Burglars Break Into Tabernacle

Part of $30,000 Theft Of Bishop Grace Found

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CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Bishop C. M. (Daddy) Grace, evangelist an idol of thousands of religious worshippers in various sections of the South, is hoping the police will be successful in their search for nearly $18,000 in cash which was a part of the alleged $30,000 loot burglars made off with in the theft of his brief case recently.

Already recovered, according to Chief of Police Frank N. Littlejohn, was more than $5,000 worth of jewelry and $529 in currency, taken from a church owned by Bishop Grace in Concord, N. C., on October 10.

A colored man identified as Clarence Jones, 1921 W. Trade street, is being held by city police for investigation in connection with the robbery.

JONES PICKED UP

Jones, an employee of a local dry cleaning plant, was picked up in Washington, N. C., on a tip supplied by Charlotte police, and brought back here for questioning.

According to the police, Jones admits knowledge of the crime, but maintains he sat outside in the getaway car while a confederate entered the church skylight and stole the brief case.

Chief Littlejohn said the recovered money was traced back to Jones, however, and he led officers to discovery of the missing brief case where it had been hidden on Rozsell's Ferry road.

ANOTHER VALUABLE

Among other valuables retrieved was a $5,000 platinum case watch; two diamond rings; one of which was valued at $3,500; a diamond-studded key encrusted with pearls; and the key to several safety-deposit boxes used by Bishop Grace.

In addition to the jewelry the loot consisted of 193 hundred (See BISHOP GRACE, Page 2)
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dollar bills, 69 fifty dollar bills, and 124 twenties, according to
the police.

Daddy Grace, talking with
the chief of police by telephone
from New York, Washington
and Philadelphia, said the
valuables were contained in a
black brief case.

The ring which has two sets
of diamonds on each side (32
individual diamonds) and ten
emeralds in the center, is re-
ported to have been found on
Jones on his apprehension.

Police have also questioned
a Negro identified as E. B.
Massey of Cleveland, Ohio. He
allegedly told the officers he is
the brother-in-law of Jones and
once lived in Charlotte.