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HOLDUP MEN ROB EXPRESS

Burlington Passenger Train Looted by Masked Men Six Miles East of Butte.

AMOUNT TAKEN NOT KNOWN
Sheriff and Posse Hot on Trail of Robbers and It is Thought That They Will Soon Capture Them.

Butte, Feb. 12.—The Burlington express No. 6, eastbound, was held up a little past midnight on the Northern Pacific tracks, eight miles east of this city, near Homestead, by two masked men. They covered the sides of the train with their guns, uncoupled the engine, mail and express cars, and ran them ahead of the train about two miles. The operator at High View says that he heard two explosions and it is believed the bandits attempted to blow the safe to pieces.

The trainmen of the passenger train, after the robbers had left with the engines and cars, hastened back toward Butte and met an oncoming freight train, the engine of which was uncoupled and hurled on to Butte and the alarm given. A sheriff and posse and a police force have left for the scene on a special train. The railway officials have asked of the penitentiary officials at Deer Lodge for their bloodhounds.

Sheriff Quin and Officer McGarvie with a posse when about a mile and a half out of the city were met by Division Superintendent Boyle who was a passenger on the train held up. Superintendent Boyle said he rushed to the front of the train when it was stopped, but refrained from shooting because of fear of hitting trainmen.

Superintendent Boyle says he saw the holdups return after they left the engine with the cars and remount their horses. They proceeded in the direction of Butte. He could see them up to within two miles of Butte. He opened fire with a Savage rifle, but the range was too great and the shots proved ineffective.

Every officer in the city has been called to South Butte and all approaches to the city are carefully guarded. Sheriff Quin and Officer McGarvie are cutting across the country and a fight is believed to be imminent. Word has just been brought in that the two robbers are near the race track, just below the city.

The robbers fired two charges of dynamite, blowing the safe to pieces and wrecking the express car. The safe, according to the railway officials, contained nothing. The holdup is evidently the work of novices. Word has been received at the depot that a special train has left Deer Lodge with the penitentiary bloodhounds. The officers fear that the men may run into the mountains, which are but a short distance from the race track.

The train was a double-header and the engines and the mail and express cars were run about 600 feet ahead of the rest of the train.

In a few moments after the train was stopped there were two explosions of dynamite which wrecked the express car. The roof was blown off, but no one was injured.

Later reports as to the amount of booty secured vary. The express messenger refuses to give out anything definite, other than that the robbers secured a sum in the neighborhood of \$500. From other sources comes the report that the plunder will amount to several thousand dollars at least. It is also said that several of the mail pouches were rifled.

ROBBERS ARE IN BUTTE

Sheriff Quin Convinced He Has the Miscreants Located and Will Speedily Arrest Them.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 12.—Sheriff Quin is firmly convinced tonight that the holdup of the Burlington flyer No. 6, which was robbed six miles out of the city limits this morning, reached Butte and are now hiding in the city. From evidence Quin says he has, he declares he will land the robbers before several days have passed.

While Sheriff Quin would not tell as to the evidence in his hands, it is believed he relies on finding a rubber-tired carriage used by the holdups in their escape. Tracks of the vehicle could be easily followed this morning until the well-travelled highways of the city were reached. A mask and empty cartridge shells dropped by the robbers are in the hands of the police. The bloodhounds brought from the penitentiary proved a failure.

Fireman Jondrow tonight said that the train was stopped by bits of burn-

ing papers and that within 35 minutes the robbers had finished their work and were on their way to Butte. He was forced to uncouple the engine, mail and express cars from the remainder of the train and carry the dynamite for the robbers, while one of the bandits fired a bullet between his legs to hurry him up.

SUSPECT ARRESTED

Butte, Feb. 12.—Detective Murphy arrested William McCullough on suspicion of being one of the Northern Pacific train robbers, this afternoon. The sum of \$485.99 was found in McCullough's belt.

REWARD FOR ROBBERS.

Helena, Feb. 12.—The Northern Pacific Railway company has offered a reward of \$5000 for the arrest and conviction of the five men who are said to have held up the Burlington express just east of Butte this morning. The company will pay the \$5000 reward for the entire gang, or \$1000 for each member convicted.

BLOCKADE WILL BE RAISED

PROTOCOLS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF TRADE WITH VENEZUELA WILL BE SIGNED.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The probability is that the protocols for the raising of the blockade which has been maintained by England, Germany and Italy against Venezuela for more than a month, will be signed by Minister Bowen and representatives of the allied governments here tomorrow. Every indication points to that end tonight. The protocols will provide for the raising of the blockade at once for a cash payment of 5000 pounds to each of the three allied governments and for the payment to Germany of \$20,000 in five installments, less the 5500 pounds paid in cash. The first installment of \$20,000 is to be paid on the 15th of March. The protocols also will provide for a reference of the question of preferential treatment to The Hague.

For the payment of the claims of the allies, Mr. Bowen has arranged to begin immediately setting aside the 30 percent of the receipts of the ports of Puerto Cabello and La Guayra.

AGITATING RACE PROBLEM

Mass Meeting Planned Throughout the Country to Stir Up Public Sentiment.

New York, Feb. 12.—James Hays of Richmond, Va., who is testing in the courts the disenfranchisement of the negroes of his state, Bishop Derrick of Flushing, L. I., Dr. T. B. Walker, H. M. Brooks and T. W. Henderson of this city, and the Rev. I. W. L. Rountree of Trenton, the leader of the colored voters of New Jersey, have held a conference in this city to consider the race problems that have been agitated recently.

To stir up public sentiment favorable to the negroes and their higher mental development as well as the disenfranchisement of the negro, which their leaders claim is going on in the south, a series of mass meetings extending all over the country have been planned. The first meeting will be held in Faneuil hall, Boston, tonight, and a meeting will be held in this city at Cooper Union next Thursday.

OPERATOR BLAMED

MAN WHO CAUSED THE WRECK ON S. P. MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED.

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 12.—The Riche jury, known as the "chump" coroner's jury today placed responsibility for the Esmond wreck between the passenger trains on the Southern Pacific January 28 on Operator Clough.

It condemns the Southern Pacific for failing to place guards around the wreck to prevent wholesale pilfering of articles from the bodies and wreckage. The jury says it would have been possible to identify more bodies had it not been for the looting of the wreck by souvenir fiends.

The crews of both trains are exonerated from all blame.

Clough's whereabouts are still a mystery.

BLIZZARD IS RAGING

STOCKMEN IN WYOMING ARE BECOMING ALARMED AT THE FEARFUL STORM.

Cheyenne, Feb. 12.—The storm that has been raging for several days has assumed the proportions of a blizzard throughout southern and western Wyoming and stockmen who are ranging herds and flocks in the regions where there is little or no feed are now greatly alarmed.

In the western portions of the state snow has fallen to a great depth.

FULTONITES STAND PAT

Opposition Is Beginning to Weaken in Belief That Leader Will Suffer Loss.

FULTON IS GOING TO WIN OUT

Strength of Astoria Candidate's Openly Recognized by Those Who Would Be Pleased at His Defeat.

Salem, Feb. 12.—It looked yesterday more strongly than it had the day before as if the senatorial contest would be prolonged to the last day of the session. Today it looks that way more strongly than yesterday, and few are to be found who expect an election or even any important changes sooner than the last day.

If the legislature shall take the usual over-Saturday adjournment this week there will be five more joint ballots before the final day of the session. On the final day there may be one ballot or there may be a score, or as many more as the joint assembly may see fit to take and can find time to take between noon and midnight. And if an election cannot be accomplished then the joint assembly may adjourn until the next day and go at it again. In fact, the legislature may continue to hold daily sessions and daily joint ballots as long as it should choose, but the members would receive no compensation for their services after the regular day set for adjournment. It is within the range of probability that in case of failure to elect on Friday a session might be held on the Saturday following the regular day of adjournment, but prolongation of the contest beyond then is only barely possible.

The surprise of the present week has been the holding together in solid-fronted phalanx of the Fulton people. It was all along contended by the opposition forces that unless Fulton could make gains this week he must expect to lose some votes, and this view seemed so logical that it was participated in by most people, irrespective of their sympathies. But Fulton has made no gains and neither has he suffered losses. Since Fulton has demonstrated that in declaring he could and would hold his people together he knew whereof he spoke, some of his opponents are inclined to take rather more seriously than before that other claim voiced so frequently by Fulton since the legislative session began, "I am going to win out."

Fulton now has 35 votes, counting his own. Representatives Hume and Jones, of Lincoln, are the only members outside of the Multnomah delegation who have not cast in the fortunes with some leading candidate. If Fulton should gain both of these he would have 37, or seven fewer than the number necessary to elect. In the ordinary course of balloting from day to day it would seem most improbable that he could get others. But on the final day, when the hands of the clock crawl around toward midnight, any sort of development would not be surprising.

Binger Hermann has not yet arrived at Salem, and it is understood he will not come until next week. No open lobbying in his behalf is being done, and it looks as though he may not be preparing to get into the game at all. But if he does there may be some good opportunities next week, especially along toward the end thereof.

Following is the vote cast today:

Fulton	34
Geer	15
Wood	15
George	13
Scattering	6
Absent	7

Senator Pierce's bill to appropriate \$20,000 for experimental feeding purpose and for the conducting and development of the agricultural experiments of the eastern Oregon agricultural station at Union, made a special order of business for this morning, was favorably reported upon by the committee of the whole and was passed after some discussion.

SATEMENT WAS FALSE

Doctor Perriquet Never Said the Fairs Died Simultaneously.

New York, Feb. 12.—One of the counsels conducting the suit for Mrs. Hannah Nelson, mother of Mrs. Charles Fair, recently killed in an automobile accident in France, to set aside the settlement of the estate, has declared that a statement purporting to come from Doctor Perriquet, a French physician is false, the lawyer said.

"Doctor Perriquet has not signed any certificate stating that Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fair died each at about 2

o'clock in the afternoon. On my recent visit to France I met the physician and I know that thus far he has only said that when he examined the bodies he found evidence of cerebral injuries. As to the time he has said nothing."

INDIANS AT WHITE HOUSE

CHIEFS GORGEOUS IN BLANKETS ARE INTRODUCED TO THE PRESIDENT.

Washington, Feb. 12.—A delegation of distinguished Indian chiefs, headed by Chief Joseph of the Nez Perces and including Chiefs Ahlokak, Puyoyalykt and Andrew Whitman of Colville reservation in Washington; Jessie Kirk of Oregon, and Andrew John, Seneca of New York, called upon the president today.

The Indians, robed in gorgeous blankets, were introduced to the president by General Leonard Wood and Colonel H. L. Scott, both of whom campaigned against Chief Joseph in the west. The president gave his callers a cordial reception and delighted them immensely by inviting them to attend the army and navy reception at the White House tonight as his guests.

The Indians are in Washington looking after certain legislation pending before congress in which they are interested.

FIFTY WOMEN IN JAIL

Railroad Company Has Them Committed for Stealing Coal From Cars.

New York, Feb. 12.—Fifty women have been committed to jail in Paterson, N. J., charged by the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad with stealing coal from cars on the sidings at that place. Five tons of coal were stolen by the women, who carried the coal away in bags on their heads.

Seven small boys have been arraigned in the children's court on complaint of one of the yardmasters of the New York Central railroad, who asserts that the prisoners, with companions numbering about 5, have, in the last month, stolen 150 tons of coal from the yards of the company. The boys, the eldest of whom is not 13 years of age, confessed, but they were discharged with a warning, the yardmaster refusing to make formal charges against them.

COURT ROOM WAS JAMMED

President Baer Appears Before the Commission With a Carefully Prepared Speech.

HAD WARNED MR. MITCHELL

Operators Must Not Be Dictated to as to Their Employees—Unions Responsible for Famine in Coal.

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—With the exception of hearing George F. Baer, president of the Reading company, making the closing argument against the demand of the miners, the largest crowd that has yet jammed into the United States circuit court room was present when the coal strike commission resumed its sessions today. Many prominent men and women were in the throng. As President Baer rose a hush fell over the assemblage, which lasted as long as he was on his feet. Mr. Baer is considered a good speaker, but he preferred to read his carefully prepared argument. Here and there he would lay down his manuscript and raise his voice to a high pitch when he wished to emphasize a strong point. President Baer said in part:

"In the development of the natural resources of the earth it is necessary for men to combine both their capital and their energy. Railroads, steamship lines, great steel plants and workshops of every kind can only be created by a combination of capital. We are apt to overlook the part these business corporations play in the distribution of wealth.

"Many good men have found fault with us for not making an agreement with the United Mineworkers of America. You will recall that the demand made upon us was for a uniform wage scale, covering the whole anthracite field. All of the operators were asked to meet in convention with a view to adopting a uniform scale. The con-

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