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TRAIN ROBBERS GAG GUARD AND GET \$6000

PIPE THUGS ATTACK TWO PAWNBROKERS IN PORTLAND

ADLY WAY OF PLAGUE

VENEZUELAN CITY

ENTS PRISONERS—TROOPS AT ANY WHO ATTEMPT TO E—BURNING BUILDINGS DIVE OUT RATS.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Stadt, May 12.—La Guayra, is a city of death. The plague is spreading there. The rats are fighting it frantically and unaided. From the rest of the world they are cut off—on the sea, on all others by patrols under orders to give out rats.
From the town there is no one, so strict is the quarantine, though has leaked out, how to improve the spot an inferno. Business is practically suspended. Closed and residences shuttered. Ventures abroad except absolute compulsion. Food is to be had on any terms. Who will enter with supplies, being entered none can leave. For the enormous prices of provisions few will accept. Penalty of imprisonment and death.
Five miles away the smoke can be seen day and the flames by night. Houses where the plague is, of burning lumber piles which the people are trying to burn. The disease-carrying rats and flies in all flooded streets—a adopted by the authorities as the best and speediest means of the community of the plague of filth which was probably responsible for the epidemic of the workingmen who, pax fear of the plague and renegade by famine, broke through the military cordon and scattered the surrounding countryside been herded together and back by the troops.
Gomez Peraza of La Guayra, first diagnosed the disease as plague and was thrown in by President Castro only to be released later when it became evident his judgment was correct. The sanitary workers in efforts to stamp out the epidemic.
President Castro has declared a state of the port, regular ships suspended, even the blockade are few. The La Guayra railroad ceased operation.
Sign residents and wealthy business are able to leave business are quitting the country in large numbers, however, lest epidemic spread.

MAN ILL GOES ON TRIP

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, May 12.—Threatened paralysis, Senator Tillman is in a declining to see.
On Sunday he will sail for accompanied by his wife, re- in November.

HOLD-UP MEN LOOT MAIL CAR

ON LEAVING SEATTLE

FELL MESSENGER AND ROB REGISTERED MAIL AND EXPRESS ON GREAT NORTHERN TRAIN NEAR BALLARD.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, May 12.—Two holdup men assaulted the express messenger, Lathau, on the northbound Great Northern Seattle-Vancouver train between Seattle and Ballard about 8:30 this morning, looted the express and registered mail, left the messenger unconscious and escaped before the train pulled into Ballard, where the crime was discovered.
Planned to perfection, executed with the daring of a trained criminal, two robbers entered the express car of the Great Northern train No. 274, the Vancouver local, just as it was pulling out of the union depot at 8:10 o'clock this morning, clubbed Express Messenger Joseph E. Perrine into insensibility, and looted the strong box of between \$5000 and \$6000.
The robbers escaped and Great Northern detectives who were among the ground an hour after the crime, have such meager descriptions of the bandits. Their ultimate escape is probable.
Perrine, bound, gagged and bleeding from two savage cuts above the right ear and upon the back of his head, was found unconscious in his car half a mile north of Ballard. Conductor Broderick ordered the train backed into Ballard station, whence news of the robbery was quickly sent to Great Northern officials and to the Seattle police.
Perrine was revived, and though suffering from a fractured skull, managed to grasp out his story. Perrine entered the express car shortly before 8 o'clock this morning to sort his valuable packages for the run to Vancouver, B. C. As the messenger was working, a tall man in an overcoat with brass buttons quickly entered the car. Perrine turned to face him and the tall man said: "Throw up your hands."
Thinking it was a practical joke, Perrine laughed at the robber, who instantly grabbed him by the vest. Just at that moment the train lurched as it started for the south end of the tunnel, which runs under the city.
Realizing that the man meant business, Perrine started to fight but before he could strike a blow he was knocked silly by a blow from behind. Until he was discovered by fellow trainmen half a mile north of Ballard, Perrine remembers nothing more of the affair.
It is evident that the robbers looted the strong box while the train was running through the tunnel, and that they left the car near the north end of the tunnels, as all trains slow down when emerging at the north end.
That the robbers are in Seattle, is the opinion of the police and that they will lie low until the matter becomes quiet.
Freight Agent Thomas B. Degman of the Great Northern stated this afternoon that it is his belief that the robbers were well informed about train movements. He says it is a rule of the Great Northern that all

ADMITS KILLING SOLDIER

AT PORT TOWNSEND

ONE PRIVATE CONFESSES TO MURDER OF TROOP MUSICIAN—TWO OTHERS IMPLICATED AND ARRESTED.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Port Townsend, Wash., May 12.—The wisdom of separating the prisoners who were arrested here Saturday last in connection with the brutal murder of Bandman Johnson at Fort Worden Friday night was demonstrated today when by putting one against the other, the officers forced a confession from Private Holt, held in the post guard house at headquarters. United States Attorney E. E. Todd, who came down in response to a telegram from Colonel Cummings, commanding the artillery, was active in the work which brought forth the solution of the mystery.
Of the three men arrested by the local police, one named McKnight, now a civilian and formerly a soldier, was taken to the county jail, while the military authorities took the other two, both soldiers. By telling Private Holt that McKnight had confessed, the officers were able, the report goes, to wring a complete confession from the man who until then had stolidly denied his guilt. Holt said the arrangement entered into between himself, McKnight and Private Graber was to make away with the musician, who was known to have considerable money derived from collections he made on pay day from fellow soldiers to whom he had made loans. Holt made the confession to Captain Harry Newton, commanding the 126th company, and broke into tears while doing so. Suspicion has all along pointed to Holt as the guilty one, his marksmanship badge of honor with his name engraved thereupon having been found near the scene.
No information has been given out as to Graber's version of the matter, but in view of Holt's alleged confession he will be held until the case is tried. McKnight stoutly denies any knowledge of the crime. The force of sentries at the guard house has been doubled to frustrate any attempt to carry out the openly expressed sentiment of the men in the post that Holt should be lynched.
Express cars shall remain locked from the time the messengers enter them.
Although Perrine has not said so, it is probable that he had not locked the door, as he never dreamed of a hold-up while his car was still within the shadow of the union depot.
The police believe that the two men are the same who robbed the express messengers at Denver a week ago.
Perrine is at the hospital in a critical condition and his life is in the balance.
Police at 2 p. m. reported to headquarters that \$5000 in currency and \$200 in nickels, had been found at the foot of the stairway leading to Kinneer park, near the north end of the tunnel. This confirms the suspicions that the bandits left the train at this point and are still in Seattle or vicinity.

PROVE FIEND BURNED

IN HER FARM HOUSE

MRS. BELLE GUNNESS' BODY IN RUINS—IDENTIFIED BY THREE RINGS ON HAND—CONVINCING EVIDENCE.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
La Porte, Ind., May 12.—The most convincing evidence so far discovered to show that the body of the woman found in the ashes of the Gunness home was that of Mrs. Belle Gunness who had a private burying yard near her back door, was revealed today when Dr. J. H. Meyer, the corner's physician, found three rings on one of the hands of the corpse. One plain gold ring bears the inscription "P. G. to J. S. Aug. 2, '94." It is thought that "P. G." were the initials of Phillip Guinness, the woman's second husband.
On the inside of the second ring, containing a diamond, was the inscription "P. S. to J. S. 3-5, '95." The third ring was not inscribed. Several persons who knew Mrs. Gunness declare the rings are the ones worn by her. They were not noticed when the first examination of the body was made because they were sunk in the flesh.
Christiana, Norway, May 12.—The police have failed to locate anybody who ever knew a woman answering the description of Mrs. Belle Gunness who is alleged to have killed several men and buried their bodies in her back yard, near La Porte, Ind.
JACKIES STAY BY THE NAVY
(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, May 12.—The numerous desertion from the Atlantic fleet, which it was prophesied would follow the arrival of the fleet at this port have failed to materialize.
Less than 300 absentees are reported today and a number of these are men of long service who have overstayed their shore leave but are expected to report before the fleet sails for the north.
Very few of the young blue jackets who are on their first cruise and who were the ones expected to desert, are reported absent.
The moral of the fleet is excellent and the men as a body show a keen desire to face the possible eventualities of the cruise to Asiatic waters.
"WAR DANGER" SAYS "BOB"
(United Press Leased Wire.)
North Platte, Neb., May 12.—Standing on the rear platform of his car as it lingered here for a few minutes today, "Fighting Bob" Evans addressed a big crowd of people who came for miles around to greet him.
"We are in danger of war and all ways will be as long as we have something that some other nation wants."
The Methodists at Baltimore are Shall we celebrate?

ASSAULT PORTLAND BROKERS

WITH GAS PIPES

TWO ATTEMPTED MURDERS IN TWELVE HOURS—RESEMBLE WOLFF MURDER—POLICE BELIEVE GANG BUSY.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Portland, Or., May 12.—Two assaults upon pawnbrokers both of which may result fatally, have occurred in the last 12 hours. The latest was reported to the police at 11:30 o'clock this morning, when the unconscious form of H. Newman, a Couch-street pawnbroker, was found lying in his shop with a deep gash in his skull and two cuts across the face. The weapon used by the marauder was a length of gas-pipe which was found later.
Newman still is unable to tell what occurred. He cannot give the police any description of his assailant.
Max Hermann, the pawnbroker, who was attacked and terribly beaten Monday evening, still is at the St. Vincent hospital. Doctors fear his skull was fractured.
C. W. Wagner, arrested on suspicion of complicity in the Hermann assaults, still is in jail and will be examined this afternoon.
The police believe there is an organized gang of pawnshop thieves in Portland. They did not connect Martin, the accused murder of Nathan Wolff with these thugs.
Worse for Martin.
Direct evidence of the most damaging character has been secured by the police against Edward Hugh Martin, the ex-army man, accused of the murder of Pawnbroker Nathan Wolff.
The overcoat worn by Martin at the time he was arrested and taken to jail has been identified as belonging to Wolff and it was worn by the pawnbroker on the day he was murdered.
This is sworn to by Mrs. Wolff, her 11-year-old daughter, Alice, Edward C. Eubanks, clerk in a local clothing store, identified the coat as one he sold Wolff several months ago. He declares he remembers it particularly as it was a special order.
Martin still preserves his air of stolid indifference. Confronted with the latest phase in his case, he merely offered his own explanation of his ownership of the coat.
"I bought it from a peddler in front of the Portland hotel four months ago," he said. "I can prove it."
RAILROAD HAS BIG HOLDINGS
(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, May 12.—Announcement is made in Wall street by one of the news bureaus that the Union Pacific railroad holds approximately 3,000,000 shares of stocks in various enterprises outside of its own stock and that the value of them is \$300,000,000. The shares are based on the present market value.

STATE IS WINNER IN BIG SUIT

FOR \$200,000.00

DECISION OF MULTNOMAH COURT NULLIFYING STATE'S RIGHT IN OREGON CITY LOCKS REVERSED BY SUPREME COURT.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Of the four decisions handed down by the supreme court today, two are of vital interest to the people of Oregon.
In the case of the state of Oregon versus the Portland General Electric company, Justice Bean reversed the decision of the Multnomah county circuit court, which denied the state the right to collect its interests in the Willamette Falls Canal & Lock company at Oregon City.
In 1876 the state of Oregon gave this company \$200,000 from the school funds, to build a canal and locks, with the express condition that the state receive 10 per cent of the net proceeds of the company. The first company that controlled the locks lived up to its agreement for a few months. The company then changed hands, and a transfer of the franchise has occurred several times since. None of these new companies have ever paid a cent into the state treasury.
In the decision of the supreme court today the action of the Multnomah court was not only reversed, but remanded, the justice declaring that when the locks were bought by the state, the people had a right not only to the \$200,000 originally paid by them, but also 10 per cent of all the profits that have accrued since the first company began doing business at Oregon City.
In the case of the state of Oregon versus Christ Nielsen, the decision of the Clatsop county circuit court was sustained. Nielsen, who is a resident of the state of Washington, was tried and convicted by the state of Oregon for fishing on the Washington side of the Columbia river with a purse net. By the laws of Washington, in force at the time of his arrest, Nielsen was guilty of no offense, but by the laws of Oregon this kind of fishing on the Columbia was contrary to the statute.
The single question for decision, therefore, was whether the law of Oregon prohibiting the catching of fish in the manner indicated extended over the entire waters of the Columbia, or only over those on the Oregon side. By act of congress on March 2, 1835, Oregon and Washington have concurrent jurisdiction over all offenses committed on the Columbia.
As far as the state of Washington is concerned, Nielsen's act is not an offense, but under the law of this state it is. The court has decided that Oregon has jurisdiction in this case, and that Nielsen's fishing was an offense against the law of this state. The case will probably be appealed to the United States supreme court.
Gambler to Plead.
Ed. Pillett was formally charged with conducting a gambling room in the rear of his cigar store on State street. He will plead tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock before Police Judge Moores.