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## BANDITS, DEFYING ALL PARIS, KILLED

### Police and Soldiers Use Dynamite.

## TWO DETECTIVES WOUNDED

### Siege of Garage Most Sensational France Has Known.

## HUNDREDS OF SHOTS FIRED

### Great Crowd, Changed to Howling Mob, Clamors for Death of One Who Survives Explosion. Anarchist Plot Widespread.

PARIS, April 28.—Bonnot, the leader of an organized gang of automobile bandits who have been terrorizing Paris and the surrounding district for months, and Dubois, a notorious anarchist, were shot to death today in the most thrilling encounter in the annals of French crime.

A garage at Choisy-le-Roi, six miles south of Paris, in which the bandits had taken refuge, was blown up by dynamite after these two men had kept at bay for hours a large part of the police force of Paris, a contingent of gendarmes, two companies of republican guards and a company of engineers. Ten thousand spectators viewed the battle.

Battle Paralleled in London. Today's engagement equalled in dramatic circumstances the encounter in January, 1911, described as "the battle of London," when desperadoes accused of being the murderers of police in Houndsditch were trapped in a house in the Whitechapel district and went to their death battling against hundreds of London police and soldiers.

Bonnot and Dubois, after wounding two policemen, took refuge today in the garage. They were trapped in the building, which at once was surrounded. Reinforcements were dispatched to aid the police. A battery of artillery was on the way from Versailles when a small detachment of soldiers succeeded in playing dynamite against the structure and blowing out the front walls. Bonnot was captured alive. He was rigid with bullets and died on the way to a hospital.

## Crowd is Infatuated.

The great crowd, with cries of "Death to Bonnot," almost tore the bandit from the soldiers, several of whom were injured.

Parisians, particularly automobilists, have been in a state of terror because of the reckless crimes of the automobile bandits, which reached a climax in the murder of Assistant Superintendent Jouin of the detective department and the wounding of Chief Inspector Coleman by Bonnot on the morning of April 24. The government then ordered all the available police to hunt the assassins day and night.

## Two Detectives Fall.

At the same moment there was a hail of bullets from a window, and two detectives fell, one with two bullets in his abdomen. It was Bonnot shooting from the first floor.

The detectives retired and a general alarm was sent out. Police, gendarmes and all classes of people came immediately. They were armed with muskets and revolvers and directed hundreds of bullets at the garage, from which came a steady rain of lead. M. Lepine, prefect of Paris, telephoned instructions to the police to do nothing until he arrived.

"We will blow them up with dynamite," he said.

Meanwhile the Republican Guards and engineer corps arrived. The crowd became so numerous that the soldiers were forced to drive it back, as it was interfering with the siege.

## Gendarmes Surround Buildings.

M. Lepine, M. Guichard and the commander of the Republican Guards held a council of war and decided to use dynamite. Hundreds of gendarmes, armed with carbines, then began to encircle the building to prevent the escape of the bandits.

A cart was rigged up with thick mattresses and barricaded, and the attacking party advanced slowly toward the garage.

Prior to this excitement had been at fever heat. Officers galloped back and forth, giving orders to restrain the crowds, which were now surging in the streets, but as the cart approached the building a great stillness fell. It was so quiet that one could hear the click of the cinematograph machines which took pictures of the drama.

Dubois is Dead Within. When the cart reached the wall, Lieutenant Forteau emerged and coolly placed two huge sticks of dynamite against the building and ignited the fuse. The horse galloped out of range and the spectators waited, but no explosion.

## DISTRICTS "WET" BY WOMEN'S VOTES

### SEX PLAYS PROMINENT PART IN SACRAMENTO POLL.

### Picture Hats Suffer Because Men Do Not Know How to Build Election Booths to Fit.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 28.—(Special.)—Using their first opportunity to express their opinion on a public issue by ballot, the women of this city yesterday turned out in great numbers, in some precincts outnumbering the men, to vote on the ordinance by which saloons were restored to the recently annexed district.

In most of the precincts of the business district the women's vote was light, but the residence district made up for the shortage. An estimate made from representative districts shows that nearly one-half of the vote came from the women.

That women were intensely interested in the result was shown in several instances by little groups outside the polls after voting time waiting for the results. Picture hats and regulation election booths do not go together. Many women turned out to vote in their biggest picture creations. The booths were in the way. At nearly every precinct in the city the picture hat played the heavy role in tragedy. Some were crushed and warped and twisted and jammed, and had the brims turned up on the wrong side. At one polling place three women stood by and let the parade pass until they became acquainted with the proceedings. They saw one picture hat come to grief and then another and when they finally fell in line they removed their hats and gave them to the precinct election officers to hold until they had exercised their rights to vote. The districts heretofore "dry" were made "wet."

## SWEDISH PLAY AMUSING

### "The Pliktist Girls" Well Attended at Hellig Theater.

Swedish residents of Portland met last night at the Hellig Theater to welcome their countrymen, the Swedish Players, in their musical comedy, "The Pliktist Girls." The story of the play is that of a man with a family of rather lively girls and a boy. Love affairs of the girls, overseen by the watchful parent from behind a door and piano, furnish considerable fun of the broad sort. The humor caught the Swedish audience.

## FLOOD FUNDS ASSURED

### Congress to appropriate \$1,500,000 to Rebuild Levees.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—An immediate appropriation of \$1,500,000 for the rebuilding and repairing of levees on the Mississippi and its tributaries was made certain late today when the House passed the Senate's joint resolution authorizing the expenditure. Congress previously had authorized the use of \$500,000 for emergency work to stop the ravages of the flood.

The situation in the Mississippi Valley south of Memphis remains serious so far as the transportation of the mails is concerned. Reports to Postmaster-General Hitchcock from various representatives of the railway mail service indicate that in many cases it will not be possible to re-establish regular mail service within 30 days at least.

## WOMEN DELEGATES NAMED

### Vancouver Elects Two to Republican County Convention.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 28.—(Special.)—In the Republican primaries in this city, held yesterday, two women, Mrs. William S. DuBois and Mrs. Milton H. Evans, were elected delegates to the county convention to be held Saturday, May 4, at 10 o'clock, in the county courthouse.

## PEARY SHIPMATE DROWNS

### Two Students Lose Lives When Power Canoe is Overturned.

CRESCENT BEACH, Conn., April 28.—George Borup, of New York, who was with Peary in his successful dash for the North Pole, and Samuel Winslow Case, of Norwich, Conn., both graduate students at Yale, were drowned in Long Island Sound this afternoon when their power canoe was overturned by a heavy sea.

## CHURCH DEFEATS PEARE

### La Grande Man Union County Central Committee Chairman.

LA GRANDE, Or., April 28.—(Special.)—W. J. Church, Mayor of La Grande and State Representative, defeated J. H. Peare for re-election to the office of County Chairman of the Republican Central Committee Saturday afternoon. Church won by two votes. Seventeen of the 23 precincts were represented.

J. D. Casey, of Hilgard, was chosen state delegate by four votes over C. E. Cochran. L. H. Russell is secretary.

## TRANSPORT SAILS WITH GALE BLOWING

### Orders Received to Hasten Going.

## GUARD OF 40 MEN CARRIED

### Marines Not Taken, Lest Purpose Be Misconstrued.

## INTERVENTION IS AVOIDED

### Convoy Expected, but Officials Do Not Confirm Report—Surgeon and Full Hospital Equipment Are Carried.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—The transport Buford, bound for the west coast of Mexico, cleared at 9:40 o'clock tonight in the teeth of a heavy south-westerly gale. She carries 40 enlisted men as a guard, and goes as a relief ship for Americans in distress.

She was to have sailed tomorrow but received special orders to put out at once. It is understood that the Buford will put in at San Diego for a convoy. Although no official confirmation of this informal assurance could be had it is reported by a dispatch from San Diego saying that two of the torpedoboot destroyers in port there would sail under sealed orders within 24 hours.

## Hospital Equipment Carried.

Robert T. Bain will be navigating officer of the Buford, under command of Quartermaster-Captain Frank D. Ely. Captain Herbert J. Brees, of the First Cavalry, commands the guard of 40 enlisted men. The ship carries a surgeon and a complete hospital equipment.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—(Special.)—The State Department today, after long deliberation, finally decided not to man with marines the Buford, which is scheduled to sail from San Francisco tomorrow for points on the west coast of Mexico to pick up American refugees.

## Decision to Be Avoided.

The decision not to put marines aboard was prompted by fear of State Department officials that if marines were carried the transport's mission would be considered as a sort of armed intervention. Some Army and Navy officials urged a strong force of marines, which would insure the rescue of Americans at points where bandits or revolutionists are in control and where it might be necessary to land an armed force.

## Destroyers Put to Sea.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 28.—The torpedo boat destroyers Preble and Perry,

## BIG VAUDEVILLE MEN IN COMBINE

### KEITH AND MEYERFELD AND BECK SWING DEAL.

### Orpheum Circuit Owners and Rival Organizations Buy Into Each Others' Properties.

NEW YORK, April 28.—(Special.)—R. F. Keith has purchased the Percy G. Williams circuit of vaudeville theaters in New York and by consummation of a deal with Meyerfeld and Beck, of the Orpheum circuit. Mrs. C. E. Kohl, of Chicago, and Max Anderson, of New York, has brought about an amalgamation of interests involving millions of dollars and by the purchase of AONSU ALAQPI O JO J's houses East and West practically makes a gigantic combination of all the high-class vaudeville houses in America.

In bringing this about, Keith with his associates, E. E. Albee, A. Paul Keith and John J. Murdoch, come into complete control of the vaudeville situation in Chicago east.

In Chicago it will be under the direction of Mrs. C. E. Kohl, Max Anderson and the Monroe Amusement Company, who were associated with Keith in the original purchase of the Percy G. Williams circuit.

West of Chicago, the Orpheum circuit under the direction of Morris Meyerfeld and Martin Beck will have control.

## WAPPENSTEIN STILL FREE

### Sheriff Allows Former Seattle Chief Sunday Night at Home.

SEATTLE, April 28.—Ex-Chief of Police Charles Wappenstein, under sentence of from three to ten years in the state penitentiary for accepting a bribe from keepers of disorderly houses, was permitted to spend another night with his family.

When Wappenstein surrendered yesterday, releasing his bond of \$50,000, the Sheriff announced that he would not take Wappenstein to jail until today, but this afternoon he decided to permit the ex-Chief of Police to spend Sunday night with his wife, who is ill, and placed a deputy in the Wappenstein home as a guard. Wappenstein will make an effort tomorrow to obtain executive clemency, but it is understood that Governor M. E. Hay will decline to interfere and the prisoner probably will go to the penitentiary when the traveling guard arrives from Walla Walla Thursday.

## DEATH LIST MAY BE 60

### Number of Those Injured by Tornado Will Reach Hundreds.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 28.—The death list of the tornado that swept a part of Oklahoma and Texas Saturday afternoon is expected to reach 60. Fifty-four deaths have been reported. The injured list will run into the hundreds. Wire facilities are demoralized and it is impossible to communicate with several stricken towns.

## PINE BLUFF, ARK., April 28.—Telegraphic and telephonic wires are down

between here and Little Rock, Althelmer, Show, Tucker and Rock. A tornado is reported at Keo.

## COLONEL'S MEMORY FAULTY, SAYS TAFT

### Course Not Approved in Council.

## PRESIDENT NOT IN COUNTRY

### Harvester Question Not Discussed in Presence.

## DATES PROVED BY RECORD

### Trip West, to Canada and Philippines, Precluded Possibility of Presence at Cabinet Meetings at Time.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—President Taft, before leaving today for his return to Massachusetts, issued a personal statement denying Colonel Roosevelt's allegation that Mr. Taft, while Secretary of War, at a Cabinet meeting, had approved Mr. Roosevelt's decision not to prosecute immediately the International Harvester Company.

President Taft's statement says he never had heard the International Harvester Company discussed at any Cabinet meeting, and that the records of the War Department will show that he was out of the country when the incident referred to by the Colonel occurred.

President Taft's statement follows: "Mr. Roosevelt in his speech at Worcester, as reported by the public press, referring to the Harvester trust said: 'As a matter of fact Mr. Taft was a member of my Cabinet, and he cordially approved the action taken and, indeed, as a matter of fact, my memory is that he himself made the motion that there should be no prosecution of the Harvester trust pending the investigation into the trust by the Bureau of Corporations.'

## Colonel's Memory at Fault.

"Mr. Roosevelt's memory is very much at fault. I am authorized to say by Secretary Root and Secretary Wilson, both of whom were members of the Cabinet at that time, that they have no recollection whatever of hearing the prosecution of the Harvester matter discussed in the Cabinet and Mr. Root is very certain that he never saw or heard of Mr. Herbert Knox Smith's letter to Mr. Roosevelt under date of September 21, 1907, on the subject.

"I am able to say the same thing. So far as my recollection goes, I never heard the Harvester trust matter discussed in any Cabinet meeting that I attended and I cannot be mistaken in the statement that I never saw or knew of Mr. Herbert Knox Smith's

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## TRIPLETS AND SIX SCARE BRIDE AWAY

### FATHER OF ROOSEVELT, TAFT AND CORTELYOU SUES.

### Deserted Husband Would Divorce Woman He Chose as Stepmother for Cabinet.

TRENTON, N. J., April 28.—(Special.)—Israel Sahn, who gained notoriety some time ago by naming triplet sons for Roosevelt, Taft and Cortelyou, has instituted divorce proceedings against his wife.

Shortly after the birth of the triplets the mother died, and friends of Sahn induced him to seek another wife in order that the children might have a mother. Sahn became acquainted with a young Austrian woman named Yetta Metter and recently married her.

Returning from her honeymoon to the New Brunswick home of her husband, the bride was confronted with the triplets and six other children by her predecessor, and fled in terror. Mrs. Sahn has not lived with her husband since, hence the divorce proceedings.

## COUNTY TO PAY FOR ROAD

### Assistant Attorney-General Advises Lincoln County Commissioners.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 28.—(Special.)—In an opinion rendered today by the Prosecuting Attorney of Lincoln County, Assistant Attorney-General Lytle holds that money necessary to acquire a right of way for a county road suitable for improvement under the state highway act, should be derived from the county general road and bridge fund.

In a former opinion on the highway department it was held that engineering, advertising and incidental expenses could come from the county fund, but in the present case it is only desired to make a change of grade to make possible the building of the state highway, so the expense is held to be incidental.

The opinion holds that it is practically optional with the County Commissioners whether they desire to pay for the bridges and culverts out of the general road and bridge fund or out of the county's share of the state highway fund, and that in cases where the bridges and culverts are a necessary part of the improvement they may be included in the main contract executed under the state highway fund, but that if it is deemed inadvisable by the Commissioners to use the county's share of the state highway fund, the same should be done by independent contract and the cost deducted from the general road and bridge fund.

## STEAMER HARVARD AFIRE

### Vessel Has Narrow Escape When Blaze Starts in Galley.

LOS ANGELES, April 28.—The steamer Harvard, of the Pacific Navigation Company, had a narrow escape from destruction by fire late today while lying at East San Pedro. There were no passengers aboard and no one was injured. The total damage was approximately \$3000.

The fire started in the galley from a defective oil pipe and it required an hour's work by the fire tug Warrior to extinguish the blaze. The entire galley and six staterooms on the main deck were destroyed.

The Harvard will not resume its schedule for a week and probably will be sent to San Francisco for repairs.

## FUGITIVE IS CAUGHT

### Man Who Deserted Wife at Hood River, Alleged Forger.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 28.—(Special.)—C. H. Allen, whose girl wife attempted to commit suicide here Wednesday by taking chloroform, was apprehended at Arlington and brought to this city yesterday by Robert T. Lewis, City Marshal.

Allen is 54 years old. After forging a check, it is alleged, on an Upper Valley rancher, he left town. Despondent over her husband's desertion, Mrs. Allen tried to end her life. She is now recovering at the hospital.

Allen, who is confined in the city prison, refuses to talk. He arrived here several months ago and has been soliciting insurance.

## CONVICT RESUMES STRIPES

### Twenty-Five-Year "Honor Man" Keeps Promise to Governor.

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 28.—Eugenia Mata, one of Governor Hunt's "honor convicts," walked into the Arizona Penitentiary at Florence this morning and donned prison garb after having been on a month's leave of absence to visit his aged parents at Alameda, N. M. Mata, who is 32 years old, is serving a 25-year sentence for murder committed when he was 19 years old. He was placed on his honor by the Governor to make the trip home and return to the prison unescorted.

## BEVERIDGE TAKES STUMP

### Indianian to Speak for Roosevelt in California Campaign.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—Albert J. Beveridge, ex-United States Senator from Indiana, will arrive here Friday to take the stump for Theodore Roosevelt. The news was received here today in a telegram from John W. Stetson, State Senator from Alameda, who has been active in support of Colonel Roosevelt.

Beveridge will leave Indianapolis Tuesday and expects to remain here through the campaign. His itinerary has not been fixed, but he is expected to travel widely.

## 160 OF TITANIC'S CREW REACH HOME

### Union Blocks Board of Trade Inquiry.

## MEN DETAINED, BUT FREED

### British Seaport Greets Survivors With Cheers.

## 20 WOMEN AMONG NUMBER

### Blocking of Plan to Send Arrivals Directly to Homes Causes Anger. Tales of Death and Suffering Are Retold.

PLYMOUTH, April 28.—One hundred and sixty survivors of the crew of the Titanic disembarked from the Llandudno this morning. Crowds witnessed the landing of the small contingent that remained of the crew which had manned the great White Star steamer. Relatives greeted many of the seamen, while others were there to inquire regarding those who were lost.

The plan of the Board of Trade officials to detain the crew in barracks until the statement of all could be formally taken was frustrated by the action of President Lewis and other officials of the British Seafarers' Union, the same organization which conspired the strike of the Olympic's crew. They advised the seamen that the Board of Trade had no power to confine them and that they should not submit to such treatment, and, after a few hours' detention, the men received the liberty of the port.

## Three Tenders Meet Line.

When the Llandudno anchored three big tenders were waiting, two of which took off the passengers and mails. The third carried several representatives of the Board of Trade, six solicitors for the transcription of the statements of the survivors, White Star officials, including the managing director, Harold Sanderson, and Director E. B. Grenfell, head of Morgan, Grenfell & Co., and the port officers. This tender had been chartered by the Board of Trade for the reception of the Titanic's crew.

Twenty stewards were among the survivors. The tender maneuvered about the harbor some time before starting for the dock. The men were informed that their statements would be taken and they would be set free.

## Union Gains Its Point.

Among the small boats following was one with the representatives of the Seafarers' Union aboard. President Lewis and Secretary Cannon led the seamen and shouted them not to make any statements until the officers were taken aboard as parties to the proceedings. The sailors followed this advice and, after much parleying, the Board of Trade officials, finding that it was impossible to proceed with the work, invited the union officials aboard.

When the survivors finally clambered up the wharf at noon loud cheers greeted them. They made straight for the windows of the waiting-room overlooking the street, searching for friends and relatives. One stoker described his brother, to whom he shouted: "Tom's gone. At the last minute he refused to go overboard."

## Mourners Gather at Dock.

Many persons wearing mourning anxiously sought details of the last hours of relatives who went down with the ship. The rules forbidding reporters on the deck were strictly enforced. The seamen had counted on going directly to their homes in Southampton and were angered at the delay and their semi-imprisonment.

The chief solicitor for the Board of Trade, Mr. Wolverson, explained that he was acting strictly within the law in detaining the men until their depositions were taken. The Board of Trade assumed full responsibility for this action, saying everyone would be set at liberty as soon as he made a statement, whether he was wanted at the inquiry or not. It was added that all would be required to report to the receiver of wrecks.

## Tales of Suffering Told.

The first squad was released and newspapermen obtained many interesting stories of personal experiences similar to those told in the United States, tales of suffering on rafts, death from exposure and freezing. All first believed the Titanic could not sink and made light of the collision. Captain Smith's last words were: "Every man for himself."

Eighty-five seamen and firemen started for Southampton in a special train at 6 o'clock tonight. The rest of the survivors, comprising stewards, stewardesses and cooks, will leave tomorrow noon. By that time the Board of Trade will have the statements of all.

## BODIES SCATTERED BY STORM

### Minia Continues Mackay-Bennett's Work, With Small Success.

NEW YORK, April 28.—The steamer Minia, which has taken the place of the steamer Mackay-Bennett in the search for the bodies of the Titanic crew,

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