

In Wild West fashion

Masked bandits swoop down on British mail train

Nearly \$3 million stolen

CHEDDINGTON, England — (UPI)—An armed gang of 20 to 30 masked bandits staged a robbery that may have been the biggest in history today when they looted an unguarded train of cash and gems estimated at almost \$3 million.

The robbers staged their Wild West-type raid with split-second precision in the middle of the night and made their getaway with 120 mail sacks containing currency and diamonds from the Glasgow-to-London train.

Police searched this region north of London, but found no trace of the holdup gang that operated in Jesse James style and fled in three trucks and a passenger car.

The post office offered a \$25,000 reward for them and estimated that the loot may well run into seven figures—which would make it at least one million pounds, or \$2.8 million.

In commenting on the amount of loot, the post office said an accurate figure depended on a complete check but that the loss "may well run into seven figures"—which would make it at least a million pounds sterling, or \$2,800,000.

The biggest mail robbery in history occurred on Cape Cod, Mass., on Aug. 14, 1962, when a bandit gang seized \$1,551,277 from a U.S. mail truck.

The biggest cash haul before that was the Brinks robbery in Boston, Mass., on Jan. 17, 1950, when a holdup gang made off with a total of \$2,775,395—\$1,218,211 in cash.

Most of the Brinks robbers have been killed or captured and jailed. The Cape Cod robbers still have not been caught.

No Guards Aboard

A spokesman said there were no guards aboard the train which was a "traveling post office" with about 75 postal employees aboard. The spokesman said there never were guards on these trains, since it was felt the large force of mail sorters normally was sufficient to keep watch.

Following the robbery extra security precautions were expected to be taken at once to guard the night post office train from London to Glasgow. A spokesman said it was unlikely any guards on tonight's train would carry firearms, since it is a British policy not to arm policemen or other security men on public duty. Because of the severe penalties for harming a police man the underworld usually commits its crimes without carrying firearms. But that principle has been slipping recently, and today's bandits apparently used a gun.

The gang halted the train, overcame the engineer and fireman,

uncoupled the engine and first two cars, and moved them a mile down the tracks. Then they quickly swept up 120 mail sacks and made their getaway in three army-style trucks and a passenger car.

Unaware of Robbery

So swiftly and smoothly did the gang work that about 75 post office employees, all but four in the rear cars, were unaware of the robbery until it was over.

The incident took place near this Buckinghamshire town 40 miles north of London about 3:10 a.m. in a fashion as spectacular as any of the great train robberies pulled off in the days of the

desperadoes of the American West.

Obviously well-planned, the robbery went off with split-second precision. It was the first attack on an all-mail train, or traveling post office, in the 125 years of their history in Britain.

First, the robbers jumped the signalman on that section of the line and set the block signals at "danger," bringing the mail train to a halt three miles from Leighton Buzzard.

When the fireman, David Whitby, 25, climbed down from the cab of the diesel engine to investigate, he was attacked and overcome by two of the bandits.

The engineer, Jack Mills, 35, then was seized.

The robbers swiftly and expertly uncoupled the engine and first two mail cars, and forced Mills at gunpoint to drive them a mile down the track to where their compatriots were waiting.

There, Whitby and Mills were handcuffed together. The bandits, their faces covered with silk stockings, were armed with crowbars and blackjacks. They quickly broke open the doors of the sealed mail cars and subdued the four postal employees working inside.

Then the gang grabbed the 120 sacks of mail, which were be-

lieved to include old bank notes on their way to being destroyed and diamonds destined for London jewel markets.

With the loot loaded aboard the trucks and the passenger car, the bandits scattered before the robbery was discovered by the engineer of another train passing in the opposite direction.

Police promptly threw up roadblocks over a wide area. Dozens of detectives and patrolmen checked the train and the robbery area for fingerprints or other clues. The engine and two loaded mail cars remained at the scene, while the rest of the train was taken on to London.

Forecast
Fair, with variable high clouds. Chance electric storms in mountains Friday. Highs, 87-92; lows, 45-50.

THE BULLETIN

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Fate of Haiti invasion try still in doubt

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (UPI)—The outcome of an invasion of Haiti by about 300 Haitian exiles remained in doubt today. The Haitian government said it had crushed the invasion but exile spokesmen said the rebel movement was growing.

The government of Haitian President Francois Duvalier issued a statement in Port au Prince Wednesday claiming it had smashed the invading force and driven the remnants into the sea and back across the Dominican border.

Exile spokesmen in Santo Domingo termed the government "completely false" and "pure propaganda."

Paul Verna, coordinator of the Haitian National Democratic Union (UND) backing the invasion, issued a counter-statement claiming that the invasion "is continuing and the original invasion force of 300 men has now been increased to some 600 by defectors and peasants."

He said the invaders were moving "in two columns with the same object of isolating the northern zone" of Haiti.

There were no direct reports from the northeast area of Haiti, which shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic, to substantiate the conflicting claims of the Haitian government or the anti-Duvalier exiles.

Verna said he had received a report "from the front" Wednesday that 10 government troops were killed and three invaders wounded Wednesday morning in a clash on the northern plains, the scene of battles led by Haitian Emperor Henri Christophe more than 150 years ago.

Mt. Jefferson Wild Area is proposed

PORTLAND (UPI)—Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone of the U.S. Forest Service here has proposed establishment of a 96,944-acre Mt. Jefferson Wild Area in the Cascades.

He said the proposed site has been under intensive Forest Service study for the past few years. It would take the place of the existing 86,700-acre Mt. Jefferson Primitive Area which has been so classified since the early 1930s.

The proposed wild area is dominated by the namesake peak, Oregon's second highest, and is located some 60 miles southeast of Salem.

Besides 10,497-foot Mt. Jefferson, the proposed wild area contains 200 miles of trails, nearly 100 lakes, and an abundance of game, Stone said.

88.5 degrees on Wednesday Bend's warmest

By a mere half of a degree, the temperature recorded in Bend Wednesday afternoon was the warmest of the year, 88.5 degrees, it was announced from the local weather station this morning.

However, Bend recorded four consecutive days of 88.0 degree temperature in June. Highest in July was 86 degrees, as that month went into the records as the coolest July in 60 years.

The Central Oregon forecast for the next 24 hours calls for fair weather with variable high clouds. Feather-like cirrus clouds covered part of the sky this morning, as California thunder clouds broke up in their northward drift.

There is a chance of thunderstorms in the mountains of Central Oregon on Friday, the current forecast adds. The Forest Service fire weather forecasts noted a 60 per cent chance that such storms may occur this afternoon, with the danger from lightning on Friday to be high in the area.

Despite the high morning clouds, forecasters said that temperatures in most parts of Central Oregon this afternoon may reach a high for the year, with maximum marks of from 87 to 92 degrees predicted.

DOW JONES AVERAGES
By United Press International
Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 704.18, up 0.26; 20 railroads 169.59, off 0.52; 15 utilities 141.22, off 0.03, and 65 stocks 253.91, off 0.14.

Sales today were about 3.46 million shares compared with 3.79 million shares Wednesday.

Hopeful signs in lumber picture noted

PORTLAND (UPI)—There were hopeful signs in the Northwest lumber strike picture today.

Progress was reported in negotiations between the struck Georgia-Pacific Corp. and union officials; the Big Six and two striking unions scheduled a resumption of talks, and workers continued to report back at previously locked Big Six plants.

Harvey Nelson, president of the Western States Regional Council of the International Woodworkers of America (IWA), reported some progress was made in a Wednesday session with Georgia-Pacific.

Nelson said he and Earl Hartley, executive secretary of the Western Council of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union (LSW), would meet with Georgia-Pacific officials again this afternoon. The two unions began striking Georgia-Pacific July 17.

Monday Talk Set
At the same time, the Federal Mediation Service said the Big Six employer group, against whom the strike was touched off June 5, would meet with the two unions next Monday at 1 p.m.

The unions struck two members of the Big Six, St. Regis and U.S. Plywood, and the other four members—Weyerhaeuser, International Paper, Crown-Zellerbach and Rayonier—shut down in retaliation.

But this week the four firms said they would reopen Wednesday and union officials agreed to their members returning to work at these plants. The strike against St. Regis and U.S. Plywood continued.

An estimated 14,000 men were involved in the back-to-work movement with some 15,000 still on strike.

The unions have been asking a wage offer comparable to one of 33½ cents over three years, proposed by the Simpson Timber Co.

A completion of a vote count by union membership on the Simpson proposal was expected today.

YAKIMA MAN KILLED
THE DALLIES (UPI)—Louis Wayne Prince, 26, Yakima, Wash., was killed on Tygh Ridge 30 miles southeast of here late Wednesday when his car went out of control on a curve and struck an embankment. He was alone in the car.



AT GRANGE YOUTH CAMP—Debbie McIntyre, 13, and Linda Dick, 14, discuss day's activities while relaxing at afternoon rest period. Both girls are from Florence. Final camp session is this week, with entire state represented. Cabin groups choose names, such as "Whispering Pines," "77 Skyline Strip" and "Porcupines." (Nate Bull photo)

Young Grangers enthusiastic about camp

By Ila Grant Hopper
Bulletin Staff Writer

The Oregon State Grange opens the facilities and has a 99-year lease on the Deschutes National Forest land on which they are located. The property, formerly the Skyliners' winter playground, was taken over by the Grange in 1952.

Activities at the Grange camp include crafts, games and sports, nature hikes and special educational presentations by outside guests. Each group has a hike day—an eight-mile trek for the older children, and a walk to Tumalo Falls and back for the younger ones.

A cement court provides a place for volleyball and other games in the daytime, and dances in the evening.

An enclosure nearby is used for the "fairwell bonfire." Baseball games, on the diamond at the center of the camp area, are popular.

Boys and girls have their own living compounds in lean-to shelters on opposite sides of the camp, with chaperones' quarters in each area. The loft of the lodge is also utilized as a girls' dormitory. Comforts of home include showers, a commodious indoor dining and craft area, and the daily "three squares."

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rogers, Junction City, were in charge of the camp this year, with Mrs. Rogers as director and her husband as maintenance man and general "dad." A staff of about

14 for each session includes two cooks, a craft director and two assistants, and other adult counselors who act as away-from-home parents.

There were 61 young campers the first week, 66 for the second session, and 58 this week. This past week, 44 different Granges were represented in the attendance. The fee per wk is \$11 a camp.

Special programs each week have included a Forest Service fire control demonstration, rifle safety instruction supervised by State Police personnel, and a lecture and slide show provided by the Oregon State Game Commission.

Some 600 men, including 100 Indian fire fighters, were fighting the range fire east of Weiser, Idaho today.

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Commission visitors voice opposition to proposal on parking

By Gerald Drapeau
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Thirty-five visitors crowded into the City Hall Commission room last night to voice opinions about three items of business, during the regular City Commission meeting. Of particular concern was a Chamber of Commerce projected plan calling for dismantling of three downtown buildings to make way for off-street parking facilities. Though the plan has not yet

been submitted to the fathers for consideration, several of the visitors let their opposition to it be heard. Among them were Eddie Williams, of Eddie's Sales & Service, who protested the tearing down of buildings and the existence of parking meters in the city. Williams claimed the city has no parking problem and suggested that the meters in the downtown district be removed.

Another meeting guest was William J. Baer, owner of the Waldorf on Bond Street. Baer said he was apprehensive about a possible "sneak attack" by the board in which the Chamber's plan would be approved without a majority approval of affected property owners.

In attempting to soothe the fears of several objectors, Mayor E. L. Nielsen was explicit in reminding that the Commission would take no action without a majority petition, and possibly not then.

Several visitors also appeared with objections to a petition submitted by Art Rixe, 1515 S. Third, asking that E. Seventh Street from Kearney to Norton be opened. The objectors were mostly neighbors who opposed the opening for a variety of reasons. Rixe's petition, bearing only his own signature, was denied.

At least half a dozen visitors were residents or owners of dwellings on Hastings Place, scene of several accidents in recent years where it intersects with Scott Street. All of them requested some means of slowing down speeding motorists.

In other business, the board referred to the planning commission with favorable recommendation a request to allow a printing or publishing firm in C-1, 2 or 3 (commercial) zones. Right now the zoning ordinance restricts the location of printing establishments to the C-4 zones. The request has been filed by Arnie Swensen, represented last night by C. W. Rickabaugh.

Another request, submitted by Lars Lund, 535 W. 14th, was denied by commissioners as being forbidden by the Greer River Ordinance. Lund asked permission to solicit the sale of light bulbs from door-to-door.

4-H Horse Day is rescheduled

Special to The Bulletin
REDMOND — An annual 4-H Horse Day — cancelled at fair time to protect animals from influenza — will be held Saturday, August 17, at the fairgrounds in Redmond. It was announced today by 4-H Agent John Schmid.

Except for the starting time which will be 8:30 a.m., the schedule in the fair premium book will be followed. It is stressed that the show is open to the public free of charge.

Qualified judges, (experienced horse breeders) will be on hand to judge the event. The junior judge will be Ray Guthrie of Prineville; Intermediate judge, Phil Kuhl, Dayville, and senior judge, Ron Davis of Olex.

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MADRAS — Jefferson County sheriff's officers today were investigating the death of Pat M. Gibson, 65, was found early today in a unit of the Pelton Trailer Camp with a bullet wound in his head. He was taken to the Redmond District Hospital in the Madras ambulance, and died about 30 minutes after being admitted.

Early reports indicated that the possibility the wound was self-inflicted was being investigated.

BOSTON (UPI)—President Kennedy's ailing day-old son encountered "increasing difficulties" from a breathing problem today and blood tests were ordered to determine the extent of danger to the infant.

One-day old Patrick Bouvier Kennedy has been rushed to the specially equipped Children's Hospital Wednesday after his birth five and a half weeks ahead of time at Otis Air Force Base, Mass.

The newest Kennedy was born by Caesarean section at 12:52 p.m. EDT Wednesday, 38 minutes before a Jetstar transport plane with the President aboard landed at Otis AFB.

Earlier, the President was given some encouragement from doctors treating his son.

Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said doctors were "hopeful" that the breathing difficulty could be corrected.

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BOSTON (UPI)—President Kennedy decided suddenly to return here from Hyannis Port today to be with his infant son who is hospitalized with a serious breathing difficulty.

There was no immediate explanation for the sudden change in plans. The President originally was scheduled to return here from Cape Cod this evening.

JFK returns to Boston to be with son

Close vigil kept over Kennedy baby

at Otis AFB. Mrs. Kennedy had been whisked there by helicopter from her Squaw Island summer home in Hyannis Port shortly after 11:30 a.m. EDT.

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Buffalo, N.Y. mops up after worst flood

By United Press International
Fire fighting crews made progress today in their battle against forest blazes which have raged over 110,000 acres of Idaho brush, grass and timber.

Elsewhere in the nation, Buffalo, N.Y., mopped up from the worst flood in its history, Victorville, Calif., took up the damage of another rain-fed flood Wednesday which washed cars off highways, marooned motorists and flooded homes and stores.

In the Atlantic Ocean, the tropical storm called Arlene regained hurricane strength of 75 miles per hour winds southwest of Bermuda.

States of emergency were in effect at both Buffalo and in Idaho. At least 200 Idaho forest fires had been triggered by lightning bolts, but the weather improved today and the fire fighting crews hoped to bring the larger blazes under control soon.

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The Weather Bureau said the storm dumped the second largest amount of water on the city in its records for a 24-hour period. City officials said the flood was Buffalo's worst.

Flood Strikes
A brief cloudburst caused a flash flood at Victorville, Calif., Wednesday which swept cars off highways, marooned motorists and flooded homes with up to three feet of water.

Los Angeles got its first recorded precipitation in the month of August since 1961.

Heavy rains which struck the Midwest this week have sent rivers in Iowa surging upward but most crests are expected to be below flood stage. An exception was the North Racoon River at Jefferson, Iowa, which was expected to reach flood stage during the day.