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BANDITS HUNTED BY MANY POSSES ARE NOT CAUGHT

Offer of Reward of \$30,000 for Apprehension of Men Who Killed Three Passengers and Robbed Others on Great Northern Train Spurs on Pursuers--Dogs Take Trail and Capture Before Night Possible--Woman on Train Tells of Horrible Tragedy--Robber Frees Hand and Shoots Three Grappling With Him--Blood of One Victim Spurts on Woman--Louis W. Hill Acts Promptly in Offering Big Reward.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Bellingham, Wash., Feb. 21.—Four suspects were arrested late today in connection with the killing of three passengers in the holdup last night of Great Western train No. 358 near Samish, 15 miles south of this city. Two of the suspects were taken into custody at Algiers and two at Sedro-Woolley. Officers in charge of the posses, which comprise half a hundred men, say that other arrests are expected before this evening.

Bellingham, Wash., Feb. 21.—All possible means of escape of the two bandits who last night held up the Great Northern passenger train at Samish station, south of this city, are being guarded by a dozen or more posses of armed men today and it is the hope of the officers that the desperadoes will be caught before night. The reward of \$5,000 a piece for the bandits, offered by the railroad, is influencing many men to join in the man hunt.

Early this morning Dave and Moses Henry, veteran hunters of Skagit county, took their hounds to the place where the bandits left the train. The dogs took a trail at once, trailing up over the hillside with the strong lined hunters behind. Another posse is scouring the mountainside from Blanchard and still another posse left the city and is searching the woods in the vicinity of Alger.

Sheriff Thomas of Whatcom county and Deputy Sheriff Stevenson of Skagit county are both out with the posses. J. J. Davis of Seattle and E. J. Keith of Everett, detectives for the Great Northern, arrived this morning with a number of men and are also searching for the bandits. The combined forces make a formidable array.

The railroad tracks for five miles about the scene of the holdup are guarded with men armed with rifles. Every bridge and cross road and railroad station for miles about are closely guarded. It was expected that the blood hounds from Monroe would be on the scene this morning but the men in charge failed to connect with the train.

The bodies of R. L. Lee, Bremerton and Thomas F. Wadsworth and H. R. Adkins of Vancouver, B. C., are held in a local morgue, awaiting word from relatives.

Woman Tells of Holdup. Mrs. Herbert Vanderwerker and her six year old daughter of Everett, were on the train, sitting in the nearest seat where the three passengers battled with one of the bandits and were shot to death. Mrs. Vanderwerker says a small man, dressed in a brown suit, his face covered with a handkerchief, stepped into the front of the day coach, fired a pistol and called in a loud voice for every one to put up their hands.

"Instantly he ran the length of the car—the right hand side of the car," she said. "Waving his pistol, he sprang to the door of the coach and turned the key. At this juncture a man seated in the rear seat on the opposite side of the aisle from me, leaped to his feet, struck at the bandit and attempted to imprison his arms. Two men seated immediately behind me arose to the assistance of the passenger. The three grappled with the robber, who, when bent partly over the seat upon which I was sitting, twisted loose his right arm and with a fusillade of shots from an automatic pistol struck down his

victims. It happened so suddenly that I was paralyzed. My little girl, seated beside me, never uttered a word. The blood from the wound in the face of the first man shot spurting across the back of the seat and struck me in the face.

Other Man Fires Shots. "While the murderer was doing his deadly work, his partner, standing at the opposite end of the coach, continued to fire his pistol over the heads of the terrified passengers, and, in order to avoid the danger to himself of any shot fired from the smoker, stepped in from the aisle alongside of a woman who occupied a seat in that portion of the coach.

"The three murdered men dropped in the rear end of the coach, and the robber, the objects of his terrible visitation still in his mind, ordered us in that portion of the coach to hand over our valuables. I had just dropped my bag upon the floor and had placed my feet upon it. As the robber stepped over the prostrate form of one of his victims, I handed him my purse with four dollars in silver in it.

Women Offer Jewels. "Occupants of the seats ahead of me, seven or eight of them, I should judge, handed over their purses. In the center of the car several women, hysterical, were proffering their purses and jewels, calling shrilly to the bandit to come and take their valuables.

"After the bandit entered the car and when in the middle of the coach his nerves suddenly deserted him and with a shout to his companion who was ahead of him, he dashed madly for the door and sprang off the train.

Train Stops Suddenly. "When the bandit entered the car the train was traveling at a fair rate of speed, but within an instant after the fatal shooting, some one gave a signal and the train came to a sudden stop that my little girl and myself were almost jolted from our seats."

Hill Offers \$30,000 Reward. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 21.—L. W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, is in Seattle today, and his first official act here was to announce a reward of \$30,000 for the apprehension, dead or alive, of the bandits who killed three passengers near Bellingham last night on the Seattle-Vancouver train.

Fifteen thousand dollars of the amount will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the first bandit captured. The remainder of the reward is subject to conditions in a circular issued by Hill announcing the reward.

Think Both Are Murderers. Alger, Wash., Feb. 21.—Great Northern detectives are directing the man hunt here. They have checked the number of passengers and tickets and announce that only two bandits took part in the robbery. Their investigation has led them to the belief that both men took part in the killing of the three passengers.

Posses from all parts of the north-west are scouring the woods in the vicinity of Alger. A pack of blood hounds was sent from the state reformatory at noon to take up the search. Shortly before noon it was reported that a motor boat entered Chehalis yesterday and that it disappeared during the night. The authorities are following up this clue in the belief that the outlaws escaped to one of the San Juan islands.

DEFEAT OF ROAD BOND ISSUE PREDICTED AT MEETING OF COURT

Commissioner Beckwith Says It Will Be Snowed Under by County Voters.

CANNOT SUIT THEM ALL

Sections of County Will Be Dissatisfied, No Matter What Route Is Selected, He Tells Delegation.

"If I was a betting man, and had money to bet, I would gamble that the proposed plan to bond the county for \$850,000 will be snowed under four feet deep, if it ever comes to a vote."

This was the statement made this morning by County Commissioner Beckwith in the presence of several Stayton and West Stayton delegates who appeared before the county court for the purpose of asking that the Pacific highway be constructed through Turner and Marion, instead of upon the west side of the county through Rosedale and Jefferson.

County Commissioner Beckwith further stated that the bond issue would not meet with favor for the reason that if the residents of the west side of the county got it to run their way, the east side would vote against the proposition, and that if the east side got the route, the west side would back.

Thinks It Nuisance.

"If the Pacific highway would be routed in a territory several miles from my farm at Jefferson, I would be willing to encourage its construction," said the commissioner from the south end of the county. "In my opinion such a road is a confounded nuisance. If such a highway is built through the country it will not help the farmer any. What good is a through road when the farmer can find no way to get to it but through mud six feet deep?"

"Automobile owners will take sole possession of this Pacific highway, in the event it is built, and, unless the farmer who has a place two or three miles to one side can build his own feeder, he can simply stand by and watch the autos pass."

Turner and Marion Want It.

According to the delegation which appeared before the county court today, the bond issue will be a dead letter unless the Pacific highway route is through Turner and Marion, the leader of the delegation saying that unless Stayton and West Stayton are given some consideration in the matter, the proposed bonding plan will go down to defeat insofar as the east side taxpayers are concerned.

BEATEN BY MOTHER-IN-LAW.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Portland, Or., Feb. 21.—When H. S. Walkwright, a tailor, charged with striking his wife, was arraigned in municipal court he declared his mother-in-law had whipped him thirty times in three months. He promised to move from his mother-in-law's home and was released.

FOURTEEN LIFE-SAVERS ARE DROWNED IN SAVING CREW

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Queenstown, Ireland, Feb. 21.—Fourteen life savers perished in the surf today while attempting to rescue the crew of the Norwegian schooner Mexico, ashore off the coast of Wexford. The crew of the schooner was saved, but the vessel is rapidly breaking up in a heavy gale.

The Weather

The Dickey Bird says: Oregon, rain tonight and Sunday; high southerly winds inter-lor, southerly gale along the coast.

FOUR PERSONS DEAD AS RESULT OF STORM RAGING IN CALIFORNIA

Rumors of More Deaths Are Received, But None of Reports Is Verified.

MANY HOMES WRECKED

Hundreds of People Flee for Lives, and, Except for Wireless, Los Angeles Is Cut Off.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 21.—Four persons were known to have met death today in the storm which has been raging in Southern California for the past 48 hours. The dead:

R. W. Hamlin, drowned at Santa Barbara. J. C. Rockwell, drowned at Carpinteria. Miss Grace Sprague, drowned at Victorville. — Gonzales, Mexican, drowned at Los Angeles.

Other reports of fatalities were received here, but up to 11 o'clock had not been verified. At least 50 homes along the Arroyo Seco, between here and Pasadena, were washed away by the flood. Hundreds of persons were forced to leave their homes. All the bridges over the stream except two have been washed out.

Except for the wireless, Los Angeles was cut off from all outside communication, both by rail and wire. Hundreds of homes have been abandoned within the city.

Business at Standstill.

Business in Los Angeles throughout the day was at a standstill. Main street, Spring street and Broadway, the three principal business streets of the city, were inundated and impassable. Scores of basements were flooded and the loss from this source alone will run into thousands.

Telegraph service and railroad traffic were completely paralyzed as the result of the three days of unprecedented rainfall. The only means of communication was by the Federal Wireless company, and the reports of the fatalities and heavy property loss were flashed to the outside world by its instruments.

Street car service was at a standstill. The storm wrought havoc in six Southern California counties. A terrific storm also prevailed at sea.

MARIE LLOYD GETS HER LICENSE AND RAPS CAMINETTI

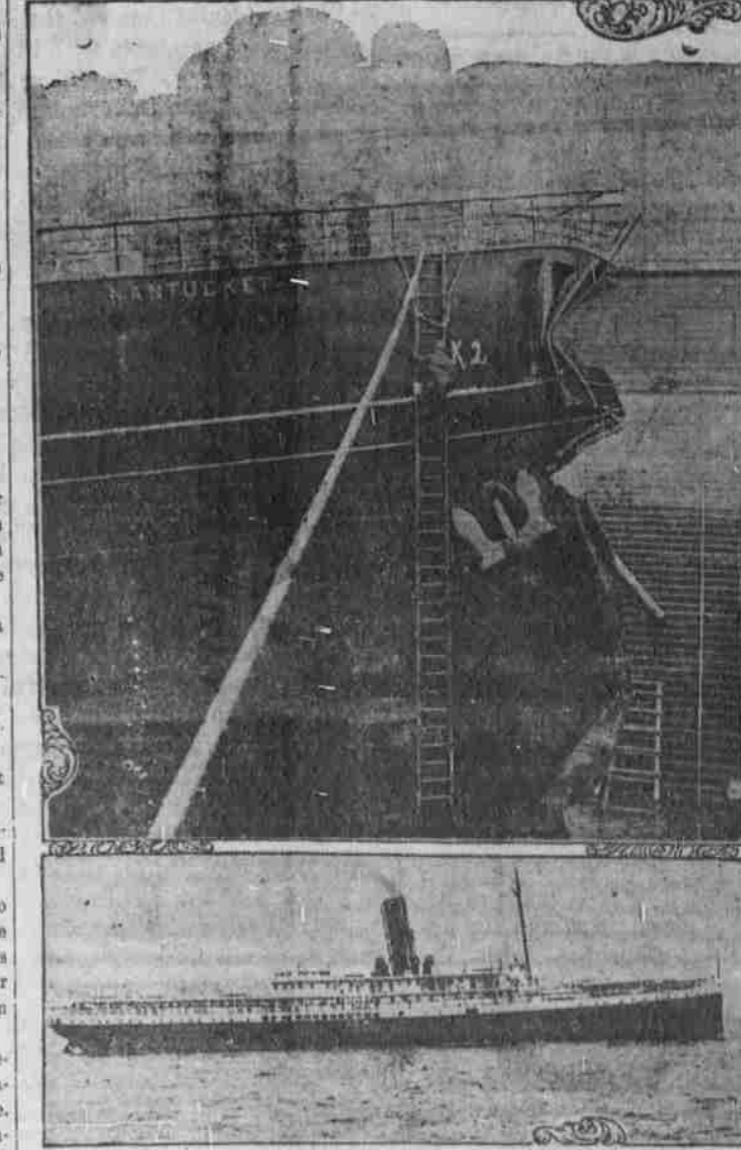
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Portland, Or., Feb. 21.—Legal obstacles to the entry into the United States of Bernard Dillon, manager for Marie Lloyd, the English comedienne having been swept aside, the former jockey was expected to reach this city at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, where all is in readiness for his marriage to the actress.

The wedding license was secured by Miss Lloyd. The actress gave her age as 22. Dillon's age is represented as 20. British Consul Douglas Erskine of Portland accompanied Miss Lloyd to the county clerk's office and vouched for the parties to the marriage contract.

The marriage will be solemnized in a Catholic church in this city probably Sunday, although the time will not be definitely decided upon until the arrival of Dillon. "Everything is all arranged and barring the intervention of Providence, the incident will have soon been ended," said Miss Lloyd today. "I hope now that all this fuss is over that everybody is happy. I know I am."

Commissioner General of Immigration Caminetti of Washington has ordered this hasty marriage. I was reluctantly forced into the newspaper talk at this time simply for the sake of conventionality. But Mr. Caminetti said it was marriage or deportation for Mr. Dillon. Of course I could not stand to see my manager hustled off to his native heath, branded as an undesirable by the officials, so I gave my consent."

Monroe Disaster May Result in Stricter Rules for Ships



Smashed Bow of Nantucket, at Top, and Lost Monroe, at Bottom.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 21.—Revision of the rules of sea navigation is expected to follow the Monroe disaster. It is believed that the United States will seek to change the international code so that in dense fog ships will be compelled to use greater caution against collision.

The Monroe of the Old Dominion line, plying between New York city and Norfolk, Va., was rammed in a fog off the Virginia coast by the Nantucket. She sank within ten minutes, carrying down about fifty souls. Eighty were rescued by the Nantucket.

Stomach is Found to be Lined With Lot of Hardware

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Feb. 21.—The somersaulting of a pencil during the night in his stomach caused the death at the city and county hospital here early today of James Clark, a one-legged pencil peddler.

An autopsy performed shortly before noon by Dr. C. K. Montgomery showed that Clark's intestines were lined with all kinds of hardware. Here are a few things found in Clark's stomach:

One metal handled knife with a large blade opened. The blade was 4.34 inches long. A piece of metal three-quarters of an inch long with a sharp point at each end.

SEARCH BIRMINGHAM FOR ROBBERS WHO SECURED \$100,000 ON TRAIN

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 21.—Local police, deputy sheriffs and federal officials were searching Birmingham today for the gang which held up the Queen & Crescent's New York-New Orleans limited Thursday night and robbed the mail car of registered packages which it was practically admitted represented a value of about \$100,000.

After thoroughly beating the country about the scene of the holdup, the searchers were convinced that the outlaws made direct for Birmingham and were hiding here. Even if the officers failed to find them, it was hoped the rewards of \$1,000 offered for each of the men would lead to their capture. That they would find some of their plunder hard to dispose of without detection was also predicted.

JOYRIDER SENTENCED.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Feb. 21.—Roger Wilson engaged James Cogan's automobile and rode about town for seven hours. The bill was \$21. "Collect it from mother, down in Santa Ana. She is rich," said Wilson. Ninety days.

RELIGIOUS CAMPAIGN.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] St. Louis, Feb. 21.—With a religious awakening as a goal, 250 protestant churches will tomorrow morning begin a six weeks' campaign consisting of personal service and evangelism in the various churches. The scope of the campaign is the largest ever attempted here.

BENTON'S DEATH HAS NO EFFECT

President Will Not Change His Mexican Policy Because of Execution.

BRITISH PRESS IS GETTING IMPATIENT

Reported Concerted Action Is to Be Taken Soon by European Powers.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 21.—It was stated on official authority in Washington today that even the death of William H. Benton, English, at the rebels, hands in Juarez, will not change President Wilson's policy of non-intervention in Mexico.

The hope still lingered in Washington that General Villa might have reported Benton's death falsely to keep other foreigners away.

It was thought likely Lawrence, Curtis and Ranch reported missing, had been transferred from Juarez to Chihuahua City.

United States Consul Edwards at Juarez, reported that he had investigated Benton's death fully and found he was legally tried by a court-martial he believed Villa was justified in convicting and sentenced to death on conviction of conspiring for Villa's death.

Will Ignore Telegrams. The El Paso meeting and telegrams, of protest, it was said, the administration would ignore.

Secretary of State Bryan and British Ambassador Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice remained on cordial terms, and Sir Cecil said he was doing nothing pending the arrival of fuller information from Juarez.

The British press, however, showed signs of insisting that the United States act in Mexico or allow others to act.

Kills Emisarios.

It was reported today that Villa had sent emissaries to General Velasco, commanding Torreon's federal garrison, offering him \$2,000,000 to evacuate the town, and that Velasco had executed both.

Felix Diaz arrived today in New York from Cuba, but would not tell why he came or whether he was going.

Murdered Like a Dog.

Washington, Feb. 21.—"William H. Benton was murdered like a dog by General Villa," read Senator Fall, of New Mexico, in the upper house here today from a telegram he had received from Chairman R. M. Dudley of the El Paso mass meeting held last night as a sequel to Benton's death in Juarez.

"It is almost certain that Villa did it personally," the telegram continued. "There is no evidence that Benton was the aggressor. Every thing indicates it was a cold blooded murder."

Crimes Unpunished.

"Castillo is the guest of our government, in safety and without punishment. Villa is boasting of his crime. 'Is there no protection anywhere?' 'El Paso is full of rebel officers. The business affairs of the army are openly done here.

"Your thousands of friends here want to hear your voice in the senate in behalf of the sentiment that 'watchful waiting' is a failure."

Fall also read resolutions to the same effect adopted by the mass meeting, together with a number of other telegrams he had received criticizing the "watchful waiting" policy.

Three Others Missing.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 21.—With two more Englishmen and an American missing today in Juarez, interest centered here today in the fate of the trio of probably living men, rather than in that of William H. Benton, who was generally, though not quite given up for lost.

The Britons were John Lawrence and a friend of the name of Curtis, who

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