

# MAN ROBBED IN SHADOW OF STATION

## Highwaymen Operate a Block from City Jail

## Nervy Methods Employed but Only Small Sum Is Secured

## Driver for a Dairy Faces Four Holdup Men, Each of Whom Carries an Ugly Looking Revolver

Within a stone's throw of the police station and so near that a yell would have been heard by a dozen officers, four masked highwaymen, armed with heavy revolvers, held up and robbed J. H. Caffin, driver for the Belle Vernon Farms company, just before sunrise yesterday morning.

The robbery took place on Hill street, near First, just around the corner from the police station and city jail. The nerve of the holdups in committing the robbery there can hardly be understood by the police, as patrolmen are continually passing that corner on their way to and from the police station.

The amount of money obtained by the four robbers was small, a paltry \$1.25, but according to Caffin they exhibited nerve worthy of a greater reward.

Caffin was making his morning rounds, delivering milk to customers in the neighborhood. He had just arrived beneath the heavy pepper trees which shade the walk there when he saw a man step out from the shadow of the trees and grasp one of his horses by the bridle.

## Four Men Confront Him

"Let go of that horse," shouted Caffin, not understanding the robber's purpose, but he turned in astonishment when he heard a voice at his right say:

"Let go of nothing. Throw up your hands."

Caffin promptly obeyed the command, but at the same time turned to look at the speaker. As he did so he found himself gazing down the barrel of a large revolver. Caffin turned to the left with the intention of springing to the pavement from that side of the wagon, but there he was met by a third man, also armed with a large revolver, who poked its muzzle into the driver's face and commanded him in hoarse tones to take things easy.

Caffin by this time was prepared to see almost any number of men, and consequently was not surprised when a fourth appeared at the side of the wagon and told the driver to keep his hands up. His pockets were then rifled, with the result stated.

During all this time Caffin had not spoken.

## Offers Good Advice

The fourth man went through his pockets, taking all the money he could find. When he had finished the work he spoke in a low tone to his companions and then, turning to Caffin, said:

"You drive right ahead, young man, and keep on showing good sense by not making any noise, and you will be all right. If you try to come back toward the police station you will get yours."

"I was so surprised at the manner in which the men held me up that I could say nothing," said Caffin soon after the holdup. "I watched them all the time they were robbing me, and they appeared like old hands at the game. If there had only been one or two of them I would have risked a fight, despite their revolvers, but four men are too many for one man to handle."

## Men Are Nervy

"The fact that the men held me up in the place they did certainly shows their nerve. We were but a short distance from the station, and I know if I had shouted the officers would have heard me. I had good reason for not doing so, however, and do not feel that I care to get into the practice of looking down gun barrels held in the hands of holdup men."

"Each of the robbers wore a mask, and all were roughly dressed. Three of them were large men, while the fourth was somewhat smaller. It was in the shadow of shade trees and I could not get a good look at two of the men, but the other two were smooth shaven. I would not know the men if I saw them again, but I think I would recognize the voice of the one who spoke last to me."

The nerve shown by the robbers has mystified the police completely, and they say they have no clue as to the identity of the thieves.

# RICH MEN FLEE ASSASSINS' BOMBS

## Wealthy Citizens Leave Madrid in Alarm at Continued Activity and Renewed Threats of Anarchists

MADRID, Feb. 6.—Alarmed by the recent bomb outrages that have occurred here, many wealthy citizens have left the city.

The anarchists are still active and have made threats that they will continue their work.

# ONE IS KILLED AND THIRTEEN ARE HURT IN A BOSTON BLAZE

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD.  
BOSTON, Feb. 5.—One man was killed and at least thirteen were injured in a fire that destroyed the block occupied by Hunt Brothers' department store and several tenements in Tremont street, in the Roxbury district today, causing a loss of \$100,000.

Many thrilling rescues were made by the police, firemen and members of the Shawmut Athletic club, which was holding a meeting in the block at the time the fire started.

# U. S. TO BUILD UP GREAT AERIAL NAVY

## Signal Corps Will Make Exhaustive Experiments with Hundreds of Air- ships for Adoption in the American Army

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Quietly, but with a determination to satisfy himself thoroughly on the subject, General Allen, chief signal officer of the army, has been making preparations for extensive experiments with balloons, airships and aeroplanes with a view of settling upon systems of aerial navigation for use in operations in the army, either in time of peace or war.

Recently there arrived in this country from France a type of balloon used by the French army, which was purchased by the signal corps in order that its merits might be tested.

It is the intention to conduct the experiments at Fort Omaha, just outside of Omaha, and for this purpose \$50,000 already appropriated has been allotted for fitting up the fort with all necessary appliances.

General Allen said today that he will be prepared to conduct experiments with every conceivable kind of machine offered and all will be given a trial before a board of officers, but the department under no circumstances will purchase balloons not already put to practical tests. He believed this country was far ahead of any other in the matter of flying machines.

It is stated that the balloon corps of the French army numbers at least 600 men, all expert aeronauts, and it is expected by the department that before long the American army will have an equipment superior to that of any other army in the world.

# SEND WARSHIP TO QUELL REVOLUTION

## Battleship Chicago Is Ordered Back to the Isthmus to Protect American Interests in Threatened Disturbances

By Associated Press.  
SAN DIEGO, Feb. 6.—Admiral Swinburne and the Pacific squadron arrived today from Magdalena Bay.

He reports that last evening at 10 o'clock the Chicago, when the fleet was about 150 miles south of here, received orders to turn back to Central America, where trouble threatens between some of the republics and may endanger some American interests.

The Princeton continued on her way to Mare Island for repairs. The Charleston, Boston and the others will remain here about three weeks, and later will be joined by the Yorktown.

# SCHOONER GOES ON SHORE IN FOG

## Vessel Is Full of Water—Rudder, Stern Post and Keel Are Car- ried Away—Crew Is Safe

By Associated Press.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—Beached in a heavy fog early this morning the schooner W. T. Witzemann, Captain Lindquist, which sailed from this port yesterday in ballast for Willapa harbor, dragged her anchors and went up on the rocks of Duxbury reef, twelve miles north of here, stern on.

The vessel has four feet of water in her hold, her rudder, stern post and part of the keel have been carried away, and there is little hope of saving her.

The crew of seven men, with the skipper, remain on board. The tug Dauntless, with a life saving crew from Fort Point and Point Bonita is standing by. The Witzemann is 160 feet over all and of 407 net tonnage. She is owned in San Francisco.

# CONGRESS CANNOT STOP WOMAN AND CHILD LABOR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Chairman Jenkins of the house committee on judiciary submitted a report today in which it is stated emphatically that the committee is of the opinion that congress has no jurisdiction or authority over the question of women and child labor and has no authority to suppress any abuses of such labor or ameliorate conditions surrounding the employment of such labor.

The committee holds that the regulation of women and child labor is within the police power of the various states.

# SAYS WHITE THREATENED THAW'S LIFE

## Startling Facts Are Revealed

## Jerome Sits Silent, Baffled, When Delmas Demands Evelyn Thaw's Note Written on the Night of the Tragedy

By Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The defense of Harry K. Thaw, under the direction of Attorney Delphin M. Delmas of California, began to assume definite shape today.

When court adjourned testimony had been placed before the jury to the effect that Stanford White had been heard to make a threat to kill the defendant, coupling the threat with the display of a revolver, that Thaw's actions following the killing of White on the roof of Madison Square garden was considered by several eyewitnesses to have been "irrational," that an uncle of the defendant was insane, that Evelyn Nesbit Thaw passed a note to her husband during a dinner at the Cafe Martin the evening of the tragedy; that District Attorney Jerome has this note and refused, on demand of the defense, to introduce the evidence.

At the close of today's proceedings it was announced by Mr. Delmas that either the wife or the mother of the defendant would be the first witness tomorrow morning.

The alleged threat against Thaw's life was made two years and a half before the tragedy occurred. District Attorney Jerome objected to the evidence, declaring the defense was not understood by him to be one of self-defense.

Mr. Delmas replied that the defense intended to take advantage of every legal defense allowed in the state of New York, be it insanity, self-defense or any other legitimate justification of the taking of a human life.

It was the first of a series of interesting tilts between the district attorney and Mr. Delmas during the day, and it was agreed that Mr. Jerome had found Thaw's new leading counsel a foe man worthy of his best efforts.

## Women Crowd Court

The court room this afternoon was crowded to its capacity, a large portion of the audience being women. Justice Fitzgerald's warning of the morning that there would be testimony which might shock their sense of propriety seemed to increase rather than decrease the number of women who sought entrance.

Women who came from idle curiosity had no difficulty in passing court officers to whom they gave friendly nods and pleasant smiles.

## Seattle Is Recovering

By Associated Press.  
SEATTLE, Feb. 6.—Seattle is recovering from the storm that swept over it yesterday. The weather bureau reports no bad weather in sight, with the exception of showers tonight. Ten or twelve houses in West Seattle and Alki point were damaged by the high waves of yesterday. The piling of which the two stood was damaged and the structures slipped from their foundations. A house in the course of construction at Rainier beach was blown down. All transcontinental railroads entering this city are paralyzed by snowdrifts that have buried the tracks in the Cascade mountains.

## Conditions Improve at Tacoma

By Associated Press.  
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"Mr. Thaw," the witness said he replied.

"Oh, that Pittsburgher," said the architect, who, to make sure that the actress was gone, went to her dressing room on the stage. Not finding her there, White, according to Bowman, walked rapidly out of the theater with a revolver in his hand, muttering "I'll find and kill that—before daylight."

The witness said he believed the threat to be directed against Harry Thaw and told him of it several days later when they chanced to meet on Fifth avenue. He also told a detective sergeant about the incident.

District Attorney Jerome cross-examined the witness for more than an hour, but Bowman adhered closely to his story in every detail. Once or twice the witness became a trifle confused as to dates and as to his movements during the past five years, and said he had not been regularly employed during that period. The witness denied having been paid or promised any money by Thaw or his attorneys.

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What was in this note the witness did not know and he was not allowed because of objection by the district attorney to testify as to what change of manner, if any, it produced in Thaw. It has been reported from time to time that it was in this note that young Mrs. Thaw, referring to White, wrote to her husband:

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# JAPANESE SMUGGLE FIFTY THOUSAND RIFLES THROUGH TO CHINA

By Associated Press.  
VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 6.—Mail advices from Shanghai state that owing to an accident at the wharf there the discovery has been made that arms and ammunition have been smuggled through Shanghai to the disaffected districts where rebellion is in progress.

A Chinese newspaper reports that 50,000 Mauser rifles and 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition have been imported into China from Japan by the revolutionary party.

# OREGON FLOOD DANGER LESSENS

## Willamette Continues to Rise, but Serious Damage Is Not Feared. Many Tourists Are Floodbound

By Associated Press.  
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 6.—Flood conditions in the Willamette valley and at Portland show some improvement today. The river at Portland at noon was nineteen feet above low water and four feet above the danger point.

So far the damage resulting from the high water has not been great in Portland, only the lower docks being covered, and as ample warning had been given by the weather bureau most of the goods piled on the lower docks had been removed when the high waters came whirling down.

The river at this point is still rising and may go to twenty-two feet, but even at that stage little harm will result.

In the upper valley rivers and streams are running bank full and the lowlands are covered with water. Many families have been obliged to seek high ground, and there are instances that the crest of the flood has been reached.

All the railroads are swamped by washouts, snowdrifts and other disturbances. No mail has been received in Portland from the east since Saturday, and may not be received for several days before the river will be received.

There are 250 eastern people stranded in Portland awaiting the opening of traffic to the east.

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## Cold Wave Is Unbroken

By Associated Press.  
WINONA, Minn., Feb. 6.—The cold wave which has prevailed since Friday remained unbroken today, street thermometers registering 25 to 35 below zero.

## Week of Forty Below Zero

By Associated Press.  
SUPERIOR, Wis., Feb. 6.—Thirty below zero weather still obtains in this city today, being a full week in which the range has been from 15 to 40 below zero without a break.

# TRIES TO STOP FIRE; IS SERIOUSLY BURNED

By Associated Press.  
SAN JOSE, Cal., Feb. 6.—C. W. Mason, who was working at the National Mastick Roofing company's works at Mountain View, was seriously burned this morning while endeavoring to extinguish a fire that had started in one of the buildings from the oil tanks. The loss was only about \$3000.

## Boosters Will Come

MODESTO, Cal., Feb. 6.—One hundred and fifty boosters of this county start tomorrow for Los Angeles on a fifteen-day excursion.

TABLE OF TEMPERATURES		
City.	Weather.	Temperature.
Los Angeles, clear.		32 72
Atlanta, pt. cloudy.		22 38
Boston, snow.		10 14
Chicago, snow.		8 4
Denver, clear.		42 58
Cincinnati, snow.		10 22
Little Rock, pt. cloudy.		20 32
New York, snow.		10 20
Omaha, snow.		0 -2
Pittsburg, snow.		6 22
Roseburg, rain.		46 60
St. Louis, pt. cloudy.		4 14
St. Paul, clear.		-16 6
San Francisco, cloudy.		32 62
Spokane, rain.		28 38
—Below zero.		

# PROBE FOR RAILROAD INVESTIGATION

## Prominent Officials Subpoenaed

## Members of Interstate Commerce Commission Are Determined to Sift Thoroughly All the Evidence at Hand

Probing of railroad affairs will be started this morning in the supreme court.

Franklin K. Lane, the California member of the interstate commerce commission, arrived in Los Angeles last night for the purpose of conducting the hearing.

Assisting Commissioner Lane will be C. A. Severance of St. Paul, general attorney for the commission, and Frank G. Finlayson, local counsel of the commission. All arrangements for the hearing, which promises to be the most important ever held on the Pacific coast, have been completed.

During the past few days many prominent out-of-town railroad men have arrived in Los Angeles, and at the hearing the railroads will be represented not only by many leading officials but by an array of counsel.

## To Attend the Hearing

Among the railroad men who will be in attendance are the following:

J. C. Stubbs, traffic director of the Harriman lines, and his secretary, R. F. Wilson of Chicago; P. S. Dunn, San Francisco, attorney for the Southern Pacific; W. A. Bissell, assistant traffic manager of the Santa Fe, with headquarters at San Francisco; Edward Chambers, general freight agent of the Santa Fe coast lines at San Francisco; C. B. Seger of San Francisco, auditor of the Southern Pacific.

In addition to these, a number of local railroad officials will be in attendance, either as spectators or witnesses. Among these are J. Ross Clark, vice president, and E. W. Gillett, former general freight and passenger agent of the Salt Lake. T. E. Gibbon, former chief counsel of the Salt Lake, and who was recently succeeded by Judge W. R. Kelly, former attorney for Harriman's Union Pacific, also has been subpoenaed, and it is expected that Judge Kelly will be requested to testify, as will be the latter and Mr. Gibbon who drew up the papers in the agreement between Harriman and Clark, if the charge is true that such an agreement was perfected.

## Employees Are Subpoenaed

It is reported that in addition to a number of officials of the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe and Salt Lake numerous employees who may have knowledge of various agreements and whose testimony is desired by the commission have found it convenient to be out of the city when an officer with a subpoena put in an appearance, but this is denied at local railroad headquarters, where the declaration is made that the railroads care very little about the investigation and that which is being given as to what will be said or done by the commissioner or his attorneys.

On the other hand, it is intimated by the attorneys for the commission that all those who have been subpoenaed have been served with subpoenas, and the presence of all those thus served is confidently expected, as the consequence of ignoring the summons would be serious.

It is expected that the hearing will be concluded Sunday, although there is a possibility that it will be necessary to continue it until Monday.

Commissioner Lane will proceed direct to Washington and report to Chairman Knapp.

## News to Fruit Men

Discussing the report that J. C. Stubbs, traffic director of the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific, had, as soon as he had investigated the car shortage affecting the citrus fruit shipments, sent telegrams ordering all available cars sent here at once, F. Q. Story, president of the California Fruit Growers' exchange and the Semi-Tropic Fruit exchange, said:

"We have received no notification from officials of the Southern Pacific of a movement on their part to rush empty cars to Los Angeles for the relief of the fruit growers. But we have been notified by the Armour Car company, which supplies the Southern Pacific, that we can have a certain number of cars next week, which, I think, will meet our demand during that time. It is difficult to look more than a week ahead."

"Candidly, however, I think that the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific are doing everything possible to relieve the situation. Further than this, E. O. McCormick, assistant traffic director of the Union Pacific, is issuing daily reports of the location of all the fruit cars moving toward the coast. In this way it is easy to ascertain whether the railroads are delaying them or not."

This tends to encourage the railroads to exert themselves.

"We have been on the anxious seat for some time, owing to the fact that the keeping qualities of oranges have been affected by the rain. They should be shipped within forty-eight hours after being picked. But provision has been made for the next week, and we have reason to hope that the railroads will be able to supply us with all the cars that would prove good for the orange market."

## CZAR CONFIRMS TEN-YEAR SENTENCE OF ADMIRAL

By Associated Press.  
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 6.—The emperor has confirmed the sentences passed by the court-martial on Vice Admiral Nebogatoff and the other naval officers tried. Nebogatoff will be confined in a fortress for ten years and the others for varying periods.

# ONE MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION



FRANKLIN K. LANE

# GULF WATERWAY BILL IS DEFEATED

## National House Goes on Record in Op- position to Project for Deeper Channel in Mississippi River

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The advocates of a fourteen-foot channel for the Mississippi river from Chicago to St. Louis and the gulf met defeat today. The house in committee of the whole had under consideration the river and harbor appropriation bill, and voted to stand by the recommendation of the committee in opposition to the project.

Although there was much speech-making on the part of the friends of the measure, they secured only forty-three votes for the amendment as against 145 against it.

# BORROWS UNIFORM TO AID SWINDLES

## Youth Uses Garb of Army Lieutenant to Cash Checks and Get Quarters at a Big Hotel

By Associated Press.  
CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Not to be outdone by the German cobbler who, in a borrowed army cap and uniform, caused a town "land" and made the whole world laugh, William A. Kappen, 19 years of age, is said to have used the garb of a lieutenant of the United States army to obtain quarters at the Victoria hotel and cashed checks at Marshall Field & Co's.

At the hotel he assumed the name of Lieut. W. A. Blue. His quarters were changed soon to a cell at the Central station, and he was booked under the plain name of Kappen, with four charges of forgery against him.

Kappen on December 1 enlisted in the regular army as a bugler. He was sent to Seattle, but there, it is said, was discharged from the army because of his youth and light weight.

# SENATOR OUSTED FOR TAKING BRIBE

## Colorado Senate Orders the Expulsion of a Member Who Boasted of Having Accepted Money for His Vote

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 6.—Senator Richard W. Morgan of Boulder county, a Republican, was expelled from the state senate this afternoon by a vote of 29 to 1. His expulsion was recommended by a majority of a special committee of the senate which found him guilty of having accepted a bribe.

This finding was based on the statement made to the senate in March, 1905, by Morgan himself, who showed in the senate \$150 which he declared had been given him by James M. Herbert and Daniel Sullivan in consideration of his promise to vote for Alva Adams, Democrat, for governor in the Peabody-Adams contest. When the vote on the contest was taken Morgan voted for Peabody.

Morgan failed to appear before the investigating committee when summoned and was not in the senate today when his expulsion was decided upon.

# JAPANESE INDIGNANT AT SCARE

## Mikado's Government Denies Stories of Clash

## Officials Score Efforts to Stir Up Trouble

## Quiet Reigns in Tokio, Despite Al- leged Malicious Alarmist Rumors, Say Orientals—Ridicule War Idea

By Associated Press.  
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 6.—An Evening Wisconsin special from Fond du Lac, Wis., says that General Edward S. Bragg, former United States consul general at Hong Kong, today said that there was no danger of war between the United States and Japan.

"A more insinuating, swell-headed class of people than the Japanese are at present is hard to find," said the general.

"While a break between Japan and the United States may come in time the danger is not imminent. The Japanese have a heavy war debt to pay off, and although it is probable that they could put a large army in the field, they have no visible resources to draw from."

"One Chinaman is worth two Japanese so far as character and manhood are concerned," said General Bragg.

TOKIO, Feb. 7.—A report reaching here from the United States to the effect that the privy council had met Tuesday to consider a dispatch from Washington is received here with great surprise and some indignation.

It is thought here by some that the report has been put into circulation by some careless or irresponsible source. Others see a sinister motive, aiming to injure the relations between Japan and America by deliberate falsehood and exaggeration. It is generally felt by the well meaning that no care is too great at this moment when alarmists are busy at work in America.

The Associated Press is informed by the best authority that the matter submitted to the deliberation of the privy council last Tuesday was entirely of an internal nature and had no relation to diplomatic affairs. Even a slight knowledge of the constitution of the privy council would be sufficient to cause misapprehension on occasions like the present.

Should American relations assume a gravity warranting a special meeting of the privy council the fact would not escape the attention of press correspondents. As has been previously cabled, quiet reigns, despite alarmist report in America. The idea that Japan would seek a war with the United States is considered to be simply ridiculous.

There is no doubt that among the immigrants to Hawaii there are several who served in the Russian war, but it is pointed out that nothing more absurd than the report of an elaborate organization prepared to act in an emergency. The report is criticized as simply demonstrating sheer ignorance, if not a malignant motive.

## INTRODUCES BILL

## URGING CONGRESS TO EXCLUDE JAPANESE

By Associated Press.  
SACRAMENTO, Feb. 6.—The Japanese question will not down and again (Continued on Page Two.)

# THE DAY'S NEWS

## FORECAST

For Southern California: Fair Thursday, continued warm; light north winds. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 79 degrees; minimum, 53 degrees.

- 1—Man robbed in shadow of station.
- 2—Railroads plan to gouge people.
- 3—Piracy charge against Rover crew.
- 4—State anxious for good roads.
- 5—Prisoner ill; trial delayed.
- 6—Editorial.
- 7—City news.
- 8—Sports.
- 9—Southern California news.
- 10—Classified advertisements.
- 11—Markets.
- 12—Railroad news.

## EASTERN

Witness says White threatened Thaw's life; Jerome is baffled by California attorney.

## FOREIGN

Japanese are indignant at war scare rumors.

## COAST

North coast flood danger lessens; tourists are stormbound.

## LOCAL

Mrs. Walter Hull seeks 7-year-old son who, she believes, was kidnapped by her husband.

San Pedro citizens tell chamber of commerce members that consolidation scheme is growing in favor.

Probing of railroad affairs to be started in supreme court this morning.

New company formed to develop mountain of marble.

Good roads movement started in Los Angeles bids fair to extend throughout the state.