



LONE HIGHWAYMAN RIFLES THE MAIL

Daring Robbery on the Great Northern.

ASSUMES ROLE OF INSPECTOR

Locks One Clerk in Closet, Binds and Gags Another.

AMOUNT STOLEN UNKNOWN

Rides Over 100 Miles to Spokane, Going Through Registered Mail at Leisure and Throwing Off Pouches at Way Stations.

SPokane, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—Assuming the role of a postoffice inspector, a daring highwayman boarded the Great Northern westbound Oriental Limited train just as it pulled out of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, early this morning, and holding the two mail-clerks at bay at the point of a revolver, locked one of them in a clothes closet and tied the other to a chair with ropes, after which he rode a distance of 103 miles to Spokane, spending three hours and 40 minutes rifling registered mail, loading and unloading mail sacks along the route and puffing complacently at a cigar the while.

The lone robber dropped off the train at a railroad crossing inside the city limits, carrying with him, it is believed, much valuable plunder in a satchel. Just how much he obtained is not definitely known.

Robber Shows Kind Heart.

Mail-clerks Benjamin Stumpf and John W. Nystuen, who were held at the mercy of the robber, told a remarkable story of their experience. Locked in the small closet, hardly two feet square, the latter almost faintly from suffocation after the train had pulled into Sand Point, 34 miles west of Bonners Ferry, and rapping on the door pleaded with the robber to allow him some fresh air. The bandit responded willingly and leaving the door ajar about an inch, secured it with a piece of rope. Twice later on the way into Spokane the robber ceased his work of rifling the mail sacks to go to the door of the closet to inquire as to how Nystuen was feeling.

When Stumpf remonstrated with his captor that the cords which bound him were cutting into his wrists, the gentle robber generously loosened the fetters and made every effort to make things as comfortable as possible for his victim.

Cut Finger While at Work.

While ripping open the registered sacks the pseudo-inspector cut one of his fingers and many of the pieces of mail were blood-stained. Bloodhounds were put on the trail of the robber, taking the scent from one of the bloody packages, and followed a trail several blocks through the residence district to a carline, where the scent was lost. It is believed that the highwayman boarded a car and rode downtown.

Postoffice Inspector G. D. Linn, with a corps of assistants, spent the afternoon checking up the contents of the six sacks to see what was missing. Inspector Linn announced it as his belief that little was obtained.

When the train reached Spokane, John Nystuen, one of the postal clerks, was found locked in the clothes closet, where the robber had put him, while Benjamin Stumpf, the other clerk, was helpless under the table with a jumper drawn over his head and his arms tightly bound. It was then that the story of the robbery was first learned.

How the Robber Worked.

When the train stopped at Bonners Ferry about 4 o'clock this morning a man came to the door of the postal-car and threw in a mail sack and a small grip, announcing that he was C. W. Bennett, a postoffice inspector.

"I will return in a few moments and ride with you to Spokane," he said to Nystuen, the clerk on duty at the time. Stumpf, the other clerk, was asleep under a table covered with mailbags. Nystuen glanced at the mail sack and observed that it bore the name of Bennett. It was a newspaper mail sack such as railway postal employes carry their belongings in. Just before the train departed from the Idaho town the man entered the car.

"Is there any mail for me?" he inquired of the clerk. "There ought to be some for me, please look."

Nystuen looked over some mail and when he turned around to inform the supposed inspector that there was none, he found a big revolver pointed at his head. After warning the clerk to make no outcry and learning that another clerk was aboard, he directed Nystuen to get into the clothes closet, in which there is barely sufficient room for a man to stand erect.

When the pseudo-inspector first appeared Nystuen awoke Stumpf and informed him that an inspector was to ride with them to Spokane and that he would awake him again shortly.

was leaving Sand Point, Stumpf thought it strange that he had not been called, and looking up from underneath the table where he was resting, saw the stranger opening letters. As he was crawling from underneath the table the robber, who had a revolver in his overcoat and told the clerk to remain silent or he would blow his head off.

He then threw a jumper over Stumpf's head, bound his hands behind him and seated him in a chair at the far end of the car with his back to the mail table. The clerk got a good look at the robber. He is described by them as being about five feet seven inches high and of rather heavy build. One describes his mustache as brown, while the other says it is red. The clerk who declares that the man was smooth shaven, leading to the belief that he had several false mustaches with him. He has a Remington-Union .38 Smith & Wesson revolver and a dark soft hat.

BROWN DENIES HE IS SMITH But Astoria Authorities Believe He Is Escaped Monterey Prisoner.

ASTORIA, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—A young man, who says his name is Walter E. Brown, was arrested by Sheriff Pomeroy on the arrival of the steamer W. S. Porter last night from California, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. Brown was a stow-away on board the steamer, and as he answered the description of Walter C. Smith, alias Harold Radcliffe, who is wanted at Monterey to answer a charge of forgery, Captain McDonald turned the man over to the authorities here. Smith broke out of the Monterey Jail on September 25, and a reward has been offered for his capture. The young man arrested last night denies that he is Smith, but Sheriff Nesbit, of Silliman County, is satisfied Brown is the man. Smith's office obtained information that Smith had stowed away on the Porter. A telegram was received from Sheriff Nesbit today stating that he will secure extradition papers immediately and come to Astoria, and he asked that the prisoner be held until his arrival.

ORCHARD WANTS TO DIE

WOULD REFUSE PARDON WERE IF OFFERED TO HIM.

Anxious to Pay Extreme Penalty for His Crimes and Prove Truth of His Confession.

BOISE, Idaho, March 15.—On the morning of his 43d birthday, next Wednesday, in the District Court of Canyon County, Harry Orchard, the self-confessed murderer of ex-Governor Blaine, who was killed by the explosion of a bomb at the gate of his residence in Caldwell on the evening of December 30, 1905, will face Judge Freeman's hood prepared to hear the death sentence meted out to him.

Harry Orchard, of his own volition and against the urgent pleadings of his attorney and others, refused, when arraigned March 15, to let his previous plea of "not guilty" stand. He also refused to plead to a lesser degree of murder than first degree. He said: "I am not guilty about anything I have done. I have told the truth. I understand fully what must be the consequences."

Among some expressions are made that he believes Orchard has been guaranteed immunity of some sort. This is denied by those in authority and by Orchard himself. Those who have been in close communication with Orchard, prison authorities and those who have added spiritual comfort to the man, express the opinion that after his sentence should be pronounced, he made to commute his sentence or pardon him, Orchard will refuse to accept it.

It is the general belief that Orchard expects to die, and that he wishes to die, and that he wishes to receive the extreme penalty for his crimes. Orchard refuses to be interviewed or to make any statement for publication. He is very quiet and spends much time with his books, the Bible and works of a religious nature. That he earnestly desires his sentence to be believed is known, and it is thought that he believes his own punishment in full for the crime he committed will tend to prove the truth of his confession.

BOURNE SOURS ON TAFT

DEPLORES GROWING SUCCESS OF THE SECRETARY.

Insists Roosevelt is Playing Role of Dictator in Refusing to Accept Nomination.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—(Special.)—Senator Bourne, of Oregon, had a long conference with the President last night. As he left the White House Bourne said:

"I don't believe that Taft will get 300 votes in the convention. The nomination and election of Taft would be the saddest thing that could happen to the electorate of this country. "Whose voice shall prevail—the voice of the man in the White House or the voice of the people? The man in the White House says we must take Taft. The people say that the man in the White House must run again."

"Is Roosevelt the dictator or the servant of the people? If he is not the dictator, he will bow to the popular will and take another term. He is the only man that can win on the Republican ticket. If he is not nominated, Bryan will sweep the country, for in the popular estimate, it is in this order: Roosevelt, Bryan, LaFollette."

Representative Perkins, of New York, threw up the sponge for Governor Hughes this morning. Secretary Taft will be nominated without the shadow of a doubt, he told the President.

BIGGY TAKES STAR FROM TWO POLICE

Catches Them Grafting on Barbary Coast.

SCHMITZ' GAME REVIVED

Vultures Rely on Courts to Keep Them Out of Jail.

VICTIMS SET UP WAIL

Appeal to Chief for Relief, Who Lays Trap and Catches Officers—Chance for Supreme Court to Reverse Decision.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—(Special.)—Policemen Maurice Behan and John Ewart were stripped of their stars by Chief of Police Biggy today as the result of an exposure of a vast system of graft on the Barbary coast. Dives, brothels, saloons and gambling joints have been held up with regularity, and the conditions became so bad that landlords complained that they could not rent buildings on the Barbary coast because the big sums in protection demanded by the policemen absorbed all the profits of the tenants. Chief Biggy arranged a trap of marked coins and caught Behan and Ewart.

Same as Schmitz' Game.

Although the cases are clear extortion, under the Supreme Court decision in the Schmitz case, they do not constitute crimes. It is on this point that the two policemen are basing their hope, and it would appear that their arguments are correct.

The cases are identical with those of Ruff and Schmitz in almost every particular. If one was no crime, it is difficult to see how the other could be construed into a crime.

It is stated that the District Attorney's office will carry the matter to the grand jury, indict the policemen, try their cases, convict them, and then give the Supreme Court an opportunity to reverse itself.

Graft Waxes With New Life.

It was learned tonight that graft on the Barbary coast, which had largely disappeared, blossomed forth in new splendor with the decision of the Appellate Court, some months ago, holding that extortion was no crime. Conditions became such that frequent complaints were made to the Chief and he took action which resulted in the trapping of the two officers.

Tries to Drown in Mud.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 15.—While

EVENTS OF COMING WEEK

Politics Absorbing Topic.

Politics, sports and industrial affairs will share pretty evenly in the newsmaking of the present week, so far as events are foreshadowed. Two state, one territorial and nine district political conventions are scheduled. There will be also considerable political speech-making. The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in New York have arranged to bring together two candidates for the Presidential nomination of the Republican party. No other celebration of St. Patrick's day, which will fall upon Tuesday, is likely to grip the interest of the dinner of the Friendly Sons in New York, whose guests of honor and principal speakers will be Secretary Taft and Governor Hughes, of New York.

Several State Conventions.

The Iowa Republican State Convention will be held in Des Moines on Wednesday. Rhode Island Democrats will meet in state convention at Providence on Saturday, and on the same day the New Mexican Republican Territorial convention will be held at Silver City. The New York State Democratic Committee will meet in New York Thursday to fix the date for the state convention. From the best information now obtainable it is not likely that the Aldrich bill will reach the final stages during the present week. The House will give its entire time after Monday to the appropriation bill.

Taft and Hughes Kept Busy.

Secretary Taft will attend a meeting of the Yale Corporation at New Haven, Conn., on Monday, going from there to New York.

Governor Hughes, following the St. Patrick's dinner, will address the Delta Upsilon Fraternity in New York. He will return to Albany Wednesday. Later he expects to attend the dinner of the Iowa Society in New York, at which the Governor of Iowa is expected to be present.

Labor Leaders to Meet.

An important conference of representatives of labor organizations will be held at Washington Wednesday. One of the chief topics will be decisions of the courts which have been adverse to organized labor.

It is possible that the week will mark the beginning of negotiations for peace in Morocco between Mulid Hand, the insurgent Sultan, and Abd el Aziz, the Sultan of record. Emperor William is planning to leave Berlin for his villa on the island of Capri on Saturday. He goes in the hope of securing rest.

In the Sporting World.

The fistie world has its interest centered on the fight between Tommy Burns, the American heavyweight fighter and Jim Roche, of Dublin, the Irish champion, which is to take place in Dublin Tuesday. The bout is scheduled to go 20 rounds for \$2500 as a side bet and a purse of \$7500.

Ray Pack and Hugh Kelly are training hard for their bout, which will take place Monday night at Milwaukee.

suffering from what is apparently a temporary form of insanity, W. E. Hogeman, who says he is a resident of this city, carefully removed his clothing and, wading through the mud of the shore of the estuary at the foot of Seventh street, attempted to drown himself in the water of the stream this afternoon.

The would-be suicide was rescued by men in rowboats. After being thoroughly revived at the Receiving Hospital, he said he had a wife residing at Laramie, Wyoming.

SYDNEY CHEERS FOR UNCLE SAM

Excited by Promised Visit of Fleet.

WELCOME ROYAL ASSURED

Australians Manifest Friendship Toward Americans.

ANXIOUS TO DO US HONOR

Dramatic Scene When Premier Deakin Calls Three Cheers for United States—Answering Hurrahs Deafening.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 15.—There was a dramatic scene today at a great gathering of citizens, when, at the conclusion of an address on the subject of national defense, the Premier, Alfred Deakin, read a cablegram announcing that the American fleet of battleships would visit Sydney and Melbourne. He called for three cheers for the United States and the audience rose en masse and responded with deafening hurrahs.

The Prime Minister said he was sure that such a welcome as an American fleet had never known out of its own country would be accorded it by Australia, and the cheering that followed this statement seemed evidence of the fact that the Australians, one and all, have a feeling stronger than mere friendship for the American people and their navy.

Premier Deakin in his speech advocated greater expenditures for national defense. He said that the burden imposed upon the people of Great Britain for the maintenance of their naval and military forces was beginning to tell, and that wealthy Australians could not expect to enjoy the privileges of protection against invasion without bearing their share of the cost. The expenditure recommended is \$9,000,000 annually for an army of 20,000 men and 15 coast defense vessels.

RUSSIAN PRESS COMMENTS

Slovo Declares Fleet's World Trip Has Dispersed War Clouds.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 15.—The Slovo says that the return of the American fleet as announced is an sensational as its departure for the Pacific. Apparently the Slovo thinks the danger of war has disappeared, for it adds: "While this arouses deep satisfaction in

Europe, the preservation of peace is due to the display of the big stick of the United States, the prudence of Japan and the good offices of Great Britain." The Novoe Vremya says: "Whatever the original purpose, the cruise has done a useful service by a public examination of the American Navy. We regret the course of the fleet lies away from our shores, where it would meet with the heartiest welcome."

MALTA WILL WELCOME FLEET

Announcement of World Trip Received With Great Interest.

MALTA, March 15.—The announcement that the American fleet would make a round-the-world trip has been received here with great interest. Should the fleet visit Malta, its reception will be in the hands of the military authorities, as the Mediterranean fleet is absent from June to October.

Kaiser Sends Congratulations.

LONDON, March 15.—A special dispatch to the Daily Mail from Berlin says that the Emperor sent warm personal congratulations to President Roosevelt on the arrival of the fleet at Magdalena Bay ahead of schedule time.

RED TAPE DISGUSTS LIANG

IMMIGRATION OFFICERS INSULT CHINAMAN.

Head of Mexican Legation Declares He Is Sick of American Exclusion Laws—Won't Come Again.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—(Special.)—As a result of friction with the United States Immigration Officers when crossing the border line between Mexico and the United States, Liang Hsun, Chinese Legation in Mexico, declared this afternoon, in his apartments at the Fairmont Hotel, that he would never return to America. Liang is a graduate of Amherst College and well acquainted with American customs and international courtesies, but the zeal of the Federal officials in prying into the character, business and affiliations of the Minister filled him with anger and disgust.

Liang is returning to China to pay homage to the memory of his father, who died a year ago. He has been given a leave by Minister Wu, whose jurisdiction extends over Mexico, Peru and Cuba, as well as the United States. "It is a regrettable fact that a Chinese Minister like myself," said Liang, "cannot travel in this country without being abused by ignorant officials. At Deming and Maricopa my family and I were insulted and harassed by the constant inquiries of these officials. I have letters from Ambassador Thompson of the American Embassy at Mexico City, and letters of introduction from many prominent American officials, but these did not count for much with these immigration officials. I was traveling as a gentleman, and expected to be treated as such. I am sick of your exclusion laws, and will never return to your country."

CHINA BOWS TO JAPAN

CONCEDES DEMANDS IN TATSU AFFAIR.

Agrees to Fire Salute as Flag of Rising Sun Is Re-Hoisted Over the Vessel.

TOKIO, March 15.—A satisfactory settlement of the Tatsu affair was announced this morning. China has conceded all the Japanese demands. She will purchase the arms and ammunition on board the Tatsu and will hoist the Japanese flag over the vessel. While the flag is being re-hoisted a Chinese warship will fire a salute.

PRINCE STEPHAN

CANNES, March 15.—Prince Stephan, 15-year-old son of Prince Mirko, of Montenegro, died here today.

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WORST STORM OF SEASON IS RAGING

General Through Entire Northwest.

RAILROAD TRAFFIC STOPPED

O. R. & N. Trains Sent Out Saturday Night Return.

SLIDES BLOCK THE TRACK

Fall at Wyeth Cannot be Cleared Before Today—Rivers Become Raging Torrents, Plunge Towns in Darkness—Do Much Damage.

WORK OF THE STORM

- All O. R. & N. traffic completely tied up by heaviest landslides of the year. Local rainfall threatens to break all records for March. Hood River is in total darkness and cut off from outside world. Pendleton half under water, boats only means of traffic through main streets. Storms of unprecedented violence raging in mountains above Pendleton. Cowitz River on a menacing rampage, with several dangerous slides on the Northern Pacific. Willamette Valley inundated and river rising at a rapid rate. Idaho threatened with worst floods in years. Wind reaches velocity of 32 miles at North Head, with storm signals still displayed. No signs of abatement of the storm in sight. Bridges in Walla Walla in great danger of being washed away. Lowlands near Seattle under water. Payallup River a mountain torrent. New city dam at Dayton, Wash., washed away and many families driven from their homes.

While no serious property damage has been reported, the heavy storm of wind and rain that has been raging without let-up since Friday is by all odds the worst of the past year. There are no prospects of early abatement and great destruction of property throughout the Northwest may result, for the storm is general throughout this entire region.

Passenger traffic on the O. R. & N. has been completely tied up since Saturday afternoon as the result of an enormous landslide at Wyeth. No east or westbound trains have been sent through in 26 hours, and the track will not be cleared before today, as huge masses of soft earth keep coming down the mountain-side as rapidly as the steam shovel is clearing it away. Four eastbound passenger trains tried to get through since 6 o'clock Saturday evening, but all were stalled, and had to be brought back to Portland.

Travelers Return to Portland.

Many of the passengers who had left on one or the other of these trains were routed via the Northern Pacific, but it is doubtful if they will succeed in getting through, because a number of heavy slides have occurred on that road between here and Tacoma. Hundreds of disgruntled travelers were compelled to come back to Portland and they are still storm-bound at local hotels.

The O. R. & N. through train, which left Portland at 6 o'clock Saturday evening, suffered most seriously, for it was the first to be blocked by the slide at Wyeth, and the three later trains which attempted to get through were all laid out behind it and had to be hauled back to Portland, before the first one could be sent back. The result was that the big crowd of passengers, for the train was well filled, were cooped up in the coaches for 23 hours, not reaching Portland on the back trip until 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Hood River and Pendleton Suffer.

Hood River people set in darkness last night. Churches, hotels, and such homes as were provided, were illuminated by kerosene lamps, lanterns and ancient tallow dips. The light and power plant was put out of business early in the storm, and no trains went east or west during Sunday.

The volume of water rushing down Hood River is greater than at any time since the first of the year. Only an intermittent telegraph and telephone service was possible and conditions promise to be worse today. Pendleton is also in a bad, if not in a very serious way, for the Umatilla River raged like a torrent all day yesterday and is rising at the rate of four inches an hour, threatening the town with a flood as serious as that which devastated it two years ago. The new levees are holding well but unless the storm decreases within the next 24 hours the dikes will be dangerously weakened. There is no chance for the re-establishment of train service before this afternoon, or tonight, and no trains have been through since Saturday. One slide at Duncan has held all westbound trains at Meacham and the ones at Wyeth stopped eastbound trains at the Locks where they were sent back. Reports

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THE SPANIARD—THIS IS EVIDENTLY THAT GREAT AMERICAN HUMOR I'VE HEARD ABOUT.