Chief of Police

SAVE ME FROM 'DOPE,' IS PLEA OF PRETTY GIRL

"Please have me locked up somewhere, so I can break away from the 'dope' habit," said a pretty and well-gowned girl to detectives at central police station, Friday morning. "Surely there is some place you can keep me for a few weeks and give me a chance to straighten up," insisted the girl.

The young woman was held at Lagrange st. station Thursday night. Detective Tracy found her on the street acting in a peculiar manner. When the officer questioned her the girl gave her name as Mary Rider and said that she was 26 years old. "If I don't get a chance to break away from the 'dope,' I will be dead in a short time," she said.

Accompanied by Detective Tracy, the girl went from the police station to the county jail, Friday morning, to request that a lunacy warrant be sworn out against her. Police have received similar requests from boys afflicted with the dope habit, but they say that Mary Rider is the first girl who has asked to be sent to jail.

MURPHEY ORDERS 11 WOMEN TO³ABATE₃ IMMORAL RESORTS

1911
Police efforts to improve the moral conditions of Toledo resulted Tuesday afternoon in an order by Chief Murphey to abolish nearly a dozen immoral resorts in the vicinity of Beach and Ontario streets.

In this locality are 11 little one-story frame shacks, each of which has been occupied for many months by one or more women with questionable reputations. Following instructions from

Chief Murphey, Inspector of Detectives Smith and Detective Tracy visited each of these buildings Tuesday afternoon and notified the inmates to abolish the resorts. The police told the women they would be given 15 days to vacate the premises.

This action, according to the police, was taken as a result of numerous complaints regarding the inmates of the resorts.

NEGRO SHOOTS DETECTIVE TRACY

Bullet Draws Red Stripe
Across Officer's Side
Below Heart.

With one of two revolvers, which he is accused of having stolen an hour or two before, Harry Leftwich, 22, colored, after "shooting up" the saloon of Lovell Goins, colored, Lafayette and Superior streets, and firing two shots at the proprietor, shot and came near murdering Detective Lewis B. Tracy, at 12:45 Tuesday morning, while the detective and Patrolman Ansell were attempting to arrest him on Lafayette street, near Huron street.

The bullet struck Tracy in the left side and plowed a furrow two inches long through the flesh a little below the heart. The wound is not dangerous.

After shooting the detective the negro fought so desperately with Tracy, Ansell and Detective Michael Daly that the officers beat the man until he was almost insensible before he surrendered. The prisoner was taken in the patrol wagon to St. Vincent's hospital, and, after he had been attended by a physician, he was locked up at police headquarters.

As soon as his assailant had been subdued Tracy was assisted to the Central police station and Dr. T. J. Cunningham, acting police surgeon, was summoned. After his wound had been dressed the injured detective remained on a couch in Inspector Carew's office until 6:30 and then went to his home at 814 Sherman street. According to his physician Tracy will be able to report for duty in two or three days.

Leftwich came to Toledo from Wash-

the prisoner had been locked up the police were notified that the rooming house of Herbert Walker, colored, 704 Jackson avenue, was entered between 10 and 12 by a thief who stole two revolvers and a purse, containing \$1.15. According to the police the two revolvers used by Leftwich were identified as having been stolen from the rooming house.

LITTLE TALES

THE negro who is charged with shooting Detective Tracy Sunday night was roughly handled by the officers who made the arrest. He had two guns the officers say and was trying to use them. When he was taken before Chief Knapp Tuesday morning that official said to him:

"Don't you know that you were mighty lucky? Don't you know the officers would have been justified in filling you full of holes?"

The colored man said: "Ah guess you right about that, boss. And," peering up through his bandages, "Ah certainly do wish they had." He was thinking of the chances of a long "bit" in the "stir."

DETECTIVE TRACY SHOT BY NEGRO

Detective Louis B. Tracy was shot by a negro at Lafayette and Superior streets at 1 o'clock this morning. The wound is not serious.

Harry Leftwich, 22 years old, colored, of Washington, D. C., is held at central police station.

Hearing revolver reports, Tracy with Detective Michael Daly, Patrolman Ansell and Motorcoops Salhoff and Hovey left the police building to investigate. The officers went into the Lovell Goins saloon, 501 Lafayette street, where Goins said that a colored man had shot at him four times without effect.

Tracy left the place alone, stopped a negro whom he had seen leaving the cafe and told him that he was under arrest.

The fugitive drew a revolver, placed it against the detective's left side and fired. The bullet plowed thru the flesh and came out thru his overcoat.

Tracy was assisted to police headquarters, where the wound was dressed.

RAID CANTON STREET RESORT

As a result of complaints by men who said they had been robbed in the place Detectives Quinn, Tracy and Daly raided a resort conducted by Wiley Robinson, colored, on Canton street near Shepard at 1:30 Saturday morning and arrested the proprietor and nine other colored men and three scantily clad white women, who were all found in one room.

SHE'S SEEKING 'DECENT' JOB

Fibs to Policemen When They Find Her in Tears

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Anno Emmons, 24, of Chicago, left central police station on Thursday morning to look for a "decent" job. Officers found the girl sitting on a bench in the union station on Wednesday morning. She was crying. She said she had been sent to Toledo by a Chicago employment agency.

The employment agency, she said gave her an address on Cherry st., where she was to do housework. The woman on Cherry st. did not need a girl and Anna had no money and no place to go. The

policemen sent her to central station.

Detective Tracy became suspicious when he found that the "woman on Cherry st." was a myth. Anna broke down and said: "I lived in a resort in Chicago for ten years. I made up my mind that I wanted to be good so I left Chicago, where I was known, and came to Toledo. I can do housework, clerking or almost anything, and I want a regular job, but they are hard to get.

"I am not going back to the life I led before if I can help it," said the girl.

BROKE COP'S FINGER; IS FINED THE COSTS

E. Gomoll, 29, 1420 Colburn st., railroad engineer, was sentenced to six months in the workhouse by Acting Police Judge Martin Dodd Monday morning, for breaking Detective Louis Tracy's finger Sunday morning. Tracy tried to quiet a crowd of men who were creating a disturbance on Washington st., near Erie, when Gomoll grabbed his finger. Sentence was suspended.

HEAR 'CAP' TRACY BRAG

He and Children Get Prowler; You Can't Blame Him

4/29-15
"You've got to hand it to me and my family, we all are members of the police force," boasted Captain of Detectives Louis Tracy at central station on Wednesday.

"My daughter's the sleuth, I am the armed advance and my two sons are the guards. On Tuesday night about 10:30 by daughter, Louise, saw three men in the alley in the rear of my home at Collingwood-ave. and Cherry-st.

DAUGHTER GIVES ALARM.

"Louise called me. After gathering up my police paraphernalia I went outside and crawled to the back fence, where I saw only two of the men. The third had entered the barn of Ernest Eaur, 3009 Gladstone-ave., across the alley. As I put my head up to climb the fence the two in the alley ran.

"I let them go and entered the barn. Then I heard: 'We're here, dad, if he tries to escape,' and I

knew that my two sons were watching.

FINDS THE GOODS.

"I entered the hayloft, where I found a boy hidden under some hay and holding two tame rabbits. I found two pigeons in his pockets.

"I sent him to the county jail to be held for juvenile court. But I guess that isn't so bad for one family, eh?"

DELEHANTY DETECTIVE HEAD

3/3-15
Is Now Acting Captain—Tracy
Quits to Benefit Health.

Because of ill health Detective Lewis B. Tracy resigned Saturday as Acting Captain of Detectives. He has been assigned to general detective duty. Detective William D. Delehanty was appointed Acting Captain of Detectives by Chief Herbert. The change became effective Monday morning. Tracy said he resigned the position because he thought his health would improve if he had an opportunity to exercise more in the open air.

DETECTIVES SHIFTED AGAIN

5/4-15
Captain Resigned, Health Improves;
Reappointed Next Day.

Two days after he had resigned the position Detective Lewis B. Tracy was reappointed Wednesday captain of detectives. This action followed the resignation from the position of Detective William Delehanty, who had been appointed acting captain to succeed Tracy. After holding the job one day Delehanty told Chief Herbert that he preferred to do general detective duty. Tracy resigned as captain of detectives Monday because of poor health. Following a minor operation the next day his health was so much improved that he consented to resume the work of captain.

STRICKEN; WAS UNDER STRAIN

Lewis B. Tracy, 51, captain of detectives and registrar of tenderloin women, who was stricken, as with apoplexy, at police headquarters Thursday morning, was still unconscious Thursday afternoon. His condition was regarded as serious.

Tracy has been under a great strain for about a week, following announcement of grand jury investigation of the police department. Thursday morning he went from the detectives' office to the turnkey's room to look over prisoners brought in Wednesday night. Without a word he fell, partly in a chair and partly on the floor.

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LEWIS B. TRACY.

CAPTAIN TRACY IS STRICKEN AT POLICE STATION

Detective Captain Lewis B. Tracy, of 3410 Collingwood-ave., who was stricken shortly after arriving at work at the central station on Thursday morning, was reported as improved on Thursday afternoon.

A few minutes after Tracy entered the police station he sank to the floor unconscious.

Physicians who examined Tracy said the collapse was due to a nervous breakdown.

Capt. Tracy went to the central police station on Thursday morning. He made his usual trip to the turnkey's blotter to see what prisoners were being held.

Turnkey Math saw Capt. Tracy fall. He was in a semi-conscious condition. Auto Patrolmen Wolfe and Raitz took Tracy to his home in a police auto.

The officers could not revive him after putting him to bed. Tracy had been ill for some time. His condition is serious.

DETECTIVE ONLY SLIGHTLY BETTER

Detective Captain Lewis B. Tracy, who was stricken at police headquarters Thursday, was slightly improved at his home Friday.

Dr. C. W. Waggoner said: "It will be six weeks or two months before Mr. Tracy will be able to be about. He has not fully regained consciousness and doesn't know how he got home. He is suffering from a nervous collapse, due to a severe mental strain."

The condition of Patrolman Cecil Cook, shot twice by a negro last Saturday night, still was critical Friday.

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WEDNESDAY, Dec. 1, 1918.

FORMER LOCAL WOMAN SEEKING POLICE SCALPS

MRS. NELLIE SCHWINN, FORMER
OWNER OF LOCAL SALOON,
EXCITES TOLEDO.

MAYN GAVE POLICEMEN "HUSH"
MONEY—CHIEF ASKES
REAL QUIZ.

Indictment of high police officials in Toledo is expected to follow the present grand jury's investigations, and which have largely been aided by the testimony of Mrs. Nellie Schwinn, who formerly owned the Belmont saloon on east High street, near Union street. This saloon is now out of business and a paint store occupies the location. Mrs. Schwinn has set all Toledo talking by her statements, involving police.

Stories of alleged tribute exacted from the proprietors of "red light" resorts have been told to the grand jurors. The witnesses were advised that they need not fear action by the police if they gave the information, it is said. In the last week, 26 women were called before the jury to tell of the protection money they are alleged to have paid a high police official. According to the stories told, it is estimated that about \$25,000 is paid to the police yearly for this alleged "protection."

Police Chief Herbert, who was called to tell of the affair, said that he hoped the investigation would go to the bottom. He said he hoped it would be thorough. Nellie Schwinn, the former Lima woman, who is under indictment in the federal court, is said to be the one who "tipped off" the "insurance system." She formerly conducted a resort at 610 Lafayette street, police say. She is said to have told that she paid \$25 a week for being "tipped off" to proposed police raids or investigations.

The Schwinn woman is said to have been angered when the police recently closed her house and as the result, told the story. She asserted that the house was closed at the instigation of a banker, whose 17-year-old ward had been taken there. According to the story, the girl became infatuated with the man well known in the underworld district. He is said to have betrayed her. To protect him, the Schwinn woman is said to have received the girl at her home, where she married a chauffeur.

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DRS. A. & J. W. DIMOND

Dentists, have moved across the street from the Leader Store to the Holland Blk., Cor. Main & High.
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CAPTAIN OF DETECTIVES AT TOLEDO INDICTED

TOLEDO, Jan 22—Detective Captain Lewis B. Tracy, indicted by the grand jury in a secret report on December 28, 1915, was named publicly on charges of bribing and blackmail in two indictments announced by Prosecutor D'Alton.

Captain Tracy is charged with having extorted "protection" money from keepers of resorts in segregated districts. A few weeks ago Detective Tracy suffered a nervous breakdown and has been confined to his home most of the time since.

2 POLICE HEADS ARE EXONERATED

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The indictments against Chief of Detectives William Delahanty and Captain of Detectives Louis B. Tracy were nulled late Wednesday.

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CHARGES AGAINST POLICE ARE QUASHED

Indictments against Inspector of Detectives William Delahanty and Captain of Detectives Lewis Tracy nulled in Common Pleas Court on Thursday by Judge Brough upon request of Prosecutor D'Alton.

Delahanty was indicted over a year ago on a charge of bribery and blackmail, Tracy was indicted on charges of extortion and bribery.



Facing page: 5 unidentified scrapbook photos. Could one be the infamous 'resort keeper' Nellie Schwinn?

"NOT GUILTY" IS PLEA OF DETECTIVE TRACY

Lewis B. Tracy, captain of detectives in the city police department, was arraigned before Judge Brough in common pleas court on Friday morning on charges of bribery, under indictments returned by the grand jury.

The indictments allege corrupt

dealings with offenders of the "under world." Tracy entered a plea of not guilty through his attorneys, A. F. Connolly and Holland Webster.

Assistant Prosecutor Allen J. Seney said the trial will be set for about May 1.

LOYALTY LOU GAINS NAME FROM "TALKS"

"Loyalty Lou" is the name under which Louis Tracy, captain of detectives, travels at Central Station.

Tracy obtained his title from his severe lectures he hands to "slackers" and persons charged with uttering seditious remarks.

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WILL ROUND UP 2,500 SLACKERS

A general roundup of slackers and alleged war-time delinquents was begun by the police Thursday morning.

Captain of Detectives Tracy estimates, from figures furnished him by local draft boards, there are between 2,000 and 2,500 in Toledo. One board submitted to Tracy a list of 800 names of slackers. Some of these have failed to fill out questionnaires.

Tracy detailed many detectives especially on that work. The entire police department is taking part in the search.

Drop Around, Doctor; Maybe Robe Is Yours

After being confined all day in the city detective bureau, Capt. Lewis Tracy walks part of the way home every evening.

Friday he bumped into Dr. O. B. Randolph at Adams and Erie streets. The physician has been a frequent victim of petty thieves.

"Hello, Doc," greeted the policeman. "Why is it you don't come down to headquarters any more to complain about the petit larceny boys? You certainly must have lost some medicine cases or tool boxes lately."

"Yes," admitted the doctor, "somebody did steal a robe from my car, last night, but I didn't bother to report it."

"Well, call on us tomorrow morning," advised Tracy. "We've recovered a stolen robe answering the description of yours and one of our men has arrested a suspect."

MAN HELD AS WOMEN COMPLAIN

Detective Tracy on Saturday morning arrested a man against whom no previous complaints have been made by several West-end women in the last two weeks.

The man is alleged to have ap-

peared twice on several occasions. Two women, according to police, identified the man following his arrest. He is held on suspicion.

The suspect has confessed according to police.

CHIEF HERBERT AND BOOZE

Chief Herbert's attitude toward the boozing ring operating in Toledo for many months has been one that the ordinary citizen would describe as extremely colorless.

Herbert knew as well as we knew that Louis Herman was running wide open in his Lafayette street booze parlors. Herbert must have known that his policemen and detectives were frequenting Herman's joint, drinking booze there and apparently enjoying every privilege extended to their visitors. And yet, he did nothing. And then after Herman was taken before Judge Killits and found guilty and sentenced, Herbert again must have known that the Herman place was reopened under exactly the same conditions as had existed. And he did nothing. And Herbert must have known of various places downtown where booze was being sold openly. And he did nothing. And he must have known that a booze ring has been operating in this city, members of which

are said to be highly connected. And he has done nothing about it.

It would be interesting, indeed, to know how Henry Herbert looks upon his job. Does he think that it is up to him to decide what laws may and may not be enforced? Does he believe that it is up to him to decide that certain sporting houses may run while others must close, or that certain street walkers may be permitted to walk while others are locked up? What sort of a little tin god does Henry Herbert think he is? Is he the constitution, congress, state legislature, council, mayor, safety director and everything else all in a bundle?

Isn't it a fact that the chief of police is nothing more nor less than a very, very minor sort of person and that he is permitted to decide nothing so far as laws are concerned.

Will Mr. Herbert please state whether he is or is not the kind of a police chief who enforces laws instead of making them?

“PAPA” LOUIS TRACY

Louis Tracy, an all-sorts-of-jobs man at Central Station who has been in the Toledo police department for many years and who has been embarrassed in at least one instance by a grand jury investigation, frequently has boasted that he knows more sporting women in Toledo than any other man.

We have been duly impressed by Mr. Tracy's statement and have regarded it as a tribute to his sleuthing ability. It does not seem however, that merely through his official acquaintance with these women should he assume the roll of “papa.” Yet, to our knowledge Mr. Tracy is “Papa” to these women—never Mr. Tracy.

It would be interesting, indeed, to know by

what trick of good or ill fortune a police officer can hold tight the reins of lawlessness when he, a mere “papa”—for is it not true, that the average “papa” is ordinarily a great talker and a mighty mediocre actor?

WHAT DID HE MEAN?

The shake-up in the police organization was appreciated by the crooks, we are told.

“I'm glad,” one remarked. “I'd like to see this thing go right through. An honest crook has a hard time in Toledo—the divvy percentage is too big.”



Chief Herbert

To Detective Tracy

October 27th.

"Mr. Louis Tracy,
Toledo Police Department,
Central Station,
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—

"There is published in the October 30th issue of K.W.K. an article concerning the pet name applied to you by Toledo sporting women. In the article a perfectly fair question is asked. How can you as a police officer hold tight the reins of lawlessness if you permit the women of the street and those who conceal themselves behind drawn shades to call you 'Papa?'

"The magazine will be pleased to afford you an opportunity to answer the article and your statement will be given a position equally as prominent as the one occupied by the 'Papa' article."

Tracy Residence Damaged by Fire

Fire caused \$750 damage to the home of Mrs. Louis B. Tracy, widow of Detective Captain Louis Tracy, 3416 Collingwood avenue, Sunday at 4 P. M.

Mrs. Tracy and her son, R. G. Tracy, had gone to the cemetery to place flowers on the grave of Detective Tracy and when they returned found the house ablaze. Spontaneous combustion is believed to have caused the fire.

JAIL DOCTOR AND GUEST DESCRIBE THE ESCAPE

Here is the story of Dr. William Shapiro, jail physician, one of the leading figures in the attempt to prevent the postoffice robbers from breaking jail:

"I was sitting in the jail office about 12:30 P. M. with Deputy Sam Zimmerman and J. C. Allred, a friend of mine from Dayton, O., who was waiting for me," Dr. Shapiro related.

"I had finished making my daily inspection and we were just chatting. The door leading from the office into the jail proper was closed. I don't remember whether the barred door leading from the office to the outside hall was locked.

Groans Are Heard.

"Suddenly we heard groaning coming from the inside of the jail. Zimmerman started for the door and I followed. We closed the door and locked it as we went through. We thought that a crazy man had injured himself in his cell.

"Zimmerman was a few steps ahead of me. He ran upstairs just as the prisoners were coming down. Guessing what had happened, he tossed me the keys. I grabbed them and ran into an adjoining room slamming the door behind me.

"Everything appeared to be normal when I made my inspection earlier. There was no unusual shouting or other disturbance."

Allred, a Dayton surgical supplies salesman, had been calling on Dr. Shapiro. When the latter started to make his daily visit to the jail, he invited Allred to accompany him.

Here is Allred's story:

1721 Detective Is III



LOUIS B. TRACY.

Louis B. Tracy, veteran member of the city detective bureau, is in a serious condition at his home, 3410 Collingwood avenue, where he has been suffering from a heart attack since Aug. 9. Physicians say it will be three weeks before Tracy is able to leave his room. He was appointed to the police department 25 years ago and became a plain clothesman in 1906.

Will Be Buried Tuesday



LOUIS B. TRACY.

VETERAN SLEUTH TAKEN BY DEATH

Louis B. Tracy Dies of Heart Disease Saturday.

Louis B. Tracy, veteran city detective who narrowly escaped death a dozen times during his career in the police department, died of natural causes early Saturday in his home at 3410 Collingwood avenue.

He had been suffering from muscular heart disease since Aug. 9, but did not lose consciousness until an hour before his death. At his bedside were Mrs. Tracy; a daughter, Louise, and his son, Robert. Another son, Howard, died three years ago in Arizona.

Mr. Tracy was born in Defiance county in 1862 and came to Toledo 42 years ago. He was appointed a city patrolman in 1898, and in 1906 was promoted to the detective bureau. At one period of his career he and Henry Herbert, now chief of police, were working partners.

Several years ago, before being assigned to a complaint desk as acting captain, Tracy was shot during a gun fight with a negro near Lafayette and Huron streets. Nine years ago he was hurt seriously in an automobile wreck while chasing safe blowers out Central avenue. His name is associated with all the big murder cases here in the last 20 years.

The funeral will be Tuesday afternoon, either at the residence or the First Baptist church on Huron street. Burial will be in Forest cemetery. A platoon of uniformed patrolmen will escort the body to the grave and flags on all station houses will be at half staff.

Police court sessions were suspended for two minutes Saturday while Judge Cohn, prisoners awaiting arraignment, attaches and spectators bowed their heads in prayer for Tracy.

Until last Summer when illness forced Tracy to remain at home, he had been on special duty in the court room for two years.



Memorial paver at entrance of the Toledo Police Museum.



Lewis B. Tracy (left).



L. B. Tracy.

United States of America.

THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE BOARD OF POLICE



TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Know Ye, That the *BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS*, of the City of Toledo, in the State of Ohio, by virtue of the Powers conferred on them by Law, did on the 17th day of September 1898, appoint

L. B. Tracy Patrolman

OF THE TOLEDO POLICE FORCE.

Countersigned:

Chas. H. Duran Secretary.

[Signature] President.

WATSON & GIBSON, PRINTERS.

Tracy Lewis B

Born	May	13	1862	
Appointed	Sept	7	1898	3-nights with older men
Assigned	Sept	10	1898	Beat by Chief Perry D Knapp
Promoted	March	1	1908	Det-Sergeant
"	April	1	1912	Det-Lieutenant
Assigned	Jan	1	1915	The head of the Red-Light-District
Died	Oct	29	1921	Serving 23 yrs

Services were held in St Anns Church Bancroft-Forest ave. Burial
In calvary cemetery. Pallbearers were members from the Detective Bureau.

He was given the toughest assignment of all. To regulate the entire
Red-Light-District Jan 1 1915. He had a picture and the house number of
every girl (prostitute) in the City of Toledo, and name and address of every
Street-Walker in Town, if a stranger came to Toledo for the purpose of prostitu
she first had to register in Det-Tracys office, than he would send her to the
City Health Dept for Physical Examination if she is free from venereal disease
she files her certificate from the Health Dept in Det Tracys office and she is
permitted to work from any house that would take her. Every Prostitute must
carry a Health Certificate from the Health Dept and be Examined at least once
every week that she is free from disease and if caught on the street solicitin
or in any house of prostitution without a health certificate from Doctor
a heavy fine is assessed in Police Court, and this woman cant operate in City.
He had a very strong gripe on the Red-Light-District was bounded by Monroe str
and Swan-Creek and by Summit and Michigan str.

To the Honorable Judges of the Municipal Court of Toledo, Fort Lawrence
Township, Lucas County, Ohio.

The committee to provide resolutions to the memory of Louis B. Tracy
deceased, respectfully submit the following:

Louis B. Tracy was born in Defiance County, Ohio, in 1862 and came to Toledo when he was about eighteen years of age. Twenty-four years ago Mr. Tracy became connected with the Toledo Police Department as a patrolman and so well did he perform the duties assigned to him that in 1906 he was promoted to the Detective Department. In the detective bureau he was paired as a partner with Henry Herbert (now Chief of Police) and these two for a number of years were regarded as the most formidable pair of detectives on the force. Their district comprised what was then known as the "tenderloin" and it was their duty to look after gambling complaints and supervise houses of prostitution. Every phase of night life was under the watchful eyes of these veteran sleuths. Subsequently, upon the retirement of "Jack" Welsh, Tracy was assigned the exclusive duty of supervising the registration of inmates of sporting houses, which were tolerated when a segregated district was recognized. In this work he became known as "Captain" Tracy. When during the war this district was abolished it became the duty of "Cap" Tracy to cooperate with government officials at Toledo in running down slackers and kindred war work. More lately, his iron constitution worn down as a result of the years of night service given the department, Tracy was assigned to the police court every forenoon to help despatch the heavily increased dockets which have come to the court since the conclusion of the war.

Lou' Tracy made a wide circle of friends during his quarter of a century in the Police Department. At one time or another he was connected with every phase of the department's work. Even prisoners looked upon him as their friend and when the word was softly passed Saturday morning that Lou' Tracy was no more there was many a person in Toledo, business men as well as women who formerly populated Toledo's segregated district, who wiped away a tear. A volume would be filled should one attempt to relate the number of instances wherein "Cap" Tracy saved young girls from a life worse than Hell itself while in charge of the segregated district. Girls eager to enter a life of shame, have been shown the error of their way and persuaded by "Father" Tracy to return to their homes or permit him to send for their parents to reclaim them.

Courteous to a fault, in love with his work, sympathetic and kind, he brought all of these humane traits to the work which was his. Judges, attorneys, police and court officials and hangers on about the gray foreboding building down on Superior Street all loved and respected Lou' Tracy, and they will miss him more and more as time goes on. "Captain" Tracy never recovered from the blow which fell in the death of his son, Howard, who died three years ago in Arizona. Besides the legion of friends whom he leaves "Captain" Tracy is survived by a widow, a daughter, a son and grandson.

Thus passes on to the great beyond one whose word was his bond, a police official who was generous and truthful, courageous and helpful, kind and pleasant-voiced, affable and charitable, prompt and upright, honest and honorable; a loving husband and kind and thoughtful father—a faithful friend and true at all times as colleague and companion. Lou' Tracy has gone to his reward. Peace to his ashes.

Your committee respectfully moves the court, as a just tribute to the memory of our lamented associate and friend, that this memorial be spread upon your journal and a copy hereof transmitted by the clerk of this court to the family of the deceased.

Submitted by the committee:

Scott Rowley
Robert A. Benin
Albert B. Brown

Franklin Price
Harson B. Baker

October 31, 1921.



With grandson Robert James Tracy



1865 - 1949



Mrs. Lewis B. Tracy
(Frances Fraser)



Lewis B. and Frances Tracy's 3 children: Howard, Robert G. and Louise.



Lewis B. Tracy and daughter Louise.



Thanks to Frances Squire, grand-daughter of Lewis B. Tracy, for trusting me with these priceless scrapbooks. They are truly treasures and deserve to be shared, not just among family members, but also among others who may be interested in a fascinating slice of life in Toledo, Ohio, in the early 1900's. The scrapbook contents have all been scanned and I am eager to share them. You can contact me at:

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"The best form of preservation is dissemination."



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R. Douglas Tracy, great-grandson of Lewis B. Tracy.
Christmas, 2009

above photo: Toledo in 1899