

Agents Closing in On Hijacking Gang; Goods at Shawano

Alleged That Part of Loot
Also Found in Store at
New London

New London, March 21.—(AP)—Climaxing weeks of undercover investigation, department of justice agents and Chicago agents were closing in today on a gang they charge was involved in the hijacking of thousands of dollars worth of merchandise from interstate freight shipments.

It was reported that part of the stolen goods—shoes, dresses, stockings and gloves—was found in two New London and Shawano stores.

Complaint Filed

On complaint of A. P. Barber, department of justice operative, warrants were issued charging Sam Chaimson, Shawano merchant and his nephew Julian Breakstone, operator of a mercantile store here, with receiving stolen property. The warrants issued by U. S. Commissioner C. E. Dillett, at Shawano allege that Chaimson, concealed the property.

Chaimson and Breakstone were hunted today.

The shipments being made by truck were hi-jacked, it was reported, while on the way from Milwaukee and Kankakee, Ill., to Chicago.

Local authorities who assisted in the investigation in this vicinity said that a truckload of Wisconsin goods was hi-jacked on the outskirts of Chicago last fall. A suspect was taken into custody and said a man named "Rubin" received the stolen property. The suspect said a man named Breakstone, operating a store in Wisconsin, was to get the loot.

Lieutenant James Kerr of the Chicago police department's cartage detail learned that a Julian Breakstone operated a store here. With his wife, Kerr went to Green Bay and met E. T. Donahue, van insurance company investigator, and his wife.

Buys Articles

The women went to the Breakstone store here and purchased several articles. The investigators said the stock numbers revealed they were part of the hi-jacked goods.

The detectives were informed Breakstone had gone to Shawano. Donahue followed him and purchased goods at Chaimson's store.

Questioned by the Waupaca county district attorney, Breakstone denied knowledge that the goods was stolen, asserting that a stranger with a truck had offered it to him at an advantageous price.

The detectives visited the Chaimson store, but were told by police that a cattle truck had taken a shipment from the store the night before.