

NICHOLS ROBBED OF \$1900 IN GOLD PIECES

SID M. NICHOLS ROBBED OF COIN PAID FOR STORE

Proprietor of Depot Grocery Cashes Check for Merchandise, Takes Gold Home and Awakes to Find Himself Robbed of Nearly \$2000.

Thief Had No Trouble to Locate the Money and Took Time to Change Coin From One Sack to Another.

Sid M. Nichols, former proprietor of a grocery store at North Front street, cashed a check for \$1900.95 at the Jackson County bank Thursday afternoon, given by Ulrich and Ryan in payment for his stock and fixtures. The entire amount was in \$20 gold pieces and filled the regulation \$2000 money bag. He took the money home, 136 North Front street, and put it in a bureau drawer in a room adjoining where he slept. This morning about 4 o'clock, Nichols says, he heard a noise. He leaped from bed, rushed to the bureau and his money was gone. The only clues were a half-opened front door and the empty money sack on the floor. These are the reported facts in the most perplexing and mysterious robbery in the history of Jackson county, and worthy of the minds of a Pinkerton or a Burns.

No One to Suspect Nichols, half-dressed, rushed uptown and notified Sergeant Pat Mege and Night Officer Crawford. A search of the city was made for suspicious characters, but no one was out but the milkman. Not a semblance of a clue of any strength could be found. All that is known is that the thief went unerringly to the hiding place, without disturbing anything else, and located the money at once, proceeded leisurely to take it out of the sack and departed for parts unknown.

The thief is regarded by the police as being a master at his business and well acquainted with the habits of Nichols and the fact that he drew the money from the bank. A strikingly peculiar circumstance is the fact that the robber took the pains to empty the gold coins into a bag of his own, something of a job for a man engaged in a dangerous criminal operation, and discarded the original one, which was found on the floor. Nineteen hundred dollars in \$20 pieces represents considerable weight and bulk, not to mention the jingling inevitable with the transfer.

Didn't Want Draft Both the police and sheriff's office are working on the case, Messrs. Nichols, Ryan and Ulrich making a hurried trip to Jacksonville this morning in connection with the case. Later Sheriff Singler came to Medford to investigate.

Verns Vawter of the Jackson County bank cashed the check for Nichols, and asked him at the time if he did not want a draft, which was just as good and a safeguard against what happened, but the offer was declined.

The authorities who are working with Nichols expect to have important facts collected this afternoon, which will lead to the identity of the thief.

HORSE THEIR ARRESTED ON PACIFIC OCEAN

VENICE, Cal., March 13.—Walter Brundage, wanted at Flagstaff, Ariz., to answer to a charge of horse stealing, was arrested today on the Pacific ocean.

Deputy Sheriff's Sweezy and Anderson found Brundage snoring along the board walk. He fled, and when the chase became hot he skipped into the surf and headed for the open sea. The officers overhauled him at the breaker line and after a bit of fast submarine work brought him ashore. Brundage denied the charge.

THOUSAND GIRLS IN SEIGEL STORE LOSE THEIR ALL

Near Riot Occurs When Sales Girls Realize That Not Only Jobs, But Savings Gone as Well—Many on Verge of Hysteria.

Women Terror-Stricken by Prospect of Want—Fees Paid Weekly Into Beneficiary Fund Also Lost.

NEW YORK, Mar. 13.—A near riot occurred here today in the Seigel department store in 14th street when the sales girls lost their jobs and realized that not only their jobs but their saving deposited in the defunct Seigel bank as well were gone.

"Let's wreck the store," cried one girl, and others joined her with the intention of putting the threat into execution. Cooler heads, however, persuaded the girls to abandon the idea. The trouble followed the appearance of Mrs. L. Matteson, an employe, who had just returned from Europe and learned for the first time of the bank's failure.

"I've been robbed," she said. "All the money I had in the world, \$2300, has been stolen."

More than a thousand employes will lose their places tomorrow by the closing of the store. Terror stricken by the prospect of want, the sales girls worked today on the verge of hysteria. Many of them live in scantily furnished rooms and will face actual want when the store is closed tomorrow. It was believed that fees paid by employes weekly for years into a beneficiary fund also are lost. District Attorney Whitman is probing charges that money paid into a sick fund was also juggled by store officials.

RUMORS OF DEATH OF IDLERS FALSE

SACRAMENTO, March 13.—Rumors of deaths resulting from routing the unemployed "army" last Monday have been investigated by District Attorney Wachorst and Sheriff Ahern, and called false.

Dr. D. H. Bernhard, chief of hospital staff, said today that out of eight men from the army brought to the hospital, most of them were suffering from hunger, and only one was in a serious condition, he having fallen into a pot of boiling water yesterday.

Lambert Muehlfers told the officers he was kicked in the stomach by policemen. He was found to be suffering from a rupture of many years' duration. Harold Thompson applied to the hospital, saying he was hungry; A. J. Copal, member of the army, is being treated for dysentery; George Vornan reported that his ribs were broken, but the examination by Dr. Bernhard proved him sound.

FREMONT DAM NEAR SEATTLE GOES OUT

SEATTLE, Mar. 13.—The Fremont dam between Lake Union and the Lake Washington canal went out at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon and at one o'clock this afternoon threatens to flood a large part of the low lands along the canal right of way between Fremont and Ballard. The city's new concrete bridge over the canal at Fremont is in danger of being undermined.

HOTEL TALLAC AT LAKE TAHOE BURNS; LOSS \$50,000

TRUCKEE, Cal., March 13.—The Hotel Tallac, at Lake Tahoe, built by "Lucky" Baldwin and owned by the Baldwin estate, burned early today with \$50,000 loss.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR ASKS AID FOR COUNTRYMAN, VICTIM OF GEN. VILLA.



BRIDGE DEPENDED ON BY REBELS AS CHIEF DEFENSE OF TORREON

The British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring Rice, called at the State Department recently to lay before Mr. Bryan another complaint of outrages by the constitutionalists upon a British subject. W. D. Snyman, a ranch owner, of Chihuahua, has had his property confiscated by Villa, and the British Ambassador asked that the State Department use its good offices to obtain protection for him.

The complaint will be presented to the constitutionalist authorities in Chihuahua. There is a British consular agent in that city and the American Consul will simply lend his voice in support of the representations of the British Vice Consul. Mr. Snyman says that he fears to request protection for his property himself in view of the murder of the last British subject who approached Villa for that purpose.



NO. 1 GENERAL VELASCO FEDERAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AT TORREON. NO. 2 GENERAL CARRANZA HIS CAVALRY GENERAL.

CORONOR BEGINS HOLOCAUST INQUEST OVER 23 VICTIMS

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 13.—With 23 corpses recovered from the ruins of the burned Missouri Athletic club building and eight more still buried in the debris County Coroner Padberg this afternoon began an inquest. Paul Kloeris, clerk in a store near the club house, was the first witness. His story was a somewhat queer one. "I was just leaving the store when the fire was discovered," he said, "as I stepped from the door three men and three girls left the club building and crossed the street talking excitedly.

"Then I heard one of the girls pleading with her escort to re-enter the club house. 'Please go back,' she said. 'Do me a favor. Go back. We must go back.' "So one of the men returned to the entrance, stopped and looked in, but none of the party re-entered. I thought the girls meant that one of their party had been left in the building. I don't know why they wanted the men to return."

CONTINUED FIGHTING AT MEXICAN CITIES

VERA CRUZ, March 13.—Continued fighting was reported today between Tampico federal outposts and the rebels before that city. It was said that the Tampico hospitals were full of wounded.

BANDITS SHOOT ENGINEER; POSSE CAPTURES THREE

PEORIA, Ill., March 13.—Engineer Arthur Fisher was shot and killed by Mexican bandits early today at Manlius, near here, when he refused to carry them through the town on a Chicago & Northwestern freight train. The Mexicans had been accused of merchandise thefts and feared arrest at Manlius if the train stopped there.

Members of the train crew telephoned details of the killing to Princeton, and a posse encountered the bandits near Sheffield. Two of the Mexicans were wounded, one probably fatally. The third bandit was captured after a hand-to-hand encounter. Bloodhounds are trailing the fourth.

One of the wounded Mexicans died this afternoon and the fourth was captured six miles from Manlius. He surrendered when his ammunition gave out.

REAL SHAMROCKS SENT TO PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—President Wilson received today a box of real shamrocks from John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, Joseph P. Tumulty, the president's private secretary will distribute them on St. Patrick's Day.

EXPECT EMBARGO ON ARMS TO BE AGAIN ESTABLISHED

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 13.—That a note was expected from Secretary of State Bryan tomorrow, announcing the restoration of the embargo against the transfer of arms across the border from the United States into Mexico was stated at the foreign office. United States Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy would not discuss the statement.

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 13.—President Huerta was drafting soldiers wholesale today. His method was informal. His press gangs simply seized whoever they saw in the streets—men of wealth and influence of course, excepted—and turned them over to the drill sergeants.

Neither age nor youth was spared. Provided he was strong enough to lug a rifle no boy was too young and no man too old to be safe if a press gang cornered him.

Nine hundred convicts from the local prisons were among the conscripts. Among them were many desperate criminals. Huerta has been much worried lately by the Zapatistas' activities in the vicinity of Cuernavaca. All the men he can spare from the local garrison have been sent northward. It was, therefore, to raise a force to deal with the Cuernavaca rebels that he is now pushing conscription so energetically. Reports were current of brisk fighting about Torreón but nothing definite was known.

JAPAN'S MOVE FRIENDLY ONE TO AID AMERICA

Mikado Moving Subjects From Chihuahua to Calexico to Avoid Making United States Trouble—Fear Vengeance of Villa.

No Confirmation of Reported Statement of Re-establishing Embargo on Transfer of Arms into Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—Japan is moving its subjects from Chihuahua City and Juarez to Calexico, not to make trouble for the United States, but to prevent it. This was made plain here today by government officials who had been definitely informed of Japanese Ambassador Chindas' reason for requesting permission to send the party through the United States.

Japan having recognized President Huerta and being on friendly terms with him, Generals Carranza and Villa are hostile to the Japanese, it was explained. This being the case, Ambassador Chinda was afraid Villa or some of his fiery subordinates might kill one of them, compelling the Tokio government to determine immediate reparation and embarrassing both Japan and the United States.

Nothing was said to confirm the reported statement that Secretary of State Bryan had sent a note regarding establishing the embargo on the transfer of arms from the United States into Mexico. At the Mexican embassy, it was said, however, that Rojas had "the best authority" for expecting the note.

TWENTY-THREE VICTIMS RECOVERED IN RUINS

ST. LOUIS, March 13.—The body of Allen Dow was identified at noon among the victims of the Missouri Athletic club fire. A fire extinguisher was grasped in his charred right hand.

Three more corpses were taken this forenoon from the Missouri Athletic club ruins. This brought the number up to twenty-three. Fragments of other bodies were found, but they were so badly burned it could not be told how many they represented.

MINISTER OF WAR DEFENDER OF DUELS

BERLIN, Mar. 13.—Strong defense of duelling among officers of the German army was voiced here today by Lieutenant General Erich von Falkenhayn, minister of war, discussing criticisms of the duel at Metz a few weeks ago when Lieut. Haage was killed.

"Duelling is necessary for military caste," said the minister. "My efforts to diminish duelling in the army are directed, not against the duel but toward the restriction of the number of cases in which an encounter is necessary."

MISS WILSON TO WED SECRETARY M'ADOO

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—Official announcement of the engagement of Miss Eleanor Wilson, the president's daughter to Secretary of the Treasury Wm. G. McAdoo, was expected today within 48 hours.

The announcement was expected for some time but unofficial publicity already given the engagement hastened. Secretary McAdoo attended a cabinet meeting today but avoided reporters and Miss Wilson received no callers.

PAGE VICTIM OF CONDENSATION CABLING NEWS

Ambassador to England States That His Speech Was Entirely Different From That Reported by the Newspapers in America.

Said United States Would Object to or Prohibit Acquisition of More Territory by Europe.

LONDON, Mar. 13.—"I am a victim of condensation," said U. S. Ambassador Walter H. Page, replying to a request here today for his views concerning the commotion his Wednesday night's speech stirred up in Washington.

"My remarks as quoted in America," he added, "mean something entirely different from what they mean taken in connection with the content of my nautical speech. This will be evident to everybody when the full speech which I am mailing, is received in Washington.

"I had distinctly said the United States would object to or prohibit the acquisition of more territory in the new world by any European power, before I added 'so you see that the United States would prefer that no European should gain more territory in the new world.'"

"In referring to the Panama canal, I said England would derive more profit than any other country because the bulk of the world's shipping is English."

Page had received Secretary Bryan's request for a copy of the entire speech, and was preparing it, with an explanation.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—As advisers of the chief executive admitted it looked as if the ambassador had "talked too much," giving the administration's enemies a chance to criticize it.

The president and the cabinet members discussed the matter at their meeting this forenoon and the upshot was that Secretary Bryan announced that he had cabled to Page to mail him a copy of his speech, which he would turn over to the senate, in conformity with the request contained in Senator Chamberlain's resolution. By the time it arrived, however, it was admitted the incident would have lost its acuteness.

ANNUAL PROHIBITION OF TRAP NET FISHING

WASHINGTON, March 13.—An addition to ratifying the fisheries treaty between Canada and the United States, by which prohibition of trap net fishing would be annulled until the joint fisheries commissions can probe deeper into the problem, was favorably considered by the house foreign affairs committee today. Chairman Flood was expected to attempt to bring up the bill for reaffirmation by the house. The measure already has passed the senate.

REVAL HOVERING NEAR DEATH'S DOOR

CHICAGO, March 13.—Louis Reval, who told the police he shot himself, but whose wife said he was shot accidentally while they were struggling for possession of a pistol after she had accused him of paying attention to other women, was in a critical condition today. His wound was considered fatal at first, but later there seemed a possibility he would recover, so his wife was charged only with assault with intent to kill and got her liberty under a \$5000 bond. Should Reval die, however, she will be rearrested and accused of murder.