

ROBBER PURSUED BY MISS THORNE IN AUTO

Daughter of New York Banker
Went to Aid of Clergyman At-
tacked Near Summer Home.

THIEF ESCAPED IN WOODS

The Rev. Ralph Deyo Knocked Sense-
less with a Club and Robbed of \$160
—Miss Thorne's Swift Chase.

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POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 7.—Driving a powerful 40 horse power automobile, Miss Margaret Thorne, daughter of Oakleigh Thorne, President of the Trust Company of America, who has a Summer home near Millbrook, led in a chase after a highwayman this morning.

In Miss Thorne's car at the time were the Rev. Ralph Deyo of Netherwood, victim of the highwayman; Dr. Jacobus, who was attending the clergyman, and Deputy Sheriff Donahue.

Miss Thorne, though alone in the big Thorne mansion when news of the hold-up was brought to her, rushed to the garage, and ran the machine herself in the hunt for the bandit. Mr. Deyo was struck on the head with a club by the highwayman, receiving a bad cut. The robber got \$160.

While Dr. Jacobus was attending the clergyman word came that a strange man was hurrying along the highway in the direction of Netherwood, eight miles distant, and Miss Thorne insisted upon trying to overtake the stranger while conveying the victim to his home. They were overtaking the stranger, when he ran out of the highway and escaped in the woods. Officers have since been searching the vicinity.

Mr. Deyo was held up near the Burton woods, which adjoin Thorndale, the home of the Thornes. The minister was walking in the direction of South Millbrook, when the bandit stepped out from behind a tree, and struck him on the head. Mr. Deyo dropped and the bandit went through his pockets. When the clergyman regained consciousness he felt for his wallet, and, finding it was gone, he made his way to the Thorne gatehouse, and told the gate tender of the hold-up. The minister's face was covered with blood.

A telephone message was sent to Dr. Jacobus at Millbrook, and while the doctor was attending to Mr. Deyo's wounds some one ran to the Thorne mansion, and reported the robbery, and told Miss Thorne that a man believed to be the highwayman had been seen walking on the highway toward Washington Hollow.

Directing the officers to get ready for a fast ride Miss Thorne ran to the garage and got out her father's big car. Deputy Sheriff Donahue had arrived in the meantime. Miss Thorne explained that she would race after the stranger in the highway.

Miss Thorne sent the powerful racer forward at a fifty-mile clip over the muddy roads, and within a short time had nearly caught up with the stranger, when he leaped over a stone wall and disappeared in the woods.

Deputy Sheriff Donahue and another man pursued him. This afternoon Sheriff Townsend, Under Sheriff Hornbeck, and District Attorney Mack went to Millbrook to make an investigation of the hold-up.

The county officials returned about midnight without having obtained a satisfactory clue to the robber who assaulted the Rev. Mr. Deyo. The clergyman was brought to the Home Gate house, where he is now attended by physicians. His condition does not permit of his removal. His mind is not clear, although he was able to give a fair description of the highwayman. He said he was a big man with a red face.

Deputy Sheriff Donahue, who was taken out in her car by Miss Thorne, is still on the robber's trail. It is believed the thief is hiding somewhere in the locality, as a close watch has been kept along the highways and railroads. Officers are making a careful search in near-by sections. Sheriff Townsend said to-night:

"Deputy Donahue has taken all needful steps to prevent the man's escape. I believe that we will capture him. The Rev. Mr. Deyo is not able to tell us clearly all that happened to him. He recalls being in the woods when he was assailed by a stranger, who struck him. He fainted but after awhile aroused himself, and, realizing that he had been robbed, he staggered along until he reached the Thorne estate, when he fainted again, but finally recovered sufficiently to tell his story.

"The doctors think he will be able to talk more clearly to-morrow. In the meantime we have enough information to work on and believe we can get the fugitive."

This is the first highway robbery that has occurred at Millbrook in years. A few miles to the eastward the heavy wooded valley of the Cleve offers a good hiding place, where a man might exist for a week. Dogs will be used in the chase to-morrow.

JUSTICE'S SON ARRESTED.

5th Ave. Salesgirl Says Young Wyatt
Resembles an Embezzling Customer.

When Merritt Trimble Wyatt, son of Justice Wyatt of the Court of Special Sessions, went into a shop in Fifth Avenue yesterday afternoon a girl behind the glove counter pointed him out to a shop detective as closely resembling a customer who had caused a bill for \$72 worth of goods to be charged to Everett L. Judkins, a millinery manufacturer, living at 71 Riverside Drive, at the same time representing himself as Judkins's son. The bill was presented on March 31, and was duly repudiated by Judkins.

The salesgirl declared so positively that the detective, John F. Larkin, caused him to be locked up in the West Thirtieth Street Police Station on the charge of embezzlement. He will have a hearing to-day.

Wyatt was arrested last Saturday at the box office of the Winter Garden on a charge of attempted larceny of theatre tickets, but he was released in the Night Court for lack of evidence. He begged his friends last night not to let his father know of his arrest, but finally consented to appeal to him for bail, after vain attempts had been made to obtain it elsewhere.