

WOLF IN THE SHEEP'S CLOTHING, YETTER EXPOSED

Brass Filings on Gloves Indicate That He Tampered with the Switch Lock.

SUPPOSED ROBBER'S HAT SIZE THAT HE WEARS

Neglected to Have Bullet Extracted from Shoulder Despite Physician's Advice.

Brass filings on a pair of well worn buckskin gloves form the last link in a chain of evidence which, according to the police, stamps the story told by Bert Yetter of an attempted train holdup at Montavilla Monday night, as a fact from beginning to end.

A coat was taken off Yetter yesterday by Detectives Snow and Kerrigan and Special Agent Fitzgerald of the O. R. & N. Co. In the pocket the gloves were found. Having suspected Yetter ever since they began their investigations, the detectives made a searching examination of his clothing.

The lock of the switch sawed through at Montavilla was brass. Detecting a few brass particles on the gloves the detectives this afternoon took them to Feldenhelm's jewelry store and examined them through a powerful microscope. Their whole texture was full of minute brass filings.

With this evidence of the untruth of Yetter's story the detectives do not hesitate to brand his story as a fake from beginning to end. They also incline to the theory that he did not intend robbing the train, but connected the story and shot himself from some motive which is not clearly known, but is believed to have been a desire to create sympathy on the part of a girl before whom he desired to pose as a hero injured in the performance of a dangerous duty.

"There is no question that Yetter's story of an attempted hold-up end of himself being shot is a fake," said Detective Kerrigan.

"We will know all the facts by tomorrow," said Special Agent Fitzgerald. "We have disproved Yetter's tale. Yetter may not be arrested, because of a criminal motive being lacking, but he will doubtless be taken to headquarters this afternoon and forced to tell the truth concerning the affair."

Yetter's Story vs. Facts.

Detectives say that the lock on the switch was in perfect working order when examined, although it had been filed in two places. The fact that he walked down the tracks he saw the light change from red to red and from red to green and finally go out. Detectives assert that the lock must be removed in order to change the light. It had been filed when examined, but aside from that the lock was in perfect condition. Detectives also assert that in order to change the lights and then extinguish them the handle must have returned after they filed from Yetter and replaced the lock in the position in which it was found.

Detectives also attach significance to the discovery, as they claim, that Yetter wore low shoes when he went hunting in the sloughs last Monday. He had been ill of grip previous to that time.

The hat that was found near the switch is 7-8 in size. The handle of the hat and detectives say is similar to one that Yetter has worn. He wears a No. 7-8 hat, they say.

Contradictory Statements.

When the wounded man was brought to the city after the shooting, he was taken to the office of Dr. Samuel C. Blum, who dressed the wound. He was advised to return, in order to submit to an X-ray examination for the purpose of locating the bullet.

Yetter did not return, but went next day to the office of Dr. W. B. Hamilton, who performed an X-ray examination. Dr. Hamilton located the bullet, which he declares to be either a .22 long or a .32 calibre.

"Yetter came to me Tuesday afternoon," said Dr. Hamilton. "I examined the wound with an X-ray machine, and located the bullet. To the best of my belief it is either a .22 long or a .32. However, it might be a .38, but that is not likely. I told him to return at 7:30 o'clock that evening in order that I might photograph the ball, and also advised him to have it removed at once. There is danger of blood poisoning or other serious consequences if it remains. He promised to return at 7:30 o'clock but I have not seen him since, and that was three days ago. Yetter told me at the time if it would make any difference if the bullet were left in his arm, I told him it might have serious results."

Yetter's statement is exactly contrary to that of the physician who located the bullet. "When I went to Dr. Hamilton he located the bullet and advised me to wait for several days before having it removed," said Yetter. "I don't know how it ever got circulated that it was .22 in my arm. I believe it must be a .38. There were two shots fired, one when the bandit shot me and the other when I fired."

J. A. Wolfe and his wife, who live a short distance from the switch and to whose home Yetter went after the shooting, declared today that they heard only one shot. They heard it distinctly, but heard nothing else that sounded like a shot. Mrs. Wolfe was going to the home of a neighbor at the time and declares that she heard a shot, which she thought was from a revolver. Wolfe thinks the shot he heard was that of a shotgun. This is a loud report, he says.

CIVIC FEDERATION MEETS.

New York, Dec. 15.—The large attendance at the opening today of the fourth annual meeting of the executive committee of the National Civic Federation was indicative of the interest and importance that attaches to the subject of labor and capital and to the public in general.

Plans to combat socialism will be discussed in an informal way, and a committee will be appointed to take up the matter of an international civic federation, in which England, France, Germany, Belgium and other countries will act in union with the United States in seeking international industrial peace. Much interest centers in the annual federation dinner at the Hotel Astor tonight. Among the speakers at the meeting will be Andrew Carnegie, Cornelius N. Bliss, Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell, Bishop Potter, August Belmont and others.

NEW HOME FOR ELKS.

Excavation for the new home to be built by Portland Elks at the corner of Seventh and Stark streets is being done by Tobey & Jackson, and will be completed next week. The contracts for the cement work and the main building have not yet been let.

THIS LAW'S OBJECT TO SAVE FORESTS

Legislation Aimed to Prevent Destructive Timber Fires Will Be Asked.

GOVERNOR TO APPOINT MEN WHO WILL ENFORCE IT

Objectable Features of All Former Measures Will Be Eliminated by Framers.

The draft of a bill to restrict forest fires in Oregon is being made by prominent Portland timbermen.

"The bill will be completed within a few days and will be presented to the legislature at its next session," said S. Benson of the Benson Logging company. "It will not differ materially from that offered at the last session, excepting in respect to the appointive power of the governor. We understand that this is the main reason why Governor Chamberlain vetoed the former bill, and we will remedy the new bill by inserting a provision giving the governor of the state power to appoint a commission under whose direction the enforcement of the law is to be placed."

The former bill was designed to establish a state commission with authority to look after the enforcement of the law, and to direct the work of the fire rangers and peace officers who were to be empowered to arrest violators of the law. The law prohibited the setting of fires during the rainy season. Its execution was made incumbent upon county authorities, and the expense of enforcement was to be paid out of a special tax levied for this purpose.

The enforcement of some measure that will prevent the smoke nuisance next summer, particularly in the vicinity of Portland, is regarded as imperatively necessary if the state is to gain the good opinion of people who come to see the country and the Lewis and Clark fair. A repetition of the murky smoke and thick atmosphere of last summer would, it is believed, damage the reputation of the state among those who are here but a short time and who get their impressions from what they see in a few days' visit.

ORGANIZATION WILL BOOM EXPOSITION

Officers of Travelers' Protective Association Offers Services of its Many Members.

A delegation of officials of the Travelers' Protective association arrived in Portland this forenoon for the purpose of offering the services of 25,000 "boosters," who comprise the membership of that organization.

The officers of the party are W. A. Kirchoff, chairman of the national board of directors; Louis Rosen, vice chairman; E. W. Donham, general representative, and A. E. McKenzie, a former vice-president. The last named escorted the delegation from Denver to Portland. Here they were met by R. L. Darrow, chairman for Oregon and Washington, and Secretary D. C. Freeman.

After looking over the city the party went to the fair grounds and admired the great work being done there.

Chairman Kirchoff said: "It is a matter of doubt as to whether the association will decide to erect a building for the exposition, but our object here is the same as it was at St. Louis—to offer the services of our entire membership in promoting the exposition. We have 25,000 members in America, all of whom are traveling salesmen or employes. The boys can all carry advertising matter and talk for the fair, in which way it will bring an impetus that will be most considering. We ask nothing for it beyond the good will of the fair officials."

HIBERNIANS HAVE PLEASANT ELECTION

Songs of old Ireland were sung with spirit at the meeting of division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, last night. The meeting was held in Union hall, Second and Stark streets, and was attended by a large number of members of the society. The following officers were elected: President, E. H. Deery; vice president, P. L. O'Connell; recording secretary, D. W. Lane; financial secretary, J. Farrell; treasurer, J. E. Malley; sergeant at arms, T. T. Dougherty, and sentinel, William Chambers.

A number of rousing speeches were made by the officers. Cigars were furnished by the members who had been present at the election, and all had a pleasant time.

WIDOW TESTIFIES IN THE PATTERSON TRIAL

New York, Dec. 15.—In the Patterson trial today the prosecution introduced a letter from Mrs. J. Morgan Smith, Miss Patterson's sister, to Young, in which she warned him not to take any further steps in the case, and hinted that she might harm herself or Young. John Miller, Young's racing partner, told the story of the letter to Young and Miss Patterson, and said that Young had tried to get rid of the girl.

Mrs. Young, the widow, took the stand and said that she went through her husband's clothes the morning of the tragedy looking for money to pay a tax protractor. She found no revolver. Her husband had never owned a revolver. The case was adjourned until tomorrow.

WILL ABOLISH POST OF LODGE PHYSICIAN

Santa Rosa, Dec. 15.—The Sonoma County Medical society has decided there shall be no more lodge doctors in the county. A resolution to this effect was adopted which takes place January 1. Members will suffer expulsion who do lodge work any more. This will have probably the effect of raising the sick benefits of many lodges which are now in the habit of furnishing medical services to members free. The matter has created a sensation in lodge circles.

MEETING AGAIN POSTPONED.

Salt Lake, Dec. 15.—The postponed meeting of the stockholders of the Oregon Short Line was again adjourned for 30 days this afternoon.

MRS. CHADWICK IS FULLY IDENTIFIED

Prison Attendants Declare Her to Be None Other Than Notorious Madame Devere.

Cleveland, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Chadwick spent a fairly restful night in jail and slept from 1 o'clock until after 8 o'clock. She consulted her lawyers this morning and continued her declaration that she would soon issue a statement which would startle the city.

Mrs. F. M. Kissinger of Columbus, formerly an employe in the women's department of the penitentiary, was called to the jail today and recognized Mrs. Chadwick as Lydia Devere, who served a term in prison.

Mrs. Kissinger's mother-in-law, who was formerly patron of the prison, also identified the prisoner as Mme. Devere.

BATTLESHIP HAS A DEADLY EXPLOSION

Manhole Blows Out and Four Men Are Killed and Two Fatally Injured.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—By the blowing out of a manhole in the boiler room of the battleship Massachusetts where a gang of men was making repairs this afternoon, four men were instantly killed and two others probably fatally injured. Neither the officers of the vessel, nor the station have given out any facts beyond the above. It is supposed that one of the larger boilers was being worked on at the time and that through some accident the steam traps had been partially closed. It is understood that the damage to the vessel was but slight.

TRAIN ROBBER SUSPECTS ARRAIGNED AND HELD

San Bernardino, Dec. 15.—Sidney Jarvis and Arthur Schwindler, supposed to be the Santa Fe train robbers and murderers of express messenger Roberts, who were arrested Tuesday in San Francisco, were arraigned here this afternoon and their preliminary examination set for next Tuesday.

They were held without bonds. The fate of the prisoners hinges on the testimony of the fireman. The sheriff believes he has the man who shot the employees of F. J. Mackey, a Chicago millionaire, who promises plenty of money for their defense. Mackey arrived today.

CHINESE JOSS HAS BEEN GIVEN NEW HOUSE

The joss house of the society of Bow On Hong, an organization of Chinese highlanders, was removed from the Sherlock building, Second and Oak streets, to the new building, 85 1/2 Second street, in a room on the third floor. The joss was installed at 1 o'clock this morning.

The clash of cymbals and beating of drums accompanied the removal of the joss. The din was continued through the day and will not stop until tonight, when a great feast will be served. The society includes some 200 Chinese in its membership and it is said to be one of the strongest organizations of its kind in the city.

GAMBLERS MAY SUE SHERIFF FOR DAMAGES

It is stated at the court house that Sheriff Word, Deputies Morden, Hollingsworth and others will file the defendants in a suit for \$10,000, which will be filed by Mike Solomon, a cousin of Nate Solomon, for the confiscation of the Portland club cafe. Solomon and others will be the plaintiffs. It is asserted, and Sheriff Word will be one of the defendants, since he is in charge of those who took possession of the property. Mike Solomon is said to be the owner of the cafe. It is also stated that several members of the municipal league will be made co-defendants on the grounds that they were instrumental in closing the property.

HEARST SELLS CHICAGO EXAMINER TO EDITOR

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—W. R. Hearst, it is announced, has sold the Chicago Examiner, his morning paper in the Illinois metropolis, to Andrew Lawrence, who will be editor of the paper. Hearst retains some interest—how much is not stated. It is believed he retains control.

GOOD ROADS DELEGATES ELECT OLD OFFICERS

Salem, Or., Dec. 15.—The Oregon State Good Roads association, which closes the labors of its second annual session in this city today, re-elected its former officers as follows: J. H. Scott, president; H. B. Thielson, secretary; A. Trenhard, treasurer.

REAL ESTATE DEALER IS TO PAY ALIMONY

Chicago, Dec. 15.—George Harding, a wealthy real estate man, who obtained a divorce in San Diego, Cal., was ordered by the court today to pay his former wife \$35,000 back alimony, allowed in the divorce decree granted to Mrs. Harding in Chicago.

OPPOSE UNIFORM BILL OF LADING.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The hearing of the question of the railroad plan of lading in operation a new uniform bill of lading, against which thousands of shippers are complaining, was resumed today before the interstate commerce commission. Many railroad officials and prominent shippers have been summoned to appear at the hearing.

THERE WERE 77 ADDRESSES.

In the report of the field secretary of the Northwest Sabbath association it should read 77 addresses instead of 37, as published Wednesday.

DEPT. HEARST HAS MORE THAN ST. LOUIS

W. H. Wehrung Says the Lewis and Clark Fair is Widely Known.

HOME WITH A LIST OF OREGON'S PRIZES

Webfoot State Beat All Competers in Point of Horticultural Exhibits—Gold Medals.

W. H. Wehrung, superintendent of Oregon's exhibit at the St. Louis fair, returned to Portland this morning with his family and will leave tonight for his home in Hillsboro, there to prepare a report of the doings during the exposition period in which Oregon was interested.

Mr. Wehrung brought with him a complete list of the premiums won by this state and the showing reaches the remarkable total of three grand prizes, 67 gold medals, 159 silver medals and 71 bronze medals, exclusive of cattle and sheep awards, which will run high.

These prizes belong to the several departments, as follows: Educational—Group No. 1, one gold, one silver, one bronze; group No. 2, two silver, one bronze.

Horticulture—Two grand prizes, seven gold, 34 silver, 34 bronze.

Agriculture—One grand prize, 43 gold, 55 silver, 23 bronze.

Fish and Game—Nine gold, four silver, one bronze.

Mines—Two gold, one silver, ten bronze.

Forestry—Five gold, two silver, two bronze.

The mining department, the commission has asked of the superior jury a grand prize and has reason to believe that the award petitioned for will be granted. In horticulture, Oregon beat all comers as to quality, and would have received 84 gold medals, instead of 7, had the exhibit been up in quantity.

"The Lewis and Clark fair is much better advertised than was St. Louis at this time last year," said Mr. Wehrung, "and I predict that there will be more eastern people in attendance here than visited St. Louis. The exposition just closed was supported mainly by westerners and southern people."

WANT CHANGES MADE IN LAWS FOR LOGGERS

Simcoe Chapman, president of the Chapman Lumber Co., has returned from a meeting of Columbia river and Puget sound loggers at Tacoma, where action was taken to amend the laws which govern an amendment to the constitution of the state of Washington. Mr. Chapman brought a copy of the resolution adopted by the meeting, embodying its views, which will be presented to the Washington legislature.

Under recent decisions by the Washington supreme court it has been made illegal for loggers to build roads across other people's lands for the transportation of logs to market, or to convert streams into a means of transportation. The loggers ask to have their industry clothed with the power of eminent domain, the same as is given to steam railroads to condemn rights of way across land by having the land appraised and damages assessed. They also ask to be given the right to dam streams and use the same for the purpose of logging. The loggers also want to be assessed against them whenever, by reason of such dams, the lands of any one on the course of the stream are injured. Their resolution requests that the legislature compile a bill and put the question to a popular vote of the people of Washington, to the end that an amendment of the state constitution may be secured.

CAPTAIN HANSON HAS ANOTHER COMPANY

William Hanson, captain of hose company No. 6, against whom charges were brought some time ago, alleging assault upon M. J. Crane, in an attempt to remove him from the office of chief of police, has been transferred to engine company No. 9. This was done by Chief Campbell as a result of the orders from the city executive board to change Hanson to some other company.

The placing of Captain Hanson in charge of engine company No. 9 was made possible through the resignation of Captain Hines of the company. No. 1. Capt. J. McAllister was transferred from engine company No. 9 to chemical company No. 1, and Hanson succeeded McAllister.

Members of hose company No. 6 are out seeking one of their horses which has mysteriously disappeared and of which they have seen and heard nothing since Tuesday. The horse was sick and they turned him loose in the street for exercise. When they desired to put him in the stable he had disappeared. The men searched for him all day yesterday and today.

He is a big bay, with roached mane and heavy tail. He has a halter on with a rope tied around his neck. His hind feet are white and he has a white star on his forehead. He is about 14 hands high and weighs 1,500 pounds.

WANTED FOR STEALING MONEY OF A GUEST

Frank Sealey, a bellboy, employed until yesterday at the Scott hotel, was arrested at Ashland this morning for the alleged theft of \$263 and a ring valued at \$20 from Mrs. W. S. Harris, a guest. The arrest was made by request of City Detective Joe Day, who has been working on the case since it was reported to the police Monday night.

The boy was the only person known to have entered the room between the time the money was left in a bureau drawer and the discovery of the woman's loss. The proprietor of the hotel, it is said, scoffed at the woman's complaint, affirming his belief that she had lost nothing. Sealey left the city without notice yesterday, however, and learning of the direction in which he was traveling Detective Day wired the Ashland authorities to apprehend him.

It is said part of the money and a watch purchased by the lad were found on him when he was taken into custody. He is about 17 years of age.

STOLE GOODS FROM RAILROADS.

Taken into the police court this afternoon on the charge of stealing goods from the cars of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, the Northern railroad company yards, Charles E. Keith waived a preliminary examination and was held to answer to the grand jury, with bonds fixed at \$1,000. He was sent to the county jail, where Frank E. Brown, his alleged accomplice in the crime, is held. The arrest of the men is due to the work of Detectives Snow, Kerrigan and Hartman and Special Agent Fitzgerald of the O. R. & N.

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