

NERVY ROBBER MAKES EASY PICK-UP

Relieves a German Logger From the North Shore of the Columbia of All the Coin He Had.

Wore a Mask and Carried a Gun That Minimized the Possibility of Argument.

NO CLEW TO THE BOLD THIEF

Turns the Trick Near Commercial and Seventeenth and Gets Away in the Darkness.

One of the most daring holdups that ever occurred in Astoria took place last night near the corner of Seventeenth and Commercial streets, in a part of the city that is much frequented. The robber is described as having been a small man, but he carried a convincing argument in the way of a dangerous looking gun, and his demand for money was made in a most decisive tone. He secured \$22.

The victim of the robbery was Theodore Meyer, who works in Henry Holk's north shore logging camp. Last night about 9:30 he started east on Commercial street for an evening walk, and when a short distance east of the foot of Seventeenth street was accosted by the robber. There is no light at the point where the hold-up occurred and Meyer was not aware of the presence of the robber until he presented the gun and demanded the money.

The robber wore a heavy black mask over his face and probably had stepped behind a telegraph pole when he observed the approach of the strapping German from the logging camp. Covering Meyer with the revolver, the robber said:

"Have you any money?"
"I have," replied Meyer.
"Then hand it over," commanded the robber.

Meyer reluctantly went down in his pocket and produced his purse, the robber meantime keeping him well covered. The purse contained \$20 in gold and \$2 in silver. As soon as the robber got the money he turned to the east and

ran along Commercial street, disappearing in the darkness. He is believed to have gone into the railroad yards, where he could easily evade pursuit.

"If the robber hadn't shoved that gun under my nose, I would have eaten him up," said the big logger, discussing the hold-up. "But I did not fancy the appearance of the gun. Just a moment or two after the man took my money two other men came along from down town, but the robber had disappeared."

The police, who have kept the city free from suspicious characters for months, have no clew that might lead to the arrest of the robber. The hold-up occurring last night is the first that has taken place for a long time. The last trick turned occurred at almost the same spot, the victim being a soldier, who was relieved of a sum of money and some jewelry belonging to his sweetheart. The robber last night relieved Meyer of everything he had in the way of valuables. Because of the darkness Meyer is unable to give an accurate description of the man, except to say that he was about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches in height, weighing from 10 to 145 pounds. He went about the job in a businesslike manner that denoted previous experience.

Officer Oberg says the circumstance tends to emphasize the need for more street lights between Seventeenth street and the depot, and expresses surprise that more robberies are not committed there.

Reyes Elected President.

Washington, Feb. 6.—A private dispatch received here from Buena Ventura, announces that General Reyes was elected president of Colombia on February 2. Gonzalez Valencia was elected vice-president.

Harriman May Have Control.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—Southern Pacific surveyors are now taking an active part in locating the final surveys for Senator W. A. Clark's Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad, south from Callentes, Nev., to Daggett, Cal. For this reason it is believed in railroad and financial circles that E. H. Harriman, either through the Southern Pacific Company or the Union Pacific or his Oregon Short Line, has obtained control of the Clark road.

Judge Parker, President.

New York, Feb. 6.—At a notable gathering of democrats at the Manhattan Club, at dinner tonight, Justice Charles H. Truax, who presided, had many good things to say of Chief Justice Alton B. Parker, of the court of appeals, only to be interrupted at the end by repeated cheers for "Judge Parker, the next president of the United States."

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND RUSSIA ARE BROKEN

Baron de Rosen, Representing St. Petersburg Government at Tokio, Expected to Depart for Home in Few Days

While Japanese People Are Not Fully Aware of Situation, they Know That War Is Imminent, and Await the Clash With Same Equanimity That Has Characterized Them During Preliminary Stages of Controversy.

Tokio, Feb. 6.—It is clear that diplomatic relations between Japan and Russia have been broken. Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister, is expected to depart in a few days. The populace is not aware of the diplomatic proceedings and although it is generally known that the country is on the eve of war, the people await the clash with the same calmness that marked their demeanor in the preliminary stages of the controversy.

NEITHER POWER CAN CONQUER
Author Believes That Lasting Triumph Can Not Be Effected.

Paris, Feb. 6.—Public attention is riveted on the ominous war cloud hanging over the far east, and newspapers reflect public feeling that was very near at hand, only the most conservative maintaining that a pacific solution is possible. It is noticeable that those having government relations take discouraging views.

M. Leroy Beaulieu, the eminent author and authority on Russia and the far east, being asked what he thought of Russia's controversy with Japan, made the following reply:

"In the event of war I am convinced that neither party will be able to conquer the other. Russia will not be able to penetrate into Japan and adminis-

ter a conclusive and lasting overthrow, and Japan will be equally unable to penetrate into Russia and give a lasting effect to any temporary triumph."

Anxiously Await Developments.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 6.—The scene of the Russo-Japanese negotiations has shifted, and now Russia waits for Japan to see how her latest word is to be received. As each communication has passed between the capitols of the contending powers, the situation has become more tense, until it is now feared that diplomacy is making its last exchange and the questions at issue may go to the arbitration of sterner methods. Russia tonight is keenly awake to the possibilities of the situation and is eagerly waiting the first intimation which may give a clew to the temper of Japan.

Little News Reaches London.

London, Feb. 6.—A day of tension and apprehension has been passed here and London is still without information regarding developments in the far eastern situation other than news received by dispatch to the Associated Press.

Up to a late hour tonight no further dispatches had been received at the Japanese legation, the officials there insisting that except for news contained in the press dispatches, they were still without even an intimation of how the Russian reply to Japan's demands had been received.

CONDITION OF SENATOR REGARDED FAVORABLE

Washington, Feb. 6.—The official announcement of Senator Hanna's condition tonight is regarded as favorable. A bulletin written by Dr. Rixey after taking the senator's temperature and pulse at 3 o'clock follows:

"Senator Hanna has rested fairly

well since morning. Temperature, 102.4; pulse, 92." No comment was made by the doctor on a higher pulse tonight, there being an increase of 10 beats over last night. The temperature, which is practically unchanged, is regarded as the more important.

JUDGE CLANCY SAYS LAW IS UNGONSTITUTIONAL

Butte, Mont., Feb. 6.—Judge Clancy today denied the motion for a change of venue under the law passed by the last legislature, on the ground that the law is unconstitutional. The court is of the opinion that under the constitution of the state there is no provision

for the enactment of disqualifying a judge from trying cases that may come before him, and to make such a law effective it would be necessary to amend the constitution. Proceedings will be begun immediately in the supreme court to compel Judge Clancy to grant a change of venue.

ALBANY OFFICIALS DEFIED BY HUSKY SALOON MEN

Albany, Feb. 6.—The first conflict between the saloon men and an officer since the resolution closing gambling games, etc., passed the city council, occurred last evening. Since the resolution was passed, Albany has been a closed town and the officers have not been able to discover any gambling whatever, although they have made numerous investigations. There was no trouble of any kind in enforcing the provisions of the resolution until this week.

One of the sections of the resolution which passed the city council ordered the closing of certain rooms above the Bureau saloon, owned by Collins & McAlpin, and also ordered that all stairways and direct communications between these rooms and the saloon below be abolished. After the passage of the

now famous resolution, the rooms were closed and remained unused until Wednesday night. Then it was noticed that the rooms were lighted up. Light replaced darkness again Thursday night so an investigation was determined upon. Officer J. W. Cantwell, acting under the general orders in the resolution, which the city council passed, and under special instructions of the committee on health and police of the council, visited the saloon last evening and commenced an investigation. He ascended the stairway leading from the inside of the saloon to the rooms above but found them locked. He demanded admittance, but Frank H. Collins, one of the proprietors of the saloon, who refused to open the doors, saying the rooms were rented for private purposes by Williams, who conducts a lunch counter inside the saloon, and saying

that no gambling or anything of a questionable character was going on in the rooms. In vain the officer again demanded admittance, but he was refused, and after a heated discussion, with Collins he left the saloon. Cantwell says he will place the entire matter before the council as soon as possible.

Children Nearly Burned.

Sumpter, Ore., Feb. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Case, of this city, sat at the theater, applauding the acts and thoroughly enjoying the play, while their home burned and their two little children came near to death by the blaze or suffocation. Their residence was completely gutted and only the efforts of bystanders saved the little ones. Neither father nor mother knew of the fire until all was over.

Two men rushed into the burning building and carried the children to safety. Earl Case, 8 years old, was unconscious, lying on the floor of his room, when found. The other child, a girl, was carried from the upper story. J. E. Shinn, an electrician, being her rescuer.

The fire occurred Wednesday night and the damage totals \$1000.

Mrs. Maybrick Guarded.

London, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Maybrick is serving out her last few months of her life sentence for killing her husband in the country home of the sisters of Epiphany at Truro, Cornwall. She is guarded from communication with the outside world as jealously as though she was still in Aylesbury prison. Even the sister with whom she associates and the servants have no idea she really is Mrs. Maybrick. No newspapers are allowed her and only such books as are given by the sister. At first newspapers were surreptitiously supplied her, but it was discovered and a severe reprimand followed.

Witness Is Held.

Butte, Feb. 6.—Less than half an hour was consumed by the jury in Judge McClerman's court yesterday, in reaching a decision that Dominick Rolando was not guilty of the charge of murder. On November 4, last, Rolando was drinking in a saloon in Butte and flashed a roll of bills.

He claims that after leaving the place John Sullivan and Dennis Holland, with whom he had been drinking, attacked him and attempted to relieve him of his money. During the mixup which followed, Holland was stabbed in the breast and died shortly afterwards as a result of his injuries.

As court adjourned, Judge McClerman suggested to County Attorney Breen that Sullivan be held until the attempted robbery could be investigated. A warrant was issued and Sullivan soon occupied the cell Rolando had been liberated from.

AMERICANS IN DANGER IN DOMINGO

State and Navy Departments at Washington Receive Notice of Bad State of Affairs on Island.

Training Squadron Instructed to Take Steps for Adequate Protection.

PLANTATION IS BESIEGED

Pending Receipt of Full Particulars Regarding Johnston Tragedy No Action Will Be Taken.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Simultaneously at the state department and the navy department today, announcement was made that a serious state of affairs is prevalent in Santo Domingo. Complaint has been made to the state department by owners of the Isidro plantation that their property had been besieged and appeal is made for immediate relief. A cablegram was dispatched to Rear-Admiral Wise, commanding the training squadron, now at Guantanamo, instructing him to take immediate and effective steps for adequate protection of American lives and property at the Dominican capital.

Admiral Wise is not instructed regarding the killing of Machinist Johnson, pending a receipt of full particulars telegraphed for today.

Ex-Congressman on Trial.

Cripple Creek, Feb. 6.—Attorney John M. Glover, a former congressman from Missouri, was placed on trial in the district court today on the charge of having murderously assaulted Sergeant Louis Dietmore, of the Colorado National Guard. The case arises from the fight on December 28 last, when Glover resisted arrest by the militia and was wounded. Glover is conducting his own defense.

To Investigate Iroquois Fire.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—Formal application was made today by States Attorney Deneen for a special grand jury to investigate the Iroquois theater fire. It is planned by Deneen to make the inquiry exhaustive and every effort will be made to fix the criminal responsibility for the fire, if any exists.



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