



12 BANDITS LOOT TRAIN; SHOOT 4

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MAIL CAR SAFE BLOWN

Illinois Robbers Escape in Automobiles After Spectacular Scene.

FIREMAN IS HIT ON HEAD

Engineer Is Forced to Bring Cars to Halt—Wild West Tactics Used.

PAXTON, Ill., Nov. 7.—A dozen bandits armed with pistols, shotguns and bombs, which they used freely, wounding several trainmen and mail clerks, held up the New Orleans limited train on the Illinois Central railroad tonight and with true wild-west tactics looted the mail car of all the registered mail and the valuables in the safe and then escaped in waiting automobiles, which were stationed two miles south of Paxton.

The train was first stopped on a bridge over a small stream by three bandits on the train, who crept to the engine cab over the tender and held up the engineer and fireman, made the fireman disconnect the mail car and the baggage car and drive further south, where the rest of the desperadoes helped in the bombing, dynamiting and firing the mail car before it could be entered and looted.

Five Persons Injured.

Those who were injured: H. Bapks, fireman, Chicago, shot in the shoulder while helping defend the mail car.

Thomas Baker, Carbondale, Ill., mail clerk, beaten with revolver in mail car.

B. Bovinette, Mattoon, mail clerk, shot through wrist and shoulder, not serious.

Arthur Moon, colored porter, Chicago, shot in chest and groin.

K. H. Knowlton, student University of Illinois, shot through coat three times, skin grazed.

The safe was blown open after the robbers had forced the engineer and fireman with pistols to disconnect the mail and baggage cars and run them to a bridge crossing a stream.

Fireman Hit Over Head.

The engineer and fireman at first hesitated to comply with the demands of the robbers, who crept over the tender into the cab, but when pistols were thrust into their faces and one of the thugs hit the fireman over the head with a pistol, the trainmen complied and escaped further injury.

While disconnecting the car the conductor put his head out a vestibule window to see what was wrong, but quickly drew it back when a bullet whizzed past.

Trainmen Follow Commands.

After the locomotive, the mail car and the baggage car had come to a halt, the bandits told the engine crew to open the door on the pretext of borrowing a wrench. The trainmen did as commanded under duress, but the clerks refused to open the door. The robbers then shouted through the door of the steel mail car that the engineer and fireman would be shot unless the door was opened.

The clerks under this threat opened the door a couple of feet and the engineer and fireman climbed aboard. No sooner were the trainmen in the mail car than they slammed the door in the face of the robbers.

Repeated demands from the gang of desperadoes that the door be opened were refused, and the thugs placed a charge of dynamite under the front truck of the car.

Coach Is Not Damaged.

The explosion failed to damage the heavy steel coach, and the detonation also failed to scare those inside into surrendering their fortress.

The robbers then fired with revolvers and sawed-off shotguns at the sheet sides of the coach, but they were not hurt.

Wives can be purchased in Cape Colony for from two to 200 head of cattle, the prince explained.

LONE OUTLAW ROBS OREGON-BOUND TRAIN

ROBBER FORCES PASSENGERS TO STAND AND DELIVER.

Gun Gripped in Each Hand While All Cars Are Visited—American Falls, Idaho, Scene.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 7.—With a gun gripped in each hand, a lone masked outlaw held up westbound train No. 17, the Oregon-Washington Limited, Oregon Short Line railroad, six miles west of American Falls, at 7:30 tonight, robbing the passengers on the observation car of \$344.50 and considerable jewelry. He first appeared in the observation car. Working toward the front of the train, he took money and valuables from the frightened passengers and kept them covered as he progressed. Where he boarded the train no one could tell.

The robber, the Power county sheriff said, evidently intended to make his way through the entire moving train, but as he stepped into the vestibule from the observation car he met the conductor emerging from the train. Evidently hearing opposition from the conductor, the robber made no further effort to advance, but forced the rear brakeman to stop the limited. Jumping from the train, he made off, disappearing in the direction of Coaldale, a small station two miles distant.

A strange automobile was seen prior to the time of the holdup. It is believed the bandit made his getaway in this car.

Sheriff Hanson of Power county and his deputies left American Falls for Coaldale on a speeder immediately after the holdup. They posted themselves along the highway between Coaldale and Burley to intercept the bandit if he attempted to escape in that direction.

Sheriff Mabey of Bannock county and his force arrived at Coaldale from Poastello at 9:45 o'clock. The Poastello sheriff stationed his men along the road leading from Coaldale to Aberdeen.

The robber wore a red bandana handkerchief to mask his face and his eyes were covered by a pair of automobile goggles. Passengers described him as a youth of about 37 years of age, weighing about 140 pounds, of slight build and red haired.

Over a pair of blue overalls he wore a quilted coat. Pulled down over his forehead was a light colored cap. On his feet were army shoes.

Among the jewelry taken by the holdup man was a gold watch and chain from the brakeman he forced to stop the train.

The Oregon-Washington Limited leaves the Union Pacific at Granger, Wyo., and there takes the Oregon Short Line out from Granger to McCammon and Poastello and thence on west through American Falls and on up to Oregon.

"SOLDIER DEBT" IS PAID

Man Who Went to Prison for Comrade Released.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Nov. 7.—H. W. Haley, serving a sentence of six months in the army disciplinary barracks for the man who saved his life on the battlefield of France, was released today by order of the war department. Haley's life was saved on the front by T. W. Jones, a comrade. When Jones was tried for desertion and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, Haley substituted for Jones. Haley told the officials at the prison that he took the place of the man to whom he owed his life in payment of a "soldier debt."

CHIEF OF COLOMBIA QUILTS

Congress Meets Today to Elect Provisional President.

BOGOTA, Colombia, Nov. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Opposition in the Colombian chamber of deputies to the administration of President Suarez reached such a point today that the president today resigned office. The congress will meet tomorrow to elect a provisional president to act until the next elections are held.

General Jorge Huiquin, ex-foreign minister, is prominently mentioned for the position of provisional president.

CRIME HELD ON DECLINE

Criminal Cases to Be Replaced by Civil Litigation, Says Daugherty.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 7.—Attorney-General Daugherty, who, with Chief Justice Taft, appeared before the house judiciary committee today in connection with legislation providing for additional federal judges, told the committee there was evidence that the recent "crime wave" was gradually diminishing.

PRINCE VISITS 7 SISTERS

Hosanna of Cape Colony Is Stopping at Baton Rouge, La.

BATON ROUGE, La., Nov. 7.—Prince Hosanna of Cape Colony, Africa, was here today visiting seven of his sisters, who are attending the Southern university. The prince's father, who is head of the Zulu tribe, has 50 wives and 24 children and the prince has nine wives, but says he is considering selling some to his brothers.

TAX REVISION BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Measure Goes Through After 15-Hour Session.

ANOTHER GAUNTLET REMAINS

Approval of Conferees Next Before Reaching President.

3 REPUBLICANS OPPOSED

One Democrat Votes For—Reduction in Nation's Levy by Approximately \$750,000,000 Likely.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—The much-revised tax-revision bill finally was passed in the senate at 1:35 A. M. today after a session lasting more than 15 hours. It still must run the gauntlet of the senate and house conferees before it reaches the president.

The vote was 28 to 24, three republicans—La Follette, Moses and Norris—voting against the bill, and one democrat—Broussard—supporting it.

As now drawn, the bill is estimated by treasury experts to yield approximately \$3,350,000,000 for the fiscal year ending next June 30, or \$300,000,000 less than the existing law. If all of the changes proposed become effective, however, the measure ultimately will reduce the nation's tax bill by approximately \$750,000,000.

Senate Conferees Named.

Senate conferees on the bill were named as follows: Penrose, McCumber and Smoot, republicans; Simmons and Williams, democrats.

The bill is to be reported to the house Wednesday and republican leaders plan on Thursday to send it to conference.

Features of the tax revision bill provide repeal of the excess profits tax and all transportation taxes on next January 1 and a reduction of the surtax rates, with the maximum rate reduced from 65 to 50 per cent. The bill also would repeal taxes on: Parcel post packages.

Luxury Taxes Affected.

Proprietary medicines, toilet soaps and toilet soap powders, tooth pastes, tooth and mouth washes, toilet powders and petroleum jellies. (Stamp taxes.) Pianos and other musical instruments.

Umbrellas, parasols, sunshades, picture frames and articles of wearing apparel coating in excess of certain amounts (so-called luxury taxes). Insurance premiums. Articles made of fur. Moving picture films. Ice cream. Chinese gum.

Sporting Goods, Including Billiard Balls and Tables, Pool Tables and Dice.

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MORRIS BOND HOUSE TO RESUME BUSINESS

SALE OF ASSETS OF CONCERN IS CONFIRMED.

Organization of Creditors Takes Charge—John L. Etheridge Is to Be Manager.

Morris Bros. Inc. is to resume business as a result of a confirmation yesterday afternoon of sale of the assets of the concern by A. M. Cannon, referee in bankruptcy, before whom a hearing was held last night until late yesterday afternoon. The confirmation came at the end of the hearing.

The sale of the assets of the bankrupt concern was made to an organization of creditors incorporated under the laws of Oregon with the firm name of Morris Brothers Corporation. The assets of the concern were appraised at \$1,225,000. The bid placed by the Morris Brothers Corporation was \$1,097,000, which took precedence over a cash bid of \$780,000, the only other bid, being offered by Robertson & Ewing.

Contract of sale calls for the cancellation of claims against the bankrupt bond house, amounting to approximately \$500,000, an initial payment of \$100,000 cash in 30 days, an additional \$200,000 cash in 60 days and the remainder of \$394,000 in 90 days from the date of the signing of the contract. It was agreed that the claims of the creditors not participating in the organization of the new company should be paid before the shareholders in the purchasing concern.

James C. Cunningham is president of the corporation making the purchase of the assets of Morris Bros. Inc. & C. Jaggar secretary, Charles Cleveland treasurer, A. M. Clapp vice-president and John L. Etheridge manager. More than 350 creditors of Morris Bros. Inc. turned in claims, with an aggregate value of \$1,045,000, for preferred stock in the company.

The contract of sale is expected to be signed this week by Judge Earl C. Bronaugh, trustee for the creditors of the bankrupt house, and by officials of the purchasing company. With the signing of the contract the assets will be turned over to Morris Brothers Corporation. It is expected to open for business at 309 Stark street, using the building and plant of the old company.

At the hearing yesterday the successful bidder was represented by J. P. Winter. He represented approximately 60 per cent of the creditors.

Everett Johnson, attorney for Robertson & Ewing, promised to return to the stockholders approximately \$1,750,000, and opposed the acceptance of the bid of the Morris Brothers Corporation.

Dissenting creditors who refused to agree to the plan of Attorney Winter through their attorney argued for a cash settlement.

VOLCANO IS IN ERUPTION

Bulusan, in Philippines, Pours Out Vapor and Ashes.

MANILA, P. I., Nov. 7.—The volcano Bulusan, in Soreogon province, is in eruption, according to reports received here. The volcano is pouring out a column of vapor and ashes and leaving a deposit of ashes several inches deep over surrounding territory.

The eruption was described as the most spectacular in recent years.

BREAD PRICES AGAIN ARE CUT IN PORTLAND

POUND LOAF, BEGINNING TODAY, TO SELL FOR 9 CENTS.

Eighteen-Ounce Size Is Reduced to 13 Cents, While Two-Pound Loaf Remains 15 Cents.

A further cut in bread prices was announced yesterday by the Master Bakers' association and will go into effect today. The wholesale price of the one-pound loaf has been reduced from 8 to 7 cents, and this loaf will be sold by retail grocers at 9 cents, instead of 10. The pound-and-a-half loaf, which last Wednesday was cut from 11 to 11 cents, will be sold at wholesale this morning for 10½ cents and retailed for 13 instead of 14 cents.

The wholesale price of the two-pound loaf, which is sold principally to restaurants and hotels, was cut last Wednesday to 15 cents, and this price was not altered.

J. C. Mann, president of the Oregon Retail Grocers' association, is authority for the new retail prices.

If any further cuts are made in the near future they will have to be in the margin of profit charged by the grocers, according to the bakers.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 7.—(Special.)

The Cherry City bakery, which is the largest establishment of its kind in the Willamette valley, tonight announced that beginning tomorrow leaves of bread weighing 1½ pounds will be reduced in price from 15 to 13½ cents, while pound loaves will be reduced from 10 to 9 cents. These prices affect the retail trade.

HUNTER IS FOUND SLAIN

Death Believed Due to Stray Bullet Fired by Another.

NEWPORT, Wash., Nov. 7.—Everett Harland, 24 years old, a mechanic of Metairie Falls, Wash., was found shot to death about eight miles east of Sullivan lake by a searching party which had been hunting for him since his failure to return from a hunting trip Friday.

Members of the searching party said he apparently had been killed by a stray bullet which shattered the stock of his gun before entering his body. The coroner and sheriff have announced that they will investigate the shooting. More than 100 men were out searching for Harland.

CHARLES IS AT GALATZ

Ex-Empire and Wife at Port to Embark on British Cruiser.

BUCHAREST, Roumania, Nov. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Ex-Empire Charles and his wife landed Saturday at Mlivoanovca, a port on the Danube, near Orsova. A special train was waiting, which took them to Galatz, where they arrived today. The British light cruiser Cardiff has arrived at Galatz. The couple will be taken on it to Madeira.

NEEDLE FOUND IN HEART

Two-Year-Old Boy Is Expected to Recover From Operation.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 7.—A cardiac needle was removed from the heart of Dawson Sandles, 2 years old, at the Elliott Memorial hospital at the University of Minnesota late today in what surgeons term a most remarkable surgical operation. He is expected to recover.

Sinn Fein Patient.

Sinn Fein delegates are awaiting patiently and, they say, confidently, the result of conferences between Lloyd George and Craig. Viscount Fitzalan, governor-general of Ireland, was called into the conference today and many Irish political leaders and officials, as well as British unionists also are being consulted.

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IRISH SITUATION IN CRUCIAL STAGE

Everything Depends on Thursday's Meeting.

CRAIG SUMMONS HIS CABINET

Ulster Premier Refuses to Take Responsibility Alone.

LLOYD GEORGE MAY QUIT

If British Compromise Proposals Are Rejected Chief Likely to Carry Out His Threat.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Discussions of an Irish settlement are nearing a climax. After a long conference with Mr. Lloyd George today, Sir James Craig, Ulster premier summoned members of his cabinet from Belfast for a meeting here to consider proposals made by the British government.

Members of the Ulster cabinet who will come include John Milne, baron, marquis of Londonderry; U. N. Andrews, E. A. Archdale and Thomas Moles, chairman of the committees of the Ulster parliament.

The official announcement also stated that there would be a further conference with Mr. Lloyd George Thursday.

Situation extremely critical. The Irish situation, it is admitted in official circles, is in an extremely critical stage. It is understood that the Ulster premier informed Mr. Lloyd George that he could not possibly think of shouldering the responsibility of accepting the proposals made to him by the premier and would be compelled to consult his colleagues.

Everything, it is said, depends on Thursday's meetings, and if the Ulster representatives reject the compromise proposals it is regarded as possible Mr. Lloyd George will carry out his threat to resign.

Ulster Premier Firm.

According to agency reports the serious official view regarding the negotiations is due to the stiff attitude taken by the Ulster premier in his interview with the premier. Sir James is represented as intimating his firm determination to maintain in Ulster's position, and he is said to have signified that in his opinion the proposals which Mr. Lloyd George submitted to him seriously imperiled the rights of northern Ireland. In any case he would concede nothing on his own responsibility.

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An Associated Press dispatch from Dublin tonight said Mr. Collins and Mr. Duffy were leaving tonight for London. The same dispatch reported nine prisoners were released from Carragh yesterday and that several others had been released from the Ballykinnear camp and from other internment camps.

MRS. BERGDOLL ASKS GOVERNMENT FOR PAY

\$10,000 YEAR ASKED FOR CARE OF SEIZED "CASTLE."

Alien Property Custodian Declares Conduct Is "Palpable Effort to Evade Law."

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 7.—Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, who has been ordered to vacate "Bergdoll castle," which the government maintains is owned by her son, Grover C. Bergdoll, craft evader, has sent the government a bill for \$10,000 a year for her services as caretaker.

Colonel T. W. Miller, alien property custodian, today said when Mrs. Bergdoll had been directed to vacate October 21, it was because she had maintained it was an effort for her to administer the property. She admitted the property belonged to Grover, he said, and made a charge of \$10,000 a year for administering it.

"My agents in Philadelphia informed me Mrs. Bergdoll did not vacate October 31, and that she claimed her reason for not doing so was on account of a certain illness she had contracted," he said.

"Now we are informed she is not ill, but that her aged mother who was doing the family laundry in the cellar of the 'castle' last week is the one who is ill."

The statement asserted Mrs. Bergdoll's conduct was a "palpable effort to evade the law."

GUNBOAT CREW MUTINIES

Cadets Overpower Commander and Take Charge of Craft.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Nov. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—The naval cadets on board the Paraguayan gunboat Adolfo Riquelme, led by the chief gunner, mutinied yesterday, overpowered the commander, took possession of the warship and steamed northward up the Panama river, according to dispatches from Asuncion today. The incident is said not to be connected with the present disturbed political situation in Paraguay.

Captain Jess, in command of the craft, who is said to be a former German submarine commander, was locked in his cabin, according to one of the officers who was put ashore because he was ill. Several of the vessels were sent in pursuit of the Adolfo Riquelme, which carries a battery of four guns.

SOLDIERS OUT OF PRISON

Harding Pardons Five Court-martialed for Killing Captain.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Nov. 7.—Five former American soldiers, convicted in Coblenz, Germany, by a court-martial of the murder of Captain Oliver Leitch of the British army, today left the federal prison here, pardoned by the president. From the federal prison the five men were taken to the United States disciplinary barracks on the Fort Leavenworth military reservation, where they were court-martialed in the army, taken honorable discharges and back pay from the time of their arrest in Germany.

The men are: James A. O'Dell, Comanche, Okla.; Roy P. Trueblood, Omaha, Neb.; George Van Gilder, Toledo, O.; Carl E. Bryan, McConnell, Tex.; and J. B. Richardson, Denton, Tex.

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MANY STATES GET LIVESTOCK PRIZES

Grand Honors of Show Scattered Widely.

PORTLAND BREEDER WINNER

A. C. Ruby Takes All but One Class for Horses.

MONMOUTH GOAT VICTOR

Idaho Sensation Captures Grand Champion in Fatted Stock and Idaho Boar Is Leader.

THE STOCK SHOW TODAY. Governor's day. Judging of Holsteins, Jerseys, Shorthorns, and Herefords, sheep, swine and goats. 2 P. M.—Governor's programme. Speakers: Ex-Governor Lowden, Illinois; Governor Hart, Washington; Governor Olcott, Oregon. Band concerts. Evening—Grand parade, Holsteins and Shorthorns, 7:40 o'clock. Night horse show features—Roman riding, Grafton broad jump, tandem driving and Hunt club drill. To Bench Exposition. Street car service direct to exposition from Salmon street north on Broadway, Mississippi-avenue cars. Automobiles—Union-avenue route to Interstate bridge, or Denver-avenue approach route, following Mississippi-avenue cars.

Grand honors in the first day's judging yesterday, at the Pacific International Livestock exposition were scattered throughout Oregon, Idaho, British Columbia and California with Oregon breeders taking the lead in horses, sheep and Angora goats. A. C. Ruby, Portland horse breeder, swept practically all breeds of the horse division except Clydesdales with senior, junior and grand champion stallion in the Percherons and Belgians and senior junior and grand champion mare in the Shires.

Monmouth Breeder Wins. In spite of heavy competition from New Mexico and Texas flocks of short horns, Angora goats John E. Stump & Sons of Monmouth, Or., swept the grand sweepstakes prize of \$500 for the best buck of any age. F. T. Fox, Silvertown, Or., took both champion ram and champion ewe in the Dorset horned, and E. A. Tompkins, Halsey, Or., took everything in the Cheviots, the only two sheep breeds completed yesterday.