

ROBBERS BLOW UP THE CAR

Bandits Board Oregon Express at Copley

Three Masked Men Compel the Engineer to Take Them Five Miles Down the Road

Redding, Cal., April 1.—Three masked men held up the Oregon express at Copley, 10 miles north of here at 11 o'clock last night, killed Express Messenger O'Neill, and carried off the contents of the express box.

The train is known as No. 15, and stopped at Copley, a small station, for water. The robbers blew up the car and killed the messenger before getting the treasure box.

The highwaymen forced the train crew to uncouple the front engine and compelled its engineer to draw them to Keswick Station, five miles south, where they disembarked and disappeared.

The engine got orders to run on to this city, and carry up the sheriff and a posse of armed men.

After robbing the express car, the men cut the car loose, and getting on the engine, compelled Engineer Joesink to go ahead. When near Keswick the men dropped off the engine and disappeared in the night with their plunder.

It is difficult to obtain particulars, as there is no telegraph operator at Copley and news from that point is telegraphed to Keswick, and from there telegraphed to Sacramento.

Engineer Tells His Story.
Redding, Cal., April 1.—B. F. Joesink arrived here with his light engine at midnight, to take back Sheriff Richardson and a posse of eight men. Mr. Joesink says that after stopping at Copley the noise of drawing water drowned the noise of shots that must have been fired in the express car, as W. J. O'Neill, the messenger, was killed by bullets.

He and his freeman, J. F. Stury, were compelled to dismount. They, with E. A. Bissell, engineer of the second engine; A. Raymond, a fireman; Jack Depange, conductor of the train, and a brakeman were compelled to march back to the express car, where they saw O'Neill dead.

Wrecking the Safe.
The robbers tried to force O'Neill's helper, who was in the baggage car when O'Neill was killed, to open the safe, but the helper showed that he could not do so. Then the robbers compelled the party of seven to place sticks of giant powder on top of the safe. Then they had a heavy box set on the dynamite, to which a fuse was ordered attached. Then all but one of

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MRS. BOTKIN TESTIFIES ON STAND

Looked Appealingly at the Jury

Denied That She Ever Purchased Candy-- Made Very Poor Witness

San Francisco, April 1.—Mrs. Botkin took the stand in her own behalf this morning, and made a complete denial of everything. She was a poor witness, her own attorney frequently being compelled to correct her and hold her within bounds. She gazed appealingly at the jurors several times, and seemed on the verge of cold lapse, but the jurors refused to return her gaze, looking at everything but the prisoner. At the beginning she said she became acquainted with Dunning through flirtation in the park. Soon after she met Dunning he implored her to borrow money from her acquaintances to liquidate some of his debts. Most of his visits to her were for financial aid. She said Dunning was very poor, and she bought him shoes, clothing, provided him with food, and gave him money secured from her husband. She did all of this, she declared, out of kindness of her heart. She denied writing anonymous letters to Mrs. Dunning, or purchasing a box of candy or any arsenic, or mailing the candy. She declared that, while being interviewed by Miss Lizzie Livernash, the woman reporter, she became hysterical, and may have said things that appear incriminating, but had no recollection of them.

JAPANESE DRIVING RUSSIANS

Are Pushing Into the Interior and Holding All Territory

Tokio, April 1.—The Japanese troops in advance of the main body are pushing the advantage gained by them in the battle of Chong Ju, according to private advices received here. After dislodging the Russians at Chong Ju, the Japanese rested 12 hours when they marched to Yong Chun, 25 miles distant. After a brief engagement the Russians retreated to Unsan, 80 miles northeast. It is said that the Russian Cossack cavalry in the vicinity of Wiju is in great distress, and are using the telegraph poles for fuel, while scores of horses are dying for lack of fodder.

HAWLEY MADE BIG PROFITS

Admitted at Sully Investigation to a Large Share

New York, April 1.—Edwin Hawley, the railroad magnate, was on the witness stand before United States Commissioner Alexander today, and told about the working of Sully, the cotton king. The object is to ascertain if Hawley and his partner, Frank Ray, are responsible for the deposed cotton king's debts. Elihu Root appeared for the creditors. Sully was not present. Hawley said his transactions with Sully were those only of a broker and customer.

In his cotton transaction of December, 1903, when he advanced \$60,000 to \$70,000 to Sully, he kept no personal record of these. Hawley admitted receiving \$45,000 profit from the December transactions. His profits in the transactions, which closed on March 23d, were something like \$300,000. His next transaction yielded him a profit of \$41,000. In February Root read the date showing that Hawley's profits were \$125,000.

Investigating Fraud.
Portland, April 1.—The federal grand jury spent yesterday investigating alleged pension frauds, said to

GREAT MOVEMENT BY LAND EXPECTED

First Newspaper Men Allowed to Go to the Front by Japan

Tokio, April 1.—Sixteen newspaper men, mostly British and American left this morning for Moji, leaving there on April 6th on a Japanese transport for a destination which is kept secret. As this is the first party to be freed, it is considered significant of a big land movement about ready to be made or inaugurated. A big crowd was at Shimbashi station, and cheered the correspondents' departure. Ito returned from Corea today, and immediately had an extended audience with the emperor. It is believed that his visit will result in furthering cordiality between the Korean and Japanese courts.

MONTREAL SUFFERS BY FIRE

Property to the Value of One Million Dollars Goes up in Smoke

Montreal, April 1.—A fire this morning in the board of trade district destroyed the building occupied by the Watson Jack Co. Six other firms are heavy losers. The total loss will reach over \$1,000,000.

involve T. A. Wood, former pension agent for the Indian War veterans in Oregon. A score or more of the old veterans were called before the grand jury during the day and gave their testimony. The exact nature of the charge and the person accused could not be learned, but Mr. Wood stated that some charges had been made, and he supposed that he was the one under investigation. Mr. Wood was indicted for alleged pension frauds at the last session of the grand jury, but succeeded in establishing his innocence when the case came to trial.

Dr. Draper Enters on New Duties.
Albany, N. Y., April 1.—The educational unification law went into effect today. The effect of the new law is to do away with the old board of regents and the state superintendent of public instruction in favor of a state commissioner of education. Dr. Droper, late president of the University of Illinois, is the first commissioner of education, and he entered upon his new duties today.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 1.—Miss Anita Kelley, of New York, to whom a jury in the superior court last week awarded damages in the sum of \$35,000 against a Santa Barbara hotel company for the loss of a limb in an elevator accident, has compromised her case, receiving as a settlement \$25,000 and payment of all costs of suit. She sued for \$50,000.

THOROUGH JOB THIS TIME

Car Barners Believed to Be Fixed Now

Chicago, April 1.—The car barners were this morning re-sentenced by Judge Kersten, who included all legal requirements, technique and alleged errors, which caused an appeal on a writ of habeas corpus by Marx's counsel. No change of date was secured. The bandits appeared to be more cheerful.

RUSSIANS CLAIM VICTORY

Say Japanese Lost Ten Times as Many Men as They Did

St. Petersburg, April 1.—Semi-official news from Lia Yang credits the first encounter in Northern Corea as a victory for Russian arms, and says the enemies' losses were ten more than those of the Russians. According to Korean reports the Japanese buried 50, while 150 wounded were removed, with the help of 500 Koreans, to the headquarters of the Japanese main force.

Martial Law Proclaimed.
New Chwang, April 1.—United States Consul H. B. Miller today proclaimed acquiescence to Russian military law. The United States gunboat Helena leaves tomorrow for an unknown destination. As soon as the 11 merchantmen now in port here are loaded, the port will be closed. The work of fortifying is proceeding rapidly.

RUSSIAN PEOPLE LAUGH

At the Vain Boasts of the Japanese

They Were Going to March Into Moscow in About a Fortnight

St. Petersburg, April 1.—Viceroy Alexieff arrived at Port Arthur from Mukden Thursday, and was received by Admiral Makaroff and other officials. The party visited the ships, the harbor, inspected the repairs in progress, the vessels damaged during the bombardment, and also visited the torpedo-boat destroyer Stini, which distinguished itself in the last battle.

Prof Yuzfowitsch, a Russian teacher in the Tokio University, has arrived, and testifies to the kindness of the Japanese. Students followed him to the station, and entreated him to remain. At that time the Japanese public believed that Port Arthur would fall in 48 hours, and the Japanese army would capture Moscow in a fortnight, thus bringing the czar to terms.

Lincoln for Hermann.

Toledo, O., April 1.—At the primaries held yesterday in Lincoln county the only contest on county officers was for sheriff. J. H. Rosche has the solid delegation. Hermann will have a solid delegation to the county convention from Toledo precinct, as follows: B. F. Jones, John Steel, J. C. Altree, D. J. Derby, H. E. Peterson, M. N. Anderson, H. R. Sturdevant, R. S. Vancleve and F. M. Stanton.

Washington Primaries.

Hillsboro, Or., April 1.—The Republican primaries were held in this county today, and the contest was one of the most closely fought for years. All precincts but three have been heard from, and from all indications the county is lost to the Mitchell supporters by a margin of 15 or 20 votes in the county convention. This will mean that the congressional delegation will be for either Hermann or Harris.

A. W. Giesy was appointed guardian of the estate of Norman Giesy, a minor, upon the petition of the mother, Mrs. Emily Webb Giesy, of San Francisco.

LABOR LEADER HELD

Must Remain in Custody of State

Until the Case Is Decided by the Highest Tribunal in the State

Denver, April 1.—General Bell, commanding the state troops at Telluride, this morning telephoned Chief of Police Armstrong to detail a detective to watch every movement of Secretary and Treasurer Heywood, of the Western Federation, who is under arrest on a warrant issued by a local court, charging desecration of the American flag. Bell insisted that he be returned to Telluride, no matter how many local warrants were issued, and that when the time came a sufficient number of soldiers will be sent from camp to arrest him. The Denver troop were called out to take him. Mercer was last night removed from the bullpen, in the Redmen building at Telluride, to the new city jail, and locked in a cell. He is denied all privileges and fed but two sparing meals daily. Governor Bell refused to accept service on habeas corpus for the release of Mercer on the 11th, and the head of the Federation must stay in custody until the case is taken to the supreme court.

Trinidad, Colo., April 1.—Fully a dozen influential men among the strikers in Las Animas county were deported in the last three days by order of Major Hill, commanding. The wholesale eviction of strikers at Gray Creek will begin immediately. The military is refusing to allow these men to settle in other parts of the country. Almost penniless men and their families are compelled to walk hundreds of miles to reach points where they can procure assistance. There are many evictions are reported in other camps in the county, and much suffering has ensued.

Port Arthur Again Attacked.

London, April 1.—The Central News correspondent at Tokio says Tago attacked Port Arthur on Wednesday night. No details have been received, but it is understood the attack was made for the purpose of taking soundings, and ascertaining the effect of the last attack.

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