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Gunfire Routs Warehouse Burglars



HOW BURGLARS ENTERED—Guard Preston inspects window at Salt Lake City warehouse after police and guards responding to an A.D.T. alarm routed burglars on September 12

Captured in Two Minutes

Within two minutes after a burglar alarm from the Kielson Cigar Co., Dayton, Ohio, was received at the A.D.T. Central Station on Sunday afternoon, September 13, police and A.D.T. Guards arrived at the scene and captured a man attempting to escape from the premises through an alley at the rear.

The alarm had been caused when the burglar broke a dowel rod in the burglar alarm screen protecting a rear window. Merchandise was piled on the floor by the window, but it was reported that nothing was missing.

Wonders at Aero's Speed

"I cannot understand how so small a blaze could operate the System," said an officer of the Riverside Storage and Cartage Co., Detroit, Mich., in reference to a recent fire detected by the Aero Automatic Fire Alarm system.

The blaze, which started at 8:40 p. m. in a pile of paper under a loading dock at the rear of the premises, was believed to have been maliciously started by boys playing in the neighborhood. The fire department, summoned by the Aero alarm, extinguished the blaze without difficulty. There was no loss.

Well Planned Attack Foiled by Burglar Alarm

GUARDS, POLICE USE GUNS

Burglars Saw Through Iron Bars to Gain Entrance

After sawing and prying out a heavy iron bar from a basement window, and breaking down a stout iron door, burglars who attacked the Utah Wholesale Grocery Company, Salt Lake City, in a large scale robbery attempt on September 12, barely escaped with their lives when Guards and police, responding to an A.D.T. alarm, routed them with gunfire.

Nine Shots Fired

As Guards L. H. Preston and R. W. Reichert and police arrived at the scene at 12:33 a.m., two men jumped from a window at the rear of the building, and ran away through a vacant lot. The police and Guards pursued the fugitives, firing nine shots from their service revolvers. The burglars separated, and managed to make good their escape in the darkness. A third man, posted as a lookout, who fled as the police and A.D.T. cars approached down the street, had tipped off his accomplices inside in time to give them too great a head start for accurate shooting. It was believed, however, that some of the shots may have "winged" the burglars.

With the exception of the A.D.T. protection, which the burglars had failed to consider, the burglary attempt was obviously carefully planned. After breaking through the basement window, the burglars had knocked a heavy steel shipping door completely out of its frame by prying out the bricks in which the hinges were imbedded. Detectives be-

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Seattle Plant Saved from Destruction

Aero Summons Fire Department in Time to Nip Blaze in Bud

Threatened with complete destruction when a fire broke out on the night of August 21, the Patten Woodenware Company, Seattle, Wash., escaped with a loss placed at only \$200, as the result of the prompt action of the Aero Automatic Fire Alarm in detecting the blaze and summoning the fire department.

The fire, of unknown origin, started in an unprotected siding in the rear of the building. Flames licking up on the outside of the rear wall caused a sufficiently rapid rise in temperature to actuate the Aero System inside.

The building is a one story and basement frame structure, with highly inflammable contents typical of woodenware manufacturing. Thanks to the prompt alarm, the fire had not yet gotten

Gasoline Fire in Garage

Burning gasoline in the garage of the Chattanooga Transfer and Storage Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., probably would have developed into a serious fire on September 5, had it not been for Aero's promptness in summoning the fire department. Due to the prompt discovery, the blaze was extinguished without damage. a start inside the premises when the fire department arrived, and a hose stream directed at the burning wall quickly extinguished the blaze.

A representative of the Patten concern credited Aero with saving the entire plant, which, it was said, undoubtedly would have been completely destroyed if the alarm had been delayed.

Watchman Found Injured

Suffering a fractured elbow, and bleeding profusely from a bad cut on the arm and cuts and bruises on the body, the watchman at the Lincoln Packing Company, Lincoln, Neb., wandered aimlessly about the premises in a dazed condition on the night of September I, until his condition was discovered when an A.D.T. Guard came to the plant to investigate a delinquency in the watchman's 9:00 p. m. signal.

The Guard immediately took the watchman to a doctor, who said that the injured man could easily have bled to death if his condition had not been promptly discovered. The watchman was unable to give an account of how he had received his injuries. It was believed that he probably had been slugged from behind by an intruder, who had subsequently fled, since no suspicious persons were found on the premises.



GENERAL ALARM FIRE destroyed this Jacksonville, Fla., warehouse on the night of September 7, with loss estimated at \$50,000. First alarm was turned in on an A.D.T. Manual Box by the supervised watchman in a nearby building, which suffered no loss

Youthful Jewel Burglar Is Crime Veteran at Fifteen

A fifteen-year old burglar, with a career of criminal activities which would command respect even among hardboiled veterans of crime, was captured on September 17 as the result of an A.D.T. burglar alarm at the Will Sales Jewelry Store, Louisville, Ky.

When Guards C. B. Guldenschuh and O. Steller and police arrived at the premises in response to the alarm, they found that entrance had been forced by breaking through a transom over the front door. The culprit was found hiding inside the store, and surrendered without resistance.

The boy was taken to the police station, where he was searched. He had not had time to steal anything at the Sales store, but two watches, identified as part of the loot from a \$1,700 burglary at another jewelry store a few days before, were found in his possession.

Subsequent investigation also implicated the youthful burglar in another \$700 theft. Charges placed against the boy included storehouse breaking, grand larceny, possessing burglar tools, dwelling house breaking and delinquency.

Electrical Storm Starts Fire

An electrical storm was blamed for a short circuit which set fire to a transformer in the engine room of the Atlas Foundry Co., Marion, Ind., on August 28. The fire department, summoned by the Aero Automatic Fire Alarm System, quickly extinguished the blaze, damage being confined to the transformer.

Trips Burglar Alarm to Get Aid for Injured Man

Suffering a severe electrical shock from accidentally touching a live wire, an employee of the XXth Century Heating and Ventilating Co., Akron, Ohio, recently received prompt assistance through the presence of mind of a fellow worker who tripped an A.D.T. Burglar Alarm device as the quickest way of summoning capable assistance.

Guard Colley, who responded to the alarm, found the victim of the accident in a serious condition, and immediately removed him to a hospital. An officer of the firm later stated that the injured employee probably owed his life to the prompt assistance brought by A.D.T.

Designs for Capture Club Awards Completed

WERICAN DISTRICT TELEGRAPH

AWARDED BACH THAR TO THE CLASS 74° OFFICE

CREDITED WOTH THE HIGHEST TOWAL RUNBER

OF CAPTURES MADE AS THE RESULT OF

A. D. T. BUNELAR ALARMS, MOLDUP ALARMS

AND EMERGENCY CALL STONALS

THIS TROPHY BECOMES THE PERMANENT POSSESSION

OF THE OFFICE WINNING THREE THATES

Guards Show Preference for Lapel Buttons in Individual Competition

In the March issue of THE A.D.T. TRANSMITTER, it was announced by B. H. Sofge, General Superintendent of the Operating Department, that annual honorary awards will be given to the Central Station offices and the individual Guards who make the best records in the Capture Club during the year.

The designs for these awards, consisting of plaques for the winning offices, and lapel buttons for the individual Guards, have now been completed, and are pictured on this page.

In the announcement of this award plan as made in March, it was stated that medals would be awarded to Guards. Since then, however, many members of the organization have expressed a preference for buttons which can be worn in the lapel button-hole of the uniform.

These lapel buttons will be awarded at the end of the year to those Guards making the best record in the Capture Club in each of the three Central Station Groups, on the following basis:

> First place—Silver Second place—Gold-bronze Third place—Bronze

In case of ties, each Guard tying will be awarded the button of the place tied for. There also will be a gold lapel button, which will be awarded to any Guard who wins first place two times.

Also Special Awards

In certain cases, lapel buttons also may be awarded to Guards upon the basis of outstanding performance or distinguished service. Such special awards will be made at the discretion of an Awards Committee headed by Mr. Sofge. Operating Superintendents who feel that any Guard or Guards under their supervision merit consideration for a special award are requested to make a written recommendation to that effect, which should reach the New York Office not later than January 15. Awards will be announced in the February issue of THE A.D.T. TRANSMITTER.

The basis of award for the Capture

Club plaques remains as stated in the previous announcement. The Central Station office in each of the three Groups making the best Capture Club record in its Group shall retain possession of the



CAPTURE CLUB AWARDS Above — Design for Lapel Button, in Gold, Silver, Gold-Bronze and Bronze, to be awarded annually to Guards making best Capture Club records. Winner's name will be inscribed on back. (Cut is twice actual size) At Left — Engraved Plaque, to remain in possession of winning Central Station offices for succeeding year, and to become permanent possession of any office winning three times. (Actual size is 17 inches by 15 inches)

plaque for the succeeding year.

The division of Central Stations into "A," "B" and "C" Groups remains as listed in the March issue of THE A.D.T. TRANSMITTER.

Guard Turns Detective to Trap Burglar

Traces Taxicab in Which Show Window Burglar Fled

Like the famous Northwest Mounted, A.D.T. Guard C. E. Wendorff of Kansas City, Mo., believes in the motto "always get your man."

Arriving at the Kreitman Fur Company store at 12:09 a.m., September 2, just two minutes after the alarm came in to the Central Station, Wendorff found that the show window had been broken and merchandise in the window disturbed. There was no sign of the window smasher, but he figured that in two minutes the burglar could not have got very far, so he decided to do some detective work.

He questioned a taxi driver at a nearby cab stand, and learned that a man with a bundle under his arm had taken a cab a few moments before. Wendorff obtained the number of the cab, telephoned his information to Police Headquarters, and an order was sent out over the police radio to pick up the cab. In a short time the cab was located and a suspect arrested who had in his possession two of the store's coat labels.

In the meantime it had been ascertained that the "smash-and-grab" burglar had stolen two fur coats from the window. The suspect did not have the coats in his possession, but he was unable to give a satisfactory explanation for his possession of the coat labels. It was hoped that thorough questioning would elicit information which might lead to the recovery of the coats, which were valued at \$168.

Fire Starts in Overalls

Firemen responding to an alarm from the Aero System at the Tacoma Ice Co., Tacoma, Wash., on August 18, quickly extinguished a blaze which had broken out in a cloak room. The fire, which had started in a pair of overalls, was attributed to spontaneous ignition. There was no damage.

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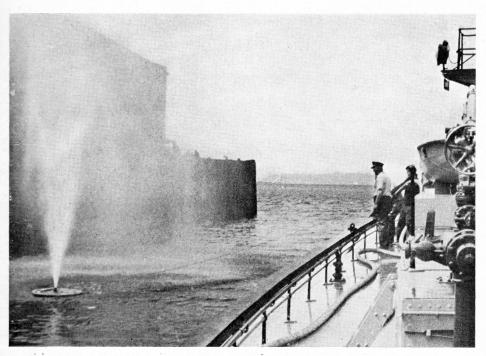
Misplaced Confidence

The following is quoted from the "Railway Fire Protection Ass'n. News Letter": "One of our members says that in his long experience he has found that a serious handicap in securing cooperation from various officers and employees is the complacent confidence many of them have that the fire department will appear of its own accord immediately after the discovery of a blaze. He gives the below account of a recent fire in one of our large cities.

"A watchman smelled smoke and telephoned to the superintendent at his home in the suburbs, who got out his automobile, called for his son, and then drove six miles through the city, to find a real fire going. The son then started up the street looking for a policeman. The first officer he found telephoned his station, which in turn called fire headquarters, who finally got an alarm on the circuits. A second went in soon after, and the damage was about \$10,000, mostly because nobody ever thought of pulling a box."

Just another version of the oft-told tragedy of belated discovery and delayed alarms. And, as in all cases of this kind, the moral is the same: The human element cannot be depended on to deal effectively with the emergency of fire.

Which means that adequate fire protection must include some means for detecting and reporting fire *automatically*.



PUTTING DOCK FIRES ON THE SPOT-New device for fighting fires under piers, directs a powerful stream of water upwards. It is controlled from the fireboat

It Wasn't "Just Raining" ... It Was Pouring

Sprinkler Operates, Watchman Pays No Attention, Thinking It Is a Rainstorm

(The items below are quoted from the "Factory Mutual Record.")

THE THEW SHOVEL CO., LORAIN, OH10-An assistant watchman heard water running but thought it was rain and paid no further attention to it. Later he realized that it was not raining, investigated and found that a sprinkler had opened from some unknown cause in an office above a group of filing cabinets which contained about 25,000 typewritten specifications in paper folders. The assistant called the watchman who, after making sure there was no fire, quickly shut the sprinkler valve, notified the plant superintendent and started to sweep up the water. The water penetrated all drawers in the cabinets, thoroughly wet their contents and caused a loss estimated at over \$1,000.

Watchmen should promptly investigate unusual sounds of running water.

Confused Watchman Forgets How to Shut Off Sprinkler System

CHAMPAGNE PAPER CORP., NEW YORK, N. Y. — Sunday afternoon, extreme heat opened a 165° sprinkler head under a skylight of an 8-story building. The watchman heard the alarm, investigated, and found the sprinkler operating, but saw no evidence of fire.

Becoming confused, the watchman could not remember how to shut the water off, although the floor control valve was near by. He tried to telephone several company executives, but could not reach anyone. Finally he called the city water department, and an emergency man came and shut off the water.

The watchman and another employee started to clean up, but failed to restore sprinkler protection, this not being done until company executives arrived Monday morning. Water wet down stock and equipment on the four upper stories, causing damage of about \$800.

In reference to the two cases related above, The TRANSMITTER has just one question to ask: "Why depend on the FALLIBLE HUMAN ELEMENT WHEN A.D.T. AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SUPER-VISION, WHICH WOULD HAVE PRE-VENTED SUCH LOSSES, IS AVAILABLE?"

"Intangibles Vital Factor" Says Store Executive

Adopts Modern Protection to Prevent Serious Fire

USES AUTOMATIC SERVICES

Considers Far-Reaching Effects on Welfare of "Barker Family"

In 1880, O. T. Barker of Los Angeles established a furniture store in a small room with only a 35-foot frontage, to serve the needs of the immediately surrounding community. In the fifty-six years that have passed, that modest enterprise has grown to be one of the largest home furnishings organizations in the world.

Today Barker Bros. is a household word in Southern California. The original 35-foot frontage store in Los Angeles has grown to an eleven story building a block long, affording more than sixteen acres of floor space. The branches in Hollywood and in Long Beach each include 40,000 feet of selling space, and are so crowded that further expansion probably will be necessary. The factory and warehouses have grown and extended to include three buildings, with a total floor area of 400,000 square feet.

Manufacture Own Furniture

Barker Bros. are outstanding not alone for the size of the organization, but also are recognized as a leading factor in the merchandising of home furnishings. Pioneering in the idea of "style at a price," Barker Bros. a number of years ago designed and had made for them sturdy, well-styled furnishings suitable to the type of small stucco and frame houses being built in southern California. Later, as the store grew, they manufactured their own furniture. This was the origin of the now well known "Monterey" type of furniture, with its many variations in the farmhouse manner.

Like the leading concerns in most other fields of commercial and industrial endeavor, Barker Bros. is protected by A.D.T. The main store is equipped with 266 Burglar Alarm units and nine Aero Automatic Fire Alarm circuits. There are also twenty-eight Manual Fire Alarm Boxes. The Long Beach TEN MILLION A YEAR BUSINESS is protected from disruption by p Shown above are Barker Bros. Los Angeles Store (at left) and the L firm also has a store in Hollywood, as well as extensive factory and branch has nine Manual Fire Alarm large and steady pu Boxes and twelve Watchman's Compulsory Tour Stations.

In deciding to adopt a complete and modern protective system, the store's management was influenced not so much by physical considerations as by the "intangible" factors involved.

"With an organization as large as ours," said a Barker Bros. executive, "a serious fire would necessarily have farreaching effects. The destruction of stock, buildings and physical property, which is amply covered by insurance, would be only a drop in the bucket."

\$10,000,000 Annual Volume

"We do a business of more than \$10,-000,000 a year, and have an annual pay roll of \$2,700,000. Our 1,700 employees, together with their families, would make a small city. If we had a serious fire which interrupted our business for any length of time, the welfare of our "Barker family" of employees would be seriously affected.

"And then there are other ramifications to consider. We buy about 2,500 carloads of lumber a year. We use more than 2,700,000 kilowatt hours of electricity. Our delivery trucks consume 120,000 gallons of gasoline and 4,800 gallons of oil annually. And so on. If our activities were interrupted by a serious fire, many firms from whom we are large and steady purchasers would suffer. These intangible factors we believe to be of fundamental importance, not only for our own welfare and prosperity, but for the welfare of our employees and of the community that we serve.

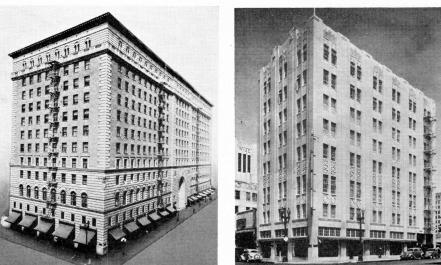
"Naturally, we always have done, and always shall do, everything possible to prevent a fire from ever starting. But just in case a fire should start, we want to be sure that it will be discovered and reported before it gets dangerous. That is why we adopted these protection services of the A.D.T. system."

Just a Bridegroom

With guns drawn a squad of policemen and A.D.T. Guards, summoned by an A.D.T. burglar alarm on August 8, charged into the jewelry manufacturing plant of J. Jenkins Sons Co., Baltimore, Md. They found, not a desperate burglar as they had expected, but a prospective bridegroom who had called at the factory to select a wedding ring.

The time was shortly after noon on a Saturday and the plant was officially closed. The bridegroom had innocently entered through a door which the last employee to leave had neglected to lock. The opening of the door operated the A.D.T. alarm. After satisfying themselves as to the man's identity, police released the embarrassed bridegroom.

TEN MILLION A YEAR BUSINESS is protected from disruption by fire by A.D.T. Services. Shown above are Barker Bros. Los Angeles Store (at left) and the Long Beach Store. The firm also has a store in Hollywood, as well as extensive factory and warehouse properties



October, 1936

Why We Use Automatic Protection

By HARRY E. PAULSEN Manager, Park Place Hotel Traverse City, Michigan

Two years ago, when the Michigan Legislature passed laws for hotels, demanding that they put in the proper alarm systems, our Annex, which has fifty guests rooms and is located across the street from our main building, was required, under the law, to put in a manual fire alarm system.

After reading of a number of experiences of people with manual alarm system we came to the conclusion that, even though the law only required us to put in a manual system, which would cost about \$500, it wasn't giving the guests the protection they should have. Even though the Traverse City Fire Department is located just one block away, we knew it couldn't be of any assistance *if the alarm was not turned in.*

We decided, therefore, that an automatic fire alarm system was what we needed, even though the additional cost was greater than a manual system. After checking over with numerous companies we came to the conclusion that the Aero Automatic Fire Alarm System was the system we wanted. Naturally we wanted the best.

This system was installed about three months ago and, of course, being one of the first hotels in northern Michigan to install such protection, we held a demonstration. The Aero System operated with such speed that the fire department arrived in less than a minute after the match was dropped into a pan of alcohol placed at the foot of a stairway where the ceiling is sixteen feet high. Our employees, who did not know of the fire drill, took their stations immediately.

We are now confident that if a fire should occur it will be discovered and extinguished quickly, and that our guests will be warned in time to leave the building if necessary. We hope that other hotels in the district, and in fact all over the United States, will follow us and adopt the same protection.

Burglar Steals Guns

Three revolvers were part of the loot recovered from a burglar who was captured as the result of an A.D.T. alarm at the Star Loan Office, Baltimore, Md., on the morning of September 17.

The burglar had gained entrance by smashing a protected window at the rear of the store. After helping himself to the revolvers and other articles from a show case inside the store, he climbed out again through the broken window, directly into the arms of a police squad and Guards who had sped to the scene in response to the A.D.T. alarm.



GUESTS NEED NOT FEAR FIRE at the Park Place Hotel, Traverse City, Michigan, where Aero Automatic Fire Alarm System recently was installed. Picture shows the Hotel's Annex

"Love's Labor Lost"

Digs Tunnel to Bank, Gives Up on Finding Wife "Runs Around"

The story of a Flint, Mich., factory worker, who labored three months digging a tunnel into a bank vault to obtain money for his wife, only to abandon the plan as his love faded, was revealed when the couple was arrested on August 18.

Inspired to the plan by a radio "thriller" drama, the would-be bank robber had dug three hours nightly for three months. He had completed twenty feet of his tunnel, one-third of the needed distance, when he quarreled with his wife about her "running around" during his nightly absences.

"I quit digging after that," he said, "because I was afraid my wife would inform the police, and I decided to tell about it myself."

Feeling that their captive already was suffering enough disappointment from his connubial complications, kind-hearted police spared him the information that, since the bank is A.D.T. protected, all his three months of laborious digging had been a futile venture, doomed to failure even if he had completed his tunnel.

Watchman Beaten by Thug Is in Serious Condition

Attacked and beaten by a thug on the night of August 5, the watchman at the Phillips and Buttorff Manufacturing Co. was given only a fifty-fifty chance for recovery by hospital doctors.

The injured man's plight was discovered by an A.D.T. Guard who went to the plant to investigate a signal delinquency at 4:00 a. m. He found the watchman on the first floor in a semiconscious condition, severely bruised about the head and arms, and immediately notified the police.

The injured man was taken to a hospital, where he recovered sufficiently to explain that in going to investigate a suspicious noise on the third floor, he had been attacked without warning by an unknown assailant hidden in the shadows.

Presumably the intruder had entered the premises for the purpose of burglary, but nothing was missing except the watchman's pistol.

Put Yourself in the Watchman's Shoes!

"A 70-year-old watchman risked his life early this morning and was beaten unconscious by thieves, after a futile effort to prevent a burglary.

"When a truck pulled up at II p. m., the elderly watchman thought it was the regular truckmen. He opened the door and several men pushed their way in. One of them struck him several times with an iron bar and others tied him up and placed a gag in his mouth. Then they locked him in the boiler room.

"His head and face bleeding, the watchman worked silently on his bonds, and about an hour later was able to free himself. Although he could hear the men working above, he crawled to the siren which is used to announce the factory lunch hour, and blew one blast before he collapsed. Several of the thieves rushed in and beat him into unconsciousness. The thieves escaped with \$10,000 worth of machinery and dresses."

The above news item is taken from a recent issue of "The New York Times." It is quoted here, not for the purpose of praising this watchman's heroism, nor for any reason connected with the loss suffered by his employers—in which there is, indeed, a certain poetic justice. This item is quoted for what can be read between the lines; namely, the inhumanity of the attitude of many employers toward their watchmen.

Many Employers Guilty

The inhumanity referred to is not, of course, deliberate. Many employers known for their humane and generous treatment of their employees are guilty of "watchman inhumanity," simply because it has never occurred to them to look at the watchman's job from the watchman's point of view.

If you think the word "inhumanity" is a bit strong, just put yourself in the watchman's shoes for a few minutes. Pretend, as you read this, that you are the watchman, and picture yourself in the situations cited below—all of which are actual cases from the A.D.T. records of the past few months.

You are employed, then, as a watchman in a large warehouse. You are sitting in the office, smoking a quiet pipe before your next round. Pretty soft, you may think? And so, perhaps, it is—



"WHEN A FELLOW NEEDS A FRIEND"— Sudden illness . . . an accident . . . an attack by burglars . . . whatever happens in the lonely vigil of the night, the watchman ISO-LATED from the outside world is "on the spot"

until suddenly, you are leapt upon from behind by three thugs who have silently come in, you know not how. Roughly, they drag you upstairs, and handcuff you to a post. Your leg is painfully doubled up under you. You protest, but the thugs pay no attention, and you are



"A FRIEND IN NEED" is the A.D.T. Watchman Supervisory Patrol Box, through which the watchman signals the Central Station at predetermined intervals. If a signal becomes overdue, A.D.T. Guards immediately dispatched to investigate

helpless to move. Time passes. A church clock nearby strikes two, three, four . . . And no relief in sight until the day watchman arrives at seven . . .

Or perhaps, with advancing years, your heart isn't quite as reliable as it used to be. Once in a while you have spells of faintness and dizziness. Your employer knows about this, and has kindly told you in such cases to sit down and rest until the spell passes. But one night it happens that such a dizzy spell comes on more suddenly than usual and, as luck would have it, while you are going down a steep, narrow stairway. You lose your balance and fall to the bottom. After a while, you don't know how long, you come to, and become aware of an excruciating pain in your leg. You try to get up, but find that the leg is useless. Slowly, painfully, you try to crawl toward the telephone at the other end of the floor. But it's too much. You find that you can't make it, and you collapse, unable to move. How long will you lie there, before help comes . . . ?

The Horror of Fire

Or, again, imagine that you are a watchman in a factory, and you think you have smelled smoke from somewhere upstairs. You get into the elevator to ride up and investigate. Suddenly the elevator stops between the fourth and fifth floors. The power has gone dead. Smoke seeps into the elevator from up above. You open the emergency trap door in the roof of the elevator, and you see that the whole elevator shaft is full of smoke. You manage to climb out to the roof of the elevator, but weakened by breathing the constantly thickening smoke, you can't quite manage to pull yourself up to the next floor level. Will help come in time, or are you doomed to be burned alive . . . ?

"But what," you might say, "has all this got to do with me as an employer?"

"Can I help it if my watchman gets sick, if he falls downstairs, or gets stuck in an elevator? Can I prevent unforeseen accidents from injuring or disabling him? Certainly, I'm willing to admit that a lot of things might happen to my watchman—but how does that make me "inhuman" as you call it?"

The answer to all these questions is

"no." You cannot, beyond reasonable safety precautions, prevent "things from happening" to your watchman—but you *can* exercise some control over the consequences of such happenings. Inhumanity to the watchman consists simply in leaving the watchman *isolated* from the outside world.

It is a matter which it is very easy to remedy, and which thousands of employers *have* remedied, by placing the watchman under outside supervision. In each of the three cases cited above as illustrations, the seemingly inevitable tragedy was prevented by such supervision.

In the case of the watchman handcuffed to a post by burglars, assistance came in time not only to release the watchman before he suffered serious discomfort, but in time to prevent the successful completion of the burglary. In the case of the watchman who hurt himself in a fall down a flight of stairs, aid came just in time, according to hospital authorities, to save the man's life. In the case of the watchman trapped in the elevator shaft, with a fire starting above, not only was the watchman rescued, but a serious fire was averted.

And it should be noted that these watchmen did not have to call for assistance, or perform any positive action to summon help. With A.D.T. Central Station Watchman Supervision, the watchman "rings in" to the A.D.T. Central Station. If the watchman becomes sick or disabled, he knows that aid will be forthcoming automatically. His signals are scheduled at certain, predetermined intervals, and if any signal becomes overdue, it is immediately investigated by A.D.T. Guards.

The instances that have been cited above are by no means isolated cases. During 1935, A.D.T. investigated 132,-665 delinquencies in watchmen's signals. In many cases where the watchman was sick, injured or disabled by some accident, A.D.T. was directly responsible for saving the watchman's life.

So put yourself in the watchman's shoes. Ask yourself where you would be now, had you been the principal actor involved in any of the cases cited above. Then, whether to leave *your* watchman alone and isolated through the long vigils of the night, or whether to provide the SECURITY afforded by outside supervision, is simply a matter to be decided between yourself and your conscience.

Credit Automatic System With Preventing Damage

The prompt and efficient functioning of the A.D.T. Supervised Sprinkler system at the Houston Paper Stock Co., Houston, Texas, prevented damage when fire opened one sprinkler head on the night of August 7. The fire department was immediately dispatched in response to the resulting A.D.T. waterflow alarm.

Gunfire Routs Burglars

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lieved that it had been the burglars' intention to drive a truck up to this door. Nothing in the office was disturbed, indicating that the burglars had planned to make their haul from the merchandise.

Officials of the firm stated the following day that nothing was missing.

L. H. Preston.....

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Capture Club in Close Race for First Place in Groups "A" and "C"

Complete details of the Capture Club awards with pictures are given in a special article on page 3. As will be seen below, it's anybody's race so far.

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Star Loan Co		Pawnbrokers	E. Supik	. 1
A. Stowell &		Jewelers	H. S. Antoine	. 1
Rosenthal To		Tobacco	H. S. Antoine	• •
ressentation in a	bucco co., Boston	Tobacco	J. W. Chaffee	. 2
Royal Jewele	ers, Chicago-West	Jewelers	C E Ensign	. 4
M. J. Steinbe			C. E. Ensign	. 1
M. J. Stembe	rg, Chicago-West	Junk	J. Marousek	•
M D C LL			J. Hlavacek	
	Chicago-Yards	Tailor	E. Gross	. 1
Rosen's Mens	swear Cincinnati	Clothing	P. J. Kelly	
			J. T. Meyer	. 1
Siegfried Lov	venthal, Cleveland	Wines & Liquors	T. Dever	
			P. R. Rhine	
Kielson Ciga	r Co., Dayton	Tobacco	J. Wright	
0	,		R. Lewis	. 1
U. S. Wareho	ouse Co., Detroit	Warehouse	0. Belonge	
Kreitman Fur Co., Kansas City		Furs	C. E. Wendorff	
	Voehringer Co.,	Fuls	C. E. Wendorn	. 1
WICK JUUSON		Wasset Dida	TT T TT	
	Long Island City	Vacant Bldg.	T. J. Turner	•
			P. Brennan	. 3
Will Sales,	Louisville	Jeweler	C. B. Guldenschuh	
			O. Steller	. 1
Barnett & We	eiss. Salt Lake City	Iewelers	V. N. Miller	

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	GROUP A Cap- tures	GROUP B Cap- tures	GROUP C Cap- tures			
1	Cleveland 34	Baltimore 12	E. St. Louis, Houston, New Orleans, Port- land, O., and Savan- nah. each			
2	Detroit 29	{ Chicago—Yards Seattle	Atlanta, Charleston, Ft. Worth, Reading, Rochester, South Bend, Spokane, each 2			
	Individual Standings to Date					
1	H. L. King, Cleveland 14	A. Stopinski, H. Well- mer and E. A. Su- pik, Baltimore, each 5	H. R. McCord, Hous- ton; E. W. Baudine and S. J. McCarthy, New Orleans; and W. R. Floyd, Savan- nah; each 3			
2	N. Volf, Cleveland 13	C. H. Burns, Balti- more; F. Sullivan, Chicago-Eng.; and T. J. Turner and P. Brennan, L. I. City, each	C. J. Connell and T. Foy, Charleston; C. M. Harris, E. St. Louis; A. N. Sulli- van, Ft. Worth; P. D. Deiner and B. F. Hain, Reading, each. 2			