

Safecrackers Get Two Thousand In Loot From Savoy Hotel Parlor

Detectives of the criminal investigation bureau were busy last night endeavoring to unearth clues that would lead to the capture of the band of expert safecrackers who blew open two safes and endeavored to crack a third obtaining nearly \$2,000 in loot.

First "safeblow" to be discovered was at the Savoy Hotel Beer Parlour, 258 E. Hastings St., when the hotel janitor, Jan Cimolai, found the rear door jemmied and the safe doors blown wide open.

The proprietor, Pete Minichello, told inspector of detectives A. Campbell and detectives Walter Mulligan and Lawrence McCulloch that \$1,468.50 of the hotel's money was gone from the safe—also an envelope containing \$450 belonging to a waiter.

The fact that the yeggs broke open a door leading to a passageway, which in turn led off

the hotel corridor upstairs, indicates that they came in through the hotel entrance and left the same way with their loot.

While police were still investigating this case a call came in from Dueck-Nicholls Motors, 1305 W. Broadway, where the management found that one safe had been blasted open and a second "soaped up" and charged with nitro-glycerine in preparation for blowing it apart.

Detectives Lloyd Pinkerton and Harry Whelan, on investigating, found that although the doors had been ripped completely off the strongbox by the blast, the yeggs failed to obtain loot. It contained only records.

Nitro was still in the "soap cup" attached to the second safe and Inspector G. F. C. B. Vance of the police science bureau, is now faced with the ticklish job of neutralizing the dangerous liquid before the safe can be put to use again.

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