

GRAB MONEY IN BANK AND ESCAPE

Daring Robbery at Woodburn.

TWO MEN WEAR MASKS

Pursued by Citizens to Woods Where Tracy Hid.

CHASE ENDS AT TIMBER

Farmers Are Not Willing to Hunt Around in Brush for Armed Men With Their Loot of \$3000.

WOODBURN, Or., May 3.—(Special.)—Two masked robbers held up Assistant Cashier Tracy Poorman this afternoon, seized nearly \$3000 from the counter, ran two miles across the open fields and safely gained a hiding place in the dense timber along the banks of Pudding River. Twenty men chased the robbers across the fields, but at the great distance to shoot them with the revolvers at hand, half a hundred militiamen and citizens scoured the country later in the afternoon, but the men have not been found, and the chances seem more than even for them to complete their escape.

The daring robbery occurred shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon. J. M. Poorman, cashier of the bank, was in Portland. There were in the bank at the time Tracy Poorman, assistant cashier; Miss Gertrude Eddy, a daughter of B. L. Eddy, of Tillamook, the bookkeeper, and Don Coley, a telephone boy for the Hurley-Moore Drug Store.

Coles had just entered with a check, which was for a small sum, and Poorman held up a bundle of crisp, new bills, asking, "How would you like to have these?" At that instant two men entered with revolvers pointing at Poorman's head, and commanded, "Hands up!" Poorman started to laugh at what he considered a joke, but when he saw that one man wore a hunkerkchief over the lower part of his face and the other man wore goggles, he threw up his hands, as did the others in the bank.

One robber controlled the situation with two leveled Colt's revolvers while the other went behind the counter and scamped all the loose money into his pockets and a small sack. No attempt was made to get at the vault, which was locked. The man with the money then went out the front door, and when he was half way across the street his companion backed out, and the two men ran southeast across Front street.

Poorman forgets his rifle. A good rifle lay behind the counter, but Poorman was "winded." He ran to the door and saw the fleeing robbers, and then to the telephone to call assistance. Men passing on the street quickly understood what had happened and started in pursuit. The robbers had gained the shelter of buildings on the east side of the railroad track, however, and before the pursuers got around these buildings the fugitives were out of range.

The chase made led across an open field and over fences to the country road, a mile from town, and then through the Otjen farm. As the robbers passed R. Otjen, plowing in his field, they hastily remarked: "Tell those — bankers if they come near us we will shoot the stuffing out of them."

Lost in Dense Woods. Half a mile further on they passed Miss Mary Hirschberger, but said nothing to her. Seen they were lost in the heavy timber and brush along Pudding River in exactly the same region where Tracy and Merrill found safe refuge during their remarkable flight three years ago.

A posse was at once formed and the roads and fields bordering the timber were searched. The posse was not well organized, however, and no thorough search was made of the timber. Many boys were among the searchers and these were promiscuous firing of guns that led to confusion.

Word was sent to Sheriff Culver, at Salem, and he and Deputy Minto left at once for the scene, but they could do little more than locate the timber in which the men were supposed to be hiding, before it became dark. The crowd of searchers was so disorganized that it was impossible to make a good search of the timber.

Decline to Beat the Brush. Marshal Cornelius, of Salem, also came. He offered to lead a number of farmers into the timber late this afternoon, but for various reasons they declined to go. The timber is so dense that a searcher would scarcely find a man hidden a dozen feet away.

It is evident that the men who committed the robbery had carefully planned their work. Mr. Otjen recognized them as men who ate dinner at his house yesterday. According to some stories the men have been in this vicinity several days. These men, with two others, were seen around the freight yards this forenoon. The two men who did not participate in the robbery were seen boarding the brakeman of the northbound

overland this evening, but it did not occur to bystanders to take them into custody. During the chase across the fields, many shots were exchanged, but no harm was done, except that just before the men disappeared in the woods one of them fired a shot that drove the ear of a horse owned by a local liverman. The team had been driven around by the road but was not of much service in chasing men who ran across fields.

The robbers were seen by a sufficient number of persons to make identification easy if they should be captured. The robbers are described as being of medium height, weight about 150 pounds, one of light complexion and slightly stooped; the other rather dark, and having a bald spot on the back of his head. Both were smooth shaven. They wore blue overalls and other clothes of the kind usually worn by working men.

J. M. Poorman said this evening that his loss is fully covered by insurance. The insurance company has a Plinkerton man here working on the case and he and the Sheriff will try to organize a posse for effective work tomorrow morning.

Marshal Roy Blanche, of Gervais, arrested two men at that place this afternoon upon information from Woodburn, but the men are apparently not the right persons. One is an elderly man and the other a young man of 20 years. They left Woodburn just after the robbery occurred and that led to their arrest. The younger man gives the name of E. L. Stanley, and says he has a brother, M. L. Stanley, working in the Newport restaurant in Portland.

GREAT DAM LOOSES FLOOD

HUGE VOLUME OF WATER RUSHING ON ARIZONA TOWN.

Rich Farming Valley Being Devastated—Holbrook Moves to the Hills and Ships Goods.

HOLBROOK, Ariz., May 3.—The big dam at St. Johns, Ariz., 20 miles southwest of this place, broke yesterday and a great flood of water is rushing down the valley toward Holbrook. Much damage is being done to the rich farming valley through which the flood is raging.

The flood is expected to reach Holbrook within a few hours and a portion of the town will undoubtedly be submerged. Merchandise, damagable railroad material and other portable property is being conveyed to high ground beyond the reach of the waters. The population of this town has already moved to the high surrounding hills and will be safe from the flood. Only meager information has reached here so far and no news as yet of any loss of life.

Another dam at Woodruff, between St. Johns and Holbrook, is in the path of the flood waters and will be carried away, adding to the volume of water. The populace of this city is greatly excited and the worst is feared. The business section of Holbrook is on low ground, and will undoubtedly be covered by the flood.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon a special train of the Santa Fe arrived here with 45 empty box-cars, in which are being loaded great quantities of merchandise and other movable property. The train when loaded will be run to Aztec, the next station on the Santa Fe, where it will be safe from the flood.

GOING TO RELIEVE FIALA

Champ Sent by Ziegler in Search of Arctic Explorer.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Another attempt to find Anthony Fiala, the Brooklyn explorer, and the Arctic exploring expedition backed by William Ziegler, began today, when William R. Champ sailed for Liverpool on the steamer Teutonic to head a relief expedition on the ship Terra Nova, which is awaiting him in London. Mr. Champ's instructions from Mr. Ziegler are said to be to remain in the North until he has found Fiala or his party.

Fiala went in search of the North Pole on the ship America in 1896 and attempted to penetrate the Arctic regions by way of Franz Josefland. An attempt to relieve him was made last summer, but it failed.

Mr. Champ will sail for Tromsø, Norway, on the Terra Nova about June 1, and attempt to find a way through the ice to Franz Josefland. If the ice is impassable he will go to Nova Zembla for food and make an attempt to proceed over the ice, following the Terra Nova to be frozen into the ice until next season.

FARMER WILSON MAY WED

Rumor Persists Despite Denials of Secretary's Family.

TRAPER, Ia., May 3.—(Special.)—The rumor was circulated here today to the effect that Secretary James Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, was to be married in June, the object of his choice presumed to be a young woman employed as clerk in one of the departments at Washington. This is a reiteration of the rumor, industriously circulated three months ago. No reliable news has been and no one here gives the story credence. Mr. Wilson's sisters and other relatives in Tracer say that the story is without foundation. The young woman in the case is said to reside in Washington, but her name is not known to any one of the relatives in Iowa.

SAYS COUNCIL IS DISHONEST

Merrill Declares Votes of Members Have Often Been Bought.

ZIMMERMAN DISPUTES HIM

French Chamber of Deputies Scene Narrowly Averted in Council Chamber—Telephone Franchise Lost by a Vote.

"This is the rottenest Council Portland ever had." When Fred T. Merrill sprung this on the City Council, assembled in all state yesterday afternoon, he became the object of all eyes, and Mayor Williams from his high seat called for order.

President Louis Zimmerman, of the Council, immediately after the meeting was called, rose to his feet and said that a certain member of the Council had made remarks upon the street accusing members of accepting bribes, and had spread abroad the impression that the body was one of grafters.

"I see he is not present," said Mr. Zimmerman. Just then Merrill entered the door. "Here he is, though," let him state who of us has accepted bribes, and not go around giving us all a bad name. Make you charges now."

"This is no grand jury," answered Merrill. "You have made public statements regarding graft in the Council and Executive Board," continued Mr. Zimmerman. "Prove it."

"Am I on trial?" asked Merrill. "If you want to hear my testimony on this point, take me before the grand jury and you will hear."

Mayor Ends Dispute. By this time the Mayor had cut off the dispute, which was rapidly waxing hotter, both men speaking at once, and a French Chamber of Deputies scene was averted. Mr. Zimmerman remained very warm all the afternoon, saying after the meeting was over that in the three years during which he had been President of the Council he had not known of any corruption. His remarks about Merrill were far from complimentary.

Merrill, however, was not in the least abashed by the four looks cast upon him, and after sitting for a good two hours with little to say, broke out again just before the automatic telephone franchise had failed to pass. Mr. Sharkey, in a 20-minute speech, had just shown himself an ardent advocate of the new telephone system.

"I am not going to peddle any hot air, like Mr. Sharkey," said Merrill, "but it has been insinuated that the Pacific States Telephone Company has bought up the members of the Council who will not vote for the new system. The only buying that I know of was by F. H. Stow, of the new company, who tried to buy me. He must have bought Sharkey, by the way he talks."

Sherrett jumped to his feet at this moment, and, glaring at Sharkey as if that gentleman were personally responsible for the whole insult, ejaculated a few words about Stow trying to buy him too. The Mayor again brought his official presence to bear, and the quarrel was again averted.

Declares Gift Exists.

Merrill said after the meeting that whatever he had said on the streets about corruption in the Council was based on the fact that men had often approached him, telling of other Councilmen they had bought, and telling him that his vote would be worth purchasing.

"I have told of such incidents," he said, "and I feel at liberty to speak of them." F. H. Stow was asked last night regarding the alleged attempt at bribery of Merrill and denied it. He told of an incident, however, which he believed to be the basis of Merrill's accusation.

"I had understood," said Stow, "that Merrill was wavering between receiving the support of the moneyed classes in his candidacy for Mayor and the labor vote. Now we have always considered that our franchise for a telephone was a popular measure and I never could understand why Merrill with his political aspirations opposed it. So I called on him and said to him that if he would vote for the telephone franchise that I would spread the word down the line among labor unions and it would bring him many votes. That is all the excuse he can give for saying that I attempted to bribe him."

Telephone Franchise Lost.

The fireworks of the Council, meeting were confined to the incidents mentioned. The telephone franchise was lost by one vote, as anticipated. Dr. Sandford Whiting, the sixth member of the Council voting for its passage, was present, but neither Ramelin, Sherrett, Merrill nor Bentley could be induced to change their negative vote. The telephone people had a strong advocate in Captain D. E. Buchanan, who had recently made a journey to Los Angeles and while there had investigated the automatic system and has, according to his report made yesterday, found the system a superior one. There was some quibbling over the \$25,000 check made to the city as a forfeiture in case the company did not carry out its franchise if granted. Mr. Zimmerman declaring that the Merchant's National Bank was the place to leave it and that it should be deposited with the City Treasurer. But it was decided that the city was not authorized to act as a depository.

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COUNCILMAN SHARKEY MADE A VIGOROUS appeal for its passage also, but when it was put to a vote, the four opposing members of the Council maintained their positions. Sharkey, in speaking of the proposed franchise, spoke of certain other persons, Otto Olsten and Allen Brown, who were about to ask for a franchise for a similar system, and showed telegrams from the Automatic Electric Company in Chicago, which gave the impression that these persons were not responsible and that they could not get the necessary equipment for the system if they were given a franchise.

WEDS HIS OLD SWEETHEART

PORTLANDER'S ROMANCE OUTGROWTH OF ST. LOUIS FAIR.

Meets Woman He Loved in Illinois Twenty Years Ago, and Returns East to Marry Her.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 2.—(Special.)—William Rose, of Portland, Or., and Miss Kate Meyers, of St. Louis, were married this afternoon at St. Luke's Church. The marriage is the result of a chance meeting at the World's Fair last summer, after a separation of 20 years.

Mr. Rose and Miss Meyers lived in St. Louis, Ill., and were sweethearts 20 years ago. Mr. Rose went to Oregon and became a fruit raiser. A correspondence was kept up with his Illinois sweetheart for six years, and then they lost all trace of each other.

When they met at the fair last summer they renewed their former attachment, with the result that Mr. Rose arrived in St. Louis a few days ago. He will take his bride to his fruit ranch near Portland in a few days.

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GOVERNOR IS NON-COMMITTAL. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 3.—A delegation representing the Illinois and Chicago Federations of Labor called on Governor Dineen this afternoon to place before him a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Chicago Federation of Labor last Sunday requesting the Governor not to send troops to Chicago until he had personally investigated the conditions.

Governor Dineen did not indicate what course he would pursue if a request to send troops to Chicago should be made. No representative of the Employers' Association has yet called on the Governor with reference to the strike.

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CHICAGO, May 3.—Rioting in the streets today was so prolonged and so fierce a character that many of the leading business men have concluded that there will be neither peace in the city nor safety for outside interests until the state militia has been called out to restore order.

A committee of members of the Employers' Association left for Springfield today to confer with Governor Dineen and to request him to give orders to the state troops. The labor unions have an extensive lobby at the state capital and it is likely that they will also be heard before any action is taken by the Governor. Chief of Police O'Neil says he is confident that he has control of the situation and can keep peace in the city with the Mayor's support, who has done all in his power to adjust the state of affairs.

Dunne Wants No Troops.

Mayor Dunne was emphatic in his declaration tonight that he will not acquiesce in the situation and will not call for the state militia. He declared that he will strongly oppose any move to secure armed intervention.

"We have by no means reached the limit of reserve," the Mayor declared tonight. "I am empowered to call on every able-bodied citizen over the age of 18 years. Of course, I could not call on the strikers or the strikebreaker or their sympathizers, but I would have to draw upon the citizens of good character from the general public."

Armed Guards on Wagons.

Despite the orders of Mayor Dunne and the prohibition of the City Council, many of the wagons of the concerns against which strikes were declared, were handled today by men armed with rifles and shotguns. The first rifle-shot fired during the strike went whizzing through a crowded thoroughfare today. The shot was fired by a guard on a wagon of the United States Express company, while it was passing through a crowd of strike sympathizers at the intersection of State and Randolph streets, in driving past the corner, the driver of the wagon reined his horses suddenly. A guard within the wagon pushed his head instantly from the wagon, and seeing a street-car conductor stopping as though to throw a missile, pulled the trigger without the slightest hesitation. No one was hit and it developed later that the conductor, who narrowly escaped death, was intent on his legitimate work of throwing a switch.

The request of the employers, made today, that the police be allowed to ride on their wagons, was declined by the Chief of Police. Positive orders were published that under no circumstances should the officers mount the wagons, and they will march abreast of the wagons. The order, the Chief of Police explained, was simply intended to ward off criticism. While the officers might do just as good work while riding on the wagons, as the Chief declared he did not intend to have it said of the department that it was showing partiality or guarding private property especially.

Express Wagons With Guns Are Safe

One hundred and fifty wagons of the seven express companies went to and fro across the city today, in many instances completely unguarded and at no time under the supervision of more than one or two policemen. Every wagon carried a guard, some of whom were armed with Winchester, and others carried heavy double-barreled shotguns. The guns were in plain evidence throughout the day and no attempt was made to interfere with any of the express wagons.

The trucks of the Scott Transfer Company were guarded in the same manner. Men carrying rifles were on every wagon and around their waists were belted loaded with cartridges. The company transacted its business as though there had been no strike.

An accession to the ranks of the teamsters was made when a strike was declared against the coal firm of Crerar, Clinch & Co. This concern employs several hundred men and delivers coal to a large number of the most prominent of the buildings in the city. One of its employees was discharged for refusing to make deliveries and the rest walked out at once.

The gain for the Employers' Association was made when the members of the Hay & Grain Dealers' Association, which em-

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"Gentlemen, have you been able to reach an agreement," asked the Recorder of the jury. "No, sir," replied the foreman. "Is there any question of law or evidence in which I can instruct you? Is there any way in which the court can help you?"

The foreman looked for an instant at his fellow members of the jury, then turned to the Recorder and said: "No, sir; I don't believe you can help us."

"Then you will retire to reconsider the matter." The jury filed out and the courtroom was cleared. Recorder Goff remained in his chamber ready to receive a verdict if rendered or to further instruct the jury. Miss Patterson collapsed on the jury's announcement and fainted dead away. She was assisted from the courtroom by one of her counsel and revived in an ante-room.

No Hope of Agreement.

On the second return of the jury, Recorder Goff made a personal appeal to the foreman to endeavor again to reach a verdict. The foreman entered the jury box and polled the jurors in open court, but they were not able to agree. The Recorder then asked them again if there was not some point in law or something he could do by which they might be able to reach a verdict, but the jurors remained steadfast and finally declared their verdict a disagreement.

Recorder Goff, before dismissing the jurors, cautioned them not to tell how they stood. It is understood that a majority of the jurors was for acquittal, but in what proportion they stood cannot be ascertained.

Future procedure in the case is uncertain. It has been intimated by the District Attorney's office that the people probably would not attempt another trial. Should this be the case, Miss Patterson would be released either on nominal bail or under her own recognizance and the indictment eventually be quashed.

Warden Flynn, of the Tombs prison, said that Miss Patterson was a wonderfully composed girl. The warden's comment was made after Miss Patterson had risen early and eaten breakfast with her sister, Mrs. J. Morgan Smith. She seemed in a cheerful frame of mind, and was ready to go to the courtroom some time before she was called for.

Courthouse and Streets Jammed.

Remarkable scenes were witnessed around the Criminal Court building. Early in the day crowds began to gather, and hours before the time for the opening of court the corridors were filled with men and women, hoping to break through the cordon of guards around the courtroom doors on the first rush. Even in the streets around the building scores of persons stood waiting.

On the Tombs prison side the street spanned by the Bridge of Sighs was jammed with people waiting a chance for one fleeting glance at the prisoner as she passed the little, barred, half-open window which overlooks the street. As the guard some of whom were armed with the regular force of uniformed guards in the building was quadrupled, every stairway was guarded, and an officer stood outside every elevator landing.

The Patterson trial is not the only case being heard on the third floor of the big building, however, and hundreds of persons, taking advantage of this, gained temporary admittance to the upper floors. Time after time the corridors were cleared and the crowds streamed out to the streets, only to return to make other attempts, most of them fruitless, to gain admittance into the courtroom.

Practically every seat on the body of the courtroom had been spoken for in advance, and it seemed as if every favored one used the privilege accorded, as temporary admittance to the upper floor when the prisoner came in and took her place behind her counsel.

Jury Cautioned by Court.

In beginning his charge to the jury, Recorder Goff said: "This case has nothing extraordinary in it. (Concluded on Third Page.)"

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