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## EXPRESS BOY MAIL LOOKS ON SANTA FE

### Aged Messenger Shot From Ventilator, Car Door Reached by Rope.

### SUM TAKEN UNKNOWN

### Robbers Believed to Have Left Train at San Juan, Calif., and Headed for Mexico.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SANTA ANA, Cal., Aug. 25.—Robbers who looted the combination mail and express car of Santa Fe train No. 75 between here and San Diego last night after shooting Elmer Campbell, 62-year-old express messenger, today appeared to have made a clean getaway with three pouches of mail and other loot of undetermined value.

Campbell was found lying in a pool of blood on the floor of the looted car when the train arrived here at 8:47 p. m., and Conductor David L. Gilmore noticed the messenger did not open his door as usual to receive more mail and express. At first it was believed he had been beaten as well as shot, but later examination revealed that a bullet apparently fired down at him through a ventilator on the roof of the car had lodged in the base of the brain.

A rope ladder hanging down from the roof on the outside of the car showed how an entrance was effected after the shooting. A pane of glass had been broken out of the side door near the ladder and the door thus unlocked from within.

Inside all was confusion. "It looked as though we had been through a wreck," Conductor Gilmore said.

Of the nine mail pouches carried by the train when it left San Diego, only six could be found in the car and these had been ripped open. Letters were scattered all about. The express strong box had been opened and looted.

A check by postal and express company officials and in Los Angeles and San Diego failed to reveal any sizeable loss but it was admitted that inasmuch as one of the missing pouches contained air mail, the loot may yet prove to have been considerable.

Advance knowledge indicated the robbery had been carefully planned in detail by men familiar with train and mail schedules with express and mail shipment routine. They apparently knew that during the 49-mile run from Oceanside to Santa Ana no one would be near the express and mail car but an elderly messenger, and that they had just about 45 minutes in which to work unhampered.

County, federal and private investigators working on the case believe two or more men boarded the train when it stopped at Oceanside, that they climbed to the roof and waited until the train was well under way and that then one of them took aim at Campbell through a ventilator while his companion or companions clambered down the rope ladder ready to break in as soon as the shot was fired that put Campbell out of the way. After the robbery the men are believed to have jumped from the train when it slowed down to four miles an hour at San Juan, 30 miles from here. Having their theory upon the case with which the actual robbery appears to have been planned, officers assumed the men had an automobile awaiting them and ready to take them to Mexico or some nearby hiding place.

Reports reaching the sheriff's office to the effect that a heavy car (Continued on page 3.)

## British P. O. Loses Trace of the King To-Be

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
LONDON, Aug. 25.—With the world following through the news dispatches the peregrinations of the Prince of Wales on his South American trip, the British post office is unaware of his whereabouts, according to a squib in the Daily Express.

The paper says a company of school cadets encamped in the country recently received a message from the Prince to which they filed a reply expressing loyal and dutiful greetings, the message being addressed to H. R. R. Prince of Wales, H. M. S. "Resolute."

The post office returned the message with the endorsement "address unknown."

## MONTREAL BLOCK, CHIEFLY HOMES, LEVELED BY FIRE

### Dwellers Driven Scantily Clad Into Streets by Spectacular Blaze—Casualties Few.

MONTREAL, Que., Aug. 25.—An entire block of buildings in Montreal was laid waste last night and early this morning by one of the most spectacular fires the city ever experienced.

The blaze, under a half gale, spread rapidly and soon enveloped the entire block. The building consumed consisted of 20 or more dwellings, a large apartment house, an ice plant and other houses.

No estimate has been made of the damage. The casualties were comparatively few.

Most of these reported consisted of several firemen being overcome by smoke or cut by flying glass. One woman who suffered a broken arm when a piece of fire apparatus in turning a corner dashed through the plate glass of a clear store.

At least sixty-one families were rendered homeless by the fire. During the height of the conflagration, the water pressure was extremely low and this gave the firemen much concern.

The firemen realizing the futility of endeavoring to save the burning block, centered their efforts on keeping the flames from spreading. They succeeded and the buildings opposite the fire zone suffered nothing worse than a scorching.

The people in the burning district were aroused from their slumbers when the fire started and fled, scantily attired. Numerous sick persons had to be carried out of their homes.

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According to the information, these persons have already cashed a large number of orders in amounts of \$15 to \$20 on Saturdays.

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## BANDITS SLAY SHERIFF, THEN A TRAFFIC COP

### Make Getaway After Fight With Poses in Kansas and Nebraska.

### BARRICADE FAILURE

### Two Young Fugitives Held Long Enough to Battle Officers, Then Dash Across Border.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

COLBY, Kans., Aug. 25.—Authorities today had found no trace of two young men, who yesterday shot and killed Sheriff Sam Pratt, of Thomas county, and then crossed the Nebraska line and killed Edward Clark, North Platte traffic officer, after running gun fights with poses of the two states. The slayers are believed to be hold-ups from the northern part of the state and were making their escape in an automobile when they encountered the officers.

Sheriff Pratt, learning that the men were headed in this direction, took a posse of six men and blockaded the main highway north of Colby with a large motor truck.

The pair traveling, at a high rate of speed, stopped at the obstruction. As the sheriff started for the car, a volley of shots rang out. Pratt fell, fatally wounded.

The men then made a run through the blockade amid a rain of shots. Their car was disabled and they fled on foot to the home of Doyle Crawford, where they commandeered his small touring car. They escaped over the line into Nebraska. Across the line, they encountered a squad of Nebraska officers, who had been notified to watch for the fleeing men.

In a gunfight that followed, Edward Clark, traffic officer of North Platte, was slain.

Poses from the two states took up the trail of the slayers today.

### LOOK OUT FOR P. O. MONEY ORDERS IN HANDS OF THIEVES

Money order forms No. 6831 to 7,000 inclusive were stolen from the Cartersville, Mont., postoffice several days ago, and are being forged and cashed in Pacific Coast cities by a woman, according to information received today by Postmaster Helmline.

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## Vagrant Who Trapped Tom Murray, Asks Reward, Then Hits "Blind" for Old Mexico

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 25.—According to local police, Phillip Carson, the young man who trapped Tom Murray, escaped convict, at Centralia, Wash., last Friday, and who entered a claim for the \$1,000 reward offered by Governor Pierce, has decided that the northern part of the state is too hot for him, and intends to remain near the Mexican border until the storm blows over.

Travel stained and weary, Carson dropped off a freight train in Ashland last night and called on Roy Parr, deputy game warden, asking for something to eat, and permission from Southern Pacific to continue his trip by freight. Carson was given a meal and while no official permission was given him to continue the journey, the police declare he left for the south on a freight train early this morning.

In a statement to Roy Parr, previous to his departure, Carson said he was not fleeing from the state out of fear of trouble, but was called to California on business. He branded as false reports that Murray's capture was due not to him but to the activities of the authorities at Centralia.

Murray's Parents Visit Him.  
SALEM, Ore., Aug. 25.—While condemning him for his career of crime that culminated in the death of two prison guards when he and two other convicts shot their way out of the Oregon penitentiary on the evening of August 12, the family of Tom Murray, who led the break from the prison, will stick to him to the end.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murray and their daughter, father, mother and sister respectively of the desperado, were here today. They visited him this morning in the death cell of the prison to which he is confined, according to Deputy Warden Liley, who accompanied them to the cell.

They remained with the youthful bandit for 20 or 25 minutes.

Murray, the deputy warden said, seemed principally concerned with comforting his mother. And smiled and laughed and told them not to worry, and to "forget all about it."

Upon their arrival from their home near Seattle, the members of the family first went to interview Governor Pierce, and when informed that he was out of town went directly to the prison.

While Murray was visiting with his family, District Attorney John Carson, Sheriff O. D. Bowser, and their assistants were busy weaving the chain of evidence that will be submitted to the Marion county grand jury tomorrow in support of a request for first degree murder indictments against Murray and his two partners in the break and killing, Kelley and Willos.

Evidence sufficient to insure the conviction and hanging of Murray is already in hand, the authorities believe. But in the case of Willos and Kelley it is a different matter. Before they hang it will be necessary for the state to prove that as individuals they fired the shots that resulted in the death of one of the guards, or that they were parties to a conspiracy to kill if necessary in making their escape.

The prosecution has a third opportunity to ask the death penalty for either Willos or Kelley, or both, if they can prove that either or both actually assaulted an officer in making the break.

Kelley and Willos have both laid the ground work for their defense in statements declaring that neither fired a shot. But counterbalanced by the police there as being Hip Sing factions. The arrests were made in a raid on Hip Sing headquarters after officials of the tong had revealed a death plot.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 25.—Shing Sun, proprietor of a Chinese laundry was shot and killed in his laundry today by two unidentified Chinese in what police described as a renewal of warfare between rival tongs. The slayers escaped.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 25.—With one Chinese shot to death today and two members walking the streets in pairs, police prepared for a renewal of a tong war here. Low Ross, member of the On Leong tongs, was killed in a restaurant.

## NORTH UMPQUA ROAD MONEY IS NEARLY GONE

### Funds Will Only Complete the Grade as Far as Williams Creek.

### GOAL NOT REACHED

### Government Had Hoped to Get Road as Far as Steamboat Ranger Station With Funds Available.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

Only enough money remains in the funds allotted for the North Umpqua road to complete that project to Williams Creek, two miles from Steamboat ranger station, the goal for this year's work, according to J. M. Meyers, superintendent for the bureau of public roads. It had been hoped that with the money made available this year it would be possible to complete the road through to Steamboat, and except for unforeseen circumstances, this would have been possible. Mr. Meyers states that as much of the road will be constructed as funds will permit, but he does not expect to get past Williams Creek this year.

It is expected that the government will supply sufficient funds to carry the road on into Steamboat, but beyond that point it is not probable that the work will be initiated by the government, and if any further construction is undertaken it will only be by the effort of outside communities which combine in showing the need and necessity for the completion of the road.

This road project was primarily instituted by the government as a forest development proposition, designed largely for fire protection and for getting supplies in and out with dispatch.

Between Rock Creek and the boundary of the Umpqua national forest, Douglas county was asked to aid on a \$650 basis. This the county agreed to do, and appropriated \$17,500, which the government said would be the county's share for that particular portion. The \$35,000 thus provided proved far insufficient to complete the section, but the government shouldered all remaining expense, and completed the road to the boundary without further aid from the county, more than \$10,000 being used to complete the road to the forest limit. The government then asked the county to appropriate \$10,000, while the federal bureau set aside \$40,000, this money to be used to complete the road into Steamboat.

The funds would have proven ample, except for the fact that a longer road, and one more difficult to construct, was made necessary by the filing of power site claims on the North Umpqua river.

The plans proposed by The California Oregon Power Company provide for raising the waters more than 100 feet in some places, so that it became necessary to water grade the road back considerable distances from the river, winding in and out among the spurs and canyons, adding much to the length of the road, and causing considerable more exertion and expense in construction.

The government willingly assumed the added burden entailed by this change, as it is the policy, wherever possible, to protect the public interest in waterpower development. The North Umpqua river is potentially one of the greatest power streams in the northwest, and as the public has a great interest in its federally reserved lands, its rights in water power are being protected so that future development will not be handicapped in any way. Consequently the road was established on a new grade.

Eventually the power of the river will doubtless be harnessed, and when this is done the company which takes up the development project will probably be called upon to assume a portion of the added cost resulting from the change in plans, but in the meantime the government is providing the additional funds needed.

Mr. Meyers states that the appropriation is now nearly exhausted, and that the government will endeavor to finish the grade to Williams Creek, and that will be all that can be done unless additional funds are raised.

The road is being built upon forest development standards, although the road has been officially adopted as a forest highway.

The government has two standards, one a forest development standard, the other a forest highway.

## Dog Swallows Capsule That Cost Fortune

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
VIENNA, Aug. 25.—Forced to choose between paying twenty billion kronen or allowing her dog to be killed, Baroness Klenow shed bitter tears before the court yesterday, but after a struggle, decided to sacrifice the pet.

The dog had a skin disease which veterinarians sought to cure by radium treatment. A capsule of the precious metal valued at twenty billion kronen was applied to the affected part. The dog preferred an internal application, however, and swallowed the capsule. The court action followed.

## INQUIRY ORDERED INTO CAMP GRANT MORTAR TRAGEDY

### Defective Shell Believed to Blame for Death of 8 Soldiers, Injury to 12 Others.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

ROCKFORD, Ill., Aug. 25.—A board of inquiry will investigate the explosion of a trench mortar at Camp Grant, which killed eight and wounded 12 negro members of the Eighth Infantry regiment of Chicago.

From witnesses only a hazy story of the tragedy has been gathered. Captain Orestes Browning, a World War veteran and one of the slain, was in command of practice firing with 3-inch stokes trench mortars, using projectiles filled with sand instead of high explosives.

After the propelling charge of explosive in the shells failed, witnesses said, the sand filling was removed from the projectiles and in its place some of the cordite, a high explosive, was inserted. Such a shell exploded inside the gun, throwing fragments of metal in every direction and scattering the dead and injured about.

The explosion followed by a few hours the injury of eleven citizens who were burned during a demonstration.

Captain Browning, as a first lieutenant, won a croix de guerre and was cited for valor in 1918.

### JUSTICE MCBRIDE'S WIFE PASSES AWAY

ST. HELENS, Ore., Aug. 25.—Funeral services were held here today for Mrs. Mary E. McBride, wife of Chief Justice Thomas A. McBride of the Oregon Supreme Court. The rites were held in the Methodist church, with Rev. S. D. Johnson conducting the services.

The pallbearers, all nephews of Mrs. McBride, were Dr. W. B. Morse, Salem; Fred Caples, Columbia City, Ore.; John Woods, Long Beach, Wash.; Loring Adams, Edwin C. Gilmore and P. C. Patterson, Portland. The interment was in Deer Island cemetery, near Mrs. McBride's old home.

### VESUVIUS SPOUTS; ACTION IS LIGHT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
NAPLES, Italy, Aug. 25.—Mount Vesuvius has resumed extraordinary activity, the volcano erupting great quantities of ashes and lighting up the whole countryside at night. Authorities at the volcanic observatory, however, have expressed the opinion that no danger is imminent.

### GERMAN FACTIONS CLASH

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
GELSENKIRCH, Germany, Aug. 25.—Collisions between communists and members of the "Werwolen," a nationalist organization, during the inauguration of German Flag Day here today, resulted in the serious wounding of seven nationalists. Thirty communists were arrested.

## SEGMENTS OF FLESH POINT TO A MURDER

### Finding of Portions Human Body Indicates Fate of Missing Nurse.

### SWAMP BEING COMBED

### Missing Finger Bore \$1,000 Diamond Ring—No Clues So Far to Identity of Killer.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 25.—Positive identification of portions of the dismembered body found in the El Cerrito swamps as those of Mrs. J. J. (Bessie) Loren, Oakland nurse, was made today by Mrs. Loren's mother and brothers in Oakland. This announcement was made about noon today by under Sheriff W. M. Yeale of Contra Costa county, after he had shown the family another section of the human scalp covered with blonde hair found today in the swamp close to where a woman's severed ear and tongue, another section of scalp and a lower jawbone previously were found.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—Employees of the Antlers hotel said a woman believed to have been Mrs. Bessie Loren, registered there Monday afternoon, August 17 and checked out Wednesday evening and August 19, between 9 and 10 o'clock. They said they knew of only one man who called on her during the two days. He was unknown to the members remained in the room with her only a short time. They said she registered as Mrs. J. Loren.

That the woman intended to return was indicated by the fact, as stated by hotel attaches, that she left a coat, a hat and pair of tan shoes in the room. Employees of the hotel said they never had seen the woman before she came to the hotel and that they never saw her after she checked out Wednesday.

RICHMOND, Cal., Aug. 25.—With the discovery late yesterday of two additional portions of a human head in the El Cerrito marshes close to where a woman's ear and section of scalp wrapped in a bloodstained newspaper previously were found, members of the family of Mrs. Bessie Loren, today voiced the belief that the supposed murder victim was the attractive young Oakland nurse whom they last saw on the night of August 19, when she left home telling her mother and brothers she had an appointment with Sheriff Frank Barnett of Oakland.

The latest additions to the gruesome exhibits include a lower jaw and severed tongue.

Mrs. R. H. Ferguson, mother of Mrs. Loren and William and Robert Ferguson, brothers of the missing nurse, today turned over to Contra Costa county officials strands of hair retrieved from a bath robe belonging to Mrs. Loren, who lived with her mother and brothers in Oakland. These will be examined by Dr. E. O. Heinrich, Berkeley criminologist, who will endeavor to establish whether they tally with strands of blood hair on the portions of scalp found in the swamp.

Two Oakland women, close friends of Mrs. Loren, examined the sections of scalp and said they were positive the hair and scalp were those of Mrs. Loren. Dr. Louis P. Corwils, Oakland dentist, who said he had done considerable dental work for Mrs. Loren, examined the teeth in the lower jaw found late yesterday and voiced the dental work resembled that of Mrs. Loren's. He said he could not be certain in his

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## Charleston Must Be Danced With Feet, Not Body, Official Edict Despite Hard Hearted Hannah

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The Charleston has officially come into its own. But if the society of Americans waltzers of dancing has its way, it will be a dance of dignity, censured to win the favor of people of culture.

The contest for recognition of the Charleston nearly split the dancing master's convention here yesterday. New England representatives especially protested because the rhythmic swaying, clicking of heels and stamping of feet was alleged to have cavied in the Pickwick Club in Boston on the night of July 3, causing the deaths of 25 persons.

## Non-College Men Earn \$1,000 a Week as Movie Studio Experts; Leads to Proposal to High-Brow the Calling

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The fact that eight young men who never went to college are earning an average of \$1,000 a week in New York motion picture studios is one motive for the offer of Robert T. Kane, of an annual endowment of \$5,000 for a university chair to be devoted to the art of the screen.

Referring to these unnamed eight, Mr. Kane said: "Not one of them would be able to last a week if pitted against college-trained, highly specialized and seriously minded contemporaries. I have felt for years that we in the industry are paying genius prices for mediocre