

**BANK BOMB THROWER A THIEF**

**HIS SATCHEL WITH MORE EXPLOSIVES FOUND AT HOTEL.**

Head Master Round of Philadelphia Banks Seeking a Chance to Rob—Plan Was Evidently, to Setze Cash in Excitement—Identified as Roland Steele of Chicago

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—The police today discovered the room occupied in Philadelphia by the man who threw the bomb in the Fourth Street National Bank Saturday.

In it was a store of weapons, explosives, etc., which convinced the police that the bomb thrower was not a weak minded crank, but a determined man who came to this city with the definitely formed purpose of robbing a bank.

The man's identity was made certain. He is Roland Steele, and his family lives in Chicago. His name was found on the clothing in his room and he registered at the New Grand Hotel at Eighth and Spring Garden streets on Friday as J. R. Steele of New York.

Upon arriving he refused to allow a porter to carry his brown leather bag, which undoubtedly contained the bomb which he so calmly and coolly wrecked the interior of the city's biggest bank and killed Cashier William McLeer, besides blowing Steele himself to bits.

Some of the police officials think Steele may have come to meet an accomplice, and that it was the plan for him to throw the bomb in one portion of the bank, trusting to the other man to gather up money during the confusion.

Captain of Detectives Donaghy, however, thinks Steele intended to operate alone, throwing the bomb far from him, and working in the excitement sure to follow. That he was an expert in the use of explosives was proved by the contents of his grip, discovered in the hotel.

Besides articles of clothing, showing that Steele must have been well over six feet in height, the grip contained a box of cartridges, three yards of dynamite fuse, six long electric fuses with loaded caps, a ball of wire cord, some window cord, two files, nippers, wax, and a package of uncharged fuse caps. The electric fuses were exactly like those found in possession of the anarchist Fritz Rousseau, who attempted to blow up the steamship Umbria at New York and the statue of Frederick the Great in Washington.

Besides these articles and the clothing the grip contained Washington newspapers, a freight bill made out to Steele by the Southern Railroad for a box of pictures, plain cards, a ruler, eraser, a fountain pen, a box of nails and a memorandum on a piece of brown paper, almost illegible but evidently marking the time of appointment to meet several men whose names appear to be Italian.

The clothing was all made and sold in Chicago, except the overalls, which bore the mark of a store in Lynchburg, Va.

The detectives were greatly pleased over the discovery of Steele's stopping place in this city. Deputy Coroner Paul had discovered that Steele could not have been here more than one day, for he received despatches showing that a letter which had been mailed by Steele in Lynchburg, Va., bore the postmark of 4 P. M., Thursday.

Capt. Donaghy was uttering in his search, for he realized that the discovery of Steele's friends or acquaintances in the city might put a different light on the bomb case. The captain remained at his desk all Saturday night and to-day, while his men were searching boarding houses all over the city.

The New Grand House a description of the bomb thrower was left, but no mention was made of any name. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. L. L. Plunkett, who is in charge of the hotel, came to Capt. Donaghy's office in response to the alarm sent out. She said that a man who had registered at her hotel on Friday had gone out on Saturday morning and had not returned.

Detective Lynch was sent to the hotel. There he found the man had registered as J. R. Steele of New York. The detective went to Steele's room and there found a large brown leather grip with heavy brass fastenings. It was locked.

The bag was taken to headquarters and as no key could be found to fit it the bag was torn open at the top. The operation was performed carefully, as the detectives feared another bomb might be within ready to explode with slight shock.

Two or three persons staying at the hotel remember seeing Steele and they all recall that he was reserved and talked with no one. He left the hotel early Saturday morning.

The police, with this starting point to go from, traced Steele's movements around the city and as a result they think that his exploding the bomb in the Fourth Street National Bank Saturday was the result of his nerve failing in other places.

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The hostile attitude of other members is indicated, though less forcibly expressed, by the cordiality with which suggestions of other possible candidates have been received.

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"We were admitted to this body," he said, "and our credentials were accepted in accordance with the constitution of this body. Therefore, no matter what the American Federation of Labor says, we are entitled to be here." The American Federation of Labor here to we pay our dues, and I ask him for a ruling.

"If you mean me," said Herman Robinson, the general organizer of the A. F. of L., who is also financial secretary of the C. F. U., "you were admitted to this body over my protest."

"It is honorable for this body to accept dues from a body that it decides must not be here," said Goodrich. "You can get your money back," said a delegate.

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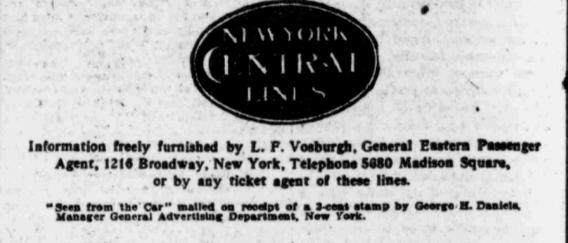
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But the Blackest Little Nigger on the West Side Prives Himself on His Wanderings, Which Have Led Him Far—And a Mere Cop Couldn't Nail Him, No, Sir.

When Snowball Bishop, who is the blackest little pickaninny over on the West Side, goes up to the House of Refuge to-day—the police say he is going to get a long stretch there—he can boast that no lad on the island has it on him. For twenty-eight times has the Snowball run away from home and successfully eluded the police. So, while the little darkey felt bad last night when he found himself in the West Thirty-seventh street station, he didn't whimper. He remarked that he was mighty glad the cops didn't get it on him, and even if he did get pinched it was the old man and not an ordinary policeman who nailed him.

"An ain't-gawne ter put up no kicks, Ah ain't," said the Snowball as he was being led to the Children's Society rooms. "Foh Ah's agwine ter beat de coop, at dat."

When the Snowball hasn't got the roving habit, and its very seldom that he hasn't live on the top floor of a big tenement at 299 West Fortieth street, not far from Hell's Kitchen. His father, who is a truck driver, nabbed the Snowball on the Brooklyn Bridge last night as he was making a bee line for some eastern point, and was just about to take him home. They were within a few blocks of the house when the pick announced that he would be off on the morrow, and the elder Bishop, knowing his little ten-year-old Harry so well, decided that it would be best to land him safely. He hated to do it, but as the Snowball announced that home had no attraction for him the father just made up his mind then and there to put an end to the roving habit.

How many times have you run away from home? asked the sergeant.

"Near as Ah kin reckon," said the Snowball, "it's about mah twenty-eight git-away. Yuh see, Jedge, Ah wants ter see de great world, and de old man, he ain't jest goin' mahself an' leave me alone. He decided that he wanted to see other parts of the world besides San Juan Hill, Hell's Kitchen and the Jungle. He just kept it to himself and at an opportune time he vamoosed. At first he returned away for two or three nights at a stretch, and when he became rephungy he made a run for it. From that time on he was a tanning, but after that there came something to eat and it wasn't so bad after all."

The Snowball invaded darkest Brooklyn in his first jaunt and explored the wide thorough that borough, and every time the Snowball would be on the lookout for a very black pickaninny who got to be such a habit with the lad that the telegraph operators over at Brooklyn police headquarters felt lonely if they didn't get an alarm to send out for Snowball.

A year ago Bishop thought he could cure the lad of the roving habit by sending him to the Children's Society, where they have relatives. The Snowball liked the place very well, but he didn't like the long line of the old long to roam come over him and he hit the road. The relatives feared to notify Bishop, and for a week they were awfully hungry. Thrice again did he get away, but the Snowball turned up all right and mainly announced that he had been to Perryville, Md., had had a good time, but was awfully hungry. Thrice again did he get away, but the Snowball turned up all right and mainly announced that he had been to Perryville, Md., had had a good time, but was awfully hungry. Thrice again did he get away, but the Snowball turned up all right and mainly announced that he had been to Perryville, Md., had had a good time, but was awfully hungry.

The Snowball was all right for a while, but the old feeling came stealing over him one night and he just lit out again. Thanking his stars he was gone six days. When he finally returned he announced that he had been way out in Brooklyn and had the time of his life.

Thinking that there was something to make the boy remain at home, the father got a dog for him. The Snowball was delighted with the dog and named him Rags, and everywhere Snowball went he was sure to go. He was on his way to school one morning last week and when near the school he discovered that Rags had followed him. The Snowball wasn't daunted, but the least he just marched into the classroom with Rags at his heels. The youngster was sent home with the dog of course, and that was the last teacher saw of him. If the school couldn't hold Rags it couldn't hold him, so he and the dog took a tramp together to the unknown.

Yesterday Bishop lay down to take a nap, taking care to lock the doors so Snowball couldn't get out. But the youngster after seeing his father sleeping soundly broke open a closet and stole all the clothes he could carry. He climbed the fire escape to the roof, carrying Rags and the clothes in one hand, and went down through an adjoining tenement and made for the borough across the river. The elder Bishop called him last night walking across the Brooklyn Bridge.

The father told Sgt. Benser that the Snowball was a pool sharp and an inveterate crap shooter. He said the lad often stole money from him and gambled it away with other lads in the neighborhood. The Snowball announced to the sergeant that he could spot any kid in the neighborhood five balls and beat him. In his pockets were found several dollars and a pair of dice. He admitted everything his father said and had only one regret, that of being separated from