

Boston Bandits Escape with \$1,500,000

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7 Masked Gunmen Rob Armored Car Company of Cash

Exact Sum of Currency Unknown; Leave Another \$1,000,000 Behind

BOSTON, Jan. 18—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Seven precise masked gunmen pulled off one of the nation's biggest robberies last night, stealing more than \$1,500,000 cash at gunpoint and leaving behind another million because they couldn't carry it.

At 2:30 a.m. (EST) this morning, Police Commissioner Thomas F. Sullivan said that Brink's Inc., victim of the sensational stickup, estimated its loss at a million and a half "and I'll go along with that figure."

Sullivan's announcement revised upward an earlier figure announced by Police Superintendent Edward W. Fallon. Fallon put the loss earlier at "more than \$1,000,000."

The crime set off a nationwide manhunt for the squad of gunmen who marched into the money transportation firm's office in the North End's waterfront area.

Within six hours, police picked up 10 men for questioning including six ex-convicts. No charges had been placed by 2 a.m. (EST).

Hottest clue to the swiftly moving, well-rehearsed bandit gang was a five passenger black Cadillac sedan. Police unsuccessfully chased it through the west Roxbury section of Boston shortly after the robbery.

Included in the cash loot was \$400,000 from the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. The serial numbers, police said, are on record.

The robbers hid their features behind Halloween masks and wore rubbers to avoid leaving footprints. All wore gloves.

The robbers struck with precision a well-drilled squad at Brink's Inc., a money transportation firm, on the waterfront.

Obviously following a well-rehearsed plan, seven of the group walked into the second floor office at 7:10 p.m. To reach there, they had to open six locked doors.

Police said they opened the doors "probably with a passkey."

While the seven men, wearing Halloween masks on their faces, operated in the office, two more sat behind the steering wheels of automobiles at the curb.

Boston police broadcast a 14-state alarm for two men described as former Brink's employees. It asked police to pick up for questioning Stanley Kobak of Boston, and Edwin Bradshaw of Somerville. No other identifying details were given.

Bradshaw later went voluntarily to police headquarters and answered questions. He was not held.

"Cream of Crime World" "The robbery was so neatly executed," Capt. John D. Healey of the police special service squad said, "that it must have been engineered by the cream of Boston's crime world."

Fallon, after inspecting the robbery scene, sharply criticized the firm for "the poor security measures it takes to protect such huge sums of money."

Shortly before Fallon's announcement, Herbert Humphrey, Brink's manager, said "No accurate picture of the actual loss can be made before tomorrow."

Left behind by the robbers was "about \$1,000,000" in a brown leather bag which represented the payroll of the General Electric company and receipts of Filene's department store, police said.

A company spokesman said several employees have pass keys and "possibly some former employees still have them."

The money, all in paper bills, was scooped from an open vault into two laundry bags brought by the robbers. They left behind nearly 50 bags of silver lying in the vault.

Witnesses told police the men raced out of the Brink building into two waiting automobiles.

John Morley, representative of the National Surety corporation, said the loss is "fully covered" by insurance. He said a syndicate of underwriters insures Brink's against theft, fire, burglary and other risks.

Tied with Cord Thomas B. Lloyd, head cashier, said he and four other workers were trussed with heavy wrapping cord carried by the gunmen.

Before that, one of the holdup men, Lloyd said, pushed a gun through a wire cage enclosing the vault and ordered Charles S. Grell, another employee, to "open up."

That was the first sign of a holdup, Lloyd said. After Grell opened the door, the men rushed in and tied up the workers.

He said that was the first alarm that a holdup was in progress.

As soon as the door was opened, Lloyd said, seven men rushed in and tied up all five employees with rope they had brought with them.

Ice Jam Adds Flood Threat in North Oregon

Thousands Flee Path of Raging Mississippi

Battleship Missouri Runs Aground; Tugs Fail to Release Ship

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 17—(AP)—The nation's only active service battleship the 45,000-ton Missouri, drove hard aground today on a Chesapeake bay mudbank.

Twice she resisted attempts by more than a dozen tugs to pull her free. Tonight she remained fast in the mud a mile and a half east-northeast of old Point Comfort.

After two attempts to float the big battleship, the first shortly after she grounded and the second at tonight's high tide, the navy called off the operation until tomorrow. The army engineers dredge, Comber, will arrive early tomorrow morning to assist.

To lighten the Missouri for tonight's attempt to float her, two fleet tankers this afternoon began removing her two million gallons of fuel oil.

Navy spokesmen said they had no explanation as to how the ship wandered aground. A board of investigation will be appointed, probably tomorrow.

An unofficial but informed source said tonight the Missouri may have run aground as a result of following orders to pass over an experimental recording device

Friday on the bottom of Chesapeake bay about 50 yards to the left of the main ship channel. Purpose of the device, this source explained, is to record the presence of ships.

He added that the recording device is classified, which means the navy will permit no information concerning it to be published.

When the mighty Mo went aground, the sea and wind were moderate and visibility was good, naval spokesmen reported.

Soldiers May Pull Dike Plug

By The Associated Press The first of some 12,000 Missourians Tuesday began leaving lowland homes and farms which army engineers may flood deliberately to combat the mighty Mississippi river's worst rampage in 13 years.

Flood swollen rivers and streams continued to rise at several endangered points in the midwest and south. More rain was forecast for the vital Ohio river valley—key to the current flood threat.

Ready to Dynamite The U.S. army engineer's office at Memphis was ready to order dynamiting of a "plug" on the Birds Point-New Madrid, Mo., floodway, if necessary. This would send the Mississippi spilling over 200 square miles of farm and residential lowlands in southeastern Missouri where 12,000 persons dwell. It would relieve pressure on other levees along the river.

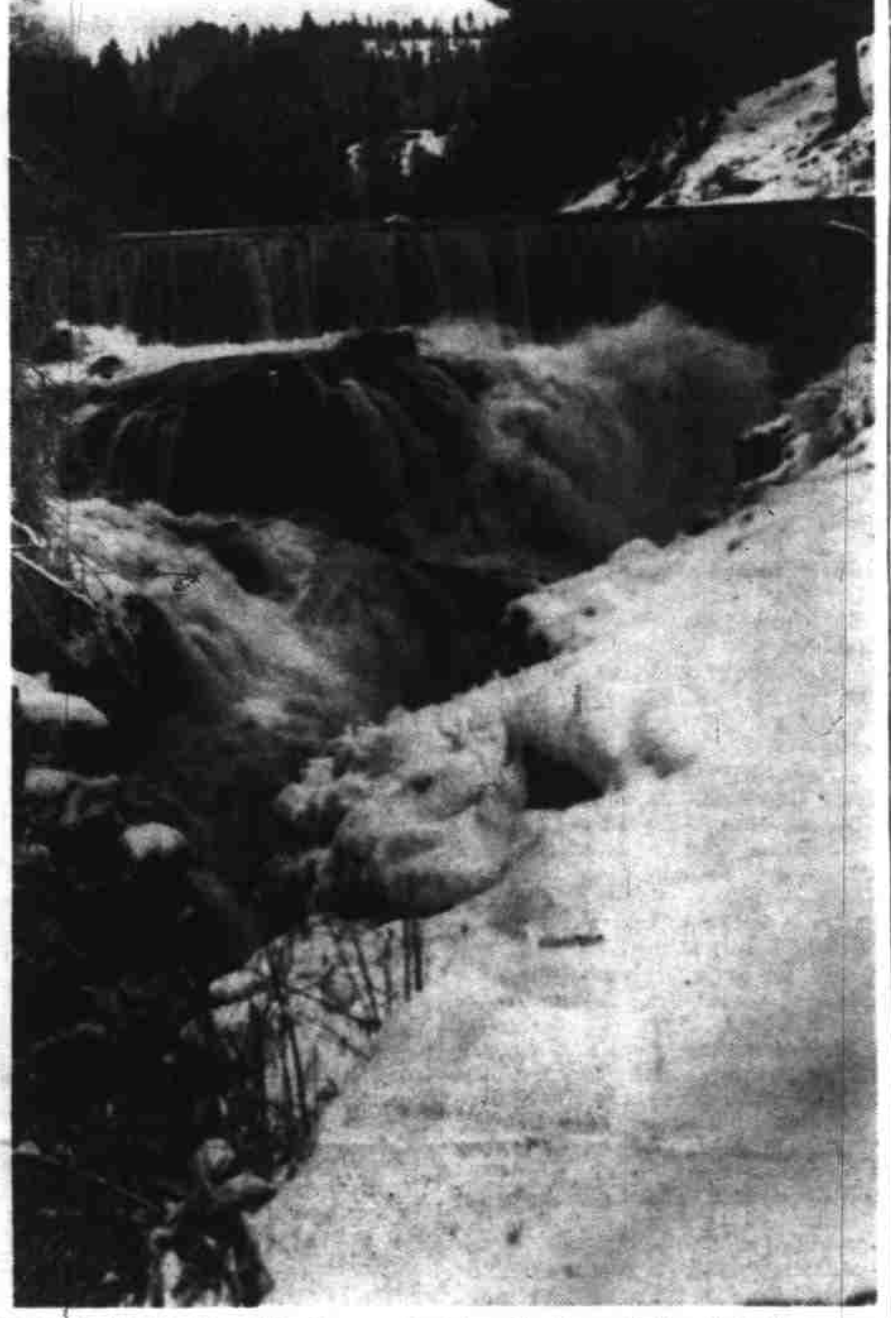
Son after the army warned the floodway residents to be ready to evacuate on short notice, the exodus started.

The Missouri highway patrol said more than 100 trucks were pressed into service to evacuate hundreds of residents from the northern end of the floodway—about 90 miles southeast of St. Louis. School buses also were offered to transport refugees to the Malden air force base.

Fifth army headquarters in Chicago sent 1,000 cots, 2,500 blankets and a kitchen with a 24 hour food supply for 1,000 to the Malden base, where a refugee camp has been set up. Additional supplies readied for possible shipment included 2,000 cots, 6,000 blankets and two similar kitchens.

Only once—in 1937—was the levee dynamited to relieve water pressure in more vital areas along that stretch of the Mississippi.

Winter Decorates Waterfalls



FALLS CITY, Jan. 17—For motorists who braved the trek to snow-covered Falls City this week and a rare scene of turbulent water in a serene winter setting was the reward. The falls from which this city was named form a sharp step for the Little Luckiamute river at a point just west of the downtown section. Snow covered the banks to a depth of 20 inches and more. (Abel photo).

Easing Of Cold Forecast

THE DALLES, Jan. 17—(A)—National guardsmen prepared to evacuate the town of Tygh Valley tonight when White river waters dammed behind an ice jam poured into the village streets.

The homes of about 30 families were endangered by the rising water.

Police planned to dynamite the ice in a move to save the homes and the town's lumber mill, the only industry there.

The town is 30 miles south of here along The Dalles-California highway route 97.

The ice jam is below a highway bridge. The houses in possible danger are on the south bank of the river.

The army engineers corps would be asked to dynamite the ice tomorrow morning.

Teeth-chattering temperatures of 13 to 20 degrees chilled Salem all day Tuesday.

Some relief from the sub-freezing temperatures which have numbed the valley since Monday morning is forecast today. Thermometers here may edge past the freezing mark and possibly reach 34 degrees, said the weatherman.

Snow, or snow and rain mixed, will accompany.

Blizzard in Gorge A blizzard in the Columbia river gorge forced state highway crews to abandon efforts to keep U.S. highway 30 open there. State police erected barriers at Troutdale and Cascade Locks.

All Columbia river ferries east of Portland were idled by drifting ice.

Unemployment figures jumped in the Marion-Polk county district due to weather shutdowns. (Story on page 2.)

"Not quite so cold" was forecast for eastern Oregon and Washington, also. Residents there could expect reading near zero tonight, instead of 20-below again.

More Chilly Days Three more days of readings constantly below 40 degrees are predicted here. It was 16 degrees at McNary field at 1 a.m. this morning. For tonight, a low of 23 to 25 is forecast.

Snow that started about noon Tuesday added another inch to this area's monthly total. The measured fall of 21.4 inches is nearly three times the combined fall of the past six years in Salem, according to weather bureau records.

Salem's public schools will be open this morning. Many others in the valley will be closed. (Details and more weather news on page 2.)

Fire Destroys Section of Camp Carson, Colorado

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 17—(AP)—A wind whipped brush fire flashed across the army's Camp Carson today, killing one soldier, seriously burned 27 others and destroyed 39 buildings.

The flames, fought throughout the day by 7,000 civilian volunteers and soldiers, were reported under control tonight on a line a half mile north of Fountain, a town of 300 about 10 miles south of here. Scores of civilians suffered minor burns.

More than 60 square miles of timber and brush land were devastated.

Most of the destroyed buildings were in the warehouse area of the vast reservation, which housed 30,000 troops in wartime. There are more than 1,300 buildings within the sprawling camp, six miles to the south.

A public information officer, in announcing the casualty list, said the flames were under control within the camp. There were many "spot" fires in the brush but patrols were quickly extinguishing them.

Winds, which had ripped up to 75 miles an hour today, died down tonight. A breeze of about five miles an hour was fanning the fire but was blowing northward.

That would send the fire back across the burned area and should cause it to soon die out.

The soldier, whose name was withheld, was fatally burned fighting the fire. He was there when received at the camp hospital. Six of the burned soldiers were reported on the "danger" list. The other 21 were hospitalized.

The Fifth army headquarters at Chicago reported 39 buildings were gutted by the fire. Fire Chief Fred Lausch said a number of mountain cabins and summer homes in the foothills section southwest of Colorado Springs were destroyed. The fire started there early this morning and swept into Camp Carson after first threatening palatial residences in the swank Broadmoor suburb of Colorado Springs.

Willamina Phone Rate Hearing Set

WILLAMINA, Jan. 17—The public utilities commission will conduct a hearing Monday, January 30, at the city hall on a proposal by the Northwest Telephone company to boost rates in this area.

The application, if approved, would raise rates about 75 cents a month per customer in Willamina, Sheridan and Grande Ronde.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Snyape

At last Senator Wayne Morse has an opponent for the republican primaries. He is Fred E. Robinson, partner in a men's clothing store in Medford. Evidently tired of waiting on the big-wigs of the party to hatch a hard-boiled egg for the primary contest, Robinson tossed his own name in the pot. He's against deficit spending and uses as a slogan: "Elect a man who will vote with the rest of Oregon's congressional delegation." Considering the pedestrian record of the "rest of the Oregon delegation" that would hardly appear as a winning slogan for the general election, no matter how strong its appeal may be in the primaries.

Republicans who have been running around the circle dropping the handkerchief behind some strong and conservative alternate to Morse will probably regard Robinson as a nuisance entry in the race.

Meanwhile Richard L. Neuberger picks out a prominent opponent to Morse—Morse himself. He does this in a piece for The Nation entitled "Morse vs Morse." He tries and convicts Republican Morse of seducing Liberal Morse. It was the former of this split political personality, says Neuberger, who campaigned for Harry Cain for senator from Washington in 1946, and who supported Guy Gordon in Oregon in 1948 and who now endorses Governor McKay for reelection. He chides Morse for inconsistency in supporting TVA but gagging on CVA.

Neuberger says "That Morse is basically a liberal there can be no doubt"; and he cites his vote to confirm Leland Olds as member of the federal power commission as one bit of evidence Morse's concessions to

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THE WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	20	13	.00
Portland	22	8	.00
San Francisco	59	81	.56
Chicago	41	17	.00
New York	40	30	.00

Willamette river 3.8 feet.
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy today and tonight with occasional snow flurries possibly mixed with rain this afternoon. Cloudy tonight and not quite so cold. High today 23 to 24; low tonight 22 to 23.
SALEM PRECIPITATION
This Year Last Year Normal
21.75 21.86 20.13

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



S. Commercial Business Zone Addition Asked

Business zoning may be considered for a strip of South Commercial street between Bellevue and Mission streets, it developed Tuesday night at a Salem planning and zoning commission meeting at city hall.

The commissioners deferred action on a proposed business zone for a small property in the 600 block of South Commercial, in the face of a remonstrance by owners of 26 per cent of the nearby property.

Roy Ferris requested the change from apartment zoning in order to erect a dental office building there.

But several property owners who objected to the change as "spot zoning" gave indication they might favor a move to convert to business zone all the remaining apartment zone lying between the downtown area and a business zone farther south. One of them, Keith Brown, indicated he might initiate such a general zone change when he returns to the city.

In other action the zoners recommended that the city council rezone for apartment use a lot on 15th street between Ferry and State streets where Robert Seamster seeks to convert a residence to an apartment house.

GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT

PORTLAND, Jan. 17—(AP)—A circuit court jury tonight found Arnold E. Johnson, Portland investment broker, guilty of embezzlement. He had been accused of misusing over \$300,000 of clients' funds in the business operated with his late brother.

State-Employed Doctors Granted Pay Increase

Pay increases Tuesday were authorized by the state board of control for all doctors employed by Oregon.

The board expressed hope this action would relieve a critical doctor shortage at state institutions.

The increases, \$50 monthly for doctors working at institutions and \$100 for state board of health medicines, must be approved by the civil service commission.

William C. Ryan, director of institutions, and Harry Dorman, state budget director, told the board the increases had been agreed upon at a recent conference of institution superintendents with health bureau representatives.

Ryan said the state now is short

eight doctors including three at both the state hospital in Salem and the eastern Oregon hospital at Pendleton and one each at Fairview home and the tuberculosis hospital.

Pay scales for physicians now run from a low of \$480 a month to a high of \$750.

In other action, the board decided to use only the first floor and basement of the blind school, closing up the second and third floors.

The building has been condemned as a fire hazard by the state fire marshal. The state emergency board last week approved a \$300,000 appropriation for replacing the building with a fire-proof structure.