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FOOLED THE BANK.

Forger Leonard Says He Forged Just to Show How Slick He Could Work the Game.

New York, Oct. 3.—The great \$359,000 robbery turns out to be the work of a youth who did it, he says, just to show how easily it could be done.

Henry Leonard is the young man's name. He is 24 years old, belongs to the Y. M. C. A., lives with his parents and has worked for four years as a messenger in a broker's office. The day after he got the securities, he mailed \$300,000 worth back to the owner, and says the only reason he did not send back the rest was that they were too bulky to get into the mail box.

It seems impossible that he could have expected to profit by the transaction, yet it will go hard with him as he is an admitted forger and thief, even if he did it as he says, "just for fun."

The National City Bank, the biggest bank in America, is not feeling any too happy over the affair. That it could be looted of \$359,000 in negotiable securities by the mere process of sending a boy to the loan clerk's window is food for reflection.

Leonard handed his forged check to the first boy he met in the street near the bank, a boy he had never seen before, told him to hand in the check and get a bundle of papers. The boy handed in the check, received the securities and delivered them on the sidewalk to Leonard, receiving a quarter for his trouble.

Leonard was arraigned in the Tombs police court shortly before noon yesterday and held in the sum of \$50,000 bail for examination at 2 o'clock this afternoon. He was taken back to a cell in police headquarters.

LEONARD'S CONFESSION.

Shortly after his arrest he made a full confession to Acting Capt. McCauley, of the detective bureau, who is an old friend of his family, and who lives only a few doors away at 592 East 136th street.

Leonard says that he stole the securities with no evil intention, but merely to show the banks how easily the thing could be done.

The arrest came after the Pinkerton agency and the detective bureau had been at work since Sept. 27.

Capt. McCauley told the following story of his share in the arrest of Leonard:

"I have known him for a good many years and have known his family. I don't know what he could have been thinking about when he did this. He says that he wanted merely to show the banks how easily the thing could be done, and as a matter of fact, he did return almost immediately the greater part of the securities.

"Superintendent Dougherty, of the Pinkerton agency, Detective Sergeant Woolrich and I arrested him yesterday morning at eleven o'clock at the corner of Third avenue and one hundred and thirty-eighth street. We had been following him, and he was standing there when we came up. We brought him down here to police headquarters. After he had been there for a while he made a full confession.

WANTED TO GIVE BANKERS A LESSON.

"He said that he had taken the securities to give a lesson to the bankers. He had conceived the idea three or four months ago. On Sept. twenty-six he found two or three blank checks of the Hanover National Bank, and according to his story, put them into his pocket, thinking that they might come in handy later.

"On the same day he was in the National City Bank on business. He rectly ahead of him in the line, he says, was a young man from Pearl & Co., who carried an envelope on which he read three hundred thousand dollars and a half per cent. When the young man got up to the loan clerk's window with the envelope, the loan clerk told him it ought to be four and a half per cent. Leonard heard this. That afternoon he went up to two seventy-two Bowery to a stamp maker. He had torn the certification off an old check of his firm's and he gave this to the stamp maker as a sample of the sort of certification stamp he wanted made. He gave a fictitious name to the stamp maker, and said that he would probably call when the work was completed, but that if it was not the stamp was to be sent to the Harlem branch of the Y. M. C. A.

BOY GOT THE SECURITIES.

"Then he took one of the Hanover National Bank blanks and fixed up the body of the check. He says that he did not practice on the signature at all, and it was a crude attempt. He met a boy on the street on the twenty-seventh. He doesn't remember who the boy was, but thinks that he was not employed in Wall street, as he had never seen him before. He asked the boy if he knew where the National City Bank was, and the boy replied that he didn't. He told him that it was at fifty-two Wall street, and instructed him to present the check and get a package in return. He took up his position in front of the custom house opposite and waited there for the boy, who soon came out and handed him the package. He doesn't know the boy's name and he didn't say what

he gave him for doing this.

"Leonard took the securities to his house and that night he took three hundred thousand dollars worth of them, did them up in a packet, stamped it, and mailed it to the owner."

U. S. SENATOR'S NEPHEW

Detected in a Big Conspiracy to Defraud a Railway.

Boston, Oct. 3.—By the arrest of Raleigh D. Morrill of Stratford, Vt., "Tech," student and nephew of United States Senator Justin S. Morrill, New Haven railroad detectives assert that a wholesale conspiracy to steal baggage has been exposed.

During the summer the New Haven road has been compelled to settle claims for lost baggage to the amount of twenty thousand dollars. This baggage was never accounted for.

Young Morrill was arrested at the Southern Station when he returned from a short vacation on the charge of stealing a trunk and a bag. Chief of Detectives Valley of New Haven, William Rourke, and Inspector Oliver Wise of the Boston police, who had been following him, took the youth into custody when he reported for work.

In the office of Chief Inspector Watts Morrill burst into tears and admitted that he had taken the two pieces of baggage. Both were returned to the South Station when the boy became frightened at the suspicion which had been cast in his direction. The theft of the trunk and bag the young man readily admitted, but a sharp cross-examination failed to wring from him any statement regarding others believed to be engaged in the similar work.

"That is all I know about it," he said. Nothing could change his story.

Morrill was sent to the prison after the officials had talked with him. He was repentant and begged that his mother be not allowed to know of his plight.

The lad entered the Institute of Technology two years ago. During the summer months he obtained employment at the South Station, and was this year assigned to the baggage room of the Plymouth Division, under George Ingalls, baggage master. He was a willing worker and paid close attention to his duties. The system by which the baggage was removed without suspicion. Each night when the tally sheets were made up the baggage master found that he had some pieces of baggage missing and two pieces which did not bear the correctly numbered checks. Before the error could be ascertained the extra pieces of baggage would disappear. By the time the man who held the proper checks called for his property there was no trace of them, and the claim department had to settle.

Headquarters detectives recovered alleged loot worth three thousand, five hundred dollars from young Morrill's room.

MOTHER'S AWFUL CRIME.

Drowned Herself and Her Boy—Deliberate Murder and Suicide.

Worcester, Mass., Oct. 3.—Mrs. Mary N. O'Haire threw her eleven-months old son, Edward F., into Olney pond, Cherry valley, at three o'clock this morning, and then walked in to the depth of her waist, lay down and drowned herself.

Mrs. O'Haire was the wife of James O'Haire, a widely known resident of Leicester, and had been confined at one time in the Worcester Insane Hospital. She was the mother of several children, Edward being the youngest. It was her custom to get up about three o'clock to feed the child. When she arose this morning she told her husband she was going to feed the child, and left the room. As she did not return within reasonable time the husband made an investigation, and found the bodies of mother and child in the rear of the house in three feet of water. Medical Examiner Baker found it a case of deliberate murder and suicide. Mrs. O'Haire was forty-five years old.

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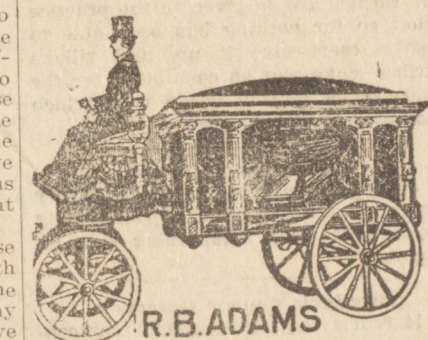
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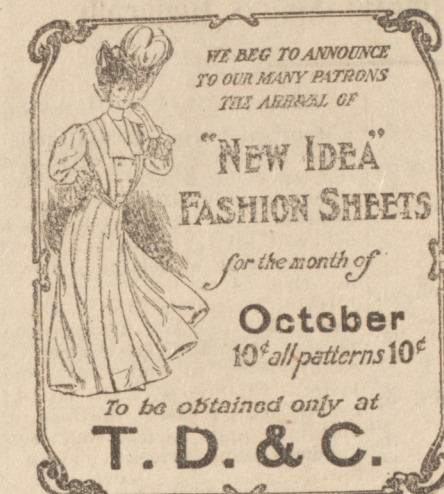
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