



MEN IN TAXICAB ROB ROADHOUSES

Chauffeur Drives at Point of Revolver.

ONE MAN, RESISTING, SHOT

Highwaymen Well Dressed and Raid Is Well Planned.

POSSES ARE IN PURSUIT

Twelve-Mile and Seven-Mile Resorts Are Victims—Revenge Upon Fred Merrill May Have Been Planned.

Manley Thompson, aged 41, was shot and fatally wounded at the Seven-Mile House by two fashionably dressed, masked highwaymen at 9:35 o'clock last night. The highwaymen, who had gone to the place in a taxicab with the chauffeur, Frank Haddley, driving the taxicab at the point of a revolver, had just held up and robbed the Twelve-Mile House and hurried to the Seven-Mile House, where the second attempted robbery resulted in a murder.

The highwaymen fled on foot across the fields towards Portland and escaped. Sheriff Stevens and Constable Wagner, with large posses, were on the ground soon afterward and are scouring the country for the highwaymen.

Haddley, who is a chauffeur for the Oregon Taxicab Company, said that he would be able to give a positive identification of both highwaymen. A dash for liberty by him at the time Thompson was shot forced the plan of absolute escape of the two men.

Revenge May Be Motive. Revenge on Fred B. Merrill, owner of the Twelve Mile House is a possible motive for the hold-up, as indicated by remarks made by the men.

The Oregon Taxicab Company received a call at 8:30 o'clock for a cab to go to the end of the Mount Scott road. Haddley, who was driving, and the end of the carline picked up a well-dressed man, who ordered him in an off-hand way to drive to the Twelve-Mile House. He ordered Haddley to proceed in a round-about way, and when about a mile out of the regular course came upon another man, also well dressed, who entered the cab.

Haddley had been growing suspicious and his doubts as to the honesty of his fares were dispelled when the two men produced large revolvers and pointed them at his head, directing him to drive to the Twelve-Mile House and to drive fast.

En route to the Twelve-Mile House the taxicab passed the Seven-Mile House, which is conducted by Mabel Spere. One of the highwaymen remarked, "Well, come back and get this place later."

Arriving at the Twelve-Mile House the highwaymen both produced masks and tied them on and ordered Haddley to dismount and enter ahead of them, who he did. Inside the place were six persons, three being waiters, two being guests of the house and the sixth, Mrs. Merrill, wife of Fred B. Merrill, the proprietor. One of the men stayed at the door, covering Haddley with the revolver, and the other entered and ordered the five men in the place to line up on one side of the room. All complied and the robber went behind the bar and opened the money till and scooped four or five handfuls of money into his pocket. He then ordered Mrs. Merrill to open the safe. She did so, whereupon the man took about \$100 more.

The man then went to the side of the house and tore the telephone from the wall and, ordering Haddley back into the taxicab, they commanded him to drive with all speed to the Seven-Mile House the shorter of the two highwaymen said:

"Merrill owes it to me, and I got him that time."

Piano Player Resists. As the taxicab approached the Seven-Mile House, Manley Thompson, a piano player at the house, heard the puffing of the machine and went to the porch to welcome the supposed customers. When he was met with a command to throw up his hands he resisted and grappled with the two men. In the scuffle which ensued, one of the highwaymen fired two shots, one striking Thompson in the face and the other penetrating the left side and passing near the heart.

This is the shot which it is believed was fatal.

NEW CABINET REBUFFED

Hungarian Chamber Votes "No Confidence" at First Opportunity.

BUDAPEST, Jan. 28.—An early rebuff was met by the recently formed Hederwary cabinet, when the chamber today with a large majority voted a want of confidence in the ministry.

The premier told the deputies he was unable to decide immediately whether to resign or to dissolve parliament. He then drew from his pocket an imperial receipt adjourning the House to March 4.

Requisition Is Out for Luoma. SALEM, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Governor Benson has issued a requisition upon the Governor of Florida for F. W. Luoma, wanted in Jackson County on the charge of uttering a forged check.

AUSTRIAN SLIGHTS ENVOY OF GERMANY

MRS. FRANCES' ABSENCE FROM RECEPTION CAUSES TROUBLE.

Rule of Precedence at Court of Vienna Violated by Premier and Storm Brews.

VIENNA, Austria, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The absence of Mrs. Francis, wife of the American Ambassador, and doyen of the diplomatic corps, from the court ball January 18 indirectly led to an incident which may result in the retirement of the German Ambassador, Herr Tschirchky and Bogendorff, from Vienna, and possibly even the downfall of Baron von Aehrenthal, the Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Shortly before the diplomats, who were assembled outside the ballroom, formed in procession behind the imperial family, the Baron requested the Papal nuncio to act as the escort of Mme. Tschirchky, as being next in seniority to Mrs. Francis. He then walked over to Ambassador Tschirchky, who was talking to the British Ambassador, Lady Cartwright, whom the German diplomat intended to take in. Baron von Aehrenthal calmly took her ladyship from him and led her into the ballroom himself.

As doyen, Mme. Tschirchky was entitled to the escort of Baron von Aehrenthal.

MRS. STRINGER POPULAR

Parents of Art Instructor Who Died in South Live in Salem.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Lena M. Stringer, only child of Rev. and Mrs. P. S. Knight, who died on January 22 at her home in San Francisco, many friends in Salem, Portland, Oregon City and other places in Western Oregon. Mrs. Stringer was born in Oregon City on August 5, 1866. The highwaymen fled on foot across the fields towards Portland and escaped. Sheriff Stevens and Constable Wagner, with large posses, were on the ground soon afterward and are scouring the country for the highwaymen.

Mrs. Stringer in recent years had gained an enviable reputation as an illustrator and contributor to children's publications, and at the time of her death was a valued member of the San Francisco Press Club. She was greatly beloved for her sweet and noble character and her death caused widespread sorrow among her friends in this city, where she was known to all. Besides her parents, Mr. Stringer and two little girls, 8 and 9 years old, survive.

SEWAGE FATTENS OYSTERS

Federal Government Seeks to Prevent "Adulteration."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The Government is going after those who transport oysters from salt water to fresh water and frequently near the mouth of sewers, where they are allowed to fatten and enlarge beyond their normal proportions, thus making them more marketable, but less desirable to the consumer. This was developed today in the testimony of Dr. Wiley, Government chief chemist, before the House sub-committee, engaged in investigating the high price of oysters. Dr. Wiley charged adulteration as a flagrant form of adulteration. The more sewage the oyster receives, he said, the more corpulent and white it became, giving it an exceptionally edible appearance.

ORATORICAL CONTEST HELD

Claud Rees Leads Five Contestants at Pacific College.

NEWBERG, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—At Pacific College here tonight a preliminary oratorical contest was held among five contestants of the college. The results were as follows: First—Claud Rees, a sophomore, subject, "The Heroine." Second—Leonard George, a senior, subject, "A Better Appreciation of Art." Third—Mary Cook, a junior, subject, "The Problem Function of Sanitation." Fourth—Nathan Cook, a senior, subject, "The Problem of the Nation." Fifth—Maud Haworth, a freshman, subject, "The Decline of the American Home." This contest was preliminary to the state contest to be held at Salem March 11.

PEARY WINS FLAG CASE

Desecration Charge Not Upheld in New York Court.

ELMHURST, N. Y., Jan. 28.—The demurrer interposed by Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole, in the action for desecration of the American flag, growing out of the display of the famous "North Pole" flag at the Hudson Fulton celebration, was sustained today by Justice Lyon.

The demurrer maintained alleged that the law was unconstitutional as to the charge against Peary.

GREECE PLANS CHANGES

National Assembly Is to Revise Constitution.

ATHENS, Jan. 28.—An agreement was reached today by the three political parties, the Rhall party and the Military League to convoke the National Assembly for a revision of the constitution with the condition that the league shall first be dissolved. The powers of the National Assembly will be limited. It is believed King George will agree to the plan. A new Ministry, it is expected, will replace the present cabinet tomorrow.

CREST OF FLOOD IN PARIS DELAYS

Raging Seine Continues to Rise.

WATER HAS UNDERMINED CITY

Bridges Clog Passage of River Through Channel.

MUCH CHARITY IS NEEDED

Refugees Pour Into Metropolis by Thousands, Homeless, Hungry, in Need of Clothes—Rescues of Many Lives Are Thrilling.

SEINE ANNOUNCED STATIONARY

PARIS, Jan. 29.—It was officially announced at 1 o'clock this morning that the river Seine was stationary and that its tributaries continued to fall.

PARIS, Jan. 28.—After a slow but steady rise of the flood waters all day, the Fluvial Department at midnight could only issue a statement saying that it was possible the crest of the flood would be reached tomorrow.

The water has begun to fall in all of the tributaries of the Seine above Paris, but the passage through the city is clogged by bridges and an immense accumulation of drift continued tonight. Sailors, firemen and police are hastily constructing temporary walls by the light of campfires and torches in an endeavor to keep out the invading floods, while pickets patrol these sections of the city that are plunged in darkness.

Buildings May Collapse

The situation in the Place de l'Opera tonight is serious. The entire territory has been roped off as unsafe. It is said also that the new Equitable Life Assurance building is in danger of collapse. President Fallieres and Premier Briand today drove in automobiles to the flooded suburbs where distress is greatest, speaking words of comfort to the homeless and encouraging soldiers and others engaged in salvage and rescue work.

Much Charity Work Done

Charitable organizations are co-operating with the authorities in throwing open their buildings and in succoring refugees. Several convents and a number of public buildings have been equipped with military cots and bedding and transformed into hospitals. The Red Cross is performing splendid service in distributing food and clothing. Nevertheless, numerous instances are cited of women and children who had refused to leave their homes in the submerged districts, shrieking from their windows for bread.

Refugees Come by Thousands

The number of refugees arriving here is enormous. Charenton alone sending in 25,000 who had got there from Calais and other afflicting points. Many thrilling rescues are recorded. The family of M. Barthou, ex-Minister of Public Works, whose home in the Avenue d'Antun is surrounded, was taken out on the backs of soldiers and in boats.

A large number of schools are closed and the municipality is considering the same.

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SAN DIEGANS UP IN ARMS

Washington "Boosters" Auto Rides May Cost City Dearly.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 28.—The wholesale arrests made following the entertainment here with automobile rides of a committee, representing all the automobile dealers in the city, issued a statement to the effect that unless the "persecution" ceased they would make arrangements to dispose of their garages and agencies. They claim they are prosecuted on the sole evidence of policemen and that they have no redress.

AUTOISTS PROTEST LOUDLY

Los Angeles Will Carry Jail-Sentence Law to High Court.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 28.—Automobilists of Los Angeles will carry to the State Supreme Court a test case to determine the validity of the ordinance which provides a straight jail sentence for speeders. J. H. Snowden, sentenced to 30 days in jail, will petition for a review of his case on the ground the new regulation discriminates against chauffeurs in favor of drivers of other classes of vehicles. The city authorities sanction the appeal.

UNCLE JIM'S TIP TO THE NATION.

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COMET SHOWS IN WEST FOR 2 HOURS

Portland People Gaze on Astral Visitor.

DESCRIPTIONS ARE VARIED

People of Vancouver Say It Looks Like Rainbow.

TRIP TO CREST REWARDS

Half Thousand Portlanders Gather on Hills Southwest of City Late in Afternoon and Patient Ones Obtain View.

Comet "A-1910" appeared to Portlanders for the first time last evening, and hundreds of residents saw the heavenly wonder as it blazed over the hills to the southwest. Five hundred people went to Council Crest yesterday afternoon to obtain a possible glimpse of the astral body and of this number all save about 100 who left early were rewarded with a fine view of the comet which appeared about 5 o'clock and grew brighter as evening advanced, finally sinking below the horizon at 7:45 o'clock.

Views of Luminary Varied.

The comet was also visible last evening to people in Vancouver, Salem, Station, Albany, Corvallis and other nearby towns. People of Vancouver insist that the comet had the appearance of a rainbow. Salem saw a big star followed by a long, ragged streak of fire. To skygazers at Corvallis the head of the comet was luminous and the tail appeared as a series of perpendicular lines. Dispatches from Manila bring the information that a comet has been observed there a few degrees to the south of Venus and apparently approaching the earth. Manila people believe the luminary to be Wainewick's comet.

First Seen by Mrs. Ainsworth.

The comet was first discovered on Council Crest by Mrs. J. C. Ainsworth shortly after 5 o'clock in the evening. The sky was beginning to darken. Venus had appeared but no comet was visible. Then above the horizon some distance and a trifle lower than Venus there appeared a new star which appeared a trifle elongated in shape and Mrs. Ainsworth hurried to the observatory where A. Duchamp and a number of others were searching the heavens with a strong telescope. Just before Mrs. Ainsworth reached the tower, the comet had discovered the comet and soon after its first appearance it grew in power and brilliancy until all on the Crest were able to see it plainly with the unaided eye. It was not only those on Council Crest, however, who obtained a glimpse of the comet. Many residents of Sunnyside, people living on the West Side and people from every part of Portland notified The Oregonian last evening of the heavenly wonder they had seen, and many inquiries were telephoned in to The Oregonian office by those who have seen the comet and wished to verify their sight by inquiry as to whether it was really the comet they had seen and if so, which one.

Duchamp Looks Through Telescope.

Probably the best description of the comet was given by A. Duchamp, proprietor of the Council Crest Observatory.

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MCCARTHY PLAYS COSTLY POLITICS

TOM DILLON LEARNS HOW GAME IS RUN IN BAY CITY.

Mayor's Supporter Called Upon to Pay His Campaign Expenses to Get Fight Permit.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Local politicians and sports are laughing over the experience of Tom Dillon, the well-known hatter, who tried to use his political influence to become manager of a prizefight club.

Dillon worked hard to secure the election of McCarthy as Mayor and his friends said he would surely be rewarded as a Police Commissioner. But several weeks ago Dillon became interested in the Mission Athletic Club and went to see Mayor McCarthy about getting a permit for the Nelson-Wolcott fight for February 25. The Mayor told him it would be all right, as a \$1000 check for training expenses was sent-Nelson by Sid Hester, manager of the club.

But when Dillon actually applied for a permit, he was referred to Lawyer Dorn, the Mayor's legal adviser, and found that to get the permit he must guarantee \$15,000, which were McCarthy's unpaid campaign bills. Dillon declined. Then the Metropolitan Athletic Club was formed, with Louis Blot as manager and Dorn as the real head, and this club secured the fight permit for February. Dillon's experience furnishes a good illustration of politics as done by the Union Labor Mayor.

This afternoon Dillon and Flannery, the new chairman of the Police Commission, quarreled in front of Flannery's saloon, and Dillon whipped Flannery.

STRAHORN AFTER POWER

President of North Coast and Associates Seek Priest Rapids Sites.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Another large company to develop power sites in Central Washington has been organized by Robert E. Strahorn, president of the North Coast Railroad, and associates. It is the Columbia River Reclamation Company, with headquarters in Spokane.

Strahorn's name does not appear in the incorporation papers, although it is known that he is largely interested. The company has filed a request for a right-of-way across state lands near Priest Rapids for a width of 1000 feet and running about 10 miles long, near the mouth of the Columbia. While the capital stock is only \$100,000, it is generally understood that the company has been fully financed. Strahorn controls all the power in Yakima Valley, except that at Ellensburg and Prosser, where there are small plants.

GIRL RUNAWAY IS CAUGHT

Officers in Launch Overhaul Steamer as She Puts to Sea.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Officers from Aberdeen hurried aboard the steamer Chehalis, which had put back in here after starting to sea, owing to a heavy squall, and removed Ruby Koghs, a 17-year-old girl, who is alleged to have been running away to join her lover, Sam Pedro, in Portland. The man is said to be Arthur Hildebrand, of Portland, and it is asserted that he had sent the girl funds to join him in the California city. It is said that the captain of the vessel demurred at surrendering the girl without a warrant, but that she was quietly slipped overboard by Sam Pedro, one of the officers while the other engaged the captain in conversation.

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QUICK VICTORY HIS PLAN.

"Don't imagine for one solitary minute that I don't know what I am about," he said. "Any time you hear any expression as to the honesty of my intentions in this fight, just tell them for me that I am out to win, and I am going to win just as sure as the sun shines outside this minute. I am going to win, and win quick. If the 'skunk' stays far rounds he will do so because he has run away from me, but I think I can go some in that line myself. Mark what I tell you, I will be the master of this 'nigger' from the start, and he knows it. The only thing I am afraid of is that he will run out of the match by getting himself in jail or smashed up in an automobile accident before the Fourth of July. Remember this, too, I have met 'niggers' before, and I think I know how to deal with this one. This will positively be my last fight, for I have promised my wife to retire for good, and after the Fourth of July we will settle down on the farm near Los Angeles and live comfortably. I will have \$66,000 to add to the bankroll after that last fight," and the big fellow smiled confidently and resumed his dressing.

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