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PRICE TWO CENTS

MYSTERIOUS SCARE
ROUTS 3 ROBBERS
WITHOUT PAYROLL

Cover Girl With Guns at 305
Montrose Street, but Don't
Wait for \$1800

HAD WAITED FOR MONEY
TO BE BROUGHT FROM BANK

Three masked bandits with guns
drawn attempted today to steal a \$1800
payroll of Myer Horowitz, a
handle maker at 305 Montrose street,
but became panicky and fled when they
saw the man of the place.

Mr. Horowitz left the office for a
bank at 10 o'clock this morning. He
was dressed in his usual Saturday
custom. He was delayed, and did not
get back until shortly before 12 o'clock.

Miss Edna Amarink, who lives at
1041 South Fourth street, is the book-
keeper of the concern. There is a
door leading to the stairs to the street,
and a back door giving access to the
workroom beyond.

Miss Amarink was sitting at her desk
writing when the masked man entered
about 11 o'clock. Her side was toward
the door leading to the street. The door
opened quietly, and as the girl looked
up she was startled to see a man wear-
ing a mask and a revolver in his hand,
standing in the doorway.

The man gave a quick look around
the office, ordered the girl to be quiet,
covering her with the gun. Then he
advanced into the office, waving to the
other to follow him. Two more men,
masked, and with guns drawn, came
after him.

The first man walked over to Miss
Amarink and placed the muzzle of the
gun against her forehead. "Now, keep quiet, you," he said in
a low tone. "One sound from you and
I shoot."

Miss Amarink sat at her desk and
waited for the money. One alternated
between the door leading downstairs
and the factory door, keeping guard.
The other ransacked the office.

"When will the boss get back?"
asked a bandit.
"Somewhere in the city," answered the girl.

"Good, we will wait," said a bandit,
and the three took up their positions
on guard, alert to every sound. Back
in the workroom the machinery
hummed, and the men passed to and
from, but no sound was heard to enter
the office.

Nervous During Robbery
The men got \$7 in cash from the
drawer. They looked nervously at the
door to the workroom from time to time,
and finally one blurted out:
"Let's guess we got everything—
we better go."

"They started to the door and almost
tumbled over each other to get out.
The young woman ran into the work-
room shouting "thieves."

Frank Horowitz, a member of the
firm, with Irvin Richardson ran down
the stairs, and the men, after running
up one street and down another, dashed
into the Pemberton street house.

Patrolman Hayes, who had a trail-
er car and Frank Dobb, a messenger
for a downtown bank, followed the men
into the house. Two escaped by jump-
ing the back fence.

THIEVES LOOT GAS METER
AND FIRE VACANT HOUSE
Believed to Have Tossed Match Into
Queen Street Cellar Trash

Thieves are blamed for a crowd that
damaged a vacant house at 321 Queen
street shortly after 7 o'clock this
morning.

The house, a three-story brick dwell-
ing, belongs to the Real Estate Trust
Company. It was occupied until two
days ago.

Firemen put out the flames without
difficulty. When the police arrived, the
premises they found that the slot gas
meter had been ripped open and the
fastenings on a cellar window broken.

P. R. T. STOCK FLURRY HITS
REPORTS OF COMPROMISE

Mitten Supporters Reported to Have
Bought More Shares

Although a rumor was in circulation
today that a compromise had been
effected between Thomas E. Mitten,
president of the P. R. T., and the five
insurgent directors who seek to cur-
tail his power, the report seemed un-
warranted in the light of what hap-
pened in the stock exchange.

More than 7000 shares of P. R. T.
were purchased on the exchange today,
and it is understood that they were
bought by men who favor the Mitten
management, indicating that at least
the Mitten forces are entertaining no
thought of any compromise.

The reason opposed to Mr. Mitten's
declined to comment on the report of a
compromise.

P. R. T. stock on the exchange to-
day closed at a quotation of 24 1/2, the
high price for the year. The stock
represented an advance of \$1.75 from last
night's closing and nearly \$7 above low
for the year.

MRS. E. S. ABBOT
ENDS LIFE BY SHOT

Wife of Prominent Neurologist
Is Suicide in Room at
Lenox Apartment

Had Nervous Breakdown

Mrs. Marlon W. Abbot, fifty-one
years old, socially prominent, and the
wife of Dr. E. Stanley Abbot, of 421
South Fifteenth street, a noted neuro-
logist, committed suicide at noon today
by shooting in her apartment at the
Lenox, Thirteenth and Spruce streets.

Mrs. Abbot was a member of the
Wetherill family, widely known in Phila-
delphia society. Her mother, eighty
years old, is suffering from the infirmities
of her years, and the family fear
the effect of knowledge of the daughter's
suicide.

Coroner's Investigator Frank Paul
said Mrs. Abbot undoubtedly was tem-
porarily insane, as she has been suffer-
ing from a nervous breakdown, and her
family had been keeping careful watch
on her for fear she might attempt her
life.

Husband Was Absent
Today Dr. Abbot, who had been
spending as much time as possible with
his wife during her illness, slipped out
of the apartment on the twelfth floor
of the Lenox, to go to his office. He
was not away more than a half hour,
and on his return found his wife dead.

Mrs. Abbot had been sitting on a
chair fully clothed when the shot rang
through the head with a small-caliber
revolver. Her body had toppled from
the chair and fallen to the floor.

Life was extinct when her husband
examined the body. He telephoned for
the police, and Detective Paul was sent
to the house.

Dr. and Mrs. Abbot had no children.

HARDING INSISTS ON NAVY
PERSONNEL OF 80,000

Urges Conversion of Two Battle
Cruisers to Carriers

Washington, Feb. 25.—(By A. P.)—
President Harding told Republican
members of the House Naval Affairs
Committee at a White House conference
today that while he favors a reduction
of the number in the navy personnel,
the total number of enlisted men ought
not to be cut under 80,000.

The president also strongly urged
legislation for conversion of two battle
cruisers into airplane carriers. While
the question as to whether the 540 mem-
bers of the first-year class at Annapolis,
to be graduated in June, should be com-
missioned, was not considered in detail,
the president advocated a sharp reduc-
tion in the number of men to be ad-
mitted to the Academy each year in the
future.

Sentiment in the committee has been
expressed as favoring an appropriation
bill carrying around \$200,000,000 as
against the \$250,000,000 asked by the
navy department, and provision for a
navy of 60,000 men instead of the
minimum of 90,000 set by the depart-
ment.

CARRIER LAVISHED
COSTLY PRESENTS
ON HIS SALESMEN

Successful Ones Received
Watches and Clothes From
Auto Stores' Head

Promises Statement
DEFENDING HIS ACTIONS

Edward B. P. Carrier, twenty-eight-
year-old financier, whose United Auto
Stores, Inc., and United Guarantee
Corporation are involved in what is de-
clared to be an almost hopeless financial
struggle, lavished costly watches, diamond-
studded cigarette-cases and orders for
suits of clothes on successful salesmen,
according to A. A. Maynier, former
vice president of the United Guarantee
Corporation.

Equity receivers have been appointed
for the Auto Stores Company, and
sought for the Guarantee Corporation,
and in addition bankruptcy proceedings
have been started in the Federal courts
against the first-name concern.

Carrier, who promises a personal
statement, declared through his attorneys
today that efforts by enemies to
ruin him were a contributing cause in
the financial tangle of his affairs at present.

Mr. Maynier, who told today of the
gawdies and diamond-studded cigarette-
cases, formerly was general manager
and director as well as vice president
of the company which sold the
stock of the United Auto Stores. For
many years he had been engaged in
other and stable business enterprises, he
said today, but had been induced to
carry on the Philadelphia to take charge of
Carrier's company by glittering repre-
sentations.

"Carrier sought me out in 1921,"
said Mr. Maynier at the firm's offices
in the Stock Exchange Building, "and
made flattering offers to me to leave
my position and take the job of vice
president of the United Guarantee
Corporation. I organized and incor-
porated the company, and held three
shares of stock in the bond and
as learned to my amazement that when
certain members of the corporation
decided to quit they would take what
stock they had in brokers and sell it
for what it would bring.

"Carrier was wild over this propo-
sition, and tried to put it over big. He
bought \$500 watches by the hundreds to
give to salesmen and he gave them such
expensive presents as diamond-
studded cigarette-cases and orders for
fine suits of clothes.

"He spent a lot of time in New York,
where he had offices at 18
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FALLS DEAD; UNIDENTIFIED
Man Steps Off Reading Train

Dis-Hold Body at Morgue

An elderly man, who has not yet
been identified, fell dead as he was
alighting from a Philadelphia and
Reading passenger train at the Logan
station, west of the city, this morning.

There was nothing found to indicate
who he was.

The body was taken to the city
morgue where an examination will be
made to determine whether death was
caused by heart failure or by injuries
received when he fell as he was leav-
ing the train.

The man seemed to be about fifty years
old, was five feet 4 inches in height and
weighed about 145 pounds. Hair and
moustache are gray and the head partly
bald. He wore a brown suit, gray
overcoat and hobnail shoes.

PRINCESS MARY'S WEDDING
GOWN OF CLOTH OF SILVER

Foundation Draped With Gossamer Overdress Embroidered
With Designs of Pearl and Gold—Remainder
of Trousseau Simple

By the Associated Press
London, Feb. 25.—Simplicity is the
keynote of Princess Mary's trousseau,
now virtually complete at Buckingham
Palace in readiness for her marriage
to Viscount Lascelles next Tuesday. The
only exception is the wedding dress itself,
which conforms to the precedents of
English history for the attire of royal
brides.

The Princess was allowed an entirely
free hand in the choosing of her trousseau.
A large selection of models was
taken to Buckingham Palace for her ap-
proval and after trying them on and
discussing them with Queen Mary, the
Princess ordered her selections to be
copied in her favorite colors.

The most dominating note, blue, is
in almost every shade and tone, from
forget-me-not to deepest cornflower.
After blue comes gray—the smoke, dove
and ethereal French shades, and after
gray, red rose and hyacinth mauve.

The royal bride-to-be has had all of
her dresses, costumes and ten gowns cut
on long, straight and simple lines,
showing the fashionable long waist and

13th Lim'rick Brings Him
Hundred and Extra Ten

Nothing Is Unlucky
About That Number
for C. W. Stahl

The Extra Ten Comes
as Result of Bet He
Made With a Doubt-
ing Friend

"Betcha I can win a Limerick ahead
of you!"
"Huh; betcha can't."
"All right; betcha ten dollars I do."
"Right; I'll take that."

This illuminating conversation was
held between C. W. Stahl, of 4630 Ella
street, Olney, and one of his fellow
employees of the Barrett Manufacturing
Company, Frankford. And six different
Limericks have been answered.

All who are superstitious, hark ye.
Mr. Stahl won Limerick No. 13, and
also the extra ten dollars. We think
that we'll have to take to walking on
ladders and lighting three on a match,
just by way of changing our luck.

The completed Limerick runs like
this:
LIMERICK NO. 13
There once was a fellow named Chase
Who thought he would bet on a race;
When they came to the post
He just gave up the ghost
His mare stopped to powder her face.

The nine other contestants who won
places on the ballot are:
James O'Neill, 5231 Conestoga
street.
Donald Gapp, Lansdale, Pa.
Eugene A. Ellis, Wilmington, Del.
Walter Emmott, 4065 Oakland street,
Chester, Pa.
Chester Clark, 5442 Chancellor street.

BOUREAU & EVANS
ASSIGN AND CLOSE

Attorney Put in Charge of Brok-
ers' Affairs—Amounts In-
volved Withheld

4TH TO QUIT HERE IN 5 DAYS

Another Philadelphia brokerage house,
the firm of Bourreau & Evans, 130 South
Fifteenth street, closed its doors today,
posting notice of assignment for the
benefit of creditors.

Details of the failure are withheld.
J. Howard Patterson, an attorney in
the Pennsylvania Building, took charge
of the office and sent D. R. Walker,
Georgetown and George H. Evans, part-
ners in the firm, "out for a walk," as
he explained it.

Mr. Patterson, seen at the firm's of-
fice a short time after the notice, had
been posted to suit an expert accountant
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HARD-COAL OWNERS
WILL MEET UNIONS
TO FIX WAGE SCALE

Anthracite Operators Accept
Offer From Workers for
Parley on March 15

SHORE CONFERENCE ENDS
AFTER SECRET SESSIONS

By a Staff Correspondent
Atlantic City, Feb. 25.—A decision
to confer with union leaders, headed
by John T. Lewis, international president
of the United Mine Workers, in
New York, March 15, was officially an-
nounced today by S. D. Wannier,
chairman of the policies committee of
the hard coal operators at the con-
clusion of a three-hour session of the
owners here.

This ended the shore meetings of the
operators, who adjourned to meet again
at the call of the union.

The chairman was authorized by the
committee to appoint a conciliation
committee, which will meet with the
representative of the men.

A full statement of the position
taken by the Policies Committee as
the result of its two-day deliberations,
will be discussed later today from the
Philadelphia office of Mr. Wannier.

"Will a wage reduction be the pri-
mary basis for discussion in New
York?" the chairman was asked.

Mr. Wannier laughed and replied:
"More or less; that and other things."

Get Letter From Lewis
A letter from Lewis suggesting the
conference was received yesterday and
was the big topic before the session
this morning. Its appearance obviously
was welcome to the operators as a way
out of the present situation.

When the men and the owners do
meet the operators will urge that the
men, instead of talking about getting
an increase of wages, consider how
many decrease they will accept.

The operators would like to win a
reduction in wages so that possibly the
price to the consumer might be reduced
by the sum that the miners lose.

Nothing is said here about insuring
many to express the erroneous opin-
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4-Power Pact
APPROVED WITH
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Senate Committee, by 10 to 3,
Votes Favorable
Report

UNANIMOUS FOR NAVAL
LIMIT AND SUBMARINES

Pacific Treaty Agreement a
Compromise Following Con-
ference With Harding

PRESIDENT AGAINST CHANGE
Feared Senate Amendments
Would Create Distrust
Abroad

By the Associated Press
Washington, Feb. 25.—The four-
Power Pacific Treaty, together with its
supplements and a reservation and the
naval limitation and submarine treaties
were ordered favorably reported today
by the Senate Foreign Relations Com-
mittee.

The reservation attached by the com-
mittee to the four-power pact em-
bodies the compromise suggested after
conferences with President Harding,
and declares that nothing in the treaty
shall be construed as forming an
"alliance." It was approved by a 10
to 3 vote.

Also by a division of 10 to 3, with
Senator Borah, Idaho, and Johnson,
California, Republicans, and Shields,
Democrat, Tennessee, and Shields,
Republican, Democrats, voted in the
negative, the four-power treaty then
was ordered reported to the Senate.

The vote by which the naval limita-
tion and submarine treaties were favorably
reported was unanimous.

To Transfer Fight to Senate
Several other votes were taken on
proposed substitutes to the committee
compromise reservation, but the Ad-
ministrative Conference secured the defeat
of all of them and the reservationists
abandoned all attempts to further
modify the four-power and other treaties
in committee. They said their ac-
tion simply meant, however, that they
were ready to transfer their fight to the
open Senate.

As it will be embodied in the report
on the four-power Treaty, the compro-
mise reservation approved by the com-
mittee members are said to have
indicated their support before the con-
ference with President Harding, was
offered again by Senator Johnson and
was rejected, 9 to 4, by Senators Johnson,
Borah, Shields and Moses voting in the
affirmative, and Senators Eastman,
Republican, and Democrats, were absent.

Approval of the declaration accom-
panying the four-power treaty signed
at the same time, was included in the
favorable action on the treaty, but a
separate vote was taken on the
supplemental treaty by which the prin-
ciple islands of the Japanese Empire
were excluded from the scope of the
agreement.

It was approved 12 to 1, Senator
Borah alone voting in the negative.

This two-day session of the com-
mittee, the general Pacific Conference
Chinese tariff pacts now remain before
the committee. They will be taken up
next week, and although some of the
committee members have shown a dis-
position to discuss the tariff treaty in
committee it is not expected that a
report will be long delayed.

Formal presentation of the treaties
approved today is to be postponed by
Chairman Lodge, of the committee,
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