# **FULL CONFESSION** BY TRAIN ROBBER QUAKES IN SOUTHWESTERN

William Burke Tells All About Hold-up.

# ONE OF PALS IS IN JAIL

Other Will Probably Be Arrested by Sheriff Today.

#### CONFESSION IS COMPLETE

Clever Work by Sheriff, His Deputies and Railroad Detectives, Results in Capture of Highwaymen.

Angered at his confederates because as he declares, they gave him only \$1.35 as his portion of the plunder secured in the holdup of the O. R. & N. train Thursday night, William Burke, the assumed name of a youth Il years of age, whose widowed mother, htree brothers and sister reside on East Oak street, nas made a complete confession to Sheriff Stevens of the

part he played in the daring robbery His confession involves Jack Hayes allas Jack Walton, allas "Slim," a former convict in the Folsom, Cal., penitentiary, and another local lad whose name is withneld until his arrest, which is expected momentarily. Hays and Burke were arrested Sunday.

The capture of the confessed bandit and his alleged confederate is the result of the finding of a "elicker." or rubber overcoat, which was thrown away by the leader of the gang in their flight after the hold-up. Sheriff Stevens, his deputies and special agents of the O. R. & N. traced its ownership, who informed them that he had loaned it to a certain equalitance. Further investigation along that line resulted Sunday in the arrest of Hayes, who is said to have worn the

He was shadowed for a day or so prior to his arrest, however, and his actions and connections led to the discovery of the complicity of the youth. Soon after his arrest. Burke confessed, and, ignorant of the fact that Hayes had been taken into custody, was concealed and Haves brought before him. He instantly declared that the man before him was the leader of the gang that held up the train and that it was the first time he had seen him since the night of the crime.

### Robber Tells His Story.

In the presence of Deputy District Attorneys Fitzgerald and Hennessey, Attorney Arthur C. Spencer, of the legal department of the O. R. & N.; Special Agent Fitzgerald, of the O. R. & N.; an official stenographer, Deputy Sheriffs and newspapermen, Burke told his story last night. He told of his home, his brothers and sister, his father, who is dead, and of his widowed mother. And in the recital of the entire tale there was never a tremor except briefly when he referred

to his mother. As soon as he had told all his story he was removed to a cell and Hayes was

### Hayes Gets Badly Tangled.

He was informed that a "pal" of his the holdup of the train and of the part of which he was accused. He denied it vehemently, but freely answered questions that soon involved him in a maze of explanations. Finally he became angry and insolent, refusing to speak farther and demanding an attorney at once.

However, he told enough to corroborate completely the statement of Burke, and officers worked until a late hour last night in an endeavor to locate the third man and to verify the various details. In Hayes' pockets when he was arrested were found three diamonds and telegraphic communication with New York City describing the ones that had been sent by express to a local liquor store, showed conclusively that they were the

## GARY STEEL PLANT STARTS Has Cost \$25,000,000 and Will Em-

ploy 25,000 Men.

HAMMOND, Ind., Dec. 21.-The actual manufacture of steel was begun at Gary today, when blast furnace No. 12 was blown in and the first step taken in making the Calumet region one of the greatest iron and steel industrial centers of the world.

The \$25,000,000 plant is now in operation and the work will be increased until it is eximated 25,000 men will be employed.

# BLIND DOCTOR IS HIGHEST

Beats All Others in California Medical Examination.

LOS ANGELES. Cal., Dec. 21 .- (Special.)-The highest rank among the 65 taken by Dr. A. W. Bowling, the blind professor of anatomy in a local osteopathic school. His general average was \$9.5 per cent. Only 33 others passed the examinations.

# EARTH IS SHAKEN,, FISSURES FORMED

MONTANA CAUSE PANIC.

Virginia City Rocks and Schoolhouse Topples-Water Leaks Into Subterranean Fires.

VIRGINIA CITY, Mont., Dec. 21 .- (Special.)-Two earthquakes in ten minutes, the first at 2:35 this afternoon, caused the wildest excitement in this city, the panic stricken people rushing into the streets n the belief that the buildings were about to topple over. Structures trembled vio ently, plaster came down, dishes were thrown to the floor, the main scho building, a two-story brick, was badly racked and the ground rent with seams

from one to three inches wide.

Two more shocks were experienced this evening, one at 6:35, the other at 6:50, and again sent the people hurrying into he streets. The first of the tremors was felt yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and another at 7:30 this morning. Frank Pace, who arrived from the

Crater Lakes, the scene of an extinct rolcano, six miles south of Virginia City. where 13 old craters have been filled with water, forming a chain of lakes, states that the ground heaved there like the bosom of a lake, causing immense fissures to form in the mountain and rending the cliffs. Some of these fissures, according to Mr. Pace, are from a feet and a half o two and a half feet wide.

There is a belief that water of the

Crater Lakes has found its way through ubterranean passages to the remnants of the fires of the old volcanos, although the Yellowstone Park is only 76 miles

# THOMAS TALKS ON PLAYS

Playwright Encourages Young Writers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-Here is encouragement for young and aspiring play-wrights. Augustus Thomas, in an address last night, before the American Dramatic Club, of which he has been president since the death of Bronson Howard, had this to

the death of Bronson Howard, had this to say of plays and playwrights:

"No eld playwright can tell a young one how to build a play. There are no rules to the game and there is not a single accepted maxim that you can't break and make money. The greatest of them all misled more people than anybody eved did when he said that playwriting was holding the mirror up to nature. Shakespeare never did that in his life."

As to the future, Mr. Thomas said:
"Great plays remain to be written about the American Jew and about Socialism. I mean the American Jew, with his fine qualities, as we know them. I don't mean the dull kind of Socialism that we hear from platforms and he speeches, but a sort of celestial Socialism that we some-

sort of celestial Socialism that we some-times read about."
Eugene Presby, William Gillette and Victor Herbert were among the other speakers.

### DUKE NEGLECTED HIS DUTY

Failed to Properly Search Shoes of Heney's Would-be Assassin.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.-The Police Commissioners at the close of an executive session lasting all this afternoon announced that after a thorough investigation of the circumstances connected with the suicide of Morris Haas at the branch County Jall the day following his attempt to kill Francis J. Hency they were unanimously of the opinion that the derringer with which he ended his own life had been concealed in his shoe weere it had been overlooked by Captain Duke who searched him after the shooting of Mr. Heney in Judge Lawler's courtroom

By a vote of 3 to 1 the Commissioners found Captain Duke gullty of neglect of duty and fixed Wednesday, December 20, as the date for imposing sentence.

# CLOSE DAM ON COLORADO

Successful Move Assures Completion of Laguna Irrigation Project.

YUMA, Ariz., Dec. 21.-Completion of Laguna Dam and opening of the Indian reservation this Spring was assured today by the successful closing of the cof-ferdam across the Colorado River. The water is now entirely diverted from its natural channel and pours through the sluiceways into the passages prepared to

When finished, the greatest diversion dam in America will be ready to distribute water over an immense area of arid land. The 12,000 acres compasing the Yuma Indian Reservation is now apportioned into farms of five arable acres each. These lands will be opened for entry in the Spring when the water from the dam is ready for distribution.

#### SHOUP PLACED IN CHARGE Manager of Harriman's California

Interests Other Than Rallroads. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.-Paul Shoup, for several years assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, has been appointed manager of all the interests of E. H. Harriman in Caf-

the interests of E. H. Harriman in Cal-ifornia which are not connected with the rallroad. Mr. Shoup, who is one of the best-known rallroad men in the state, will be directed in the duties of his new position by William F. Herrin, chief of the Southern Pacific's law department.

#### EUGENE'S TAX 10 MILLS Levy for Municipal Expenses Same

as Last Year.

cial.)—The highest rank among the 65 applicants before the State Board of Medical Examiners last week was year 10 mills, which is the same as last year's levy. Since the school tax was made 7 instead of 8 mills, as last year. the total tax for school and city pur-poses will be 17 mills, or 1 mill less than It was last year.

# FORM COALITION TO BEAT G. P. TAFT

Probable Climax on Ohio Senatorship.

# FORAKER MAY JOIN BURTON

Vorys Oils Up Machine for Cincinnati Editor.

#### DICK WORKING FOR TAFT

Anti-Taft Men Say President-Elect's Brother Is Nine Short of Majority-Burton Fighting to Prevent Caucus.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 31 .- (Special.)-The andidates for the office of United State Senator from Ohio have all reached the fighting ground, and from now until Jan uary 12 the machinations of astute political seekers for the office will be in full play. Charles W. Taft, brother to President-elect William H. Taft, was the last candidate to arrive and his opening headquarters at the Neil House at noon today was the occasion for considerable bluster on the part of the machine.

#### Vorys Machine for Taft.

Mr. Taft is the candidate of the big Ohio political machine. As such, his ampaign is being pushed by Arthur I. Vorys. The report that he had been de-posed as Mr. Tuft's manager was denied by the candidate himself tonight. Mr Taft is here in person to push his cause but Mr. Vorys will work as hard as he ever did to get votes for the Cincinnati editor. He will occupy exactly the same position in this Senatorial campaign that he did in the Presidential campaign. Mr. Taft will remain until Wednesday even ing, when he will return to Cincinnat for Chirstman. for Christmas.

he believes will be advantageous to Mr. Taft. The forces are tightly drawn be-Senator Dick has fallen in with the Taft people, and Senator Foraker is said to be ready to throw his strength to Mr. Burton the moment he sees that he cannot

## Coalition to Beat Taft.

strongly against Mr. Taft. The oppo sition says that Mr. Taft will be shy nine votes on the first ballot, conceding him some doubtful members of the Legislature. When they discover who is the strongest candidate against him there will be a uniting of forces.

There seems to have been no outward coalition against Mr. Taft, all the candidates working for themselves, but under the surface there is indication that such Taft is discovered.

# ALL DETECTIVES UNDER ONE HEAD

ROOSEVELT WOULD COMBINE GOVERNMENT SLEUTHS.

Ask Congress to Gather All Forces for Detection of Crime in Department of Justice.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 .- (Special.) quest from the House of Representatives for information to substantiate his castigation of Congress on the secret service controversy may ask that all the deective bureaus of the Government be con solidated and placed under the jurisdie ion of the Department of Justice. It is declared by a high official of the Government that such a procedure would no only be more economical than the presen system, but also more conducive to salu tary action by Government sleuths.

At present the secret service is limited to the ferreting out of counterfeiters and ounterfeiting. Postoffice inspectors deal with depredations in the mails, special agents of the Land Office look after land timber frauds, Internal revent agents after violations of the internaevenue laws, customs inspection agents after violations of those laws, and pen sion agents after violations of the pen sion laws.

# SAMOANS PLAN TROUBLE

Chiefs Threafen to Hoist Independent Flag in German Possessions.

AUCKLAND, N. Z., Dec. 1.-Chiefs of the native tribes in German Samoa are threatening trouble. They are preparing to hoist an independent Samoan flag when the Parliament of the islands reassembles and contemplate appealing to the United States and Great Britain to decide whether this action is justified. The chiefs consider that they lost both power and dignity when the old Samoan Parliament was dispersed and maintain that when Germany took over the islands she became protector and nothing more Violence is not expected, as the chiefs will offer passive resistance to the German authorities.

## PLAN NO 27-HOUR TRAIN

Calvin Denies Short Schedule Between Portland and Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21 - (Special.)-E. E. Calvis, general manager of the Southern Pacific, said today that there is no plan at present to put on a 27-hour limited train service between San Francisco and Portland; that the scheme was discussed several years ago, but nothing is being done now. He explains that the Harriman officials from Portland came to San Francisco for the purpose of arranging for excursions to California from the Inland Empire and that the

#### SECURES ART TREASURES Mrs. Chadburne Finally Satisfies Government by Giving Check.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 .- Mrs. Emily Crane Chadburne today obtained possession of her art treasures soized last Summer by the Government by paying into the court action will be taken when the vote is \$82.411 in addition to the \$70,405 previously started and the strongest opponent to Mr. paid by her for duties and penalties on the property.

"FITS ME PERFECTLY !"

# CARNEGIE AROUSES STANDPATTERS' IRE

Says Steelmakers Need No Protection.

## EPIGRAMS FOR COMMITTEE

Trusts as Conclusive.

HIGH PRAISE FOR SCHWAB

Retired Steel Magnate Exasperates High Tariff Men-Cost of Labor Less Than in Forcign Lands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 .- Andrew Car egie, famous for the millions he made n the steel pusiness and for his views on economic questions, was an entertain ing. if not instructive, witness at the House ways and means committee tariff hearing today. An article on the tariff especially relating to the steel schedule written by Mr. Carnegie recently appeared in a monthly magazine. Owing to the statements made in that article i ecame the basis for the questions asked by the members of the committee at

hearings on the steel schedule. As the testimony of various steel manuacturers was at variance with the statements made by Mr. Carnegie, the com-mittee asked him to give any information the committee could use. As Mr Carnegie declined to accept the invitaion, he was subpensed. Mr. Carnegle was to have been heard nearly two weeks ago, but asked for a postponement, evidently for the purpose of having the committee secure the testimony of other steel magnates first.

#### He Irritates Standpatters.

Although he was on the stand for nearly eight hours, Mr. Carnegle laughed and joked good-naturedly throughout. He exasperated several of the "standpatters" with his epigrammatic sepiles; praised the genius of Charles M. Schwab, urged the committee to accept the testimony of Judge E. H. Gary as conclusive and told several funny stories. He avoided figures, however, to such an extent that it is doubtful if the tariff framers are any subject of a M-hour train between here more enlightened on the steel question tonight than they were before Mr. Carnegle was sworn

Mr. Carnegie's principal contention was that the steel industry needs no more protection; that it has reached a point in its development where the American manufacturers can compete with the world under free trade conditions. While he contended that the cost of labor and production of steel is less in this country than in the other countries producing steel. Mr. Carnegie gave no figures to support his contention.

He said Judge Gary told the committee (Concluded on Page 3.)

LOVER WAITS HOPELESSLY AT DOCK FOR MATE.

Pretty Romance Ends in Tragedy for Utah Man at New York Wharf.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-When the big iner Baltic came into her dock here today after one of the most tempestuou yages of her career, Charles C. Clark, of Eureka, Utah, learned that the woman ne had walted years to wed had dled while crossing the ocean to Join him in the home he had made for both. girl, Miss Priscilla Hewison, of White Accepts Gary's Word About Haven, England, was stricken with peritonitis soon after the ship salled. So rough was the sea that the ship surgeon found it impossible to perform an op-

> First cabin passengers, among them Mrs. Whitelaw Reld, wife of the American Ambassador to Great Britain, learning of the romance that had come to so tragic an end, made up a liberal purse and arranged to have the body brought to New York for burial.

Clark and Miss Hewison had been childhood sweethcarts and when came to America several years ago she promised to wait until he had made a home. Clark came all the way across the continent to meet the young woman and take her back to Utah as his wife.

# KING CLOSES PARLIAMENT

Rejoices at Fleet's Australian 'Trip and American Arbitration Treaty.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—King Edward to-day put an end to the present session of the British Parliament. Only a few embers attended the brief ceremo-

nies. The King's speech made special ref-The King's speech made special ref-rence to the recent visit of the Amer-ican battleship fleet to Australian wa-ters, which His Majesty said "evoked warm feelings of cordiality in my do-minions in that quarter of the globe and was a source of gratification to myself and my government."

Referring to the conclusion of sev-eral important agreements which "by eliminating causes of contention must

eliminating causes of contention must tend to the consolidation of peace," the King said:

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"Among these may be mentioned the treaties with the United States for general arbitration, and for regulating certain questions between the United States and Canada and an agreement for maintenance of the existing territorial status for the regions bordering upon the North Sea."

Referring to the events in the Balkans, calculated to disturb the conditions of the treaty of Berlin, the speech says:

"There is reason to hope that wise and conciliatory councils will prevail and that an amicable settlement will be reached with the consent of the powers who are parties to this treaty."

In a paragraph on India deep regret is expressed at "a conspiracy of evilly disposed persons against the lives of my officers and continuance of present rule," and the earnest wish is set forth that the measures to enlarge the share of Indians in the administration. forth that the measures to enlarge the share of Indians in the administration of the country will be received in the spirit of mutual trust and good will in which they are proposed."

#### DIES TO AVOID OSTRACISM White Wife of Chinaman Kills Children and Herself.

PLANO, III., Dec. 21.-(Special.)-Ostracized by her own people and with the threat of decapitation by a highbinder society hanging over her, Mrs. Georgia Ah Wong, aged 35, today nearly severed the head of her baby girl, gave wood

alcohol to her three little boys, drank

deeply of the polson herself, and then flung herself under a fast train. This is the pitiful tale of another "inter national marriage." The woman's bus band is an educated Chinese, who ac cepted the Baptist religion and was a teacher in a Sunday school. The following note pinned to the dress of the little girl points to the mother's fearful

"Thank God, it is over; it was horrible, I can't go on with the rest, but no one will lead my little girl the life of misery I have had, I shall not depend upon polson. The way must be sure." Mortally hurt by the attitude of white people and consumed with mear of the Chinese tongs, the woman withdrew en

tirely from society six months ago and had rarely been seen since that time.

### BANKS GIVE OUT FIGURES

Examiner Steel Gives Statistics for Report of November 27.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 21 .- (Special.) -- State Bank Examiner James Steel today completed a statement of the condition of the 132 state and private banks in Oregon at the date of the last call, November 27, 1908. The statement shows total resources, \$53,502,213.25, of which \$5,545,579.75 is eash on hand, and \$8,396.432.27 due from banks and bankers.

The deposits subject to check amount to The loans and discounts aggregate \$25,-283,245.46.

The statistics do not admit of compari son with the last report, for some banks have been nationalized and new ones formed since the last report was made.

#### JAIL FOR CATTLE BARON Lillis Is Sentenced, but Free Pend-

ing Appeal.

FRESNO, Cal, Dec. 21.-S. C. Lillin, the wealthy Lemoore, Cal., banker and stockman, was sentenced by Judge Wel-born, at a special session of the Federal Court today, to spend six months in the local county jail and to pay a fine of \$1000. Lillis was convicted at the last session of the Federal Court on a charge of illegally inclosing large areas of Government land. The case will be appealed and Lillis has been released on bond.

During the trial sensational evidence going to show that Lillis was guilty of wholesale land frauds was brought out.

# ON OCEAN VOYAGE WOMAN WHIPPED BY NIGHT RIDERS

Tells Jury Story of Their Brutality.

## FORCED TO ABANDON DIVORCE

One of Masked Band Details Ranken Murder.

#### NAMES HIS ACCOMPLICES

Hideous Crimes of Tennessee Terrorists Brought Home at Last. Informer Was One of Mob Which Hanged Ranken.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 21.-The state ractically completed its case today against the eight alleged Night Ridors on trial for the murder of Captain Ranken, when it drew from Frank Febringer, a member of the band, a detailed statement, not only of the Ranken tragoutrages. It also called Mrs. Emma Johnson, one of the two women said to have been whipped by the band, and had

er tell ber story. The startling testimony of Frank Felirnger, involving the men as actual parcipants in the murder of Captain Rancen was given with an exactitude of detail that was amazing. As Mrs. Johnson's name was called, a murmur of satisfaction arose. Nearly everyone knew she had been whipped, but except the grand jury and prosecuting officers no one had leard her story.

#### Whipped for Secking Divorce.

Mrs. Johnson had married Joe John on, a man 30 years older than she, and and lived with him for four years when child was born. Last August she sued im for divorce, charging cruelty and isking maintenance. Early in September he Riders visited her father's home and eft word that she must withdraw the suit. She failed to do so and on a sec-

and visit her father was whipped. On both occasions she was at her shater's home. The Riders seemed to have realized this, for on September 30, about it o'clock at night, they went to her Mrs. Johnson woke to find her bedroom filled with musked men. A man who she said she recognized as standing so close that she could touch

# Dragged From Bed and Beaten.

"We have come to tell you for the last ime that you must dismiss that divorce suit," Pinton is charged with saying.

"I will not withdraw it." she replied.
"You will before we get through with
ou," came the response. "If you disyou," came the response. "If you dis-miss it now we will see that he supports the child, but you must not touch Mrs. Johnson obstinately insisted that (Concluded on Page 6.)

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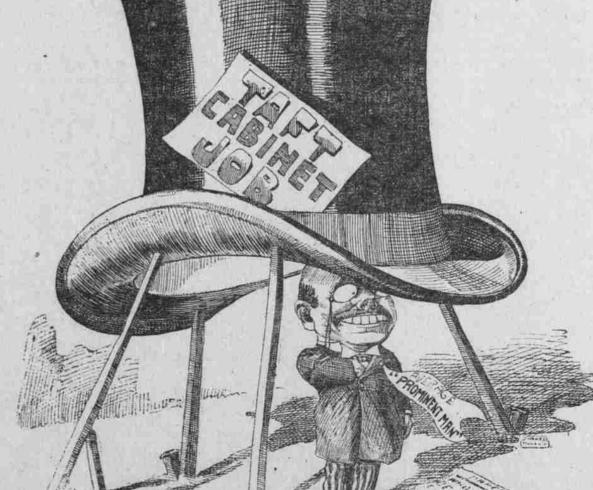
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