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THREE ARE KIDNAPPED BY BANDITS

One Bandit is Dead and Other Makes a Confession to Police

ROBBED TRAIN IN UTAH ON AUGUST 31

Long List of Crimes Committed by Man and His Dead Pal Who Staged Big Crime Yesterday.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Clyde Timmons, whose companion, Earl Timmons, was shot and killed last night after they had kidnapped and robbed Mrs. James J. Callahan, her daughter and brother, confessed today that he and his partner had participated in several hold-ups, including a Utah train robbery last August and the sudden interruption of a card party at the home of Jacob Loeb in Chicago last June.

Following the confession the police took into custody Miss Mary Roberts, 23, said to have been an intimate acquaintance of the dead robber. Timmons said that he and his companion collected \$450 in an Oregon Short Line hold-up on August 31.

Last Friday the pair held up J. F. Walch, of Chicago, and stole an automobile and watch, Timmons said.

The hold-up on the Oregon Short Line confessed by Timmons occurred near Clearfield, nine miles south of Ogden at two o'clock in the afternoon. The train was on its way from Ogden to Salt Lake and the robbers collected loot from all male passengers.

BRUMFIELD TO FILE AN APPEAL

ROSEBURG, Dec. 23.—Notice of appeal in the case of Dr. Richard M. Brumfield, convicted of the murder of Dennis Russell, was filed with the county clerk Wednesday by Attorneys Rice and Orcutt. The defense appeals from the verdict of the jury finding the defendant guilty, and also appeals from the sentence of the court in fixing the death penalty. The case must now be heard before the supreme court before the death penalty can be carried out.

This also serves as an automatic stay of execution. Unless a new trial is ordered by the supreme court Brumfield will probably be returned to Roseburg for execution, based on the findings of the supreme court.

RADIO STATION BURNED

(By Associated Press)
DAWSON, Y. T., Dec. 23.—The United States radio station at Eagle City, Alaska, 100 miles north of here, was burned Tuesday, only the 100 foot steel tower escaping destruction. The station cost more than \$100,000. The fire is reported to have originated in a defective stove pipe. The staff escaped.

Cantata at M. E. Church On Christmas Night

What is said by those in touch with such matters, to be the most elaborate Christmas cantata that has yet been delivered in the Methodist church out of many annual events of that type, will be rendered next Sunday evening beginning at 7:30. The cantata selected this year is "Carrie B. Adams' Christmas Adoration." Under the direction of Mrs. Sherwood Williams, a choir of 25 voices will sing the cantata, presenting several of La Grande's popular soloists. Several of the soloists and many of the chorus numbers are well known Christmas airs. The numbers that constitute the cantata are: Organ prelude, "Cantata," "Frynsinger," "Angels from the Realms of Glory," Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Williams and chorus, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," ladies' chorus, "While the Shepherd Watched," chorus, "Sing oh Sing the Blessed Morn."

EXTRA

DEFEAT LOOMS

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Dec. 23.—The final fight on the gasoline tax for the exposition is being waged this afternoon. A senate poll at noon showed 14 members opposed to it and if all stand to the end the bill will be defeated.

IDAHO HIT BY SNOWSTORM LAST NIGHT

Southeastern Idaho in Grip of Snow and Sleet Storm; All Wires are Down.

(By Associated Press)
BOISE, Dec. 23.—The worst snow and sleet storm in years is raging over southeastern Idaho, crippling the towns of Preston, Grace, Soda Springs and Bancroft, reports received Thursday night at the Boise office of the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph company state.

All wires are down as a result of a heavy deposit of sleet, and inhabitants of the affected towns are having the worst time in years, reports say.

The Oregon Short Line train dispatcher said Thursday night no delay had been experienced by the service by reason of storms in this section. California is having its troubles, he asserted, but delays at this end are due to heavy Christmas mails.

Twenty-seven inches of snow is reported in the stricken area. In Boise snow began falling about six o'clock last night, this being the second snowfall of the season.

Train No. 17 was three hours late this morning but the unusually heavy Christmas mail and express matter caused the delay, the railroad being unable to keep its line open and its trains running in spite of the difficulties encountered.

CRANBERRY PROFITEERING

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The city council high cost committee will investigate the "corner" in the cranberry market, as the result of an investigation by Russell J. Poole, secretary of the committee, which disclosed that the price of the necessary fruit for turkey sauce had jumped from \$3.97 a barrel in 1914 to \$33 a barrel today. The price last September was \$12 per barrel.

MILL IS SOLD

ASTORIA, Dec. 23.—By a deal closed in San Francisco yesterday afternoon by W. F. McGregor and W. P. O'Brien, the Astoria Box company purchases the Clatsop Lumber company's plant at Twenty-third and Commercial streets, from C. S. Howard and takes possession immediately. The plant includes a sawmill, planing mill and dry kiln and the purchase price is said to be in the neighborhood of \$250,000.

High School Among Largest in the State Shown by Figures

The La Grande public schools rank fourth in the attendance and number of teachers employed in the state excepting Portland. Salem has 3906 pupils and 120 teachers employed; Astoria has 2736 pupils and 99 teachers; Eugene has 2595 pupils and 89 teachers; La Grande has 1794 pupils and 61 teachers; Baker has 1691 pupils and 57 teachers; Pendleton has 1477 pupils and 47 teachers. La Grande has 103 more pupils than Baker and 317 more than Pendleton. Although La Grande ranks fourth in attendance and number of teachers employed, it ranks ninth in the size of the budget allowance for this year.

The following is a list of budget

allowances of the cities noted in order of the size of their budget allowance for this year: Astoria, \$279,932.00; Salem, \$223,025.00; Eugene, \$169,035.00; The Dalles, \$149,847.50; Medford, \$139,514.85; Pendleton, \$135,800.00; Bend, \$130,000.00; Albany, \$124,095.00; La Grande, \$122,042.20. Special school tax in mills shows that La Grande ranks eleventh. The millage taxes are as follows: Hood River, 30.3; Bend, 30.00; Medford, 29.0; Grants Pass, 19.2; Marshfield, 19.0; Ashland, 18.2; Corvallis, 17.9; Astoria, 16.2; Pendleton, 15.0; The Dalles, 14.5; La Grande, 14.1.

These figures were compiled by Superintendent Prentiss Brown of Baker, Oregon.

Conference on Subs Proposed

Italian Delegation Suggests That Matter be Taken Separately

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The Italian delegation today suggested that another international gathering of broader scope be called soon after the adjournment of the present conference to deal with submarines and auxiliary craft.

RELIEF WORK UNDER WAY IN QUICK TIME

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The purchase of American grain for relief of famine stricken Russians for which an appropriation of twenty million dollars was provided in a bill on which congressional action was completed yesterday, will be started today. Secretary Hoover, chairman of the American relief association said that the grain would be moving to Russia under the appropriation within eight or ten days.

Harness Shop Is Now Remodelled

Shannon's harness shop, the only exclusive harness and leather goods shop in the city, ushered in the holiday season with a remodeling of the interior that makes it one of the brightest spots in the business section. Papering, tinting and new fixtures painted a light color, have all been completed. The store has also been rearranged, making it better equipped to handle the business.

RAILROADS ANNOUNCE REDUCTION

(By Associated Press)

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 23.—The railroads will put into effect on January 1, or as soon thereafter as possible, a voluntary 10 per cent freight rate reduction on cotton, butter, poultry and other commodities, as well as the reduction ordered by the interstate commerce commission for western territory on grain and grain products and hay, according to a statement issued Thursday night by P. W. Robinson, freight traffic manager of the Union Pacific system.

The voluntary 10 per cent cut is to be effective for six months, as an experiment, and will apply to the entire country.

Mr. Robinson also announced the roads would continue until June 30, 1922, reduced rates on livestock and that a 10 per cent cut in rates for livestock on which no cut has been made, would be put into effect.

The statement is as follows: "Reduction in the rates on grain, grain products, hay, butter, eggs, cheese and other commodities, will be undertaken by carriers, to become effective January 1, on one day's notice, or as soon thereafter as tariffs can be amended. In any event, reduced rates will become effective on date named or very soon thereafter."

"A reduction of 10 per cent apply generally throughout the United States will be made on the following commodities:

"Cotton, butter, eggs, cheese, poultry, live or dressed; cotton seed, cotton seed hulls, unmanufactured tobacco, fruits, fresh or green, not including canned or preserved; fruits, dried."

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Senate Asks For the Oregon

Memorial Asks Congress to Assign Historic Ship to State

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Dec. 23.—The senate adopted the Dennis memorial asking congress, through the navy department, to assign to this state the battleship Oregon and also the Dennis memorial urging relief for Spanish-American war veterans. Dennis spoke briefly in behalf of his memorial.

RESOLUTION ASKS AID FOR S-A VETERANS

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Dec. 23.—A senate joint memorial introduced Wednesday by Senator Dennis urges congress to take such action and give such consideration and relief to the needs and welfare of the soldiers of the Spanish-American war as is just and right in that any of such soldiers may be relieved from dependency, destitute or helpless conditions in which they now exist.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Dec. 23.—Gallagher's house bill No. 9, amending the bounty law for relief of Harney and Malheur counties passed the house today.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Harvey Church, charged with the murder of two automobile salesmen, was found guilty today and sentenced to death. Church killed Carl Asmus and Bernard Daugherty when they delivered a car he had arranged to buy.

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Dec. 23.—House bill number five, giving the police regulation of highways to the state highway commission, passed the senate today. House bill number 21, placing motor bus lines under the public service commission, precipitated a debate and was recommitted for amendment. The senate roads committee is expected to make a divided report this afternoon on the exposition bill.

ECKERSALL TO REFEREE

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Walter Eckersall, former University of Chicago football star, has been selected to officiate in the intersectional gridiron game between Washington and Jefferson college and the University of California at Los Angeles New Year's day, according to word received here Wednesday. The selection was made by Coach Andy Smith of the California team.

FAMINE RELIEF BILL IS SIGNED BY HARDING

As President Signs Bill Reports Comes From Russia of Increasing Suffering.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The president signed the twenty million dollar Russian relief bill today.

(By Associated Press)
MOSCOW, Dec. 23.—The death rate in the Russian famine districts is rising rapidly. Over 200 are being buried every day in the Saratov region. The Rumanian relief administration is feeding 800,000 children and the number is expected to pass the 1,000,000 mark by Christmas.

School Closes Today Till After Holidays

Today, preparatory to closing the schools until after the holidays, the three grade schools are each observing Christmas in the proper manner. The Riveria, Greenwood and Central schools are giving no special program themselves, but each room in all three buildings will have a program with a Santa, Christmas trees and programs. Candles, nuts and other similar treats will be presented to the children. These programs will be the last thing on the school calendar for this year the schools not opening until January third.

LAST CHANCE VEIN IS FOUND

(By Associated Press)
BAKER, Dec. 23.—After months of continuous driving ahead in the long crosscut tunnel at the Last Chance mine at Cornucopia, by the Baker Mines company, the work has resulted in bearing out the good judgment of Robert M. Betts, general manager, in that last Saturday, according to the news received in Baker, three feet of high grade ore had been encountered, with 1235 feet of backs.

This latest development, upon which hinged the future of the company in great part, assures permanent operations. General Manager Betts is being congratulated, for upon the result of the running of the 4700 feet of tunnel his faith in the undertaking was staked. It means a return of great things in a mining way to Cornucopia and Baker county, it is said. It also proves the accuracy of the Lindgreen geological report on that district made more than 20 years ago, that the ore veins at Cornucopia went to a great depth. The present depth is about 1235 feet below the old workings, or more than 1700 feet from the surface.

Most Hated A. E. F. Officer Now In The Mexican Army

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Lieutenant Frank D. (Hard Boiled) Smith, known as the "most hated man in the A. E. F.," now is a colonel in President Obregon's army in Mexico, according to a dispatch from El Paso, Texas, to the Stars and Stripes.

SICK CHILDREN MADE PRISONERS

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Judge Phillip Sullivan today ordered an investigation of charges that the city contagious disease hospital physicians and staff are using children patients for experimental work in clinics. The order followed complaints that children, taken to the hospital for contagious diseases, were kept as long as four years.

Ad Club Opposes Tax on Gas for Portland's Show

The executive committee of the Union County Ad Club have voiced disapproval of the proposed gasoline tax to be levied on tourists and car users two years prior to the 1925 world's fair at Portland. The standpoint of the Ad Club is that this proposed tax would, instead of encouraging tourists to come to Oregon, discourage them and in all likelihood keep a large number of travelers away from Oregon. In other words, it can be likened to a man inviting a friend to dinner and then letting him pay the bill. This is the main purpose of the Ad Club.

GASOLINE TAX BILL AMENDED IN SENATE

Legislature Grinding Away on Bills as Christmas Day is Approaching

THREE CENT TAX FOR FAIR AND ROADS

Highway Legislation Being Considered by the Senate Today; Other Bills Pass.

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Dec. 23.—With road legislation well on the way toward enactment and with the exposition measure providing a gasoline tax passed by the house, the senate today was tackling the problem of final disposition of the exposition measure, following a spirited debate last night and yesterday. An amendment to the gasoline tax bill proposed in the senate provides that 60 per cent of the revenue from the proposed three cents gasoline tax go to the highway commission and 40 per cent to the exposition until three million dollars is realized for the latter. The highway commission favors this split.

Two Bills Pass

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Dec. 23.—The senate roads committee last night unanimously voted to report favorably on two of the three administration highway measures. The third is being considered today.

The house passed the bill providing an appropriation of \$90,000 additional for administering the thirty million dollar bonus bond fund.

The house passed 12 bills yesterday, including three senate measures, and including a bill exempting bonus payments from debts contracted before June 21, 1921. The bill providing for traveling expenses of circuit judges was also passed and also one providing that school districts can lend funds.

Pass the House

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Dec. 23.—The house late yesterday passed all three highway measures recommended by the highway committee. Several amendments to house bill 21 and house bill four, written in during three hours discussion. House bill number five passed without comment.

SCIENTIST CASE IN COURT AGAIN

(By Associated Press)
BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The petition of Herbert W. Eastace and Paul Harvey, trustees of the Christian Scientist Publishing company for an injunction to prevent their removal by the board of directors of the First Church of Christ Scientist (Mother Church) was argued in the supreme court Tuesday. While Sherman L. Whipple was presenting the trustees' side, Judge Crosby remarked that the court has held that the directors have the power to remove a trustee without the assent of the court. Mr. Whipple then said that he was not sure that such was the case when the trustees had resigned to the court.

STOCK STEADY

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—Livestock was steady, eggs firm and butter steady today.



Weather
Tonight and Saturday rain or snow.