

\$200,000 IS SEIZED IN RAID AT MINT

Denver Bank Guard Is Slain by Bandits.

U. S. AGENTS OPEN FIRE

Terrific Battle Is Waged in Street While Loot Is Transferred by Armed Outlaws.

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back compartment of the reserve truck and he was shot by the leader of the bandits. Linton fell to the pavement, but managed to crawl to the sidewalk, where he lay during the course of the fight.

After the escape of the highwaymen Linton was removed to the county hospital, where he died without regaining consciousness.

Employees and government guards employed at the mint were afraid to shoot freely at the bandits for fear that they might kill members of the reserve bank crew.

When the work of transferring the currency from the bank had been completed, the bandits re-entered their automobile amid a rain of bullets from guards in the second story of the mint and sped away on Colfax avenue toward the civic center.

Wounded Bandit Pulled Inside. As the car gathered impetus the leader of the highwaymen turned toward the government building as though to fire a final volley at the guards. As he did so Peter Curson, a guard who was on duty at the main entrance, fired with a rifle at the bandit, who was seen to crumple up on the running board and who was pulled inside the car by the driver. Kiedinger is positive that he wounded the fugitive.

The swift-moving car followed a machine driven by A. M. Bethke, assistant city attorney, into the curbing and against a fire plug, which was broken off. This did not check the speed of the fleeing car for an instant.

Five riot cars, the first carrying Manager of Safety Division and Police Chief Williams, were ordered to first call from the mint. One of the police cars was wrecked in a collision at Sixteenth street and Court place, but the occupants of the car escaped injury.

Money Property of Bank. The money was the property of the Denver federal reserve bank, the mint merely being a depository for it due to the fact that the vaults in the bank building. According to R. J. Grant, director of the mint, a receipt for the money was issued by J. E. Olson, cashier of the bank, just prior to removing the money outside the mint, where the bandits obtained it. Manager Burkhardt of the reserve bank later published a statement saying that the entire amount was covered by insurance.

Director Grant also announced that the number of every bill in the assignment was on record and that banks throughout the city were warned to be on the lookout for them.

Gunfire Is Terrific. So terrific was the gunfire during the clash that more than 200 distinct bullet holes were counted in the transoms above the main entrance to the mint and in the windows of the second story of the building. The granite walls of the government building likewise were chipped where the bullets struck. Buildings across the street also showed the intensity of the fire of the guards. Windows in various stores and apartment houses nearby, who were riddled and many narrow escapes from bullets on the part of roomers were reported to police headquarters.

Miss Catherine Peist, an employe of a restaurant directly across the street, declared that she was attracted to the door by the shooting and was emphatic in her declaration that in addition to the car she saw two men hiding behind telephonic poles nearby, who apparently were members of the gang.

Youth's Account Thrilling. Paul Clar, 17 years old, gave a thrilling account of the engagement. He declared he was standing directly across the street from the mint when the bandit car, heavily laden, drew up. He said:

"Three of the men, all carrying shotguns, jumped out and rushed up to the guard standing nearest the reserve bank truck. I couldn't hear what they said, but they apparently were telling him to open the wagon. He shook his head and then one of the bandits struck him a terrific blow. I don't know whether it was with his fist or a gun. The guard staggered under the blow and crumpled to the pavement.

"At the sound of a shot a number of guards came running from the mint and started firing. They were shooting at the bandits, who began shooting back. One of the bandits remained in the car hunched down behind the wheel.

Guards Begin Firing. "Just as I dodged behind a building the guards began peppering the front of it. I saw one of the bandits shooting at the lock on the door of the truck. The first shot shattered the window of the truck. Then I had to get around the corner to avoid being shot.

"When there was a lull in the firing I looked out and saw the bandits jumping for their car. One of them sprang on the running board on the opposite side from the mint and crouched down. Another one jumped in behind the driver. Just as he did so a shot from one of the guards struck him in the face. I saw the blood rush out and the bandit slumped down in his seat as though he were hurt badly. The fourth of the gang jumped in the rear seat and the machine tore up East Colfax.

The wounded guard was lying on the sidewalk in front of the mint. The other guards ran up to him as I ran across the street. One of the guards had taken his coat off and was putting it under the head of the wounded man.

Bandits Wear Overcoats. "All the bandits wore overcoats. They were big husky men, wearing white collars and looking like sports.

Clar said when he examined the front of the building that sheltered him it was riddled with bullets.

During the afternoon a suspect was taken into custody by the police but after a questioning of more than an hour he was released.

The only tangible clue that the police have on which to work in a bloody sawed-off shotgun which was picked up in the street about a half block away from the mint when it had been dropped from the fleeing bandit car. The gun was

LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF IRELAND.



TIMOTHY HEALY WITH FREE STATE TROOPER.

loaded and the shells were filled with extra size buckshot.

Roland K. Goddard, chief of the secret service in Denver, assisted by Roy Nelson postal inspector, assisting police in investigating the robbery, declared after finding a number of bullets in the mint fired from the bandits' guns that they had used .33-caliber revolvers.

Chief of Police Williams announced tonight that clues that might result in the capture of the bandits probably would be obtained by means of fingerprints found on the bloody shotgun dropped from the bandit car as it sped away from the scene of the robbery. "The gun was handled by several persons," declared Chief Williams, "but we have taken every print, and Bertillon officers now are classifying the prints in the hopes of identifying at least one of the bandit gang."

A theory advanced during the early investigation as a result of the finding of a door in an inner office shattered by a bullet, that possibly the bandits had had inside assistance from someone who had entered the building under the guise of a visitor, was abandoned late this afternoon when the bullet which went through the glass in the door was found. It was the same as the bullets found in the main entrance of the building, and proved merely to be one fired from the outside by the bandits.

Police Guard All Roads. Chief of Police Williams announced that Denver police were guarding all roads leading out of the city, but that he believed the bandits still were in hiding in Denver. Orders were issued to policemen by Chief Williams said:

"Stop every car on every road out of Denver and make every man account for himself—and shoot if you find robbers."

"The funds stolen in today's robbery were not the property of the Denver mint," declared R. J. Grant, director of the mint, in a statement issued late this afternoon, in which he gave it as his opinion that two of the bandits were armed with information bulletins issued to all headquarters.

WHEAT CONGRESS DID AS ITS DAY'S WORK. Senate. Bill to enlarge debt refunding commission in order that the minority may have representation, offered by Harri-

Ship sailed Sunday, Borah, republican, Idaho, and Brookhart, republican, Iowa, speaking in opposition.

Announcement made that holiday adjournment will run only from Friday night to Tuesday morning.

Pierce Butler to be an associate justice of the supreme court favorably reported from judiciary committee by unanimous vote.

House. Received annual appropriation bill for department of agriculture totaling \$36,021,818.

Adopted naval appropriation bill in committee of whole calling for \$325,000,000 without record vote.

Noted down amendment calling upon president to enter into negotiations for association of league of nations to assure peace.

officers by the police department, however, stated that only one of the bandits had been wounded. The one known to have been struck is believed to have been the bandit who was standing on the running board of the automobile as the machine sped away from the mint.

"It has been customary for us to keep money at the mint merely as an accommodation for the federal reserve bank, our vault being better suited for storage of the funds," Mr. Grant said in his statement.

Flight Lasts Two Minutes. "When it becomes necessary to transfer funds the treasury wires us and upon the presentation of receipts from the bank we release the funds to them. The instant the money leaves the cashier's window we have nothing more to do with the funds.

The men in charge of the money were employes of the federal reserve bank and the money itself belonged to the bank. The Denver mint was connected with the robbery in any way except that it occurred in front of the mint and our employes fired on the bandits as they rode away.

"The fracas lasted about two minutes. I was interviewing an applicant for a position when the alarm in my office, which is part of a general alarm system throughout the entire building, was rung. The indicator light board showed the trouble to be at the front door.

"The robbers were pumping lead into the front door to keep us in. About four or five of the mint employes ran outside in the face of the gunfire and shot at the bandits. Two or three shots were fired at them from the second floor of the mint and others fired from the first floor. It was impossible, at the

time, for our men to distinguish between the bandits and the federal reserve employes and it was not until they ran for their machine and started away that our men could open fire.

Four Declared in Gang. "There were at least four men in the gang and it was reported there were two or three men posted as lookouts.

"They attacked as the men in charge of the money were about to place it in the wire cage inside the machine. They ordered the guards to throw up their hands. One of the men failed to do so. They shot him dead.

"We have all the numbers of the bills. "We know that two of the gang were wounded. One of them was shot in the hand. He dropped his shotgun and when we found it later it was covered with blood. Another one was also wounded.

"An investigation of the robbery was started immediately by federal secret service officers. Thus far it has extended to an examination of witnesses and the story of the holdup. No announcement can be made at this time as to clues."

LOS ANGELES BANKS LOOTED. Three Men Get \$2000 in One; Youth Gets \$1000 in Another. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—The Walnut State bank at Walnut Park, a suburb, was held up late today by three masked men who escaped with between \$2000 and \$3000 in currency.

The southwestern State bank, on Western avenue near Sixth street, was robbed at noon by a youth who obtained \$1000.

A well-dressed young man, with his right hand wrapped in a bandage, laid a check for \$1000 and a letter before R. B. Brundage, the cashier.

"You are looking into the barrel of a revolver in this bandage," said the letter. "I want you to OK this check, go to the paying teller with me and get the money."

Mr. Brundage did as directed. He stepped with the man to the window occupied by Paying Teller J. Harvey Clark and directed the teller to cash the check, which he did, giving the bandit \$20 bills.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS SCOUTED BY SLAV

"Organized Impotence," Declares M. Tchitcherine.

STRAITS CONTROL TOPIC

Russian Minister Denies Proposed Guarantees of League; Ismet Is Less Insistent.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—"Organized impotence" was the definition which M. Tchitcherine, the Russian foreign minister, gave of the league of nations during a heated debate between him and Lord Curzon this afternoon in a session devoted to the discussion of plans for control of the Turkish straits.

"The United States, Germany and Russia do not recognize the league," said Tchitcherine. "The league is not even able to control a single Polish general in Vilna. It is unable to accomplish anything in the Lithuanian dispute. What good are the guarantees of such an organization?"

Tchitcherine declared the allied proposals for the regulation of the straits were directed against Russia and put a premium on navalism and militarism.

"These proposals," he added, "are designed to separate Turkey and Russia. It is an allied scheme which offers fallacious protection to Turkey, but grants passage of the straits to warships, which would expose Russia's south coast to attack. The project forces Russia to arm, and the guarantees are completely illusory for Turkey."

Turk Less Obstinate. Both M. Tchitcherine and Ismet Pasha offered new suggestions concerning control of the straits. Ismet was mild and conciliatory in principle, but the proposals made by the allied powers, but Tchitcherine was extremely hostile and demanded that the Russian proposals be considered at length in the subcommittee along with the new Turkish proposals.

Lord Curzon denied this request, saying it was impossible to continue the deliberations indefinitely. He asserted that concessions had been made to the Russians by providing the allied proposals that no fleet shall be admitted to the Black sea which is stronger than the strongest navy possessed by any Black sea power.

Tchitcherine repeatedly demanded further consideration of the proposals, which are diametrically opposite to the plan favored by the allies and the principles set forth by the United States.

Curzon called attention to the fact that Russia and Turkey are far apart in their positions, and especially emphasized that it was Tchitcherine, not Ismet, who said the guarantees of the league of nations would be "illusory."

Russians to Be Curbed. The members of the American delegation, Ambassador Child, Rear Admiral Bristol and Minister Grow, all attended the session, but made no remarks; they have expressed no opinion about the allied proposals.

Lord Curzon refused to consider Tchitcherine's motion for the reference of the straits question to the subcommittee for reconsideration and this subject will be taken up again tomorrow morning. It is apparent that the allies are determined not to permit the Russians to delay the discussion further by advocacy of closing the Black sea, which is absolutely opposed to the view of the allies and the United States and even Turkey.

Suit to Break Will Filed. THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Suit to break the will of Mrs.

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DEER SUICIDE IN PLUNGE

Robust Buck Leaps 50 Feet Off Cliff at Estacada.

Another sensational suicide, caused by plunging off a 50-foot cliff near the new dam of the Portland Light & Power company at Estacada, committed by a robust buck deer, was reported to the state game commissioner yesterday.

The body of the deer was discovered, its handsome neck broken, below the cliff. No wounds beyond those attributable to the fall were found. The ground above the bluff showed no sign of struggle or chase. The deer's footprints were seen near the edge.

FORTUNE GRANTED CHILD

GIRL, 14, TO GET \$20,000 YEARLY FROM ESTATE.

Mother Complains She Is Unable to Support Youngster Out of Meager \$50,000 a Year.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Surrogate Foley today granted to Miss Margaret Alicia Sparrow, 14 years old, permission to use \$20,000 a year of the \$250,000 of income that has piled up from an estate of \$3,400,000 left by her father, Edward Grant Sparrow, Michigan lumber king, with headquarters in New York and Lansing, Mich. The allowance was made upon application of the girl's mother, Mrs. Margaret B. Sparrow.

The lumberman's widow asked the surrogate for an allowance of \$24,000 for her daughter on the ground that little Margaret was growing fast and needed more than the mother herself was able to afford out of her income of \$50,000 a year. The surrogate, however, thought that the \$20,000 with the usual help from her mother, would enable little Margaret to keep the wolf from the door for a year, at which time she will be at liberty to ask for a greater allowance.

Under the terms of Sparrow's will, filed in 1913, the town house in New York and an income of \$50,000 went to the mother. Then, after a number of charitable bequests, the residue was to go eventually to the two children, the son, Edward G. Jr., getting three-fifths and the daughter two-fifths. The son was 21 in 1920. When he is 20 years old he will receive his share. Miss Margaret's income is piling up on him at the rate of \$56,000 a year with 10 or 15 years yet to go before she gets all of it.

Salem Reduces Fire Losses. SALEM, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Salem's fire loss in 1922 was less

than half of that in 1921, according to a report prepared here today by the chief of the local fire department.

This year's loss was \$92,896.33, while for 1921 the loss was \$152,000.72.

HUGHES' PARTY SECOND

Nationalists Lose Ten Votes While Labor Gains at Elections.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The allotment of "preference" votes for members of the federal house of representatives in last Saturday's general elections shows the nationalists, the party of Premier Hughes, second in the standing, which is: Labor party, 30; nationalists, 28; country party and liberals, 17.

In the last house the nationalists had 88 members, the labor party 24, and the country party and liberals 13.

The figures for senate are meager, but indicate an increase in strength of the labor representation.

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