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First National Bank,

Allendale, N. J.

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## BANDITS LOOT ALLENDALE BANK IN DARING HOLD-UP

### Force Employees And Customers Into Inner Vault

#### BANK THIEVES WERE UNMASKED

Haul Is Thought to Have Have Been About  
\$10,000 — Detachment of F. B. I. Men  
Seeking Fingerprints — Car Carried  
N. Y. License — Being Checked  
Through Ramsey Agency

Five bandits armed with revolvers and submachine guns looted the First National Bank of Allendale of an undetermined amount at 2:15 this afternoon, after locking the five employees of the bank in the vault.

Present estimates of the bank employees set the loss in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

A detachment of four F. B. I. men under Agent T. J. Donegan of the Newark office was at work seeking fingerprints shortly after the robbery. Other police officers at the scene early this afternoon were Lts. Guidetti and Frazer, of the Prosecutor's

office; Chief Lockwood, Investigator Stewart of the Bergen County Police, Chief Voss of the Ramsey Police, and Officers Jack Forshay and James Webb. Chief Reimer was absent from town.

Cashier Edward Hamilton, who was in the front office of the bank as the bandits entered, said that there were either four or six men in the gang.

"The man who took care of me," said Hamilton, "carried a submachine gun, there may have been four or five others who entered with him. He forced me and the other employees of the bank to lie on the floor. Two or three customers who were in the bank were treated in the same manner and relieved of their money.

"The men cleaned out the cash drawer and demanded entrance to the inner vault, where the balance of the money is kept. Of course, I was forced to admit them to the vault," Hamilton said.