

BANDIT COACHES HOLD UP VICTIMS

Self-Confessed Train Robber Forces Crew to Identify Him.

CASE IS EXTRAORDINARY

After Positively Identifying Others as Highwaymen, Engineer and Firemen Under Burke's Assurances Change Opinions.

Stranger and more novel perhaps than any previous effort to detect criminals was that at the County Jail last night, when William Burke, the confessed train robber, sat for hours conversing with members of the crew, offering suggestions and incidents to refreshen and revive their memories so that they might identify him and his alleged confederates as the daring trio who held up the Portland-Chicago special, O. R. & N. train No. 1 last Thursday night.

By his aid Engineer Donlon, Fireman Eon, Messenger Huff and Purser Edginger of the steamer Valley Gatzert, identified him and also Jack Hayes, the alleged leader of the gang. However, it was only with the aid of the confessed robber himself, by hours of questioning and suggestion, that members of the crew were able to identify either him or his alleged confederate. Members of the crew had previously identified the three men in the City Jail, who were arrested by Sergeant Keller and Kienlan for many holdups in Portland.

Five Men Now Held.

Another strange feature of the case is the fact that five men are held and efforts are being made to have them indicted by the grand jury for the holdup of the train that was committed by only three. But the strangest, perhaps, of all the strange features of the case is the fact that Sheriff Stevens and Special Agent Fitzgerald, of the O. R. & N., claim to be able to establish a clear case of guilt against Burke, Hayes and the third man, who has not been arrested, even if Burke had never confessed and none of the train crew was able to identify a single one of the men.

And if circumstantial evidence may be regarded as convincing, or convincing, they certainly have excellent grounds for their claims. As a result of the claims of the police and the Sheriff, with the railroad company special agents, the case has developed into one where circumstantial evidence, strengthened by second-hand or rather a second-thought identification, plied against actual and positive visual identification, added to by circumstances.

So closely is the net of evidence been woven around Burke, Hayes and the man still at large, aside from the previous identification by the train crew of the men in the City Jail, that there is little doubt of their guilt. The strongest and most binding mesh perhaps in the net is the "alicker," or rubber coat, that was found on the night near the scene of the crime. Positive evidence has been secured that the coat was borrowed by Hayes and worn on the night of the crime, when it was found.

Other Scraps of Evidence.

Many other incriminating pieces of evidence and circumstances were brought out last night. This was present at this second examination of Burke, Sheriff Stevens, Deputies Beatty and Leonard J. W. Rogers, of Salt Lake City, division superintendent of the Express Company, of the company from St. Louis and other officers.

Fireman Hon, who first attempted to identify Burke, Hayes and Bon was quickly reminded of incidents and circumstances that he had told no one and had almost forgotten himself. He was at last convinced that Burke, Hayes and the third man who held up the train. One special incident to which his attention was called by the confessed robber was his request for a light for a cigarette and he had never told any one and had practically forgotten himself until it had been recalled to his mind.

Engineer Donlon, was also reminded of instance of Burke's engineer his residence address. The engineer had suggested to the members of the crew that if the robbers got a big haul they send him a Christmas present. And last night Burke told him where he lived, the address to which the engineer had asked the present to be sent, an incident he also had practically forgotten.

H. Edginger, purser on the steamer Valley Gatzert, on which the trio rode to Hood River from Portland the day before the holdup, was also unable to identify Burke until various incidents had been cited to refresh his memory. Then Purser Edginger remembered the fact that the Gatzert had aided the steamer Dallas City, which had sunk in shallow water and the Gatzert had pumped the water out of her for an hour or more. Numerous other incidents such as these suggested by Burke convinced the purser.

Nor was Vanderhoof, who was riding as a tramp on the engine, when the hold-up occurred, able to identify Burke, until the latter suggested numerous incidents and circumstances in connection with the wait for the train at Hood River and the trip towards Portland. Messenger Huff was also able to identify the confessed robber after numerous incidents had been cited.

Hayes was also interrogated again last night. He was shown a brown coat, pair of corduroy trousers, blue sweater and negligee shirt, the kind of garments he said he wore Thursday night. He readily identified the coat and trousers as his own, but denied ownership of the other articles. The garments were found near the scene of the hold-up soon after the crime and, according to Burke's confession, were discarded by Hayes.

Believe Hays ex-Convict.

Efforts were made to induce him to attire himself in these garments, so the train crew could see him in them, but this he flatly refused to do. Hayes is a close reader of the newspapers and says The Oregonian made a mistake in Tuesday morning's issue when it said he had served time in Folsom. He says he never served in Folsom, but officers who are trying to get his record say he served both in the Oregon and Montana penitentiaries under a different name.

The officers yesterday failed to find

the revolver, garments and other articles which Burke, in his confession, said had been hidden near the tracks as the robbers approached the city. It is believed that the suspect still at large visited the "plant" after the arrest of the other two and removed the articles.

FALSE COLON CAUSES FALL

Demented Centralia Youth Opens Up Recruiting Station.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Harry Gibson, a cook at the Washington Hotel, of this city, a few days ago arrayed himself in the uniform of an artillery officer and hung from the window of his room United States flag, advertising himself as a recruiting officer for the Government.

Lieutenant J. M. Kelso, recruiting officer, stationed at Portland, hearing of the newly established office here, came up on a tour of investigation. Obtaining the reinforcement of a member of the police force, he visited the hotel. The result was that Gibson and his flag went to the police station in company with Lieutenant Kelso. Marshal Clark in the absence of the Police Judge held a court of inquiry. Gibson had letters from various officers and presented his side of the case in good form. Kelso was not in uniform and had failed to bring papers to show his authority, so Marshal Clark was puzzled for a while as to what man was the real officer. However, Kelso remembered that he had a few acquaintances here, and lusted them up to the police office. The assertions of these men gave Marshal Clark a bias in favor of Kelso.

SUE BENEDICTINE SISTERS

Sum of \$450,000, Due on Notes, Is Basis of Complaint.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 22.—Allan P. Hallett, through his attorneys, brought suit tonight in the United States Circuit Court against St. Mary's Academy of Benedictine Sisters, at Nauvoo, Ill., for \$450,000 on notes given by Sister Mary to the Fidelity Funding Company of New York.

The National Copper Bank of New York is the plaintiff in two suits on notes aggregating \$25,500, which it holds against St. Mary's Academy, and on which it brought suit in the United States Circuit Court today.

The notes had been made to the Pacific Fuel Company and then endorsed to the National Copper Bank.

WARSHIPS LEAVE PANAMA

Pacific Fleet Sails for Chile on Regular Cruise.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Pacific fleet, which has been at Panama for several days, sailed today for Valparaiso, Chile. The Colorado remained at Panama in order to enable her to take on board Captain C. B. Moore, who has succeeded Captain Edmund B. Underwood, who is ill at Mare Island. She will sail December 25.

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INLAND EMPIRE'S FIRST TRIP

Captain Riggs Takes Out New Vessel for Pasco.

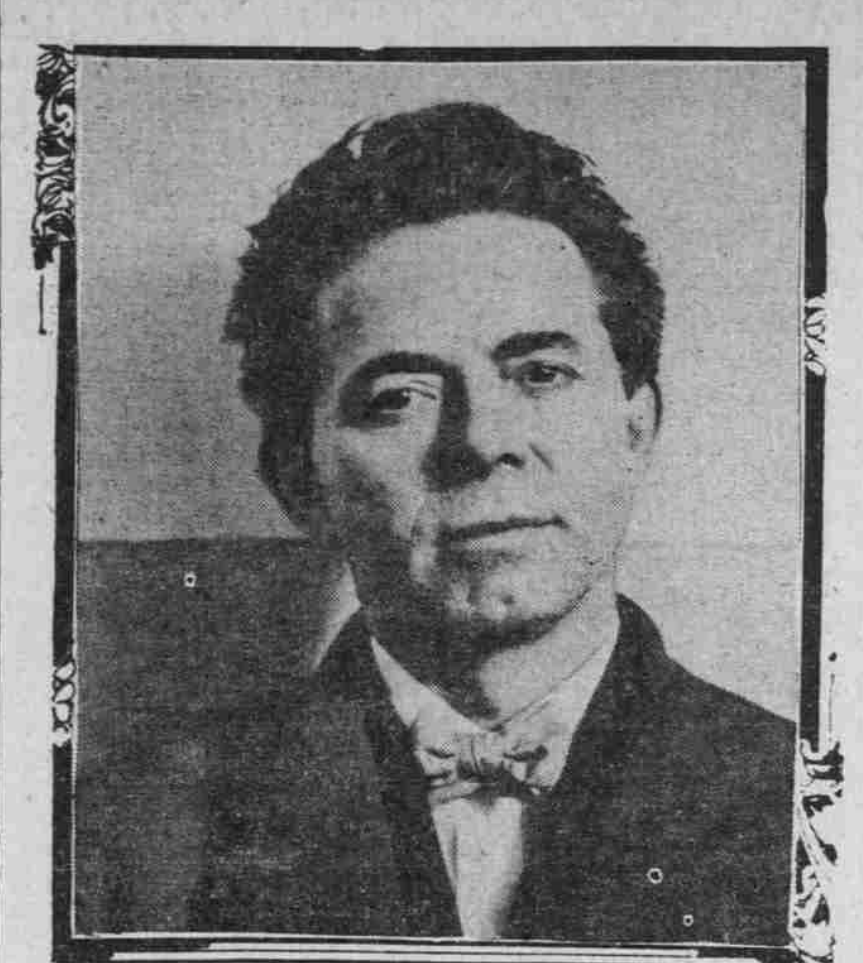
On her first trip from Celilo to Pasco, the new steamboat Inland Empire will be in command of Captain Arthur Riggs, master of the J. N. Teal. Captain Riggs left last night for Kelso by rail and will take the boat out this morning. During his absence Pilot Herman Fries will be in command of the Teal.

Inspectors Edwards and Fuller gave the Inland Empire a certificate yesterday and that vessel will have about capacity cargo on her maiden trip up the Columbia. The boat is about the same type as the Teal though she has more cargo room. The little steamer Relief will be laid off as her capacity is too limited to be of much use in the upper trade. C. D. Kellogg, who is to have charge of the engine-room of the Empire, is the ranking engineer of the Open River Transportation Company and has been engaged in superintending the construction of the new boat.

SHIP IS BADLY BATTERED

Gulf Stream Loses Stores and Cabin Is Flooded.

ARRESTED AFTER BEING MOBBED BY ONE HUNDRED ANGRY WOMEN.



R. F. GERMAIN, EMPLOYMENT AGENT CHARGED WITH FRAUD

DUTY ON SQUARED TIMBER

SIBERIAN OAK DUTIABLE WHEN TREATED ABROAD.

Furniture-Makers Affected by Decision to Extend of 1 Cent Per Cubic Foot.

When the Japanese steamship Fukui Maru arrived in this port from Vladivostok, in October, part of her cargo was Siberian oak timber consigned to Bannfield-Vessey Fuel Company. The timber was "squared" and the receiving company was required to pay duty on the shipment at the rate fixed for manufactured lumber. The matter was taken up to the general appraisers at New York and the decision has just been handed down that the local office had made the proper classification.

While the duty amounts to only 1 cent a cubic foot, the tax is regarded as a hardship by Pacific Coast furniture manufacturers, who must depend on foreign hard woods if they are to compete with Eastern manufacturers, as the freight tariffs from the East are so high on this class of shipments as to be practically prohibitive.

The duty assessed on this class of material is not a new point, according to the customs officers, but as the furniture business of this Coast is becoming an important factor the question of duty is of particular interest. Local manufacturers say that Eastern manufacturers are endeavoring to retain all the hardwood in

that part of the country as the supply is rapidly getting depleted.

Seattle Marine Notes.

SEATTLE, Dec. 22.—The Japanese steamer Aki Maru sailed for Japan this morning with a large cargo, mostly cotton and flour, in addition to 125 passengers from here. The steamer Jeanette sailed this evening for Valdez, with general cargo and passengers. The steamer Pennsylvania returned from Bellingham and is making ready to leave out for Valdez Thursday morning. The steamer Tallac arrived from San Francisco with general cargo as did the City of Puebla and Buckman. The steamer Queen sailed for California this morning.

Marine Notes.

The French bark Rene Kerviller arrived at Astoria yesterday and will await orders.

The steamship R. D. Inman cleared yesterday with a cargo of 200,000 feet of fir for San Francisco.

The Portland and Asiatic steamship Numanita sailed yesterday from San Francisco and should be at her dock here Thursday.

MANY STAMPS SOLD

Business Men's Day Highly Successful for Nurses.

PLAGUE FUND INCREASED

Requests for Little Mercy Messengers Come From Outside Points. Thousands Are Purchased During the Day.

Tuesday, which was designated as Business Men's Stamp day, witnessed great inroads in the consignment of 300,000 stickers which were recently received by the Little Mercy Association. The committee in charge made record work, and were untiring in their efforts to make the day a financial success. Many requests for consignments of stamps came from out-of-town merchants, two large orders being sent to Kelso, Wash., and one to Shaniko, Or.

The public and private schools in the city have done much to promote the sales of the stamps. In each instance, teachers and pupils have co-operated in the work, and a goodly sum has been realized in this way. At the Sellwood school the first consignment of 500 was quickly disposed of, and a second order for 1000 stamps sent in today. A booth has been installed in the Wells-Fargo building and a uniformed nurse is stationed at the booth in the Chamber of Commerce, where the public will be given an opportunity to make purchases of stamps. Any number of these stickers will be sent by messenger if the phone number of the Little Mercy Association is called, Main 487. The campaign will continue, with redoubled energy, until the New Year.

CARNIVAL DRAWS TOURISTS

HALF-DOZEN EASTERN PARTIES COMING TO ROSE FESTIVAL.

Boston Party Scheduled for Next June Will Include 300 Residents of Hub.

In a communication received yesterday from the directors of one of the largest tourists agencies in the East, the Portland Rose Festival Association was assured that from four to six tourist parties from the East would be here during the week of the celebration next June. One of the parties scheduled for the Pacific Northwest trip will come from Boston, another from New York, a third from Brooklyn, while the fourth will be made up of pleasure seekers from Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania points.

Requests were made for detailed literature as to the plans and programme for the week of festivities in this city. It was also asked as to what connections there were between Portland and Seattle with a list of the dates and attractions for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition which will open at Seattle the week before the festival begins here.

Particular interest centers in the crowd of 300 which will be gathered together for the Pacific Western trip from Boston, as it is intended to include in the personnel a coterie of wealthy capitalists who have been out to this country before and who have important industrial interests in this part of the country. This excursion outfit will embrace not only the moneyed men of the New England "Hub," but others who are looking for attractive investments.

The New York crowd, which is being made up, even at this early date, it appears, are pure pleasure seekers who desire to interest themselves in a proposition on the Pacific slope where they may be able to invest in beach resorts that will bring in comfortable incomes.

It has developed that the Hill lines, which have shown great activity in booming the festival, have undertaken negotiations with Eastern capitalists for the opening of a series of summer hotels on the Oregon Coast, and that the railroads will play a prominent part in the boosting of the plans of the tourist companies.

Within the last few days requests have been received by the general passenger departments of both the Hill and Harriman lines in this territory, from the Atlantic seaboard for an outline of the best itinerary for pleasure seekers who are destined for the Pacific Northwest during the coming summer. The importance of this exploitation work as a help for this territory has been recognized by the transcontinental railroads centering here and within a few days all the literature that is available will be supplied the tourist promoters.

At the meeting of the North Albina Rose Culture Club, held Monday night, plans were devised for a systematic crusade throughout the entire district, which has for its object the planting of roses in every dooryard in that region. The women, who have shown more interest than men in this movement, will make personal canvass among the residents with a view of making the official "Rose-planting Day," next February 22, the occasion of the setting out of roses in that portion of the city. They are even advocating the proposition of giving up

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the whole day—Washington's birthday—to this feature of enhancing the beauty of their district.

Champion Seeks Laurels.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The first of two matches which Peter Latham, racket champion of England, will play in this country will be held at the New York Racquet and Tennis Club Saturday next, when he will meet George Standing, the former English champion. Latham will play a second match with Jay Gould, who is the American amateur champion, on January 9.

Gladstone Plans to Incorporate.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The people of Gladstone, a growing suburb just north of Oregon City, are seriously contemplating incorporation, and will hold a meeting next Monday night in the basement of the Christian Church to discuss the proposition. Gladstone has no water or sewerage system at the present time. The residents seem to be a majority for incorporation.

Court Completes Big Grid.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The State Supreme Court today finished the October term, during which 242 cases were submitted, the largest list of any term in the history of the court. The next term will begin January 13.

Our Specialty Our specialty is to build up health to a permanent and perfect standard, and we believe in our ability to get results. We believe honest statements can be passed out to honest men by honest methods and that men have confidence enough in their fellow-men now to shy at every guidepost without investigating a little on their account. We believe in working, not weeping, and in the pleasure of our work. We believe that a man gets what he goes after; that one deed done today is worth two deeds tomorrow, and that NO MAN IS DOWN AND OUT UNTIL HE HAS LOST FAITH IN HIMSELF. We believe in today and the work we are doing; in the work we hope to do and the sure reward which the future holds. We believe in courtesy, in kindness, in generosity, in good cheer, in friendship and honest competition. We believe there is something doing somewhere for every man ready to do it, and we are ready right now. Our experience and facilities are unequalled in Portland, and we have the largest referred practice in the city. We mean by "referred practice" patients referred to us by others who previously treated with us and voluntarily recommend their friends to us for similar treatment. Expert Medical FREE Any Uncomplicated Special Disease Cured for \$10 Examination Examination FREE Any Uncomplicated Special Disease Cured for \$10 Our treatments are mild—our results are quick. We successfully treat Acute, Chronic and Nervous Diseases, Blood Poison, Varicose Veins, Catarrh, Skin Diseases, Stomach and Bowel Troubles, Piles, Fistula, Kidney and Bladder Ailments, Nervous Debility, and many other diseases of men not mentioned here. No business address or street number on our envelopes or packages. Consultation and advice free. If you cannot call at office, write for self-examination blank—many cases cured at home. Medicines \$1.50 to \$8.50 per course. Hours—9 A. M. to 8 P. M. Sundays, 10 A. M. to 12. ST. LOUIS MEDICAL AND DISPENSARY SURGICAL CORNER SECOND AND YAMHILL PORTLAND, OREGON. VARICOCELE Saps the Vital Power From Men MY FEE ONLY \$10 In Any Uncomplicated Case. GET CURED NOW It is not a question of whether you can be cured, but whether you will be cured. Don't wait until it is too late. My method for the treatment of Varicose Veins is perfect and quick. The cure is absolutely certain. I use NO KNIFE, cause no pain, and you can be detained from your work for one day. I especially solicit those cases in which the money has been wasted on electric belts and other appliances. Don't experiment when my Sure Method offers a certain means of cure. EXAMINATION FREE I offer not only FREE consultation and advice, but of every case that comes to me I will make a careful examination and diagnosis without charge. No ailing man should neglect this opportunity to get expert opinion about his trouble. If you cannot call, write for Diagnosis Chart. My offices are open all day from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M., and Sundays from 10 to 1 P. M. My Fair Offer Is Pay Me When I've Cured You THE DR. TAYLOR CO. 234 1/2 MORRISON STREET, CORNER SECOND, PORTLAND, OREGON.

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