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BADY WOUNDED MAN IDETIFIED AS A BANDIT

Four thers in Custody—Airplie May Have Been Piloted By Wade

CHAGO, June 14.—A quick soluth of all details of the hold-up Tsday night of a Chicago, Milwkee & St. Paul mail train a fewnlles from Chicago by four automble loads of bandits who obtaid money and bonds valued upwas of $1,000,000, was predicteby the police tonight after two ail clerks had identified a man one of the train robbers.

J. Wayne, desperately wounded a believed by the police to be th bandit who was shot by a compion who mistook him for a mail erk during the robbery, is the an identified as one of the bands. With three other men and woman, Wayne was taken into stody in a spectacular raid on a at as the result of a tip that the bndits would be found there.

At first Wayne told the police that e was shot while near Hammond Ind., by a woman named Margret Ray. Later he said a bootlgger shot him. Five bullet wounds were found on his body and pctors said he would probably de.

Other suspects are Walter McComband his wife, whose flat was raide, Paul Wade, who said he lived in Tulsa, Okla., and James Mahotey, who were found in the flat.

Meanwhile Sheriff Peter M. Hoffman, after a perusal of his records, said that a description of one of the bandits tallied almost exactly with that of "Lucky" Tommy O'Connor, Chicago murderer, who broke jail three years ago, five days before he was to have been hanged.

A new $1,000 bill and a $500 bill were found in Wayne's clothing and a $1,000 bill was found in Wade's pocket. Serial numbers of the bills do not correspond with those of the money thas ft reported stolen, it was announced, after a hurried check.

Wade was reported to have been an aviator and this fact led to a revival of the theory that the bandits escaped in an airplane seen near the scene of the holdup the morning after the robbery.

The known loot was increased today to $447,000 in cash and bonds but it was admitted that more than this amount is missing and unofficial sources placed the loss at between $1,000,000 and $3,000,000.

Postal inspectors and government agents were devoting a great part of their time to the theory that the crime was the result of information given the bandits by a postal employe or a federal bank employe, this theory being due to the faultless precision with which the holdup was executed.

Portraits of Judges Hung at Court House

Portraits of six of the early circuit judges who presided over this district were hung in Department No. 1 of the circuit court Saturday morning with impressive ceremonies by the Marion County Bar association.

Judge George G. Bingham, in view of his personal acquaintance, was able to sketch briefly the career of each, telling interesting reminiscences of the men as he knew them. The portraits were obtained through a committee composed of John H. McNary, Judge George G. Bingham and Judge Percy R. Kelly. The committee will also place small brass plates bearing information relative to each of the judges honored. The resolutions formally presenting the portraits to the court will also be framed.

Early circuit judges whose portraits were placed on the walls of the court room Saturday were Judge R. P. Boise, who sat on the bench in the district for nearly 40 years; Judge B. F. Harding, Judge R. P. Bonham, Judge George H. Burnett, Judge William Galloway and Judge H. H. Hewitt.

Loeb, Leopold's Confessed Murder Partner in Jovial Mood, as He Conversed With Counsel

Four alienists examined Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb at the county jail yesterday, ostensibly to gather evidence for the defense in the trial of these Chicago youths for the kidnaping and murder of Robert Franks. Loeb is seen above conversing in an unconcerned way with Clarence Darrow, famous criminal lawyer, who is conducting their defense.

EXAMINE MINDS OF MURDERERS

Alienists Visit Youths in Attempt to Establish Insanity Plea

CHICAGO, June 14. — More alienists appeared today at the county jail to examine Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, millionaires' sons and confessed kidnappers and slayers of 13 year old Robert Franks.

Four alienists went to the jail today and spent several hours examining the youths as a part of the plan of the defense to prove them insane. Included among the doctors was Dr. Karl Bowman of Boston, who spent yesterday making an examination of the boys.

Leopold and Loeb were eating breakfast when the doctors appeared to resume a study of the minds that concocted the sensational crime. The youths greeted the doctors warmly but seemed amused by the mysterious equipment which the doctors showed in the cell. The state is preparing to batter down any insanity plea and one assistant state's attorney is assigned to have complete charge of the legal barrier which the state hopes to construct to oppose the testimony of alienists for the defense.

DAWES IS HOME

CHICAGO, June 14.—General Charles G. Dawes, came back to Chicago today as republican nominee for the vice presidency as quietly and unobstrusively as he left it a week ago as a private citizen to go to Marietta, Ohio, to mingle with old college friends.

NON-PARTISANS NAME W. BUTLER

Creswell Stockman Receives Indorsement of Progressives at Canby

CANBY, Ore., June 14.—W. J. Butler, stockman of Creswell, was nominated for United States senator by the non-partisan progressive assembly at a convention held here today. There were 88 members of the non-partisan league present during the day but a number had left the hall when the time for balloting came.

To comply with regulations covering legality of the gathering, which provide that at least 100 must participate in a convention to give the nominations a legal standing, the assembly adjourned until Saturday, July 12.

Ernest Bell of Aurora was named as a candidate for congress for the first district.

R. E. Charrick of Barlow, E. Ellengson of Forest Grove and H. H. Stallard were elected delegates to the Cleveland conference for political action, to be held July 4.

The gathering indorsed in full the La Follette platform rejected by the republican convention at Cleveland. All candidates indorsed by the convention will be pledged to support this platform.

LEGION ELECTS GRIFFITH HEAD

Salem Man Made Commander of Oregon Veterans; Brown Is Delegate

PORTLAND, Ore., June 14.—With addresses by John R. Quinn, national commander of the American legion, and Governor Pierce and election of officers, the sessions of the state convention of the American legion came to an end today.

George Griffith, of Salem, ex-vice commander and past commander of Salem post, was elected state commander without opopsition. Arthur A. Murphy, of Portland, was chosen vice commander; Prescott W. Cookingham, of Portland, reelected finance officer, and the Rev. John W. Bard, Portland, was chosen department chaplain.

Members of the state executive committee were chosen as follows: Carl Tengwald, of Medford, member at large; Charles Johnson, Silverton, reelected representative of the first district; Harold Warner, Pendleton, second district; James R. Bain, Portland, third district.

Delegates to represent the first district at the national legion convention were: Ben Dorris, Eugene; Robert Dillard, Marshfield; Clifford Brown, Salem; Charles Johnson, Silverton.

SUSPECT FOUL PLAY

PORTLAND, Ore., June 14.—Suspicion that David Dahlberg, local postal clerk who was drowned in a mill pond near Siletz, Ore., a week ago, met death through foul play, caused Coroner Carl Smith here to hold up the victim's funeral today and to order an autopsy on the body and a thorough investigation of the circumstances.

SHEEP BREEDERS TO HAVE TOUR

Event of July 8 and 9 to be Mainly in Marion and Clackamas

Shropshire breeders of Marion, Clackamas and Polk counties who met at the Chamber of Commerce last night laid plans for another two-day tour July 8 and 9, which will be mainly in Marion and Clackamas counties. A picnic lunch will be served both days at the homes of breeders and a boys' and girls' judging contest will be held at least on one day and probably on both.

The breeders discussed the question of a ram sale, but no definite action was taken.

The secretary was instructed to take up with the American Shropshire association, the matter of getting classifications for special prizes changed to conform to the classifications of the Pacific International Livestock exposition.

TRIBUTE PAID FLAG BY ELKS OF LODGE 336

Special Address of Evening Presented By Harper Jamison, Past Exalted Ruler of McMinnville

PRIZE-WINNING ESSAY READ BY VERA McCUNE

Exercises Transferred From Park to Armory When Weather Threatens

Tribute to the American flag, born June 14, 1777, was paid at the armory last night by Salem Elks lodge No. 336 with fitting ceremonies and an excellent program. A large crowd witnessed the exercises, which were changed at the last minute from Willson park to indoors on account of threatened rain. Dr. C. B. O'Neill, exalted ruler, assisted by officers of the lodge, had charge of the Elks' ritualistic program. Members of the lodge marched from the Elks' temple to the armory in a body. Music was furnished by the Cherrian band.

Special tribute was paid to the flag by Harper Jamison, past exalted ruler of the McMinnville lodge, who was the principal speaker of the evening. The nation at present, he said, is on the threshhold of young manhood when compared with other governments of the world. The hope of the future is honesty in the individual, private business and in those who have charge of public affairs, he said.

Nearly 30 children from the Richmond school presented a flag drill, showing the great ability of their director, Miss McAdams, in this kind of instruction. The drill was exceptionally fine and the youngsters were almost perfect in the maneuvers. A large American flag was unfurled in closing. The drill followed a reading by Frank Lynch, who gave the history of the flag. Miss Vera McCune, winner of the first prize in th essay contest conducted by the Salem Elks, read her composition. It is printed elsewhere in this issue of The Statesman. Miss Elizabeth Waters, in symbolic costume, presented a solo dance that was very well received and executed.

Musical numbers were furnished by the double quartette from Salem high school, a male quartette and a vocal solo by Miss Mary McCrone. The audience joined with the high school vocalists in singing "America" at the close of the program.

On behalf of the Elks' lodge, Fred Erixon, chairman of the program committee, thanked everyone present for the interest shown in the annual Flag day exercises conducted by the lodge.

BIBLE SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY

Six Meetings to Run Daily With Miss Mary Findley Again in Charge

Daily vacation Bible schools open at 9 o'clock Monday morning, June 16. This year there will be six meetings in the following places: Leslie Methodist church, United Brethren church, 12th and Mission streets; Jason Lee Methodist church, First Baptist church, the First Methodist church, and the Bungalow Christian church.

Miss Mary E. Findley, the director, will be assisted by the following principals: Leslie Methodist church, Miss Adella Chapler; Bungalow Christian church, Rev. Harry Johnson; Jason Lee Methodist church, Rev. F. M. Jasper; First Baptist church, Miss Elizabeth Hogg First Methodist church, Mrs. George Kutekunst, and the United Brethern to be selected.

The sessions are to run from 9 until 12 o'clock in the mornings and will be open to children above 5½ years and including children of junior high school age.

From four to five table teachers will cooperate closely with these principals in this vital piece of community service. Large returns are expected from the schools. Visitors will be cordially welcomed at any time.

SLAYER'S TEARS BRINGS STAY IN A DEATH DECREE

Judge Allows Continuance of Trial Till Wednesday for Pleading

CHICAGO June 14.—When Judge William Lindsay today passed sentence of death upon Russel T. Scott who had pleaded guilty to slaying a drug clerk in a holdup such a flood of tears followed on the part of the defendant and his attorney that the judge held his decision in abeyance and continued the case until Wednesday.

Judge Lindsay had just completed the phrased sentence, where he pronounced that Scott must "hang by the neck until dead," when the youth and his father fell sobbing into each others arms and Attorney Walter Stanton, appointed by the court to defend Scott, wept so that it was several minutes before he could speak.

"Your honor," Stanton cried, "let me withdraw this plea. Spare his life for my sake."

Judge Lindsay replied, "well, I would rather you put it up to a jury."

A consultation of the prosecutors with states attorney Robert E. Crowe resulted in Judge Lindsay's decision to defer further action, until Wednesday.

Scott with his brother Robert, was charged with the murder of Joseph Maurer, who was working his way through school by clerking in a drug store.

FORMER IDAHOANS TO HAVE PICNIC

Big Outdoor Event Planned for Fair Grounds Sunday, June 22

Everybody who ever lived in Idaho, or owed any one there or was was owed by an Idahoan, is cordially invited to an Idaho picnic at the state fair grounds, Sunday, June 22. The hand shaking is to begin at 10 o'clock, though the big event, the dinner, will not come until noon or a little after. The dinner will be just what the people make it.

There will be no heavy, formal program for the afternoon. Some speaking, some singing, some visiting, some reminiscences, but nothing that can't be remembered with a pleased smile. It is to be a day of reviving old associations, from a state that has a thousand charms and a thousand beautiful memories, but the person who tries to speak to exhaustion is going to get his just deserts in the way of bricks, old eggs, groans, and other effective ammunition.

A number of former Idahoans are expected from Portland. An attendance of more than 200 is expected, and the number may run well above that figure. Mrs. Carey F. Martin, of Salem, phone 1050-J, is one of the most active former Idahoans in looking after the arrangements. Elias Kilen, in the Ladd & Bush bank, is also active in promoting the celebration, and either of them can give information as to the program or arrangements for the day.

SAILORS WRECK HALL

SAN PEDRO, Cal., June 14.—A crowd composed of sailors in uniform and civilians, angeder, according to police reports, by disparaging remarks said to have been made by radicals about the 48 men killed Thursday in the explosion aboard the USSS Mississippi wrecked and IWW hall tonight while an entertainment was in progress.

SITUATION IN NEW YORK IS TAKING FORM

Democratic Delegates and Party Leaders Drifting Into Convention City to Size Up Situation

CHAIRMAN HULL BEGINS SEATING OF DELEGATES

Forces Organize for Battle—McAdoo and Smith Take Personal Charge

NEW YORK, June 14.—Signs of the near approach of the national democratic convention began to multiply today as national organization officials subcommittee chieftains, boom leaders, delegates and just plain democrats began drifting in to size up the pre-convention situation.

Cordell Hull, chairman of the party, held a series of conferences. Isadore Dockweiler of California began drafting plans for the seating of delegations, preliminary to a formal session next Monday of the sub-committee, which will allot positions on the convention platform.

Workers for William G. McAdoo announced their candidate was en route from California and would arrive next Wednesday to take personal charge of his campaign.

Governor Smith, already on the field for action, spent the first day as his own campaign manager in making two outdoor speeches amending a flag day dinner, reviewing a parade of Masons and distributing toys to East Side children.

Much of the pre-convention gossip centered on speculation as to who would be permanent chairman of the convention. The name of Senator Walsh of Montana was the most frequently mentioned. Homer S. Cummings of Connecticut, former national chairman of the party, who is spoken of as a candidate for the presidential nomination, was reported to be slated for chairmanship of the committee on resolutions and platform. Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi already has been formally named keynote spokesman and temporary convention chairman. Because of the abundance of candidates for the presidential nomination and all additional number of dark horses, the subcommittee on delegation seating is confronted by a different problem. Mr. Dockweiler pointed out that it was customary to "give up front seats" to the state delegaions with favorite sons.

It is also customary to give prominent positions to the largest delegations such as New York with 90 members, Pennsylvania with 76, Illinois with 58, Ohio with 48 and Texas with 40.

Fourteen states now have candidates in the race or almost in and, according to Mr. Dockweiler, there will be at least eight dark horse entries when the nominating begins. Thus 20 of the 48 state delegations will be entitled to up-front places.

CONVENTION CITY CHOSEN

LOS ANGELES, June 15.—The 1926 biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's clubs will be held in Atlantic City, N. J.

FRANK NEER FOR DIRECTOR

The writer hopes all the voters of the Salem school district will go to the polls, between 2 and 7 tomorrow. There are two places to fill, and three candidates. One of the candidates is Francis E. Neer. He is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural college, and he was a teacher in the University of California at Berkeley. He is now one of the owners and managers of the Salem Brick and Tile company, and he is a good business man; honest, industrious, straightforward, and a progressive citizen, devoted to the best interests of Salem. He is a worker in every good cause looking to a larger, better city.

The public schools of Salem are a credit to this city; but this is not enough. They should be still better; they should be outstandingly good, and they may be, at no greater cost; at less cost. Salem needs such a man as Frank Neer to help make them so. Here is a chance to draft Mr. Neer for such a service. That ought by all means to be done—and it will be a credit to the voters if they make Mr. Neer's election practically unanimous.

The writer has no pick at the other candidates, Dr. H. H. Olinger and L. J. Simeral.

But the chance to get new blood on the board, and in one so worthy and well qualified as Mr. Neer, ought by all means to be taken; and gladly taken.

GIRL IS HIT BY ELECTRIC BOLT DURING STORM

Dorothy Grant Killed in Tent During Thunderstorm Near Yamika, Wash.

YAKIMA, Wash., June 14.—Struck by lightning as she stood before a dresser in her tent home, Dorothy Grant, aged 14, was instantly killed here tonight during a short thunderstorm. A large walnut tree which sheltered the tent was split in two by the bolt of lightning. Dorothy's parents were away from home on a picnic in the nearby hills. The family had moved here recently from Prosser and were living in a tent until they could find a house.

The lightning put out the Pacific Power and Light company's transformers in several parts of town.

HERRIOT PICKS NEW MINISTRY

Premier Forms a Cabinet From Inexperienced French Radicals

PARIS, June 14.—(By The Associated Press)—Edoard Herriot, leader of the coalition of the Left, which won the recent election has after a governmental crisis of 14 days, in many respects unprecedented in French history, finally formed a new government. His ministry made up of the repeatedly expressed determination to exclude the minority from participation in public affairs comprises representatives of his own radical party and groups associated with it in the successful campaign.

The only nonpartisan member is general Maurice Nollet, minister of war whose selection is rather puzzling to political critics, who remark that, while the policy of the new cabinet is supposed to be one of conciliation toward Germany, the war department will be in the hands of a man whom the Germans have defied as head of the inter-alned military control establishment and whose opinions on this subject lend little towards the mutual confidence necessary for real conciliation.

Friends of M. Htrriot say that General Nollet was chosen for the purpose of making the Germans understand that while the new government was ready to come to a friendly agreement it intends to see that in the new arrangement, France will watch over her security.

M. Clementel, minister of finance, and Rene Renoult, minister of justice are the only members of the cabinet with considerable governmental experience.

The other ministers are young blood including Herriot himself, whose experienced country's government is confined to a few months as food director. The premier, however has behind him a record of 20 years successful administration in Lyons, which passes for the best governed city in France. The combination is conceded on all sides to contain an immense amount of energy and a full measure of audacity.

SCHOOL ELECTION COMES MONDAY

Two Incumbents and One Other Seek Places on Board of Education

Every resident of the city who is a qualified voter and who has lived in Salem for the last 30 days is eligible to cast a ballot at the annual election of membtrs of the school board of school district No 24 Monday. Balloting will be at the office of the Associated Oil company, in the Marion hotel building, on South Commercial. The polls will open at 2 o'clock and close at 7 o'clock.

There are three candidates for two places that will be open because of expiration of terms of present directors. The two whose term of office expires are Dr. H. H. Olinger, chairman of the board, and L. J. Simeral, who is also a member of the city council. Both seek re-election. Frank E. Neer is seeking election. Mr. Neer is president of the Salem Lions club.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Cloudy west, fair in east portion Sunday; moderate westerly winds.

AIR PRESSURE TO CLEAN OUT GUNS LACKING

Plugman Testifies That Tragedy Was Caused By Failure of Apparatus to Discharge Hot Fumes

HEAT IN CHAMBER MAY HAVE IGNITED POWDER

Mystery of Second Firing Said to Have Been Caused By Damaged Wires

SAN PEDRO, Cal., June 14.—(By the AP.)—Lack of sufficient air pressure to clean out the great 14-inch gun barrels in turret No. 2 of the battleship Mississippi was the first evidential clue offered today to the board of inquiry investigating the cause of Thursday's disaster which cost 48 lives.

So low was the air pressure in the apparatus that blows out the rifle barrels and closes the breeches that the latter had to be shoved homie by hand after the second salvo, according to the testimony of Francis Majeswki, plugman, whose duty it was to close the breech. He was one of three sailors who escaped uninjured from the turret that became the tomb of his mates.

Naval experts pointed out that lack of thorough cleansing of the gun barrels of mumes and gas after each discharge heightened the danger of ignition of the powder left in the barrel or of any fresh charges that may be rammed in.

The plugman's testimony said naval officers, if substantiated, might result in a fleet-wide investigation of every big gun to determine whether similar defects are in other ships of the navy.

Members of the court of inquiry, however, refused to comment on the evidence, reserving their statements for their final report.

What was considered a partial solution of the premature firing of the left gun of No. 3 turret after the Mississippi had reached port Thursday afternoon was contained in the testimony of Lieut. Cyle B. Conrad, one of the last witnesses to appear before today's session of the court of inquiry. He declared that the turret explosion and the resulting fire could have affected wires and mechanism in a manner that would have made possible the discharge of the left gun without firing the center gun which also was loaded and also that either of the loaded guns could have become discharged despite the fact that the right gun was unloaded.

The investigation will be continued Monday and there is a general air of expectancy throughout the fleet, the prevailing belief being that the line of evidence offered by Majeswki was emphasized in the examination of other witnesses in an endeavor to fix definitely the cause of Thursday's explosion.

The man who is believed to know most about what occurred during the fatal moments within the Mississippi's turret is lying aboard the hospital ship Relief, seriously burned. He is F. J. Ryness, chief turret captain, whose station was directly in front of the breach of the gun.

On this evidence when he is able to give it to the board, much is believed to hang.

Rynes was delirious today and is in a serious condition, surgeons of the Relief said, but his recovery seems assured. It is possible that the court of inquiry will convene at the turret captain's bedside Monday.

Preparations are going forward for the funeral of the 48 victims of the disaster which will be held here Tuesday next with full naval honors.

TWELVE DIE IN STORM

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., June 14.—Twelve known dead, four seriously injured, more than a dozen houses and barns and mills demolished, 20 miles of the Appalachian division of the Southern railway made impassable, and thousands of acres of farm land ruined, constitute the toll of the most disastrous cloudburst ever recalled in this section. It appeared to have its center near Bunter, Slamand Gardens bluff and on Little Stony creek and Blue Creek, where a house where two families lived, went to pieces, taking nine lives.