

TOOK MONEY FROM SLEEPERS

Three Bandits Hold up Northern Pacific Train in North Dakota and Make Their Escape.

ENGINEER WAS HOT

Posse is After the Men Who Got Away After the Crime by the Use of the Automobile.

BUFFALO, N. D., July 20.—Fleeing to the southeast are three bandits who early this morning held up east bound train No. 2 of the Northern Pacific railroad and shot Engineer Sam Olsen and secured a large amount of booty from the sleeping passengers in the Pullman cars.

The robbers escaped in automobiles. Fifty picked men under U. S. Marshal James Shea and Sheriff Boyle of Cass county, are in pursuit.

ST. PAUL, July 20.—Mrs. James Scherer, who, with her two small children was a passenger on the train, told a graphic story of the hold-up while enroute to her home in Byron, Ill.

"I was awakened when several panic stricken passengers from a rear sleeper rushed into our car," she said, "and heard a voice call out in our coach 'be quiet or I will shoot.' Just then the conductor of the train ran past my berth and I saw he had two revolvers. I threw the curtain back to look out. At that moment I saw the conductor shoot twice through the glass door at the rear of the car. When the glass broke, I saw a masked man. He cried out as if he had been wounded, and I think jumped from the train.

"The conductor also disappeared and then the colored porter proceeded ahead of another masked man who yelled 'lie down and keep still,' as he entered our coach, walked through the car, going to the coach back of us.

"We lay quiet for a few seconds, then two of the bandits, with the colored porter in front of them, the latter covered by a revolver, started to go through the berths on both sides of our coach. I was in the center of the car and when the robbers had almost reached me, another masked man jumped on the rear end of the car and cried out: 'Clear!' Instantly the two bandits who were robbing the passengers, rushed to the door and disappeared.

"A number of shots were fired outside of the window near my berth."

HINES' STORY IS DENIED

Senator Aldrich on the Stand Says He and Taft Never Had Any Preference.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Flat denial of the story by Edward Hines that President Taft and Senator Aldrich sent word by him to the conflicting factions of the Illinois legislature that Wm. Lorimer was their choice of the senatorship, was made to the senate investigating committee today by Aldrich himself. He declared himself and the president were only interested in the Illinois senatorial situation to the extent that they wished to see a republican re-elected. Aldrich said he expressed no preference for Lorimer and he denied that he ever authorized Hines to state that Lorimer was the choice of the president.

Heat Wave in Alaska.

VALDEZ, Alaska, July 20.—A heat wave struck Alaska, the temperature in the Valdez rising to 80 degrees. The warm weather is melting the glaciers and the streams fed by them are unusually high. Gangs of men are working to save the bridges leading to the mines.

Great Scientific Discovery.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 20.—A stump in the midst of a dense forest probably will mark the center of population in the United States. Prof. W. E. Cogshall of Indiana University who has been making observations in an effort to locate the exact center declared he is reasonably certain he has located the exact spot.

REFUSED TO LAY DOWN GUNS

Mexican Soldiers Ready to be Muted Out, Took Their Money and Then Declined to Give up Arms.

UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Town of Agua Prieta Has Cannon in the Street and No Americans Are Allowed to Enter City.

EL PASO, Tex., July 20.—Agua Prieta, in Sonora state, is under martial law and no one has been allowed to enter or leave the town since nine o'clock yesterday morning.

The secretary of Col. Cabral went there to act as special paymaster to the soldiers who are to be discharged. The men received \$40 Mexican each, and then refused to give up their arms.

Capt. Romero, the paymaster, insisted on the surrender of arms. After he finished paying the men, he was arrested by order of Capt. Herrera, commander of the garrison. J. L. Lubbert customs inspector and acting secretary to Romero, also were jailed.

Cannon was rolled into the streets and loaded, pointing to the south; guards were spread along the boundary and refused to allow ingress or egress. Americans, including newspaper men, are held up at the point of rifles when an attempt is made to pass. Other Americans are held prisoners. Every street is closed, and the only authentic news received is by telephone.

No one in Douglas is allowed to cross the line. Several Douglas people, unable to get back to this side, are in Agua Prieta.

It is ascertained that all customs officers are under arrest. Americans have been allowed to return to Douglas, but none are allowed to go in. The insurgents refused to surrender their arms for the \$40, because they feared the federal will replace them in the garrison.

FOUR MEN WERE SKINNED ALIVE

Saved Their Friend Who Had Over 400 Pieces Grafted Onto His Body.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., July 20.—With more than 400 pieces of skin on his body that originally belonged to his friends, former fireman George Nelson left the hospital to enjoy himself at his old home in Allegan.

A year ago, when Nelson was taken from the Grand Trunk wreck at Durand, the physicians said he could not live. But despite untold agonies he survived the first month, and then the doctors put it up to his friends, George Miner, Ole Olson, Fred Floyd, all trainmen, and Fred Ross, a nurse, came forward and allowed 101, 100, 135 and 75 graftings of skin respectively.

Now after a year in the hospital Nelson is able to leave and rest indefinitely on the money given him by the Grand Trunk as a settlement.

OREGON IS FOR MR. TAFT

Republican League Sends Out Circulars Calling Him Greatest President.

SALEM, Ore., July 20.—The Lincoln Taft Republican league has inaugurated a movement looking to the spread of administration ideas regarding reciprocity and protection and to the re-nomination of Taft in 1912.

The league is plastering the state with circulars calling for a complete re-organization of the republican party in Oregon. The circulars refer to Taft as "the greatest president we ever had."

BUTTERMILK IS POPULAR DRINK

Marshalltown Saloon Men Who Were Put Out of Business Sell White Drink as a Good Substitute.

BUSINESS IS GOOD

Local Pop Factory Runs Night and Day Also in an Effort to Keep Up With the Race.

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa, July 20.—That men who have not "tasted water" for time immemorial will, when the occasion demands, fall upon buttermilk in lieu of their beer, has been demonstrated in this city since the saloons closed, in a manner that would induce some ingenious person to manufacture buttermilk as a general beverage.

Three former saloonists of the city, whose places were closed by process of law on July 1, are not sitting around waiting for another petition of consent to be circulated. They have reopened their places as thirst resorts, but resorts of the soft drink variety, and one has had enough experience already to declare himself contented with the buttermilk business and that he doesn't care whether Marshalltown ever has saloons again as long as he can sell buttermilk as he has this month.

Former proprietors of saloons have done a business reaching anywhere from \$30 to \$50 per day, and most of it has come from the buttermilk business. The entire output of the local creamery is taken at 10 cents per gallon. Each gallon yields 80 cents. There are no license to pay, no consent money to figure on, no closing at ten o'clock and on Sundays and holidays, and but little help to employ. Buttermilk is dispensed over the bars in "beer shells" the same as the brew was in the days gone by, and old toppers who have been accustomed to their daily steins are lapping up the white drink with an alacrity that is remarkable.

Pop also has had an exceptional run, and the local bottling works has been running night and day in an effort to keep up with the orders. The buttermilk is advertised as "holy roller" cocktails.

PEARL BEDS IN MISSISSIPPI

Unrestricted Raking for Twenty Years Has About Exhausted Nature's Supply.

WINONA, Minn., July 20.—The unrestricted and ruthless raking by fresh water pearl hunters of the clam beds of the upper Mississippi has killed an industry that if properly controlled would have lasted for decades. Hundreds of men with their families who have been fishing clams from the river for years have found new employment.

Although good pearl finds are not uncommon, lucky hauls are a rarity as compared with a few years ago. The Father of Waters, on which twenty years ago hundreds of persons made a livelihood by clam fishing, can now boast of only a few stragglers who follow up the industry, occasionally making a good haul or finding pearls.

There are, according to those who have fished for years for the clams, hardly enough to pay for the time and labor of taking them from the river.

REFERRED IT TO COMMITTEE

Five Senators Will Decide Whether to Look into Stephenson's Record.

WASHINGTON July 20.—The senate committee on privileges and elections today decided to submit to a sub-committee of five the question of whether there should be an investigation by the senate of the election of Senator Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin. The demand for an investigation was officially made of the senate recently by the Wisconsin legislature.

Thirty-Seven Massacred.

LIVINGSTONE, Rhodesia, July 20.—German District Commissioner Von Frankenberg, two white sergeants, fourteen black police and twenty carriers have been massacred by the Okarango tribe of Buchuanaland. According to native reports, the scene of the massacre was on British territory, the presence of the Germans being explained by the fact that the frontier is not clearly defined.

Only a Few Days.

PORT AU PRINCE, July 20.—The rebels today are closing in on Port Au Prince, the capital of the black republic. Its surrender is thought to be but a matter of a few days.

HELLO WEDDING IS PERFORMED

Bride, Groom and Preacher, All Several Miles Apart, Use the Telephone in Completing the Ceremony.

HOW ABOUT THE FEE?

Wedding Ring Was Telephone Bell and Minister did Not Get to Kiss the Blushing Bride.

COIN, Iowa, July 20.—Marriage by telephone with the officiating clergyman in one place, the bridegroom in another and the bride in still another is the latest in unique weddings.

Such a marriage took place when Rev. H. B. Minton, sitting in his Coin study, married by telephone George Prentice, who held the receiver at his home in Northboro, and Miss Mary Dewitt, who, surrounded by relatives and friends, was sitting at a phone in the parlor of her home at Blanchard.

GREAT BIG HAUL BY ROBBERS

\$75,000 Worth of Diamonds Stolen From Jewelry Store in Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 20.—With one suspected robber under arrest the police today are scouring the city for the remaining robbers who today entered the jewelry store of B. J. Franklin held up the proprietor and escaped with \$75,000 in diamonds.

SPREADING LIKE CHICKEN POX

Revolution in Hayti Progresses So Rapidly That the Capital of the Republic Will Likely Fall.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The revolution in Hayti is spreading so rapidly it is believed doubtful if the capital of the island republic will much longer remain in possession of President Simon.

REBELS IN CONTROL

They Have Possession of Northern Side of the Island and Will Soon Have President Simon's Scalp.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The political situation steadily is growing worse, according to the commander of the United States gunboat Petrel.

His report to the navy department indicates that all the departments north, except Cape Haytien and Forte Liberte, is controlled by the revolutionists. These important ports are threatened, however, as the rebels defeated the government troops July 16, fourteen miles from Cape Haytien.

Because of the precarious situation at Gonaves, the second important city of the republic, where the revolutionists are in power, the Petrel sailed from Cape Haytien for that place. Realizing the importance of having some kind of naval vessel on the north coast of Hayti to replace the Petrel the navy department cabled the commanding office of the Peoria Station Boat at San Juan, Porto Rico, to proceed immediately to Cape Haytien where she will probably arrive today.

The cruiser Des Moines, from Boston, will sail direct to Port-au-Prince. She probably will make the trip in about five days, but the rapid development of the revolution it is doubtful whether she will find the capital still in the possession of President Simon.

Local Observations.

July 19 7 p.m. ... 29.95 76 SW Cldy 20 7 a.m. ... 30.00 68 NE Clear Rainfall for past 24 hours, 2 hundredths. River above low water of 1864 5 tenths. Change in 24 hours, rise 1 tenth. Mean temperature, July 19, 72. Highest temperature, 79. Lowest temperature, 67. Lowest temperature last night, 65. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

DUG UP WIFE OF MURDERER

Farmer Then Confesses That He Killed Her Six Years Ago and Buried Body on the Farm.

BLAMES HIS MOTHER

Wife and Mother Could Not Get Along Together and This Resulted in the Fatal Quarrel.

CHARLOTTE, Mich., July 20.—Wm. E. Lonsberry, the Windsor township farmer, charged with having killed his wife on January 1, 1905, confessed the crime upon being informed that Sheriff Donovan had dug up the woman's body in the sheep shed at the Lonsberry farm.

The confession was made voluntarily to Justice J. C. Nichols in the presence of the prosecuting attorney, the sheriff and the assistant prosecutor.

Lonsberry, in his confession states that he hit his wife several times and that when she fell, her head struck the floor with force enough to kill her. Both he and his mother tried to revive the woman, he said, but could not.

The murder was committed at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. The body was covered up and left on the floor until midnight, when it was taken out and buried in the sheep shed.

Lonsberry seems much relieved since making the confession as he says he has been under a terrible strain. He says the trouble all started over the fact that his wife and aged mother could not get along together. When he was informed of the finding of the body, he exclaimed: "That settles me, I am ruined and my own mother is the cause of it."

Hayward Not Candidate.

DAVENPORT, Iowa, July 20.—Secretary of State W. C. Hayward will not be a candidate again for secretary of state, according to E. D. Chassell, of Le Mars, who writes to The Democrat that he had this assurance from Mr. Hayward before he announced his own candidacy.

THE WEATHER.

(Until 7 p. m. Friday.) For Keokuk and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Friday. For Illinois: Fair north; showers south portion this afternoon or tonight. Friday fair. For Iowa: Generally fair tonight and Friday. For Missouri: Showers this afternoon or tonight. Friday fair.

Weather Conditions.

The movement of the depression from the upper lakes to the St. Lawrence valley and the pressure continuing high in the southeastern states, has been attended by a slight rise of temperature east of the Mississippi, and there have been showers in portions of the lake region, with excessive rainfall at Buffalo.

The area of high pressure from the northern plateau region, moving to the western lakes, has been replaced by a moderate depression in North Dakota, and it is cooler in the lower Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys.

Another area of high pressure has appeared in the northern mountain region while the pressure continues low in the southern, and there have been scattered showers in western Texas, Kansas and Missouri. Conditions indicate generally fair weather for this section tonight and Friday.

Daily River Bulletin. Stage, Height, Change, Weather. St. Paul ... 14 0.8 -0.2 Pt Clcy La Crosse ... 12 0.8 0.0 Pt Clcy Dubuque ... 18 1.1 -0.1 Pt Clcy Davenport ... 15 0.8 0.0 Clear Galland ... 8 0.2 0.0 Clear Keokuk ... 15 0.5 x0.1 Clear St. Louis ... 30 7.0 -0.2 Clcy

River Forecast.

The river will fall slowly during the next 48 hours.

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GIGANTIC TRUST OF FIRE BUGS

Headquarters in Kansas City With Agents in All of the Leading Cities of the United States.

COLLECT THE INSURANCE

Fire Losses of the Country are Appalling Even Without Considering the Cases of Arson.

CHICAGO, July 20.—That there exists a gigantic, countrywide arson trust with headquarters in Kansas City and representatives in nearly all the leading cities, the members of which make a business of setting fire to buildings to enable the owners to collect large sums of insurance was the sensational charge made by State Fire Marshal C. J. Boyle in an address delivered before the Chicago Association of Commerce.

"The country is facing one of the most gigantic, organized arson conspiracies the world has ever known," said State Fire Marshal Doyle. "The state fire marshals of Illinois have united with the state fire marshals of Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio to wipe out the band of fifteen men at the bottom of the arson conspiracy. The head of the fire bug trust is in Kansas City, from which city the operations of the entire gang is directed. 'The tentacles of this octopus have extended, as the saying of those behind the plot has grown, into a dozen or more cities. They have been found at work in Bloomington and Springfield, Ill., Pittsburgh, Pa., Cleveland, New York, Buffalo, St. Louis, Chicago and other cities."

"Two of the gang have been convicted and are now imprisoned in a southern city. The others will be behind the bars before long if we are successful in finding the clues we now are working on. The fire bug problem is one of the most important which confronts the country. Even without the cases of arson, the fire losses of the country are appalling. The fire loss in this country amounts to about \$500 a minute. In Chicago the loss is \$5,000,000 a year while in Berlin the annual loss does not exceed \$200,000. We need to adopt the fire protection plans of European cities."

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FIRST LECTURE BY MARK TWAIN

Trouble Started at 8 O'clock and the Profits to Clemens Amounted to \$1,000.

EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio, July 20.—Captain Abner Martin, the oldest Ohio-Mississippi river man in this section of the Ohio valley, celebrated his ninety-first birthday anniversary Tuesday. It was Captain Martin, who taught Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) all that the latter ever knew about a steamboat and when both were working on the old river packet Pennsylvania, "told Sam he never would make a hit as a steamboat man," said Captain Martin laconically and "he didn't." He was too witty, even when on a pilot house deck.

"Sam broke into the lecture business in Sacramento, Cal., soon after the war, and when he was dead broke. He made a deal with an opera house manager, who talked against Sam going on the stage. Sam got out of his own doggers, and on them he had printed 'doors open at 7:30 o'clock—trouble starts at 8:00.' He spent all night writing his first lecture. He was still at it at sun-up. The house was packed and Sam cleared over \$1,000 that night."

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CONFERENCE ON RAILROAD RATES

River Cities Claim They Are Discriminated in Favor of Larger Places.

DES MOINES, Iowa, July 20.—Attorney General Cossom issued a call for a conference of all representatives of Mississippi river cities, which are seeking to secure the St. Louis freight rate. The case is now pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, Dubuque, Burlington, Davenport, Muscatine, Ft. Madison and Keokuk, besides the smaller cities, have joined in a demand, through Attorney General Cossom, for a readjustment of the rates to and from eastern points. They claim they are discriminated against in favor of St. Louis, Chicago and other of the larger cities. The conference will be held today. The state railroad commission will participate.

Schwab in Denial.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, gave denial to the general report that there was an effort made at the Brussels steel conference to make an international agreement to control steel prices. Mr. Schwab, who attended the Brussels conference, returned on the Olympic from Europe. He said that iron and steel conditions in European countries were excellent.

DENEEN WILL BE CANDIDATE

Has Started Nailing His Platform Together to Make the Run Again For Governor of Illinois.

HONESTY IN POLITICS

New Utility Commission Starts on a Tour of Inspection and Will Make First Stop at Madison, Wisconsin.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 20.—State Senator Charles F. Hurburgh of Galeburg, leader of the state administration "Progressive Republicans" and chairman of the meeting Tuesday, spent several hours in conference with Governor Deneen. The governor is credited with having captured the "Progressive" movement.

One result of the conference Tuesday, was to force the Merriam "Simon pure" progressives to get into the administration camp when the only alternative left them was to take the position of "bolting."

As the situation stands it is almost certain Governor Deneen will become a candidate for re-election, and the main issues will be "honesty in politics." In his speeches the governor will denounce the "jack pot" and Lorimer methods in the legislature which have brought so much disgrace upon Illinois.

Judge Lawrence Y. Sherman, president of the state board of administration and former lieutenant governor, seems to have the inside track so far as the senatorial race is concerned. In the event of Governor Deneen determining to again become a candidate to succeed himself, Judge Sherman looms up as a strong possibility for the United States senate.

Sherman would not be at all adverse to accepting the nomination, but when asked if he had seriously considered the matter his only answer was, "It's too early to discuss the subject."

The utility commission, appointed under the terms of a joint resolution adopted by the legislature just closed, will start operations today when the members of the commission will leave for Madison, Wis. They plan to get much valuable data from the Wisconsin state commission, as that state was one of the earliest to recognize the advantages to be derived from state regulation of public utility corporations. The Illinois commission will also visit other states and may go as far east as New York.

Their report will be made to the Forty-eighth General Assembly two years hence. It also rests with the next legislature whether the members of the commission donate their services to the state or are reimbursed for expenses incurred in making their investigations. A bill making an appropriation for the commission failed to pass during the session, at which the resolution authorizing the appointment of the commission was adopted.

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