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WHITHOUSE

Four Soldiers Suspected of Robbery.

TWO OF THEM CAPTURED

Two Others Have Deserted From Vancouver.

STRONG EVIDENCE IS OBTAINED

Detectives Run Down Men to Whom Facts Point as Gully of Whitehouse Road Hold-Up—Victims Identify One Prisoner.

The detective force has obtained evidence which seems to prove beyond doubt that the daring robbery on the Whitehouse road Thursday night was committed by four soldiers from Vancouver.

William Van Wagner and William Flood are now held in the gullyhouse at the barracks, and will probably be brought to Portland today to answer the charge of highway robbery. W. W. Adams and Ray E. Mottinger, two soldiers who are suspected of being implicated, have both deserted, and the detectives have been unable to find any trace of them.

The tall leader of the party, whose orders seemed to be none other than Van-Wagner, who is recognized as a leader among the soldiers at the barracks in everything that is undertaken. Three victims of the hold-up have positively identified him as the man that robbed them, and others will be asked to look at him today. The victims are equally sure that Flood was a member of the party, and he will be held to answer the charge. The fact that Adams and Mottinger deserted after the robbery is taken by the detectives as evidence that they were implicated, and a close search will be made for them.

The work of the detectives in running down the robbers has been clever from the start. The entire force has centered its energies upon the capture, and now feels assured that its efforts have been rewarded. From the time the soldiers arrived in the city Thursday afternoon until they separated Friday morning their course has been traced, and much evidence has been obtained which will help to convict them.

Evidence Left in Hurry.
The night of the robbery some of the victims were sure that the deed had been committed by soldiers. Mr. Gadsby had found a hat left by one of them, which he took to the station with him. It is a broad-brimmed hat, and when it was taken to Vancouver, the officers there said at once that it had been worn by a soldier from that station.

Acting upon this clue, the officers commenced their search. Detective Snow was sent to Vancouver, and there found other evidence which seemed to indicate the guilt of the soldiers. Detective Kerrigan worked about the city, attempting to find if the actions of any soldiers had excited suspicion during the day. The start was obtained upon the case when a man from the Fashion Stables went to the station with a cap which he had traded from one of the soldiers.

"The man was in a great hurry when he came to the barn," said the man bringing in the cap, "and seemed to be very nervous." On the inside of the cap were the initials "W. W." This was identified as belonging to Adams, who had left the barracks the day before the robbery and had not yet returned. By tracing Adams the detectives found out who had been with him during the day.

Description of Leader a Clew.
In the description given of Van Wagner the detectives had one of their best clews. "He is a man that could not be mistaken," said Chief Hunt yesterday, in telling of the capture. "He has a peculiar build, and is marked in many ways. He shoulders are broad and straight, and his legs small and long."
"I would know the large one if I ever saw him again," said George Scoggins, after the robbery, and the moment he saw Van Wagner in the gullyhouse he identified him positively as the man that had struck him on the shoulder with the butt of a gun.

With this description of Van Wagner, the detectives soon had him landed. Friday morning he was thrown in the guardhouse, but nothing was made public, as they hoped to catch the others before they got the clew away. A little later Flood was also landed in the guardhouse on the same charge. He admitted that he had slept in the same bed with Van Wagner the night of the robbery, but denied any connection with the crime.

Saturday was spent by Detectives Day and Simmons in Vancouver. While there they obtained evidence which was of value. They found that the men they suspected had been in Portland on the night of the robbery. Van Wagner had returned to the barracks about 9 o'clock Saturday morning, and Flood had come in a little later. The fact that the other two men had deserted made them believe that they were on the right track. Descriptions of the deserters were obtained, and the officers hope to have them captured within a short time.

Identified by Victims.
After the arrests had been made, the police decided to have the victims of the hold-up look at the men, to see if they could be identified. The descriptions were lied in every respect, but they wished to try to identify them before further action was taken. Yesterday a trip was planned for Vancouver. In company with Detective Simmons, George Scoggins, Paul S. Dick and one of the ladies who were held up went to the barracks.

"No doubt about it," they said with one voice, as Van Wagner was pointed out as the leader of the party. Upon being shown Flood, they said that he looked like a member of the party. He had not taken such a prominent part in the work as Van Wagner, but the victims did not hesitate to identify him as one of the robbers.

Movements of Soldiers.
In tracing the course of the soldiers during the day, the detectives have circumstantial evidence which points to their guilt. All through the day they were together, and were drinking in the various saloons about the city. Officers on the beats noticed them, and proprietors of the saloons noticed them. Van Wagner's

RAMMED AT SEA

Marseilles Steamer Sinks Near Shore.

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BY A BIG VOTE

Roosevelt Will Be Elected President.

LANDIS IS SURE OF IT

People of Country Were at First in Doubt.

BUT HE HAS KEPT HIS PLEDGES

Senator Fairbanks Had Aspirations, but Hanna Quickly Showed Him That He Would Do Well to Keep Them Quiet.

That President Roosevelt has kept the pledges made when he succeeded President McKinley, and that he has more than met expectations as Chief Executive, will insure him the Presidency for the next term by a large popular vote, is the belief of Representative Landis of Indiana.

Senator Fairbanks has had the misfortune to have another chance to fill the executive chair blasted, but perseverance is one of his traits, and he will wait for another day.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 7.

"In my opinion, Theodore Roosevelt will not only be nominated unanimously, but will be elected by the largest popular vote ever given a President," declared Representative Landis of Indiana, after a tour of a number of Eastern and Middle Western States.

"We take it for granted in Indiana," he continues, "that Roosevelt will be the Republican nominee. When the Buffalo tragedy occurred, the country was anxious. The people had confidence in Mr. Roosevelt's honesty, but he was young and a great many thought him impulsive, and they contemplated his assumption of the duties and large responsibilities of the great office without some misgivings."

"His announcement that he would follow in the footsteps of his predecessor had a reassuring effect, and thousands who had been opposing such a policy his administration could not be other than successful, and in that event the party should give him the nomination on his own account in 1904. Mr. Roosevelt has more than met expectations, based on the pledges he made at Buffalo, and the sentiment among Republicans throughout the states and territories of the Union is overwhelmingly in his favor."

Cleveland Playing for Position.

Turning to the Democratic situation, Mr. Landis expressed great admiration for Grover Cleveland, but he does not believe the ex-President has the slightest chance of becoming a nominee for the party for a third term. Landis believes that Cleveland is playing for a position that will enable him to wield a dominant influence in the next National convention.

Now that the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt in 1904 is assured, it is amusing to see other Presidential aspirants in the Republican ranks scatter for cover. There were not many men who had allowed themselves to think of the nomination, but Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, was one. The manner of the Senator's retreat is quite laughable.

A day or two after the President, in a dispatch to Senator Hanna, from Walla Walla, made it plain that he desired the endorsement of the Ohio convention, the Indiana Senator made a trip to Cleveland to interview the "horrid" friend of the tolling masses and 'pal' of corporations.

Indiana Has No Candidate.

His visit was brief, and what passed between the two will never be known, but hardly had the Indiana Senator left the presence of "Uncle Mark" before he gave out an interview, declaring that Indiana was solidly for Roosevelt, and would endorse him in their next convention; that it had no candidate of its own.

It is true that Senator Fairbanks aspires to Presidential honors. It is an aspiration of long standing. He did not care to run against McKinley in 1900, however, but preferred to remain out of the race, and allow his name to be entered in 1904. Now, however, he finds that he is again to be shunted off, and the Fairbanks boom will be laid away until 1908, carefully preserved in moth balls, to insure safe keeping.

No one blames Senator Fairbanks for aspiring to the Presidency. He is a man of high rank, and possesses marked ability along the lines required of the Chief Magistrate of the Nation. But he is the victim of circumstances. He happens to aspire to the office at the time when the incumbent, after a good record, is seeking a re-nomination, and when it is impossible for any outsider to secure the endorsement of the National convention.

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GOLD FLOWS INTO LONDON

Reduction of Bank Rate is Soon Expected.

LONDON, June 7.—The steady influx of gold promises to bring about an early reduction in the bank rate. The uncertain conditions on Wall street acted as a check on all the markets of the Stock Exchange last week and the continued weakness of South African shares contributed to the general depression. The only steady market was for some foreign bonds, particularly French securities, which were affected favorably by the Sultan's consent to the unification of the Turkish debt.

American securities closed better on Saturday, when it was found that the rumors that leading operators were embarrassed were lacking in confirmation; but a very apprehensive feeling still prevails regarding this market. Canadians were also depressed with the exception of Grand Trunk, which was firm on unexpectedly good traffic returns.