

# Story of Dynamiting Told by Trio Of Youthful De Autremont Killers

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Portland, and made the necessary purchases to further our plans and proceeded down the Southern Pacific right of way to select a site for the proposed holdup in tunnel number 13. After making all necessary plans, constructing our cache, I took the car back to Eugene, returned a few days later and met the boys at what is known as camp number 2 in the Siskiyou mountains.

### Cover Tracks.

"We burned and destroyed all superfluous property and equipment and moved to Mount Crest cabin. On October 11, 1923, about noon, we moved to the west portal of the tunnel. Roy and I, leaving Ray there, went through the tunnel and boarded number 13 as it left Siskiyou. Roy having lost his gun while boarding the train, I climbed over the tender, followed by Roy, instructed the engineer to stop the train with the cab just outside of the tunnel which he did. The fireman and the engineer were then marched out to the detonating machine, Ray having in the meantime placed powder in the door of the mail car.

### Charge Exploded.

"Upon Ray's return, the charge was exploded by Roy. I took the engineer back to the cab, while Roy took the fireman back to uncouple the mail car from the rest of the train, but due to the force of the explosion and the damage done, it was impossible to move the mail car from out of the tunnel. It was also impossible to enter the mail car on account of the gas and smoke. I made the engineer get down out of the cab, so I could talk to Ray. We saw someone coming through the tunnel with a red light.

### Shoot Brakeman.

"Not knowing who it was or how many there were, Ray and I shot the minute the form was discernible. This was the brakeman, Johnson. Roy wanted me to have the engineer try again to move the mail car out of the tunnel. So I took the engineer back in the cab but it was impossible to move the mail car. I remained with the engineer in the cab until Ray told me that all was lost and it was impossible to move the mail car.

### Murders Bates.

"I then shot Engineer Bates, the fireman having been previously killed by either Roy or Ray. I had a story made up to tell on the stand but when Ray and Roy had been caught I could not tell it on the stand. I told it to the attorneys but I did not tell the attorneys for the defense that I committed the robbery. This is a voluntary statement and is made freely and of my own accord.

(Signed)

HUGH DE AUTREMONT."

"I, Ray De Autremont, after being fully advised of my constitutional rights and legal rights under the laws of the state of Oregon, to

the effect that I do not have to make a statement, and that any statement that I make can and may be used against me, and after due and deliberate consideration, without duress or coercion, knowing the consequences of my statement, I voluntarily make the following statement concerning my connection with the holdup of the first section of Southern Pacific train number 13 on October 11, 1923, at tunnel number 13, Jackson county, Oregon.

### Big Crime On Mind.

"That the idea of making some robbery first occurred to me while I was confined in the Washington state reformatory at Monroe, Wash., where I was given a sentence of one year for criminal syndicalism in 1919-1920. The robbery of a train on the Southern Pacific railway was first planned by me in the summer of 1923. I had a big crime in mind, however, early in 1923, when I visited New Mexico, at which time I had talked the matter over with Hugh and put him in the frame of mind for joining with me in the commission of such a crime.

"I had already talked the matter over with Roy De Autremont before going to New Mexico. When I left New Mexico, it was the understanding that Hugh would come up to Oregon later in the spring when we would work out a plan for a big robbery and get sufficient money to finance, it being understood that Hugh, Roy and myself would carry out this robbery. Hugh came up in June, 1923, and went to work with myself and Roy at Silverton, Ore., with the Silver Falls Lumber company.

"I might state that to the best of my recollection that when I went to New Mexico, over the Southern Pacific, I gave thought to what might be the best place to hold up a train.

### Carefully Thought Out.

"We carefully thought out in a general way the crime we had in mind and in September 1923, we visited and looked over the country from Portland to northern California, with the idea of finding the best place to hold up a Southern Pacific train. We decided that the best place was the Siskiyou mountains and that train number 13 was the best train to hold up, the one that would most likely have a large amount of money on it.

### Steal Detonator.

"We three boys, Roy, Hugh and myself, went to Portland, in the early part of September, 1923, purchased an automobile to be used if found practicable in making our get-away after the robbery. We stole a detonator, wire and dynamite near Oregon City, shortly after the car was purchased, having already purchased camping supplies, and drove the car to Eugene, Ore., and at Eugene we bought most of our provisions for the cache to be made. We stayed around home for a few days and on or about September 18, 1923, the three of us left Eugene, in the automobile with provisions and camping outfit telling

our father that we were going on a camping trip up in the Paget Sound country.

"We went directly to the Siskiyou mountains about a quarter of a mile from the summit of the mountain, turned off the road about 300 feet from the road and camped, the automobile being concealed from the Pacific highway. We stayed at this location about one week and then moved to what is known as Camp number 2, remaining there several days trying out the detonating machine and doing considerable target practice and studying the topography of the country.

### Cover Tracks.

"While at this camp it was decided that we would burn up the tarpaulin used as a tent. Hugh's wooden tool chest and various other things that might lead to our identification. I do not know whether three or four days or a week that we stayed at Mt. Crest cabin, and therefore cannot state positively how long we were at Camp number 2. The latter part of September, 1923, it was decided that Hugh should return in the Nash car to father at Eugene, for the reason that it could not be used in making our getaway.

"It was intended that if successful in the robbery that I would go to Eugene and get the car, come back and get my brothers and make our escape. Hugh ran into a cow on the Siskiyou mountains and had to stay in Ashland until his car was repaired, this naturally made Hugh late in returning. He finally returned to us at Camp number 2, about September 30, 1923.

"During this period we had prepared a cache in which to hide and into which to take the loot which we expected to obtain, remaining there until I could proceed to Eugene and obtain the Nash automobile in which to make our getaway.

"October 11, 1923, was the date decided upon for the robbery. About 12 noon on this date, we took our equipment to the south end of the tunnel, consisting of detonating machine, three pack sacks, three foot pads (sets), a one pound can of

pepper, guns, flashlights, etc. The detonating machine was wrapped in a pair of blue overalls. We laid out our dynamite, about thirty feet from the entrance of the tunnel connected the wire and placed the detonating machine and Hugh and Roy started for the north entrance, going through the tunnel while I remained at the south entrance, smoking cigars.

### All Worked Out.

"It was the understanding that Hugh and Roy would board the tank of the engine when the train slowed down at the north entrance to foot brakes. The train came through and the engine was just starting out the south entrance when it came to a stop. At this time Roy was on the back end of the oil tank, Hugh was in the cab with the engineer and fireman, I was beside the dynamite inside the tunnel and handed the dynamite up to Roy. Before I did this I noticed the mail clerk stick his head out of the side door of the mail car and I attempted to shoot him with a shot gun I had. Roy and I went up to the engine cab and Hugh made the fireman and engineer get down on the right hand side of the gangway of the engine.

### Explosion.

"We drove them up clear of the front end of the tunnel where they would be safe from debris. Roy gave the detonator a push and the mouth of the tunnel was filled with smoke, as a result of the explosion of the charge of dynamite, which had been placed against the front door of the mail car. Roy then

took the fireman and started back to uncouple the mail car.

"The gases were too much for the fireman and Roy sent him back. The fireman and engineer were covered by Hugh and myself and in a few seconds I saw someone coming with a red light on the right hand side of the train. (I later found that this was the brakeman Roy had sent forward to have the engine move the mail car ahead. I shot at this man with the red light with my shot gun and at the same time Hugh shot him with his .45 Colt, the man staggered up to me and muttered, 'that other fellow said to pull the thing ahead,' so far as I could make out. I saw he was

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