

Bandits Flee With Cash, Gems in Holdup of Train

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British Police Find No Trace Of Robbery Gang

Almost \$3 Million Estimated in Loot

Cheddington, England—UPI—An armed gang of 20 to 30 masked bandits staged a robbery that may have been the biggest haul 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-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.

Reward Offered
The post office offered a \$28,000 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.

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.

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 army-style trunks and a passenger car.

So swiftly and smoothly did the gang work that the 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 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 Leigh Buzzard.

When the fireman, David Whitten, 26, 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 where their compatriots were waiting.

TRAWL AUTHORIZED
Salem—UPI—An other trawl commission has been authorized in an election held by fishermen, the State Department of Agriculture reported today.



IRENE E. DAVIS
Police Seek Death Clues

Portland Police Continue Probe of Death of Heiress

Portland—UPI—Investigation continued today into the mysterious death of wealthy Payette, Idaho, cattle heiress Irene E. Davis, 41, whose body was found in her Hilton Hotel suite Tuesday with a nylon stocking around her neck.

Police planned to question persons who were reported to have last seen her alive. The body was found by a maid in a half-filled bathtub. Authorities said there were no signs of a struggle in the hotel room. The coroner's office listed cause of death as "asphyxiation by strangulation."

Detectives said nothing was missing from the room. There were some \$300 in traveler's checks in her purse. Police said autopsy results indicated there had been no sexual attack. She was last reported seen alive about 2:30 a.m. Tuesday leaving a rooftop bar and restaurant.

Call Received
Police said they received a call from two salesmen who were seen leaving the restaurant at the same time and they reported they had not talked with her. Officers also said they wanted to talk to another man reported to have left at the same time.

She was the daughter of the late Gus Davis, a wealthy Idaho and Eastern Oregon cattle rancher.

Business Licenses Were Due July 1
Medford Recorder - Treasurer Darrell Hucson stated today that about 200 businesses in the city have not yet obtained their business licenses for the 1963-64 fiscal year.

Hucson said the license fees came due July 1. Some 1,151 businesses in Medford have obtained their licenses, however, he said.

Hucson said that unless the delinquent firms pay their fees soon, a complaint will be issued against them and they will be cited into municipal court.

No Negligence Is Found in Blaze

Newport, Ore.—UPI—A Circuit Court jury late Wednesday found no negligence on the part of the Hudson-Callahan logging company in a forest fire that burned over 1,500 acres of Willamette Valley Lumber Company land in 1960.

About a million dollars in damages was involved in the suit which had been heard in court for five weeks. The jury deliberated about four hours. The decision hinged on a charge that negligent use of a power saw was responsible for the fire which was discovered half an hour after the saw was in use on Aug. 3, 1960.

The state also has an action pending to collect \$50,000 in fire fighting costs. Crown-Zellerbach Corp., which also has filed a suit for damages. Wednesday's decision apparently will not rule out either of these two cases.

Hopeful Signs Seen in Lumber Strike Picture

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, 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, would meet with Georgia-Pacific officials again this afternoon. The two un-

ions began striking Georgia-Pacific July 17. 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 reopened 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.

Expanded Play Season Planned For Observance

Ashland—Plans for observing William Shakespeare's 400th birthday in 1964 were announced today by the Oregon Shakespearean Festival in Ashland and Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif. The two institutions will join forces to celebrate the anniversary year with a coordinated program of drama, Elizabethan arts, and academic studies.

Angus L. Bowmer, producing director for the Oregon festival, said the Festival's agenda next year will include 70 performances in two cities, the longest season the Ashland group has yet undertaken and the first sustained road engagement for the group.

Actors and technicians will convene in Ashland on Shakespeare's birthday, April 23, and will be joined June 4 by an auxiliary force. The entire organization will go to Stanford June 14.

Designed Stage
The season will open June 23 and play for two weeks on an especially designed Elizabethan-style stage at Stanford's open-air Frost Amphitheatre.

After closing night at Stanford, July 4, the company will return to Ashland for the premier of the regular season July 11, launching a 58-night home stand nightly through Sept. 6.

Productions scheduled for next year are "King Lear," "Merchant of Venice," "Twelfth Night," and "Henry VI, Part I." After returning to Ashland, the Festival will open a fifth show, "The Winter's Tale."

At a press luncheon today in San Francisco to announce the quatercentennial observance, Stanford officials also announced that performance by the National Shakespeare Festival of San Diego and the Actors Workshop of San Francisco also will be staged next summer at the Frost Amphitheatre.

Decals Ordered for Parks Personnel
The Jackson county court has signed the purchase order for 100 decals, replicas of the shoulder patches designed for employees of the Jackson county parks and recreation department, and they will be placed on park entrance signs and equipment.

Neil Ledward, director of parks and recreation, also announced today that Clyde Howard, park ranger at Richmond Prairie, is now in uniform in time for the official dedication of the recreation area Sunday.

The same khaki uniform will be worn by James Hutchison, caretaker at Emigrant, and by the maintenance crew members. The shoulder patch, designed by Ledward, incorporates gold for sunshine, blue for Oregon waters, and forest green for the Oregon mountains, all superimposed on a snow white contour of Jackson county.

The design was approved by the parks and recreation commission Monday.

Larger Estate Tax Gets Approval
Washington—UPI—The House Ways and Means committee has voted an added tax on large estates left to heirs by persons who die in 1965 and thereafter.

The proposal applies only to estates which include securities and property that has increased in market value during the lifetime of the owner.

Approved Wednesday by a 14-11 vote, the committee plan would require the heir to pay a capital gains tax on some of the "paper profits" earned by the deceased.

Under the present tax law, the liability for these profits is wiped out when the owner dies. If the new owner sells the property he must pay a capital gains tax only on profits resulting from a rise in the value of the property since he inherited them.

There is no exemption from the provision of the committee plan. Any property acquired by the decedent prior to 1951 would not be affected.

TREATY SIGNED—Representatives of about 30 countries began signing the nuclear test ban treaty in Washington today. In the top photo acting Secretary of State George Ball, left, looks on as Australia's Ambassador Sir Howard Beale signs. In the lower photo Mexican Ambassador Antonio Carrillo Flores signs for his country. In Moscow India became the first non-nuclear nation to sign when Ambassador T. N. Kaul affixed his signature as representatives of 22 other nations, including Communist East Germany, gathered for the same purpose. (UPI)



LEAVES MEDICAL CENTER—President Kennedy leaves the Children's Medical Center in Boston, Mass., today after visiting briefly with his sick infant son. Crowds of hospital staff members crowd around the President as he departs for Cape Cod. He will spend part of the day with his wife at the Otis Air Force Base hospital. (UPI)

Kennedy Returns To Boston Hospital To Be With Son; Doctors Encouraging

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.

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.

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.

One day old Patrick Bouvier Kennedy had 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 President planned to divide his time today between the Children's Medical Center here, where his son is in a plastic-covered device which simulates the environment of a mother's womb, and Cape Cod, with Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy and their other two children.

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, Mrs. Kennedy had been whisked there by helicopter from her Squaw Island summer home in Hyannis Port shortly after 11:30 a.m. (edt).

Because it was born prematurely and appeared to be having breathing problems, the child was baptized a short time after birth by the Rev. John Scahill, of Portland, Me., Catholic chaplain at Otis. He was named for Kennedy's grandfather, Joseph Patrick J., and father, Joseph Patrick J., as well as for Mrs. Kennedy's father whose surname was Bouvier.

Father Scahill said the newborn child looked "like Winston Churchill," adding that all new-borns have that look.

He said that the newest member of the Kennedy clan looked like a healthy infant despite the respiratory ailment.

Salinger told reporters in Boston Wednesday night that the infant, in a private room on the fifth floor of the Children's Medical Center, was suffering from an "idiopathic respiratory distress syndrome."

Respiratory Problem
"In laymen's language, this is a respiratory problem which causes a problem in breathing," Salinger said. "It is not uncommon . . . in premature children."

Later Salinger told United Press International that while it is not uncommon "it is still a cause for concern."

Salinger said that in these cases "it takes approximately four days for this situation to develop in such a way that the doctors can make a final diagnosis."

"Is it on the danger list?" a reporter asked.

"I would not say that," Salinger replied. "Nobody that I talked to has."

\$15 Million Paid To O and C Counties
Washington—UPI—Money paid to 18 Oregon counties from sale of timber from O and C railroad grant lands during the fiscal year ending June 30 totaled \$15,031,270, Rep. Walter Norblad said today.

Douglas county got the most, in excess of \$3.7 million. Norblad said an Interior Department breakdown gave these figures by county:

Benton, \$425,394; Clackamas, \$856,782; Coos, \$883,838; Columbia, \$235,990; Curry, \$53,944; Douglas, \$3,774,352; Jackson, \$2,356,903; Josephine, \$1,806,758; Klamath, \$359,247; Lane, \$2,319,325; Lincoln, \$54,112; Linn, \$399,831; Marion, \$212,462; Multnomah, \$263,047; Polk, \$327,681; Tillamook, \$85,678; Washington, \$97,703; Yamhill, \$108,225.

Dedication Is Set For Highway Section
Salem—UPI—Dedication ceremonies will be held near Athena-Blue Mountain station section of the Oregon-Washington Highway in Umatilla county.

The new 6.65 mile section replaces an old narrow portion of the highway which is inadequate for present day traffic.

The new road will bypass Athena and Weston and will bring the highway between Athena and Milton Freewater up to present day standards. City, county and state officials will attend the dedication with Rep. Stafford Hansell (R-Hermiston) representing Gov. Mark Hatfield.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday. Scattered showers or thundershowers this evening and again on Friday afternoon and evening. Low tonight 50, high Friday 58.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest This Morning	59

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 7:24 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 4:11 a.m.
Moonrise tonight 10:42 p.m.
Last Quarter Aug. 11
At moonrise tonight the square of Pegasus is in the east, Sagittarius is in the south, Aries is in the west and the Big Dipper is in the northwest.

75 Attend Dinner For Alba Resident

About 75 persons attended a dinner last night at North's Chucker Wagon in honor of Dr. Enrico DeMaria, a visitor here from Alba, Italy, Medford's sister city.

The dinner was sponsored by the Medford Friends of Alba committee. William Mansfield was master of ceremonies for the event.

Medford Mayor James Dunlevy presented DeMaria with a key to the city. DeMaria, in turn, gave Dunlevy a portfolio containing prints and biographical data on a 14th century Italian painter named Macriano, a gift from the mayor of Alba.

Manville Heisel, representing the Medford Chamber of Commerce, gave DeMaria a plaque making him an honorary member of the chamber. Entertainment was provided by a vocal trio, the Coachmen. Members of the group were Mark Cochran, Wally Huffman and Jarl Dryud.

DeMaria addressed the dinner audience briefly, relating his long interest in this country and the American people. He said that he first became interested in American jazz by listening, as a youth, to Voice of America radio broadcasts.

WSU DEAN DIES
Pullman, Wash.—UPI—Dr. Golden Romney, 60, dean of the Washington State University College of Physical Education since 1950, died of a heart attack at his home Wednesday night.

NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

RUSK LEAVES FOR KHRUSHCHEV'S VILLA
Moscow—UPI—Secretary of State Dean Rusk flew here from Leningrad today and almost immediately left for Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's Black Sea villa for further talks on ways to ease the cold war.

NUCLEAR TREATY GOES BEFORE SENATE
Washington—UPI—The treaty ending all but underground nuclear testing in a "first step" toward world peace was to go to the U.S. Senate today. Spokesmen for both parties said senators had "no other choice" but to ratify it.

HAITI INVASION OUTCOME 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.