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ROBBERY IN POOLROOM VICTIMS TURN BURGLARS

CONFESS TO FASCINATION FOR GAMES

United States Officials Obtain Story of Youths Arrested for Robbery of Branch Postoffice—Plot Laid in Gambling Hall.

Developments in Case Tend to Show That no Police Watch Has Been Kept on Pitfalls Run Altogether Too Openly.

Attributing their downfall to the pool room craze with which they had become fascinated after their arrival in Portland only several weeks ago, Fred Johnson and John Simpson, two youthful highwaymen arrested by the local police, were before Assistant United States District Attorney James Cole this morning and with the utmost coolness related the details of the robbery of the branch postoffice in Byerley's drug store at Tenth and Jefferson streets on the evening of November 13. The young men confessed yesterday to the police as was told in The Journal.

Two others are implicated in the robbery, according to the confessions of the boys. One of these, George Wilson, who is known among his confederates as "Big Slim," is also under arrest for the same offense. He will be taken before the assistant district attorney this afternoon to tell his side of the story. Wilson is only a few years older than either of the other members of the quartet. The other member of the gang, Frank McPherson, is known as "Floss," and as yet he has not been located by the police.

Pool Games Enticed Them. From the confessions of Simpson and Johnson there was no leader of the gang and the robbery of the branch postoffice No. 2, at which time F. Byerley, proprietor of the drug store, was held up and his jewelry taken, was arranged by the four met in this city and began playing the pay pool game.

Johnson is but 17 years old, originally he is from Iowa. He came to Portland from San Francisco. Before then he was in Illinois where he worked as a coal miner. He had trouble with his father, he says, and on this account decided to make his own way in the world.

Simpson is about the same age as Johnson. He is from Colorado where his parents and a sister and brother reside. Both young men say that since their arrival here they have worked at odd jobs about town and along the waterfront.

A poolroom in Second street operated by a Japanese was the scene of the origin of the plot to rob the United States postoffice. Here the men met. They played pool and gambled. Afterward, naturally, they became fond of the desire to speculate even on a small scale as is proved by some of the poolrooms was upon them, and almost before they realized what they were doing they had conceived the scheme to hold up and rob F. Byerley's drug store.

First Offense. Both Johnsons and Simpson claim that this was the first offense of a criminal nature in which they have ever been implicated. The other member of the gang, McPherson, kept the money and watch taken from Byerley's pocket on the night of the robbery. He also got the stamps taken from the government office, according to the confessions made this morning.

With the signed confessions of Fred Johnson and John Simpson in possession of the authorities and the positive identification of the two youths and George Wilson as three of the quartet who robbed him in his drug store, the evidence against the youthful desperadoes is sufficiently conclusive to make it impossible for them to escape lengthy terms in the penitentiary. Byerley called for highway robbery late yesterday afternoon and unhesitatingly picked out the three young men as his assailants. The druggist subsequently went before Deputy District Attorney Haney and swore to an information charging the trio and Frank McPherson with robbery.

Murphy Commended. Patrolman J. J. Murphy, who made possible the capture of three of the bandits by arresting Johnson at Fifth and Jefferson streets Monday night, although the thug and his companion, Wilson, were both heavily armed, is being warmly commended for his bravery by the rank and file of the department, although the detectives with undiluted jealousy are inclined to belittle the importance of the catch. It is understood that Murphy, who was formerly a councilman from the fourth ward and in one of the veteran members of the police department, is either to be assigned to the bureau of criminal investigation or will be made a patrol sergeant as the result of his apprehension of Johnson.

SALARIES IN FULL TO TEACHERS

Big Fund Still Remains in School Appropriation—Balance Needed for Remaining Months of Year Can Be Borrowed Easily.

Cash for Two Months, Then Warrants Good as Clearing House Certificates May Have to Be Issued, Although Not Probable.

Portland school teachers need not worry about getting their salary for the next two months and then it is expected the school board will have raised sufficient money to carry the pay roll until the new appropriation comes in next year.

Rumors to the effect that the school appropriation for the present year had been expended were emphatically denied yesterday by H. S. Allen, clerk of the school board, who stated that \$85,803 still remains from which the salaries can be paid for the next two months.

The monthly salary list amounts to about \$16,000 and although there will be a deficit of about \$8,000 for the second month, there will be no difficulty in borrowing that sum from the banks to carry over until the following pay day.

Borrow From Banks. The third pay day will be the last of the term and the school board expects by the time it comes around the financial stringency will have cleared sufficiently to make money easy to secure.

Portland bankers have always been anxious to aid the school board in raising the money to carry the teachers over without issuing bonds and last year the board borrowed \$20,000 for this purpose on short time loans at 6 per cent interest.

One year's amount necessary to carry the payroll was something more than \$200,000 and this sum was borrowed from the banks. The board members and the exchanges on New York brought the total amount the board was compelled to pay for the use of \$100,000 to something in the neighborhood of \$250,000.

No Trouble About Loans. All of this money was shipped out of Portland to New York. Short time loans made on Portland banks keep the money in circulation in the Rose City and really work as a benefit for the city.

Even if the board was without funds to pay the school teachers at the present time it is considered probable with the recent influx of gold into the city that loans could be negotiated to carry the payroll.

A scheme contemplated by the board should the board's estimate for the present year was \$425,000, which was allowed. Of this amount \$238,197 has already been expended leaving a balance of \$186,803. The reason for the shortage is due to the enormous growth of the city and the pressing need for new school buildings.

The total deficit for the year will be only about \$51,197, which the school authorities expect to have little difficulty in borrowing.

"WOOD TRUST IS TO BUST" SAYS HE WHO CUTS PRICES



"Money to Burn"—But Not for Long

BOUGHT OYSTERS BUT NOT PEARL

Restaurant Keeper Takes Gem From Man Who Found It in His Plate.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Bernardino, Cal., Nov. 21.—George Skinner and Chris Hartman, the latter proprietor of a restaurant, are involved in a wrangle that many develop a civil suit for the possession of a pearl.

Yesterday Skinner ordered oysters and found a large pearl among them. He held it aloft in excitement. Hartman was attracted, and asked to see the gem. He kept it, claiming ownership.

Later the matter was referred to the district attorney, who gives it as his opinion, off hand, that Skinner merely bought the oysters, and not any pearls they might have contained.

Skinner is not satisfied and has consulted attorneys with a view to a civil suit for recovery of the gem.

EVERETT FUGITIVE CAUGHT AT FRISCO

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Nov. 21.—Detectives P. J. Bailey and J. Murphy early this morning arrested Abraham J. Cohn at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jennie Price, 1405 Steiner street, upon telegraphic advice from the sheriff of Everett, Washington. Cohn is wanted in the northern city on a felony charge.

The officers appeared at the house this morning Cohn himself answered the door but when questioned stated that Cohn had already gone to work. The officers, however, were not to be duped and entered the house and placed Cohn under arrest. A deputy sheriff will be sent here from Washington to take the prisoner back.

GENERAL STEWART DIES IN ILLINOIS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Salem, Ill., Nov. 21.—General James Stewart, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars and a former congressman and banker, prominent Republican politician is dead at the age of 82. He defeated Judge Elias Bryan, William J. Bryan's father, for congress at one time.

PRICES MUST SOON TUMBLE

Householders Expect Relief From Independents Who Will Force the Issue.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Cardwood is beginning to be hauled into the city from the outside, while at the same time more men are going out daily into the woods to cut the fuel for the Portland market. All indications and the testimony of the dealers themselves lead therefore to the belief, now practically a certainty, that fuel will be cheaper in Portland before the coming of spring than it has been for some time past.

No advertisement of this fact came from the dealers, however, and it was not until The Journal investigated the condition of things that the public was made aware of the very uncertain base upon which the fuel barons were standing.

So self evident is the fact that the long hoarded and closely controlled supply of wood is about to get beyond the grasp of the dealers that even they are now compelled to admit that "the large supply of wood will perhaps lower the prices before spring."

PRESIDENT DEPOSITS SALARY IN THE BANK

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Nov. 21.—Theodore Roosevelt is doing his part as a private citizen to maintain the banks on a simple foundation. He gives an example on the first of every month of the foolishness of hoarding money by depositing in one of the leading national banks of Washington the full amount of his monthly salary as president of the United States. The president gets his salary in the shape of treasury warrants on the first of each month which is drawn to his order for \$4,000.00. The president indorses on the back, and it is sent to the bank where he keeps his deposit.

WINNIPEG WAREHOUSES DESTROYED BY FIRE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Nov. 21.—Fire in the warehouses of the Rat Portage Sash and Lumber factory, Ransay company and Merrick Anderson company, caused a loss of \$200,000 last night.

SEVEN MEN KILLED BY GREAT EXPLOSION

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Nov. 21.—A terrific explosion today on the construction work on the Grand Trunk & Pacific railroad near Kerner, killed seven men and injured four.

COUNT PUECKLER IS CONFINED IN ASYLUM

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Berlin, Nov. 21.—Count Puckler, leader of the anti-Semitic movement, has been taken to the Delfdorf insane asylum, a dangerous lunatic.

MOB ATTEMPTS TO SLAY WOMEN

Russians Attack Abattoir but Are Quelled by Arrival of Troops.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Vladivostok, Nov. 21.—Several were killed and scores injured in a desperate fight between the troops and a band of drunken rioters who attempted to massacre men and women employed by the municipal abattoir.

Three hundred rioters were headed by a man dressed as an army officer. When they attacked the abattoir, the leader ordered all of the employees hanged but before the first execution could be carried out the improvised gibbet collapsed and the execution device was abandoned.

The leader began cutting down the employees with a cleaver, others followed his example, and men and women, horribly cut and half dead, were fighting for their lives when the soldiers arrived.

FILES TWO DIVORCE SUITS

Mrs. Mary Yost of Helena, Montana, Employs Two Attorneys and Each Present Complaints—She Wanted to Be Sure.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Helena, Mont., Nov. 21.—A remarkable incident has come to light in Great Falls, where Mary Yost, in order to accomplish her ends, filed two suits for a divorce against her husband, Frank Yost. One of them has been dismissed, it seems that several weeks ago Mrs. Yost consulted an attorney on the matter, and arranged with him to file a suit. The next day she visited another attorney, and had him proceed in a similar manner, and both suits were filed and the allegations in each were quite similar.

Yesterday the officers in the office of the clerk of the court found there were two suits filed with the same title, but different attorneys. Mrs. Yost was called upon for an explanation, and remarked, "It's all right, I only wanted to be sure."

Mrs. Yost alleges that she has been married only three months, and that living with her husband was impossible because of extreme cruelty. She alleges that he is worth several thousand dollars and seeks a division of the property.

JAPANESE INVITE AMERICAN FLEET TO VISIT MIKADO

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Nov. 21.—Prominent naval officers who will command in the Pacific cruise are responsible for the statement that Ambassador Aoki of Japan, at a dinner given in honor of Rear Admiral Evans last Saturday night, extended an informal invitation to the American fleet to visit Japan during its cruise to the Pacific, and in-

INSANITY EXPERTS ARE NEXT

Cross-Examination of Mrs. Bradley Concluded and Alienists Will Be Called to Give Opinions of Woman's Sanity.

Judge Powers Asks If the Defendant Could Tell Right From Wrong and Can Be Held Responsible for Brown Murder.

The Hypothetical Question. Judge Powers hypothetical question is: "First—Mrs. Bradley had two aunts insane with homicidal attacks and that her father is in a sanitarium paralyzed."

Second—A blow on the head with a hoe when the defendant was 5 years old, injured her mentally.

Third—That women with maternal instincts as strong as the defendant's frequently have delusions that they are being persecuted under certain physical conditions.

Fourth—Fits of depression or elation resulting from Brown's quarrels and reconciliations unbalanced her mind.

Fifth—The revelation of Brown's treachery through the Adams letter destroyed her reason.

Those will be followed by the following questions: "First—Assuming that these facts are true, could the defendant distinguish right from wrong?"

Second—Was she mentally responsible, and "Third—Was she insane?"

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MAKE LAST EFFORT TO SAVE FUNDS

Depositors' Association of Oregon Savings Bank Will Begin Personal Canvass of Loanbacks to Prevent Losses to Every One.

Nearly 600, Representing \$250,000, Have Refused Chance to Get Back Dollar for Dollar—All Will Suffer by Their Refusal.

With the inevitable determination that nearly always succeeds sooner or later, the Depositors' association of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank has started a canvass of about 550 names of city people who have not yet joined in the movement to recover dollar for dollar of the depositors' money that was lost through the bank's suspension.

Upwards of 600 of the depositors having more than \$100 in the suspended bank have thus far resisted all efforts of the workers to induce them to sign for Home Telephone bonds, the best securities in the bank.

Bonds Must Be Taken. Until these bonds are signed for, and the bank's liabilities correspondingly decreased, the proposal to reorganize with increased capital stock and reopen the bank for business is an idle dream.

So long as a considerable number of the depositors remain outside and wait to start another run on the bank to recover their deposits in cash at par, there will be no attempt made to reopen the institution, as the men who put new capital into it would only lose their money through a second failure of the bank.

The depositors who have not yet signed bond applications are being offered their choice of Home Telephone bonds or long time certificates of deposit. The bonds draw 5 per cent interest, the deposit certificates would draw 6 per cent.

The only other point of difference, and one which may or may not be an important consideration, is that the subscriber for telephone bonds receives a solid mortgage security in an established business, while the subscriber for long time certificates of deposit has the chance of leaving his deposit in the bank whether it wins or loses in the second trial.

Best Security Obtainable. If the bank should by any chance fall a second time the holder of long time certificates would be confronted a second time with the probable loss of his deposit, or at least a time certificate taken telephone bonds would have a source investment drawing him 5 per cent annual interest, payable semi-annually.

The Depositors' association asks all interested depositors in the various wards to search the lists for friends and exert their influence to assist in the association's work.

The list of about 600 names given below represents the depositors who have refused to subscribe a large proportion of their holdings for Home Telephone bonds or accept time certificates of deposit. In no other way can the bank be safeguarded from a run which would wipe out the bank.

No man who has money to invest in bank stock is going to put his money into a suspended bank to reorganize it while a crowd of depositors wait outside the door to come in and immediately appropriate the increment.

It is represented in a single column of names depositors who placed their fortunes in the bank some time before it suspended. John Ilijana, 867 Everett street, Portland, \$15,000; Simpson, of Mason and Vancouver avenues, \$17,000; A. L. Orson, the third miner, had \$16,000.

They are said to have placed their claims in the hands of C. J. Schnabel, a local attorney. When solicited to come into the Depositors' association they replied that they are acting under the advice of their attorney. This is emphatically denied, however, by Mr. Schnabel, who says he has given them no advice on the subject.

It is believed they will yet see the matter in the same light it is viewed by the Depositors' association and will apply for Home Telephone bonds for some portion of their claims, and accept time certificates of deposit for the remainder. Frank E. Knight, of Forest Grove, with \$4,025, is another large depositor unsigned by the association workers. W. H. Welch, with \$6,000, is missing from the same roll. He is known to be in southern Oregon, but his address has been unobtainable. J. H. Robertson, 306 Columbia street, has a claim of \$7,000 for a lost deposit, and has not yet signed to become a bondholder or accept deposit certificates.

The remainder of the list is as follows, the address being Portland in all cases where not otherwise indicated.

First Ward. Berkeler, Herman, 412 N. 19th, \$ 100.00 Boylan, L. 243 N. 14th, " 20.75 Chabner, Morris, 353 N. 13th, " 25.00 Carlson, J. O., 212 N. 13th, " 100.00 Chapman, Chas., 721 Roosevelt, " 150.00 Clarke, Geo. L., 514 Blackstone, " 100.00 Craven, Anna, 28 1/2 2nd, " 115.45 DeLoe, Kestran, 187 1/2 2nd, " 100.00 Greenland, Rev. W. A., 415 N. 25th, " 100.00

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