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TOWN THROWN INTO TERROR BY BANDITS

Search for Five Gangsters Who Captured Village Is Without Result

WIRE SERVICE CRIPPLED

Bank Robbers Cut All Communication Wires and Blast Safe; Town People Are Held in Own Homes

CASSOPOLIS, Mich., Nov. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Sheriff's posse returned tonight after scouring southwestern Michigan in automobiles all day in a fruitless search for the robbers who terrorized the village for more than two hours early today.

Leaving behind them one wounded resident, a badly wrecked safe in the offices of the First National bank and a crippled telephone system, that interfered with efforts to trace the bandits or to summon a sufficient number of townsmen to capture them, the robbers sped out of town by automobile shortly before 5 o'clock this morning after the strength of the inner bank vault had baffled their attempt at robbery.

The number of the armed men engaged in the attempted robbery is not definitely known, although those who saw them are positive there were five or more.

Residents tonight praised Miss Josephine August, telephone operator who they said, shattered the hopes of the bandits. With much of the telephone system put out of commission by the bandits, Miss August ultimately got a call through to Dr. James H. Kelsey, who armed himself and summoned Sheriff Earl Hill and Undersheriff A. K. Nixon.

Arrival of the physician and two officers precipitated an exchange of shots that lasted for more than an hour. Villagers, attracted by the firing, rushed out to determine the cause, only to dodge back again when the bullets flew close to them. George Jones, a stock buyer, was struck and slightly wounded by one of the bullets. The sheriff said that more than 250 shots were exchanged, some of which broke windows in houses and business places.

Revolvers and sawed-off shot guns were used and the targets were anyone who appeared on the streets or who showed lights in office buildings or residences near the business sections.

The robbers first visited an all-night restaurant and bound the proprietor and the village night watchman, who was in the place. Leaving a guard over the men, the other bandits went to another restaurant and treated its proprietor similarly.

The front door of the First National bank then was forced, the robbers taking their prisoners inside with them. The outer door of the safe was dynamited, no effort being made to deaden the sound of the explosion and the noise brought several persons to the street and to windows.

Five charges of dynamite were exploded, the outer door of the vault being torn away but the inner door withstanding the bandits' efforts. Over a wire which the bandits failed to cut, a Mrs. August, night telephone operator, notified officers at Niles while the bandits still were at the bank and roads leading out of Cassopolis were immediately placed under guard.

SCHOOL IS ACCEPTED

120 BOYS TO BE MOVED TO WOODBURN LOCATION

Buildings at the new site of the boys' training school near Woodburn were accepted by the state board of control Tuesday. As soon as 1500 feet of walks are constructed and a few other minor matters attended to, 120 of the boys will be transferred, according to L. M. Gilbert, superintendent of the training school. Seventy boys will remain at the old institution on the Turner road.

WHEAT PRICE SOARS

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Adverse crop news from the Argentine sent wheat prices soaring the world over today.

USED CLOTHES PARTY FAVORED

Endorsements of the Used Clothes Party to be given the day after Thanksgiving by the Oregon Theater and the Oregon Statesman are being received from many sources. The following letter reached the Statesman, last evening:

"I wish to voice my approval of the 'Used Clothes Party' at the Oregon Theater next Friday afternoon, and to offer my wishes for its success. I have had no opportunity of announcing it from the pulpit, but I feel certain my congregation will be glad to assist. (Signed.) REV. J. R. BUCK, Pastor, St. Joseph's Church."

Another reads:

"That any poor child not having a garment to give as an admission to Friday's picture show at the Oregon, may attend, I will furnish a garment from my home, at 1520 Che-meketa Street, to any poor child calling between 4 o'clock and 6 o'clock, Wednesday evening. (Signed.) MRS. BERTHA E. RYLEY."

With children eager to attend, and Salem heartily endorsing this project, used clothing and bedding is being culled out of hiding places, and made into bundles to be used as admission.

Remember these facts: Time, Friday afternoon, between 1:45 o'clock and 3:30 o'clock. Place, the Oregon Theater. Picture, "Seven Keys To Baldpate, with Douglas MacLean. Admission, free to children who bring a bundle of used clothing or bedding.

BOARD SETS PRECEDENT

FUNDS FOR RETURN OF ESCAPED LAD WITHHELD

Over the protest of Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, Governor Pierce and T. B. Kay, state treasurer, established a precedent on Tuesday when, as majority members of the state board of control, they refused to authorize the expenditure of state money in returning an escaped youth from the training school from Denver, where he is under arrest for having stolen an automobile in his possession. The boy, named Val-lereau, is being held for the Oregon authorities. Such action, according to Secretary of State Kozar, is "bad for the morale of the institution."

In refusing to sanction the cost of the transportation, Governor Pierce said that the boy's father, a railroad man, was willing to furnish transportation and that they might as well save the state approximately \$150.

It is customary for the state, through the taxpayers, to pay for the return of escaped inmates of all state institutions, and the action taken yesterday was out of the ordinary procedure for such a matter.

PAIR UNHURT IN WRECK

RAY ABLE AND LEO KILLIAN NOT HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Ray Able of Silverton and Leo Killian of this city narrowly escaped death or serious injury Tuesday morning when a heavy touring car in which they were riding crashed through a guard rail on the Silverton road near the Mathis nursery. The machine plunged through the heavy railing, snapping off two heavy posts. Unchecked by the fence, it leaped a six-foot ditch, turned over and then hit right side up in a field. The car was badly damaged but the occupants escaped unhurt.

The wreck was investigated by Officer Edwards of the Salem traffic department and William S. Levins, state prohibition commissioner. Walter Binegar, a farmer living near the scene of the accident, heard the crash and ran to aid the men. He said, however, that he approached, Able and Killian started running across a field, leaving the car. It was also said that there was a third person in the machine.

COOLIDGE LITTLE BETTER

ORGANIZATIONS SEEK TO FIND SOME SETTLEMENT

SCRANTON, Penn., Nov. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Representatives of civic organizations from cities and towns throughout the anthracite region were in conference here today in an effort to devise a plan to bring about a resumption of the wage conferences, between the hard coal operators and miners. The meeting lasted four hours and was behind closed doors.

With the exception of a brief statement, nothing was given out at the conclusion of the meeting.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS HOLD NEGOTIATIONS

Attempt to Select New Cabinet Is Blocked by Demands of Radicals

LEADERS REFUSE POSTS

Positions Under Briand Not Accepted; Socialists Want to Name at Least Half of Cabinet

PARIS, Nov. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—The socialists' demands for half the portfolios in the new government, for the right to name the new premier and to dictate the financial policy, blocked cabinet-making negotiations today and spoiled the efforts of M. Briand to form a ministry.

M. Briand finally declined to attempt formation of a cabinet and suggested Senator Paul Doumer, former finance minister, who consulted with President Doumergue and requested 24 hours in which to give his final answer.

Leon Blum, socialist leader, and Paul Bonicour refused positions under M. Briand, while the entire socialist group decided that it must be allowed to name at least half the new ministers and adopt a resolution declaring that it could support the government only on condition that the government adopt the socialist project for a capital levy.

M. Briand offered portfolios to M. Painleve and M. Herriot. M. Painleve declined and M. Herriot made his acceptance conditional upon the participation of the socialists. As a result of a seemingly well laid plan to maneuver him into a corner, M. Briand informed President Doumergue that Senator Doumer seemed to be the most likely man to rally a safe majority in the chamber.

M. Doumer agreed to see what he could do and started on his task at once by obtaining M. Briand's assurance that he would stand by him as foreign minister.

The senator apparently is sure of success, as he went to work this evening on financial projects he proposes to introduce in the chamber immediately if he becomes premier.

There was less confidence among the deputies in M. Doumer's ability to solve the situation. The socialists declared they would have none of him. The radicals are divided; a considerable number are hostile because M. Doumer is not regarded as a man of the radical-socialist coalition.

The uncompromising attitude of the two groups is said to indicate a disposition to force President Doumergue to call on M. Herriot to form a radical socialist cabinet.

CHRISTMAS VACATION DATES SET BY BOARD

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE DEC. 23, AND OPEN JAN. 4

Portrait of J. L. Parrish Accepted; Will Hang in Building Bearing Name

The Christmas vacation for the Salem public schools will commence December 24 and end January 3, according to action taken by the Salem school board at its regular meeting last night. Such dates for the vacation were recommended by Superintendent George Hug. School will close Wednesday afternoon, December 23, and will be resumed Monday morning, January 4, 1926.

The board voted to rent the high school gymnasium for basketball practice at the rate of \$5 for each night of practice. The motion also provided that the city superintendent be instructed to draw up rules and regulations to govern the use of the floor and conduct in the building of those teams that might want to accept the proposition. It is understood that one of these rules will be that no smoking shall be allowed, and another that there shall be no spectators at the practice. The American Legion, at the last meeting of the board, asked permission to use the high school gymnasium, and signified their willingness to pay for the expense of keeping open the gym for the practice.

Director L. J. Simeral was instructed by the board to purchase a heater for the purpose of heating the water to be used on the nights of basketball practice and games. It was brought out that use of such a heater would save the expense of running the furnace to keep the water hot during these nights.

Nina W. Parrish offered to present to the school board a large crayon portrait of her grandfather, J. L. Parrish, to be hung in some fitting place in the J. L. Parrish building.

WALLING SERVICE TODAY

FUNERAL FOR PIONEER TO BE HELD IN OREGON CITY

Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Walling, who died in this city at the home of her son, Ray Walling, on Sunday at the age of 65 years, will be buried today in Oregon City. Services will be held from the Episcopal church in that city and interment will be in the Mountain View cemetery.

Mrs. Walling came to this state in 1865 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Johnston, pioneers from Iowa. They settled in Clackamas county and started one of the first commercial nurseries in the state. Mrs. Walling was married there to George Walling. She came to Salem about a year ago to live with her two sons here, William and Ray. Besides her sons, she is also survived by a daughter, Mrs. Vera Sutherland of Rockaway.

ALICE RHINELANDER TO BE CALLED AS WITNESS

DAUGHTER OF NEGRO CAB DRIVER IS TO TAKE STAND

Wife of Wealthy Young New York Society Man Is to Tell of Romance

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Nov. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Alice Beatrice Jones, daughter of a negro hack driver, will tomorrow tell her version of her romance with Leonard Kip Rhinelander, wealthy young society man, who seeks annulment of their marriage.

For the past week young Rhinelander, stuttering and red of face, has told his story and submitted to a grueling cross examination of intimate questions concerning his love life. Today he stepped down as his counsel rested his case. Alice was to have been the first defense witness but she was too shaken to begin her testimony by her ordeal of yesterday when she partly disrobed in a private room to permit the jury to see the color of her skin.

Lee Parsons Davis, her attorney announced that she will be the first witness tomorrow.

Her appearance, however, may be delayed by a legal angle which has resulted from an application by Rhinelander's attorney to amend the original complaint. In the complaint the plaintiff alleges that Alice defrauded her husband by claiming she was white. The amendment, sought today by Isaac N. Mills, Rhinelander's attorney, would charge her with defrauding him also by not telling him she was a negro. Justice Morschauer will rule on the question tomorrow. Mr. Davis, in objecting to the amendment, contended that Mr. Mills sought to "put two arrows in his bow."

Although it was first thought that a mis-trial might result over the issue, counsel for the plaintiff said they did not consider the point vital enough to contest an adverse decision by the presiding justice.

The morning session was concerned with Alice's actions during the four days immediately following the breakup of her home with Leonard when news of their marriage was first published. Mrs. Joseph Rich, wife of a furniture dealer with whom Alice sought shelter, testified that Alice laid claim to being of Spanish descent.

WOUNDED BY OWN GUN

MAN SERIOUSLY SHOT WHEN GUN FALLS FROM POCKET

BOONEVILLE, Or., Nov. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Larry W. Sherman, 35, manager of a garage here, was shot and seriously wounded in the abdomen today when a revolver fell from his pocket and discharged while he was wrestling in sport with C. H. Leonard. Sherman was removed to a Portland hospital.

BESIEGED GARRISON TAKEN FROM DRUSE

French Soldiery Stage Thrilling Rescue of 250 Imprisoned Comrades

TRIBESMEN ARE QUELLED

Hastily Assembled Troops Make Concerted Attack and Sweep Rebel Druse From the City; Loss Heavy

BEIRUT, Nov. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—French reinforcements converging on the town of Rasheya, west of Damascus, have routed the Druse tribesmen who were investing the French garrison of 250 men, thereby rescuing the defenders from what seemed at times would prove annihilation.

Prior to the relief of the garrison the French artillerymen within the citadel bombarded the town which was then on fire. Various French columns were dispatched hastily and by a concerted attack swept the tribesmen before them inflicting what are described as "considerable losses."

The Druses launched violent but unsuccessful attacks against Rasheya Saturday and Sunday nights and Monday morning.

Sultan Pasha Atrash, chief of the Druse tribesmen, has issued a manifesto with reference to rumors that certain persons were planning to negotiate with the new high commissioner on the future of Syria.

"We will not accept anything less than complete independence," the manifesto declares; "not allow anyone to negotiate for us except those we have empowered to negotiate. Any secret negotiations are without our knowledge and will be unavailing. Nothing will deflect us from the patriotic struggle until all the wishes of Syria have been realized, especially after the grave misfortunes the mandatory power has caused our brothers in Damascus."

All today there was severe fighting in the Bika valley, where the insurgents attacked two columns of French reinforcements.

The French forces, comprising 2500 cavalry and infantry, with Spanish and Moroccan, defeated the Druses with severe losses. The Druse force at first numbered only 1,000, but as the fighting progressed they sent scouts into the villages shouting "rise up, brothers; the French are coming!" and 1,000 more hardy mountaineers poured from the foothills to join the rebels.

Several times during the fighting airplanes from Rayak joined in spreading death among the tribesmen who lost 200 killed.

EUGENE MAYOR RESIGNS

CRITICISM RELATIVE TO READ DISAPPEARANCE, CAUSE

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 24.—Mayor E. B. Parks tonight at a city council meeting tendered his resignation, to take effect at once, and it was accepted.

Mr. Parks in a statement to the public said that adverse criticism in regard to the disappearance of George W. Read, a local street contractor, is the reason for his resignation.

It is charged that Read in some manner received more than \$13,000 in city warrants before they were due him, and which had been assigned to a local bank. He has since left the city. The mayor has been accused of giving these warrants to Read, but he denies it. Mr. Parks has been mayor for two and a half years and as councilman eight and a half years prior to his advancement.

BANDITS MAKE BIG HAUL

POLICEMAN IS FATALLY SHOT AND \$57,760 TAKEN

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—A policeman was shot, probably fatally, today as six men overpowered five bank messengers and escaped with a shipment of \$57,760 that was being taken from the Drovers National bank, near the stockyards, to the Federal Reserve bank.

The policeman, Patrick O'Shea, later identified Leroy Marshall, who lives in the neighborhood of the holdup, as one of the robbers.

The money was being taken in an automobile by the messengers, accompanied by O'Shea. A car containing the robbers drove up alongside. When the messengers refused to stop, a volley of revolver shots followed and the policeman was wounded through the head and arm. He returned the fire before lapsing into unconsciousness and is believed to have wounded two of the robbers. The robbers seized the money and fled.

STOCK TRADER TO QUIT

"JAKKY" FIELD IS TO SELL SEAT ON EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—The World will say tomorrow that Jacob "Jakky" Field, for many years considered one of the most daring traders on the stock exchange and known as the man who ran a \$10 bill up to several millions, is planning to quit Wall street because of illness. Mr. Field is said to have arranged to sell his stock exchange membership for \$152,000, the record price paid for a seat on the exchange. In 1898 he established a record by paying \$25,000 for the same seat.

Back in 1874, Field, then an uneducated boy drawing a salary of \$3 a week, was given a certified check for \$130,000 to deposit in a bank. Becoming suspicious of the actions of the bank officials, he returned with the check to his office. That afternoon the bank failed. His employer rewarded him with a \$10 bill.

Field immediately invested this sum in a speculation and ran his "shoestring" into thousands and became the terror of bucket shop proprietors.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS BEING RIGIDLY ATTACKED

MORE SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION NOTED BY COURTS

Further Tightening of Restrictions Is Advocated by National Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—While the treasury was taking another step toward tightening prohibition restrictions today the department of justice made public a report on its last year's work, declaring prosecutions for liquor law violations had been more successful.

The treasury action came in an announcement by Assistant Secretary Andrews of a ruling revoking all permits for the manufacture of wine by householders, one of the last pre-prohibition exemptions to be wiped out, and instructing internal revenue collectors to issue no more of them. More than two hundred thousand such permits, which allowed the holders to make 200 gallons of wine a year without license or tax, are said to be outstanding.

Later in the day Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general in charge of prohibition prosecutions, delivered to Attorney General Sargent a review of the work of her division for the fiscal year ending last June 30. A study of the prosecution records for the 12 months, the report said, showed betterment in the program of prosecutions as follows:

"The government is prosecuting larger and more important cases. There has been a decrease in each of the last years in the number of cases pending, indicating more prompt trials.

"The penalties for violations, especially in the matter of jail and prison sentences, are steadily increasing.

"There has been a very substantial increase in the number of injunctions made effective."

MORE CARS ARE ICED

CELERY SHIPMENTS ARE FINISHED FOR SEASON

Prices for the late celery of the Lake Labish district were reported Tuesday to be around \$4. The report also conveyed the news that the icing of the celery cars for the district has been completed. As ample proof that the celery industry is gaining headway in the Labish district, figures show that 277 cars have been iced this year while last year but 158 cars were iced.

High quality of the celery produced in the district is enabling the growers to find ready markets throughout the United States. The western and southern territory are being given special attention in the matter of sales. Next year the raisers are planning to plant on an extensive scale to produce their crops in November, when it appears that prices are the most satisfactory.

BANK PRESIDENT DIES

SEATTLE, Nov. 24.—Joseph T. Grenleaf, president of the People's Savings bank of this city, died here today. He had been associated with the bank since he came to Seattle in 1888.

FRUIT COMPANY FINED

YAKIMA, Nov. 24.—Fines of \$50 and costs was imposed by justice court here today on the Western Fruit & Produce company for having for purposes of sale 122 boxes of apples below specified grade.

MITCHELL DECLARES STATEMENT IS TRUE

Former Air Chief Stands Squarely Behind Charges Against Departments

CRITICISMS AMPLIFIED

Colonel Mitchell Declares War and Navy Bureaus Have Failed Utterly in Their Trust to the Public

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Col. William Mitchell concluded late today a 10-hour recitation of air service troubles of the army and navy which he delivered in his own defense before the court martial trying him for insubordination, and then prepared to rest his case tomorrow.

The conclusion of his testimony found the air officer standing squarely behind the famous charges he published, accusing the war and navy departments of incompetence, criminal neglect and almost treasonable conduct of the national defense.

After he had passed the direct examination he faced the prosecution cross examination, and then answered numerous questions put by his counsel, the court itself took a turn with the air service critic. His last words on the stand were a definition of the "almost treason" charge as he meant to be understood.

"I meant that the people have put their trust in the war and navy departments to guarantee a proper national defense and that they have failed in that trust," he declared.

Previously the colonel had summed up his charges under the treason, neglect and incompetence charges and specified just what air troubles he referred to in the triple accusation.

The court heard five witnesses and a number of stipulations which the defense introduced before it recessed tonight. The witnesses included Representative Fiorello La Guardia, of New York, who testified that New York city was not properly protected against air attacks, said the national guard of his state were given obsolete plans by the army, ridiculed the Fort Tilden, N. J., anti-aircraft tests, and finally attested to the accuracy of a statement he had made to the effect that Colonel Mitchell was being tried by nine "dog robbers of the general staff."

This characterization of the court caused Major General Howe as its president to ask for an explanation. This the witness replied that his experience in compiled that his experience in compiled

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ORGANIZATION HELD UP

NAMING OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES POSTPONED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Postponement of organization of most of the public committees until after the tax reduction bill is disposed of probably just before the Christmas recess is under consideration by house republican leaders.

Putting forward this scheme tentatively today, Representative Longworth of Ohio, floor leader for the party at the last session and designated by it for speaker at the coming session, explained that it would prevent any interference with consideration of the tax measure.

At the same time such a program obviously would put off final action on assignment of some of the republican insurgents to committees until after they had voted not only on the revenue bill but on organization of the house.

While the republican caucus, which met last spring, accepted the policy set forth by Mr. Longworth withholding places of "key committees" from members of the party who supported the candidacy of Robert M. LaFollette for president, some leaders are puzzled over just how far to carry out this program and a delay in committee organization would give opportunity to determine the intentions of some of those listed among the insurgents.

WILL GIVE FREE SITES

SEATTLE BOARD OF TRADE IS TO AID MANUFACTURERS

SEATTLE, Nov. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Free factory sites will be given by the newly organized Seattle board of trade to manufacturers who want to start plants here. One tract is now available and eight others will be soon, the board announced today. Besides the free sites the board is trying to secure tax reduction on factory sites.

