TELLS STORY OF ROBBERY IN YELLOWSTONE PARK

Woman at Portland Hotel Was in Stage When Lone Robber Relieved 125 Passengers of Money and Valuables Last Monday.

A wo[illegible] times of the [illegible] place in Yellowstone Park [illegible] 24 [illegible] robbed 17 stages [illegible] tats, is a guest [illegible] Portland hotel and tells [illegible] story of the robbery. The woman is still extremely nervous [illegible] of the experience and only consented to tell her story this morning under promise that her name should not be mentioned.

"We were riding along in the bright sunshine [illegible] the blue sky, with the mountains and the forests all about us, geysers on every hand and all the world beautiful, when suddenly the devil himself came up from the bottomless pit and ordered us to stop. At least that's what he looked like to me. It was awful.

Look Like Fiend.

"My first thought was, 'I wonder why he cut the eyeholes in his mask so large.' He wore a mask apparently made out of khaki or some such material, and the eyeholes were so big that we could see all of each eye very plainly. He had the bluest eyes I ever saw in a man. Women have such eyes sometimes, but men never do unless they are redhaired.

"There were 25 stages in all that left the Mammoth Hot Springs hotel that morning. The man let the first eight stages pass. Then there came eight more. I was in one of them. When the first one came opposite to where the man was he stepped out of the brush alongside the road, pointed his rifle and stopped the stage. The others behind each stopped as they came up.

Boy Holds Sack.

"There was a boy named F. H. Gaskin on the first stage, traveling with his step-father, B. Drew. The robber made the boy get down off the stage and hold the sack, which looked to me like a pillow slip. The boy said afterward that it had red stains on it like blood.

"The man then made all the passengers in the first stage give him all the money. Then he went on to the second stage, ordering the driver of the first stage to drive on and not look back. He went on down the line to all the stages that way. Sometimes he took the men's watches as well as their money. And I never heard such language as he used. It was frightfully vile and profane. If a man was slow about handing out his money the robber threatened to kill him if he didn't hurry.

Robber Gets Angry.

"One man, Forrest Stevens, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., when ordered to hand over his money, pulled out a $10 bill and handed it to the robber. But he let the edge of another bill show in his pocket. The robber made him get down off the stage and give up the rest of his money and then hit him over the head. I felt the lump afterward and it was as big as an egg. The hold-up man said he had a notion to kill the other man for trying to hide the money.

"Some one called out that the whole affair was a joke and that it was no real holdup. 'I'll show you if it's a joke,' the robber said and shot over the man's head. He shot twice during the hold-up. I think he was getting pretty nervous toward the end.

"One man handed over $75 when ordered to give up his money. 'That's not all the money you're traveling with,' the robber said. 'Shell out the rest of it.' The man gave him $75 more, and then the robber took away his railroad ticket and his watch. Another man had only $10 with him, but he had a note for $1,000. The robber insisted that he had more money and demanded that he give it up. The man insisted that he didn't have any more, so the fellow took his thousand-dollar note. The man begged him to give it back, saying it would be no good to anybody else and he might lose the money if the signer of the note should be inclined to be dishonest about it, but the robber told him it would serve him right.

Even Took Letter of Credit.

"Another man, M. S. Walker, a banker from Oklahoma, had a letter of credit for $10,000. Of course, that was no good to the holdup man and the banker told him so. 'Well, it'll put you to some trouble, anyway, to get more money,' the fellow growled. He took it and also the man's watch and his railroad ticket.

"One man had only a few dollars, which he gave up. The fellow insisted that he must have more than that. 'I tell you that's all I have,' the man said. 'Well, then, I'll take your watch,' the fellow growled. The man begged him to leave the watch, saying it was of no value, but had been left him by his dead father. 'Makes no difference,' the fellow said. 'You can get along without a watch the way I have to.'

"Another man didn't have as much money as the fellow thought he ought to, so he took his wife's wedding ring. It was just a plain gold band, and she begged to be allowed to keep it, saying it wouldn't bring enough to be worth stealing. 'Well, it'll make you feel bad, anyhow,' the robber said, and took it.

Oh My!

"A woman handed out $50. 'That ain't enough,' he said. 'You're traveling with more money than that. I want your wad. Go down into your stocking, where you women all keep your money and give me what you've got there.' And she had to do it. When the women were too scared to be quick enough to suit him the man tore their clothes open and looked himself for the money.

"The driver of one of the stages had been in a hold-up before and had been terribly beaten and nearly killed because he didn't have any money with him and couldn't make the hold-up men believe him when he said so. This morning he was in the same fix, for the night before he had loaned another driver every dollar he had. He said afterward he would have given $50 if he had had $5 or $10 to hand out. When the man came to him, he explained that he didn't have any money. 'I don't want your money,' the robber said. 'You're a working man like myself. You can do as you please. Put your hands down and take up the lines if you want to. I don't care what you do.'

Saved Money by Fright.

"When he came to me, I don't know just what I did. I know I held out my purse and didn't dare even to look at him. They told me afterwards that I kept repeating all the time over and over, 'there it is, take it, there it is, take it.' But I know that I was thinking all the time about how much I should give him. I finally gave him $20 and dropped two ten-dollar gold pieces and a five on the floor of the stage. He didn't get that.

"The woman sitting behind me was an invalid just recovering from nervous prostration. She had two $1 bills and some pennies with her and she held them out and kept saying [illegible] 'Do you want the pennies [illegible] want the pennies [illegible]

Didn't Want Trunk Check.

"One man in the stage with me handed out his pocket book with the railroad ticket and his trunk check in it. The robber handed it back to me, saying he didn't want the man's trunk check. I took the pocket book without daring to look at it.

"The man must have been getting pretty nervous toward the end, for he let three stages go by and then held up the rest.

Pays for Mass for Robber.

"When we got to the hotel I gave the boy the two $10 gold pieces I had saved, and I took the $5 gold piece and went to the church and had a mass said for the fellow. It is the only thing we can do for a man like that.

"If there had been just one gun in the crowd, the fellow would never have been able to carry through the holdup. But he knew that the government will not allow anyone to take firearms into the park unless they are sealed. So all those men were compelled to sit there and look on while the fellow robbed 17 coaches. They couldn't do a thing. I know some of the men who were not there said they wouldn't have sat there without doing something, but if they had been there, they would have done just the same. One man said afterward that he never expected to see a cannon that would look so big to him as the muzzle of that rifle did when it was pointed at him.

Finds Purses Nearby.

"The next day they found all our purses and pocketbooks, with the railroad tickets and trunk checks, in a pile near one of the geysers not far from the hotel. But the fellow had kept the $10,000 letter of credit and the $1,000 note that belonged to the two men he got so mad at.

"It is an outrage that such an affair could happen in the park and I think nothing too hard can be said against the soldiers, or rather, their officers. There are 400 soldiers in the park but they couldn't keep one lone man from holding up 17 stages in broad daylight not four miles from the hotel. Every day about 25 stages set out in the morning from the hotel—and just one soldier goes with them. On this particular morning the first stage carried an unusually large amount of money, sent from one of the hotels to the other, and I understand that there was one soldier in uniform and two in citizens clothes accompanying it. The man let this stage go by.

Play Polo.

"The officers spend most of their time playing polo and cards and having a good time instead of seeing that people are not robbed. I don't mean to say that they shouldn't have their hours of recreation, but when they are on duty they ought to attend to business and not be playing polo and the soldiers loafing around playing cards and having a good time.

"There are a few scouts in the park who are said to be worth more than all the soldiers. But there are not enough of them. They asked for 40 more, saying that they would be sufficient to keep order in the park and prevent any such occurences as the hold-up, but there was no appropriation to pay them, so the park never got them.

Passed Resolution.

"When we got to the hotel, we held a mass meeting and passed resolutions regarding the affair, which we sent direct to Secretary Garfield. We all think there ought to be a thorough investigation and that whoever is responsible for letting the robbery take place should be punished.

"The telegraph operator refused to send out the story of the holdup. He is, of course, controlled by the hotels, which did not want news of the occurrance to get out for fear it would injure their business. But the men of the party all agreed that if the operator would not send out the message, they would take charge of the office themselves, so he finally sent out the story.

"I don't think I shall ever forget as long as I live my sensations when I saw that black devil there ordering up to give up our money. I am getting to be an old woman and things like that hurt me. I was in the San Francisco fire, and I think I have had my share of experiences. If that man is caught, he ought to be put where he can't harm people. I don't feel angry toward him. I am sorry to know that one of God's creatures stoop so low as to do the thing he did. But he ought to be put where he cannot harm people."

JAP FAIR OFF FOR NINE YEARS

Economical Ministry Wins in Contest With Commercial Interest.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tokio, Aug. 31.—The Tokio exposition has been postponed until 1917, according to the official statement issued today by the minister of agriculture and commerce. The action is taken over the protests of all the chambers of commerce and is indicative of the determination of the new cabinet to carry out its policy of retrenchment.

The officials of the exposition were called together and the decision of the government was announced to them. It is expected that the postponement will result in a great benefit to the exposition.

In the statement issued by the government it is set forth that the postponement will make it possible to hold a complete and perfected world's fair that will reflect much greater credit upon the country than if the fair were rushed through under the original plans.

The chambers of commerce urged that it would be an indication of financial weakness that would have a bad effect on the commercial situation.

STEWART NOT YET ORDERED TO RIDE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Wilcox, Ariz., Aug. 31.—Colonel William F. Stewart, the United States army officer in exile at Fort Grant, is ready today to make the 90-mile ride prescribed by the government but is unable to say when he will make the test as he has not received official orders from the war department.

Colonel Stewart refused to discuss the report that he intends to apply for a leave of absence which would be of four months' duration as he has been on duty continuously for several years. It is understood here that he will ask for the vacation as soon as his orders arrive and he completes the test ride at Fort Huachuca.

SNAKE BITE CURED BY INDIAN REMEDY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, Aug. 31.—After using the flesh of a snake to cure its bite, John McCormack is rapidly recovering today from the effects of an encounter with a large rattler. McCormack was hunting deer in the mountains when bitten. He shot the snake and after lacerating the tiny holes made by the fangs with his knife, he bound a piece of the flesh from the rattler's back into the wound.

Police Surgeon Quint was called today to attend the rancher but found the old Indian remedy had been so effective that no other treatment was necessary.

ULTIMATUM IN C. P. STRIKE

Company Given This Week to Treat, on Pain of Total Tie-up.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 31.—A special from Winnipeg says the crisis is approaching in the mechanics' strike on the Canadian Pacific railway. The committee now in session in Montreal representing all the orders and unions to which employes belong, have given the company this week to decide whether it will meet this committee in conference with the object of settling the strike or have the entire system tied up. The committee in Montreal represents not only the machinists, boilermakers and carmen on strike, but also the engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen. It seems to be a fight between the unions and the Canadian Pacific railway, the company having made up its mind to test their strength.

Former Master Machanic Cross of Winnipeg is now in England, having been sent there by the company to hire mechanics. He has met with considerable success which has not been pleasant news to the unions.

Ash Kennedy, representing the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers, is at the head of the committee. He is a man of great influence with the unions, having been instrumental in settling the strike on the Canadian Northern railway a year ago.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 31.—Trains are delayed throughout the west on the Canadian Pacific lines as the result of the strike of the machinists and the general demand for action looking toward a settlement is increasing.

The railway commission will meet here September 10 and it is said the unions will bring before that body strong representations showing a violation of the alien labor law by the general importation of American railroad men. It is understood that many affidavits, made by railroad men in the United States, will be offered in support of the contention. The union claims that the places of the strikers are being filled by Americans.

FOREST FIRES IN CALIFORNIA AGAIN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Santa Cruz, Cal., Aug. 31.—Over 100 acres of valuable redwood timber land has been burned over already today by a forest fire that is raging in Blackburn gulch, four miles from town. Several hundred farmers are fighting to keep it away from their homes. The flames are now sweeping toward Lavega Park, where some of the big redwoods grow. The fire was started by the burning of a barn on the Trevethan ranch. The flames spread to the trees and dry grass of the forests and burned over the John Walsh ranch, a part of the Crandalls' summer resort, the Morgan ranch and Dr. Holmquist's ranch. Fighters at the Crandall place saved the buildings and the Holmquist ranch buildings were saved only after a hard fight. Back firing from Doyle gulch kept the fire out of that canyon, which is thickly populated. It is thought the fighters will be able to save the trees of Lavega Park.

Ukiah, Cal., Aug. 31.—Fires which started last night are raging today in the mountains west of here and threaten to destroy the fish hatchery of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad company, one mile from the city. The fires are as bad as those of three weeks ago, which burned over a territory 20 miles square. The ranges have been so badly burned that the stockmen are confronted by the prospect of a hard winter and the general loss will be heavy.

Chico, Cal., Aug. 31.—A forest fire raging north of here has already burned over 20,000 acres of timber and grazing land and is continuing without abatement. A strong north wind is carrying the ashes and cinders over Chico and it is very hot here. Over 200 farmers are out fighting the flames that threaten homes and camp outfits. It is impossible to learn the exact amount of the damage because all the telephone lines to the burned country on the north have been burned out. Several narrow escapes have been reported here today. The high north wind makes the work of fighting the fire very perilous and back firing is almost useless against the terrible sweep of the flames.

HILL FIGHTS HARRIMAN

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right of way along the west bank, where construction is comparatively easy as far as the mouth of Trout creek, then a simple matter of laying ties and rails through Madras and southward to Bend, is the strategic course, over which indications at present point to a terrific struggle between the two railroad wizards.

Two Other Routes.

Harriman can get across the mountains from the Southern Pacific lines into Crook county by extending the Corvallis & Eastern, or he can come southward into the same district by extending the Columbia Southern, whose terminus is Shaniko.

Both these routes, however, lack feasibility. Neither is easy of construction nor economical. The Deschutes canyon offers the most practical, shortest and cheapest route into the district, which has suddenly sprung into prominence as the goal of the two greatest railroad builders in the world. Hence, activity on the part of both Hill and Harriman forecasts a campaign of railroad ingenuity which seldom falls to the lot of Oregon to witness.

Hill's aggressiveness, which proved so overpowering a factor in routing Harriman and successfully completing the north bank, is more than likely to again be brought into play with the result that the state will stand spectators, with no little degree of satisfaction of the struggle to gain entrance into one of the richest and most productive regions in the west.

VANDERBILT SHAKES HORSES FOR AUTOS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 31.—Having ordered that all his horses and vehicles be sold immediately George W. Vanderbilt today is preparing to become a "motor maniac." In the past he has entertained an aversion to automobiles and none was allowed to pass the portals of his fine estate here, the roads of which are thrown open to the public three times a week.

Vanderbilt has cabled to Europe ordering the sale of his horses there and has already sold two vehicles and 40 sets of harness to a livery stable here.

USES VICTIM'S KEYS TO GET INTO HOME

Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 31.—Facing a charge of either highway robbery or burglary, or both, Alexander Stewart is held in the city jail. With a companion, who has not been captured, Stewart is accused of holding up E. B. Statanlove, a Great Northern track walker, south of the city Saturday night, taking a bunch of keys from his pocket and then entering the track walker's home and rifling it of $8 in money and a number of small articles of value.

DEBS' SPECIAL HITS THE RAIL

Socialist Candidate and Associates on Itinerary of 11,000 Miles.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Eugene V. Debs, socialist candidate for president of the United States, left here today on the socialists' "Red Special," which is to tour the west. There was a great crowd at the depot to see the train leave.

The train was shorn of its colors at the depot because of a ruling of the company that no trains are to be decorated in the shed, because of the danger of fire. As soon as the train was out of the yards it was stopped and decorated with red bunting.

Debs was attired in a black alpaca coat, a low collar, a soft blue shirt, gray trousers and a light cap. He stood on the back platform and waved farewell to the crowd.

A. H. Floton of Telluride, Col., was one of the members of the party. Telluride is on Debs' itinerary.

If the plans are carried out in full the "red special" will cross the country twice, traveling a total distance of about 11,000 miles. The schedule provides for 240 stops for speeches, with meetings each night in cities and large towns.

The completed itinerary calls for this long flight: From Chicago through Iowa to Kansas City, Omaha, Denver, Leadville, Salt Lake, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Butte, Fargo, Minneapolis, Duluth, Detroit, Cleveland, Erie, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, New York city, Sunday, October 4, and a big meeting in the Hippodrome. The New England states will be invaded and then New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee. If time permits the schedule may be lengthened to include Oklahoma, Texas and the southwest.

Tons of campaign literature will be distributed along the route. Mr. Debs will be the chief orator, but Ben Hanford, candidate for vice-president, and other Socialist leaders will be heard.

Mother Jones will be carried along as a special attraction during part of the trip.

BETHUNE MAY BE IN PORTLAND

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was received, nor has any word come from him during the 10 days since he suddenly left New York.

Goes to Buffalo.

Failing in securing an answer to her telegrams to Buffalo, Mrs. Bethune went there herself. Distracted at finding no trace of him she enlisted the services of the Pinkertons, with the result that her husband was traced to Chicago. There he spoke with several friends and acquaintances, stating he intended going to Seattle or Portland. Later he purchased a ticket for Portland over the Denver & Rio Grande.

Every effort since that time to locate him has failed. The offices of the Pinkertons between Buffalo and Portland have detailed dozens of men on the case. In the meantime, Mrs. Bethune, learning that her husband had been seen in Chicago, went there from Buffalo only to find he had again dropped from sight.

The nervous strain to which she had been subjected finally resulted in a complete nervous collapse and the family physician and relatives were summoned to her bedside in Chicago. In consequence of her critical condition efforts to find her missing husband have been doubled. Important litigation which Mr. Bethune was carrying on for the Krupp Gun company, a portion of which was about to go into the courts, has also been staid.

Due to Overwork.

During the past summer, Mr. Bethune has conducted a mass of legal business. Overwork, combined with the intense heat under which New York city has suffered this season, is responsible for his present condition, which is believed to be nothing more than a temporary nervous derangement which has affected him mentally.

For the past two days detectives have watched every incoming train to Portland. All the hotels have been visited and every avenue covered where it was thought possible the missing lawyer might be found.

Mr. Bethune is 34 years of age, 5 feet, 7 inches in height and weighs 170 pounds. He has blue eyes and dark brown hair and is affected with an occasional nervous twitching of the face. He frequents the best hotels and when he left New York city was dressed in a dark gray double-breasted cheviot suit and wore a standing collar.

Soon after it was learned that Mr. Bethune had been seen in Chicago, the local papers were filled with big advertisements in the hope of attracting his attention. But these also failed of their effort and it is now hoped that the missing attorney carried out his intentions and came to Portland where it will be less difficult to locate him.

Said He Was Coming West.

That he was wandering about the country under an hallucination, is borne out by the fact that he remarked in Chicago to his acquaintances that business demanded his attention in both Seattle and Portland. Mr. Bethune's partners in the New York law firm state that he had no business of any nature which would require his presence on the coast.

Mrs. Bethune's condition at present is so critical that those watching over her fear she will become mentally deranged unless tidings soon come from her missing husband. He is a man of exemplary habits and his long continued silence has placed her in so critical a condition that the gravest fears are entertained for her ultimate recovery.

BOISE READY TO RECEIVE DELEGATES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 31.—Boise is being rapidly decorated and put in gala attire for the Republican state convention to open here tomorrow. The national colors are everywhere to be seen and the city is illuminated by hundreds of special electric lights of various colors. Indeed the city presents a pretty sight. The advance guard of the Republican hosts is arriving and the political pot is at the boiling point. Candidates and boosters are arriving on every train and there are all knds of rumors as to candidates and deals in the air. It is expected that from 1,000 to 1,500 people, including delegates, will be in attendance from outside points. At least two special trains will bring the people to Boise on this occasion.

James H. Brady, present state chairman, will be nominated for governor by acclamation, and United States Senator Weldon B. Heyburn will be indorsed for reelection. A fight is expected over a local option plank in the platform.

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