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ARMSTRONG HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Colored Man Arrested in Chicago Makes Confession of Crime—Is Charged With Robbery.

CONFESSION COMPLETE

Armstrong Tells How He and Other Two Negroes Planned to Hold Up Grocery Store.

Conway Armstrong, colored, a man who has borne a very good reputation among negroes of this city, today is incarcerated in the county jail under a charge of robbery waiting the action of the grand jury which will take up his case in the September term. Armstrong was arraigned yesterday morning in the superior court where he waived preliminary examination. An absolute and complete confession, signed and sworn to by Armstrong, is in the hands of County Attorney McManus.

Armstrong was arrested in Chicago Thursday night at the colored men's Y. M. C. A. by two detectives of Chief Halpin's staff at the request of Chief of Police Kenney of this city who informed the Chicago detectives where Armstrong would be found. Upon being informed of Armstrong's arrest, Chief Kenney and County Attorney McManus left for Chicago at once. They returned Armstrong to this city yesterday morning, but before they left Chicago Armstrong made a complete confession which he wrote out himself. His confession is said to be substantially the same as that made by the other two colored men, William Bailey and Benjamin Pyles, who, together with Armstrong, admit having held up Ham Inman at his grocery store, and at the point of a revolver forcing him to turn over to them the contents of his safe.

Helped Plan Crime.
According to the confession made by Armstrong, the robbery, which was perpetrated on the night of July 2, was framed up by himself and Bailey, at Twelfth and Main streets on the night before the robbery. Arrangements were then made with Pyles who agreed to assist them. It was agreed between them that Armstrong was to hold the light, while Pyles was to threaten Inman with the revolver. Bailey and Armstrong were to meet at George Talbott's, a place near Twelfth and Main streets, while Pyles was to meet them at a fence just next to the Inman store. The arrangements made before hand were carried out, according to

Armstrong's confession. When the three reached the store Bailey was the first to enter, he coming out, however, almost at once. Then Pyles and Armstrong went in and Pyles indicated to Inman that he wished to make a purchase. When Inman was ready to wait on him, Pyles drew his revolver, pointed it at Inman and told him to throw up his hands. Then while Pyles forced Inman to unlock his safe and hang over the contents, Armstrong held the lamp. Bailey, in the mean time, was in the front of the store doing duty as a "lookout."

Divided the Money.
After the three had left the store they went to Eighteenth and Franklin streets where they divided the money. Armstrong says that he received but \$15, one dollar less than Pyles got, while Bailey kept the rest of it. Armstrong says he left the other two at this place.

The police arrested all three negroes within a short time after the robbery and confessions were secured from Bailey and Pyles at once. These men were bound over to await action of the grand jury at this time. Armstrong, however, had secured an attorney who demanded a preliminary examination for his client and took a change of venue from the superior court to the court of Justice Leland. At the preliminary examination the state dismissed the case on the grounds of lack of evidence and Armstrong was released.

Armstrong remained in this city for awhile but left for Chicago a week ago last Friday, on July 17. The local police had kept informed of his whereabouts and when they were ready to have him arrested they were able to inform the Chicago officials where he could be found.

LANCASTER SCOUTS VISIT IN KEOKUK

Boys Who are Camping Near St. Francisville Hike Here Friday and are Entertained.

Keokuk was honored Friday by a visit from a fine looking squad of Boy Scouts of America from Lancaster. The boys are camping near St. Francisville, Mo., and they came up here Friday afternoon. The majority of the squad walked all of the way.

The scouts are in charge of the Rev. C. N. Wood, scout master. They are a fine looking lot of boys, and create much favorable comment as they walked along the streets, Friday evening they were entertained at the home of Mrs. G. R. Hombs, 227 High street. The personnel of the party which visited Keokuk Friday was: Boyd Hope, Dewey Turner, Warren Watkins, Charles Kloustermeyer, Walter Riedel, Walter Lay, Thomas Mitchell, Archie Wood, Romaine Wood, Lloyd Huey, David Martin, Owen Baker, Robert Barrett, John Morris, George Farrell, Edwin Trist, Forrest Hulen.

No Holding Them Down.
Dubuque Telegraph-Herald: General Oregon's Forces Capture Stronghold in Pierce Fight—Headline. Under whatever name, the O'Briens everywhere reveal themselves.

RIVER NAVIGATION SHOWN IN REPORT

Importance of Travel Along Mississippi is Brought Out by Major Hoffman's Communication for Last Year

HIGH FREIGHT VALUE

Over \$30,000,000 Worth is Handled During 1913—Need for Improvement is Emphasized.

The importance of navigation on the Mississippi river is reflected in the annual report of Major Hoffman in charge of the U. S. engineering office at Rock Island, which shows that during the year 1913 the valuation of the freight handled on upper river vessels totalled \$32,705,137.

The passenger business which possibly thrives to a greater extent on the river than the freight, was quite large during the year and the number who rode on registered boats totalled 2,168,177.

In the report, the valuation of the freight carried on the river in its four classifications is shown as follows:

Logs	\$ 315,271
Rafted lumber	190,001
Miscellaneous	21,417,968
U. S. Material	781,897
Ton miles	\$32,705,137
Short tons	2,148,315

Lumber Business Dwindled.
The report also stated that the lumber business, formerly of great magnitude on the river, has dwindled so that in 1913 there were but four raft boats and one saw mill employed. The mill is at Ft. Madison.

The resume further explains that the cause of the decrease in the practical destruction of the Wisconsin pine forests within available distance of the Mississippi river and tributaries. No logs were floated down the river below the St. Anthony Falls. But while the lumber shipped on boats or floated in rafts down the river has decreased, the variety of goods shipped shows an increase.

In the report, the following list of freight is shown as being transported on the stream: "Apples, autos, brick, brush, cement, coal, corn, farm product, fish, gravel, hay, lath, live stock, logs, lumber, merchandise, oats, rock, sand, shells, shingles, teams, wheat, wood, etc."

320 Vessels Used

Three hundred and twenty vessels, with a tonnage of 16,000, not including the 500 unregistered barges of various sizes used in transporting freight, were employed on the river between St. Louis and Minneapolis during the year.

The number and classification follows:

Raft boats	4
Packets	20
Tow boats	40
Ferry boats	23
Pleasure (not including small motor skiffs)	199
Government	34
Total	320

Much Dredging Done.
In order to encourage the future development of navigation a fortune is being expended annually on the upper river through the engineering office at Rock Island. According to the report of Major Hoffman the total cubic yards re-



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moved by the eight dredges employed in this district was 2,850,120. It required 11,068 hours of work by the government boats to remove that amount.

The work done comes under the following heading given at the beginning of the resume, as follows: "Operating snag boats and dredges on the Mississippi and its tributaries; operating and care of lock at Keokuk; operating and care of Mississippi river at Moline; operating and care of Galena river; operating and care of Illinois and Mississippi canal; Illinois and Mississippi canal construction; improving of Illinois and Mississippi canal; work on the removal of snags, wrecks and rocks on river between the Missouri and Minneapolis; and work on the Illinois river as far up stream as LaSalle (223 miles).

For Six Foot Channel.
The construction, repair and maintenance of dams and shore protection for rock excavation and for auxiliary dredging both by hired labor and contract, is work done in accordance with a 6-foot channel project adopted by congress March 2, 1902.

A comparison in the work done by the David Tipton, the snag boat used in this division of the upper Mississippi, is shown in the report. In 1912 the boat covered 4,506 miles as against 5,704 in 1913. The number of snags removed in 1913 was 338 and the year before 357. Two wrecks and 244 piles were removed by the boat during the year.

The Illinois and Mississippi canal, which is also under the supervision

of the office, had a commercial tonnage of 11,866 during the year. The government tonnage over the canal was 27,865, and the two totalled 27,865 with a ton mileage of 901,801.

Surprising Cure of Stomach Trouble.
When you have trouble with your stomach or chronic constipation, don't imagine that your case is beyond help just because your doctor fails to give you relief. Mrs. G. Stengele, Plainfield, N. J., writes, "For over a month past I have been troubled with my stomach. Everything I ate upset it terribly. One of Chamberlain's advertising booklets came to me. After reading a few of the letters from people who had been cured by Chamberlain's Tablets, I decided to try them. I have taken nearly three-fourths of a package of them and can now eat almost everything that I want." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

AN APPRECIATION OF R. W. LILLEY

By the Editor of the Christian News, a Des Moines Church Publication, Date July 22.

The following article appeared in the present month issue of the Des Moines Christian News, a publication issued in the interest of the Christian church:

R. W. Lilley, of Keokuk, spent one day at the Colfax convention last week, between chautauqua dates. It was his rest day. Brother Lilley is giving the months of July and August to lecturing under the Redpath bureau. His subject is "The Mountaineers," in which he tells something of the story of his own boyhood spent in the Cumberland mountains. And an interesting story he has to tell, Brother Lilley was brought up in the mountains of the southland, and was fifteen years old before they had such a thing as a glass window in their cabin. He knows the mountain folk and tells their story in a way that reveals not only his own heart but also the hearts of the mountaineers. He is himself a splendid specimen of the possibilities wrapped up in many of the boys of the mountains. From these came Abraham Lincoln. And R. W. Lilley is something of an Abraham Lincoln type of man—physically and mentally. He is tall and homely, and human and humorous—with a heart to sympathize with every man and woman in need and with the courage to speak out against wrongs and evils that blight and curse. No man or minister in Keokuk has done as much as he for a clean city and for the moral uplift of the poor and the neglected classes—

for the working people. He stands four-square for temperance and civic and social righteousness, as for the simple religion of Jesus.

ROUND UP BOSSES NOT UNDER NEW LAW

Insurance in "Wild Cat" Concerns is Not Sufficient, it is Ruled.

A round-up of the employers who have not complied with the workmen's compensation act is to be commenced by the state insurance department, says the Des Moines Capital. It is charged by insurance men that here are a great many persons liable under the act who have not yet complied with its provisions.

Section 42 says that "every employer subject to the provisions of the act, shall insure his liability thereunder in some corporation, association or organization approved by the state department of insurance. Every such employer shall within thirty days after this act goes into effect exhibit on demand of the state insurance department evidence of the compliance with this section."

Insurance men declare that a certain class of employers are trying to avoid the foregoing provisions of the act. An insurance man said:

"I have found at least one instance where an employer of labor insured in a wild cat company. The wildcats are the insurance companies which do not have the approval of the state department. Thirty days after the act goes into effect the employer shall be able to exhibit proofs that he has complied with the law. I can name employers who are not able to comply with this provision and I know that other insurance men who write this class of insurance are able to do the same thing.

"The state department is trying to get a line upon this class of employers who are violators of the law. Whoever an employe is liable to get hurt whether it is in a small restaurant or a big machine shop the employer is liable and comes under the provisions of the act."

A Good Investment.
W. D. Magill, a well known merchant of Whittemound, Wis., bought a stock of Chamberlain's medicines so as to be able to supply them to his customers. After receiving them he was himself taken sick and says that one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was worth more to him than the cost of his entire stock of these medicines. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.



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