

THOUSANDS OF JEWELS ARE STOLEN

Highwaymen Rob Safe While Owner Looks On

Bandits Force Two Men to Stand and Deliver

Are Believed to Be the Long and Short Men Who Have Terrorized the City in Same District

Diamonds valued at \$2000, four watches valued at about \$200 and a number of valuable rings set with different jewels were stolen at 9:30 last night from the jewelry store of William M. Kinney, 607 South Spring street, in the Hayward hotel building, by two highwaymen, both armed and one masked, during a holdup which surpasses in daring any ever committed in Los Angeles.

The robbery was committed while the street in front of the store was crowded with pedestrians and when there was likelihood at any moment of customers entering the store. Two persons, Mr. Kinney, the proprietor, and G. R. Hamilton, of 1400 Bond street, a clerk, were in the place at the time.

Mr. Kinney and the clerk were forced to stand with their backs to the wall while the men rifled the show cases of the watches and rings, and then Mr. Kinney was forced by the taller of the two men, the one who wore the mask and appeared to be the leader, to open the huge safe at the further end of the store and hand out uncut diamonds and diamond rings valued at \$2000.

The robbers then slowly backed through the door, leaving the frightened proprietor and clerk to regain their wits.

Long and Short

The robbery was evidently carefully planned. The men entered the store at just the hour when Kinney and Hamilton were engaged in depositing the gems in the safe for the night.

"Throw up your hands" were the first words which startled the men, and turning from their work they found themselves confronted by two heavy revolvers in the hands of well dressed but determined-looking men.

The order was at once obeyed and Kinney and his clerk were instructed to back away to the wall and remain quiet. The shorter of the two robbers hastily ran around the side of the show case and opened it. Watches and jewels were taken from their trays and crammed into his pockets, and he then ran to the window from which he abstracted valuable articles from the window display. He then rushed to where Kinney was standing and instructed him in no gentle voice to go to the safe and open it. Kinney obeyed, the robber standing by his shoulder. When the massive door had at last swung back on its hinges Kinney was ordered to take his place by the side of Hamilton while the robber stuffed the precious jewels into his coat pockets.

When the man had taken all he wished he turned and a nod to his companion, and the robbers hastily ran through the door and to the street. In a moment they were lost in the crowd, and by the time Mr. Kinney and Hamilton had regained their wits all trace of the highwaymen was lost.

Robbery Carefully Planned

Mr. Kinney telephoned the police station and Detectives Hosick and Ziegler were detailed on the case.

According to the description furnished the department the men are fair samples of the long and short men who operated in Los Angeles last fall. Both are said to be well dressed and young. The taller of the two and the one who appears to be in command is described as being about 5 feet 9 inches in height, light hair and blue eyes. He wore a dark suit and black hat. This man carried a handkerchief across the lower part of his face to serve as a mask.

The shorter of the two men is said to be of slight build and about 5 feet 3 inches tall. He also wore a dark suit and black hat. This man wore no mask.

Both men were heavily armed and appeared to be prepared for any kind of trouble.

The detective department is mystified by the boldness of the robbery and every available officer on the force was detailed on the case last night. Word was sent to the patrolmen of the city to watch for men answering the description of the robbers and to send every person who acted suspiciously to the station.

Helicon Hill Burns; One Dead, Two Injured

By Associated Press. ENGLEWOOD, N. J., March 16.—By the burning of Helicon hill, the home of the Union Sinclair co-operative colony today, Lester Briggs, a carpenter of Providence, R. I., was killed and eight of the colonists were injured by jumping from windows.

Mrs. Grace McGowan Cook, a well known writer of short stories, is believed to have suffered fatal injuries, and her sister, Miss Alice McGowan, also a writer, and Miss Leonie Fechtenburg were badly injured.

The loss is estimated at \$35,000.

MISSOURI WOMEN BIG SPECULATORS IN LAND TRACTS

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 15.—St. Joseph Helen Kimber and Nelson Howard returned here today from Old Mexico and confirmed a report that they closed a deal and secured \$500,000 for 1,500,000 acres of grazing, agricultural and mining lands in Old Mexico.

These young women came to St. Joseph three years ago from Col. Lawrence Falls, Kas., where for a short time prior they had engaged in the sale of Kansas lands.

They have developed into speculators on a large scale. They purchased 250,000 acres in one tract on the Gulf of California, which takes in two ports, Libertad and Lobos.

For ninety-seven miles a part of the tract touches the Arizona border, and the young women say they have exceedingly valuable mineral deposits south of Tucson.

Much of the land is designed for farmers.

TWO INJURED IN STREET CAR ACCIDENT

Two men were injured, one perhaps fatally, by the turning turtle of car No. 624 on the Griffith avenue line at Avenue Twenty-six shortly before 12 o'clock last night.

The injured are: G. L. Musselwhite, 335 West Thirty-fifth street, conductor on car; internally injured; may die.

J. L. Maby, 141 West Twenty-seventh street, motorman on car; severely crushed and bruised; will recover.

The injured men were hurried to the receiving hospital in the police patrol, which was sent to the scene as soon as word of the accident was received.

According to spectators, the car was traveling at high rate of speed. When it neared the corner of Avenue Twenty-six the motorman applied the brakes to slow down for the curve. The car was proceeding at such a rate that it did not slacken speed in time and as it struck the turn in the raille new from the tracks, flying through the air and turning completely over a short distance from the curb opposite to where the turn was made.

There were no passengers on the car at the time, but both motorman and conductor were buried beneath the wreck. The noise of the car as it turned over was heard for several blocks and residents in the neighborhood rushed to the assistance of the unconscious carmen. The motorman was on the front platform at the time of the accident, while the conductor was on the rear. Both men were buried beneath the debris.

Soon after the arrival the men were released and were at once hurried to the hospital. A wrecking crew was sent at once to the scene and endeavored to raise the car to the tracks. A few hours later the car was raised to the tracks and was taken to the barn.

MEXICAN IS WOUNDED IN STABBING AFFRAY

Jesus Verdugo, foreman of a gang of workmen at a grading camp at La Canada, was fatally stabbed in a fight with two laborers, Juan Juanitas and Juan Marsalis, at the grading camp about 12 o'clock last night.

The fight arose over a discussion about wages, the laborers claiming that Verdugo had caused them to be docked for lost time.

According to witnesses Verdugo met his two assailants a short distance from the grading camp and became engaged in a discussion with them. Verdugo is said to have suddenly turned and started to run when the two men bounded after him. A few seconds later the foreman dropped to the ground with a deep knife wound just below his left collar bone.

Juanitas and Marsalis then ran in the opposite direction. Word was at once sent to Pasadena and Constable Austin, in company with several deputy sheriffs, at once started on the trail of the fugitives.

They were unable to capture them, and the county jail in Los Angeles was notified so deputy sheriffs could be sent from this city.

The men engaged in the fight are all said to have been drinking. Verdugo's assailants are said to have reputations as bad men at the camp.

JAPANESE QUESTION STATED BY MR. JESSE R. GRANT

MR. JESSE R. GRANT, son of the late President and General U. S. Grant, writing from New York city to a life-long friend in Los Angeles, Attorney Willoughby Cole, expresses his views on the Japanese question in a manner so clear, so concise and so democratic that no man may misapprehend or misconstrue them. Mr. Grant says:

"The Japanese question you bring up is indeed interesting. Of course a treaty is, according to the constitution, the paramount law of the land and when a treaty clashes with the rights of states or municipalities the interest is acute. You are a lawyer and would know if I am right in suggesting that every treaty with a foreign country from now on should have a specific clause making its enforcement subject to its constitutionality.

"The constitution should be our guide, and if we do not consider it applicable to our changed conditions it offers within itself the remedy. It should not be tampered with, nor infringed by an executive and made to conform to his personal views or purposes.

"If a treaty, made with a foreign government, interferes with the rights of a state to regulate the education of its children, or the right of a state to regulate its internal affairs, the treaty should at once be modified.

"Every citizen has his rights under the constitution. Each corporation, opulent or struggling for existence, has its rights under the constitution. Each municipality, metropolitan or provincial, each territory and each state has its rights under the constitution and the present day centralization of power menaces these.

"The purity and intelligence of the legislative and judicial branches of our government rest with the people and the people are responsible for them, not the executive."

Conference is Private

WASHINGTON, March 16.—An extended conference took place this afternoon between President Roosevelt, Governor Bennett and Attorney General Street of Illinois, who came to Washington at the invitation of the president. They refused to discuss the nature of the conference.

Two Unions Merged

SEATTLE, Wash., March 16.—The two longshoremen's unions of Seattle met tonight and merged their interests in a new union to be independent of all national affiliations.

MINERS DIE LIKE RATS IN A TRAP

One Hundred or More Killed in Mine Explosion

Disaster Near Forbach, Germany, Caused by Fire Damp

Bodies So Badly Mangled That Relatives Fail to Identify Them. Forty Still Are Missing

By Associated Press. FORBACH, Germany, March 16.—An explosion of fire damp in an underground shaft of the coal mine at Kleinrosseln, near here, at 11 o'clock last night, resulted in the death of more than seventy-five miners and the injury of many others.

Forty of the miners who were in the shaft at the time of the explosion are still missing. One hundred and seventeen others escaped into adjoining galleries.

Two hundred and ten men went into the mine at 5 o'clock last evening and about midnight the news spread to the nearby villages that a terrible disaster had occurred.

Almost the whole population of the countryside gathered at the mouth of the shaft. Rain was falling heavily and the most distressing scenes of grief were witnessed as the bodies were brought up and laid out under a blaze of electric lights.

Many of the bodies were so disfigured that they were scarcely recognizable. The work of bringing out the injured men and the bodies of the dead was very slow, the galleries being choked with wreckage. The mine belongs to the DeWendels, one of the richest mining families of Alsace-Lorraine.

As the work of rescue progressed it was seen that the disaster was more serious than the first inspection indicated. Up to a late hour tonight sixty-seven dead men and twelve men dangerously wounded had been brought to the surface, while forty men still were missing. All the missing have been given up as dead, as they undoubtedly were buried under falling wreckage.

Of the wounded two have died and the doctors think that only one of the remaining ten will recover.

The DeWendels brothers have given \$25,000 to relieve the immediate sufferings of the families.

OFFICERS TO BE SENT TO PANAMA AND WELL PAID

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, March 16.—The president today issued an executive order fixing the compensation of Major Sibley and Galliard of the army and Civil Engineer Rosseau of the navy as members of the Isthmian canal commission.

Each of these officers is to receive \$14,000 per annum, including their pay as officers of the branches of the service which they now occupy.

Messrs. Sibley, Galliard and Rosseau succeeded Messrs. Harriold, Haines and Endicott, whose resignations are announced in the same executive order.

Four Drowned in Ohio

MARIETTA, Ohio, March 16.—William McCracken, his wife and two children were drowned today. Their house was overturned by the floods. The Marietta Chair company, employing over 600 men, has been swamped, and other manufacturing plants are heavy losers.

BUTTE WORKINGMEN'S UNION NOW ON STRIKE

By Associated Press. BUTTE, Mont., March 16.—The members of the Workingmen's union connected with the Butte Street Railway company, quit work this morning, the management refusing a demand for an increase of wages from \$3 to \$3.50 per day.

Manager Wharton of the street car company says that barring accidents the system may continue three days, but not longer.

If no agreement is reached before next Tuesday morning the entire street car system of Butte, Walkerville, Centerville and East Butte will suspend indefinitely, throwing 500 men out of work.

The motormen and conductors have a union, but have not yet struck in sympathy, but the workmen control the cars and without their co-operation the cars cannot run.

Without gas and with the water supply depending upon chance, Butte confronts a most annoying period. The workmen in the employ of the water company are out and as soon as a main bursts the system must suspend.

FARMER AND SON IN A FATAL RIFLE DUEL

By Associated Press. RENO, Nev., March 16.—Angry at his two sons, Milton and Fred, because they built a fence when he had told them not to do so, E. G. Crow, a farmer at Empire, Nev., today secured a rifle and shot both sons, injuring them seriously.

His oldest son, George, was standing near and, grabbing another rifle, shot the father through the head, killing him instantly.

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Twenty-Two Miners Meet Instant Death

By Associated Press. SAARLOUIS, Rhenish Prussia, March 16.—Twenty-two miners were killed this morning at the Gerhard coal mine.

They were descending one of the shafts in a cage when the cable broke near the top and the miners plunged down several hundred feet.

They all met instant death.

Warwick Company's Plant Partially Destroyed—Syrians Refuse to Return to Their Homes Following Catastrophe

By Associated Press. WHEELING, W. Va., March 16.—Eighteen persons are known to have lost their lives because of an early morning fire today at the Warwick company's plant in the flooded district. The following is a partial list of the dead:

MIKE BRETTRIES, aged 30; storekeeper.

ROSA BERTAS, aged 22.

TEN-YEAR-OLD GIRLS BUY ACID TO CARRY OUT SUICIDE PACT

By Associated Press. ST. LOUIS, March 16.—It was developed today through testimony at the coroner's inquest into the suicide last night of Liebling Electric, that she had entered into a suicide compact with Gertrude Harper, also 10 years of age.

Gertrude testified that she had told her mother that she was going to take her life, and she was prevented.

J. P. Slinger, the drug clerk who sold the carbolic acid to the girl, was arrested today.

He asserts the girl bore a note purporting to be from her mother, asking for 5 cents' worth of carbolic acid to be used for household purposes.

TWO SHOT DOWN IN BLOODY RIOT

By Associated Press. HAMMOND, Ind., March 16.—In a street riot at the East Chicago mill of the Republic Iron and Steel company several men were shot, two probably fatally. The trouble started when fifty laborers struck for higher wages.

Twenty of the men later went back to work and the remainder of the men broke through the gates of the mills to get their companions.

A bloody riot followed in which a hundred shots were fired. Nesho Ziechlich, a foreman, was shot through the shoulders.

The wound will probably cause his death. John Kallin, a laborer, was shot and beaten, perhaps fatally. Several other foreigners were injured by knife thrusts and bullets.

The East Chicago police, led by Chief Higgins, arrived on the scene, and after an hour's work, assisted by citizens, arrested twenty-one men and ended the rioting.

ONE KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED

Explosion of Gasoline on Steamer at San Diego Results Fatally. Two More May Die

By Associated Press. SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 16.—An explosion of a gasoline tank on board the steamer St. Denis this afternoon at a little after 1 o'clock caused the death of Claude Wellman of this city and the fatal injury of First Officer J. H. Harper and Deck Hands Jose Esлада of Lapaz, Jose Farros of Los Angeles and John Starie of this city.

The men were not at work, as the steamer was loading, and had gathered in the forecastle of the vessel, cleaning up.

They had been at work on their bedding, driving out the troublesome bedbug and were using gasoline.

They got the gasoline from a large tank near the forecastle entrance and brought a lighted candle near it. The natural result followed.

Wellman, who was only 18 years of age and employed as driver of the donkey engine, was instantly killed and the others were frightfully burned.

They were taken to a sanitarium, where two more are expected to die before morning.

Refuse to Accept Rewards

The men were offered all kinds of rewards and big sums of money for the work they had done, but they refused to accept a cent. Most of the imperiled persons were Italians, and at times when the big yawl was filled to overflowing it was with difficulty that the river men prevented the frantic foreigners from upsetting the craft. Had the drowned men remained in their homes none of them would have met death.

The buildings occupied by the victims were not touched by the flames, but the fire terrified the people.

But not all of those who met death did so by jumping into the water. Five were drowned by the upsetting of a boat. The majority of the people living in the district are Syrians, and after the fire they refused to return to their homes.

They are being taken care of in the city hall and county buildings.

FIRE IN HAT FACTORY CAUSES \$1,000,000 LOSS

By Associated Press. LONDON, March 16.—Three big warehouses in the Finsbury district, London's busiest industrial center, were gutted by fire this morning, causing damage to the amount of about \$1,000,000.

Starting in feathers in the premises of Fox & Co., hat manufacturers, the fire raged by a strong wind, jumped the street and enveloped the establishment of the Mexime company, wood turners, and spread to the adjoining warehouse of Green & Co., shoe manufacturers.

Owing to the wind, it appeared for a time as though the whole block of adjoining property would be destroyed, but after three hours' hard work the firemen gained control of the situation.

BURTON PROMISES TO EXPOSE HIS ENEMIES

By Associated Press. ABILENE, Kan., March 16.—Former Senator Joseph R. Burton, who is expected to return to his home here next week from Ironton, Mo., where he is in jail serving a six months' sentence, has engaged a local theater for March 23, where he will deliver a public address.

Senator Burton has for some time threatened to expose those whom he charged with being responsible for his conviction, and it is said that his remarks on next Saturday will prove sensational.

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Eighteen Escape Fire to Die in Flood

One Hundred Rescued by Men Who Refuse Rewards

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ALLEN BERTAS, aged 2 years.

FRANK HOLMES, watchman at the pottery.

SIMON ELIAS, merchant.

JULIUS MOSES, aged 70 years.

WANDER MOSES, aged 34 years.

CHARLES MATTHEWS, watchman at the Wheeling stamping company.

Because of the water surrounding the burned district it was impossible for the fire apparatus to reach the scene. The firemen pressed into the service all the boats that could be secured and carried lines of hose to the burning building by this means.

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Deliberately Ends Life

Yesterday morning her parents arranged to visit Mount Lowe. They requested their daughter to accompany them, but she refused. When informed her parents would remain at home with her if she wished the girl urgently requested them not to give up the trip, but to go without her. It is thought she had carefully laid plans to commit suicide at this time.

After Mr. and Mrs. Parish had left the house the girl went directly to her bedroom. She then wrote the short note, which was found by her parents on their return, and laid it on the bureau.

The girl then fastened the door and plugged all places in the room through which air might be admitted. She then lay down on the bed and turned on the gas.

Her body was found by Mr. and Mrs. Parish when they returned home about 7 o'clock. The coroner was notified and an inquest will be held tomorrow.

FIVE MEN INJURED IN SEWER COLLAPSE

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, March 16.—Five men were injured today, one of them seriously, by the collapse of a sewer in which they were working at the intersection of Evanston and Lawrence avenues.

About twenty men were in the sewer when about thirty feet of it fell in upon them.

The majority of the men were pinned in by the debris, and when it was cleared away they were found uninjured. The five men who were hurt were cut about the head and severely bruised about the body.

For a time it was believed that all of the men who were in the sewer at the time the wall fell had been killed, and police ambulances were hurried to the scene in frantic haste.

FIND BODY WITH THROAT CUT FROM EAR TO EAR

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—The dead body of a man with his throat cut almost from ear to ear was found today by two children near Mountain lake in the Presidio reservation.

The remains are those of a man about 35 years old, apparently of refinement, and have not yet been identified. No clothing except dark blue trousers and a pair of oxford ties was on the body.

The police believe that a murder has been committed and are investigating the affair.

IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS DETAIN OFFICER'S WIFE

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—Mrs. E. de Corveant Matzenara, who arrived from the orient yesterday, is detained by the immigration officials on board the liner Doric, with her 16-year-old son.

The woman, who, it is said, was born in the United States, is the wife of a Japanese army officer, a captain now stationed at Tien Tsin.

Her home, she says, is in Los Angeles.

TELEGRAPH OPERATORS STRIKE AT NEW ORLEANS

By Associated Press. NEW ORLEANS, March 16.—About sixty-two operators in the employ of the Postal Telegraph company here went on strike this morning.

JOSTLE UTAH FARMERS AND GET AWAY WITH BIG ROLL OF BILLS

By Associated Press. SALT LAKE CITY, March 16.—Three men, believed to be members of an organized gang that has operated in several western towns, robbed Clarence Johnson, a young farmer of Glenwood, Utah, of \$410 on Main street this afternoon.

They used the old-time "crush" methods. The three men met Johnson and his uncle coming from the National Bank of the Republic.

In spite of the fact that the scene of operation was Main street and the busiest part of the day, the robbery was successfully carried out.

The sharpers jostled against the Johnsons and in the confusion that followed one of them slipped his hand into the younger Johnson's pocket and took from it the roll of bills which Johnson had just drawn from the bank. The robbers escaped.

IS DESPONDENT; DIES BY HER OWN HAND

By Associated Press. "Good by, I am tired of a life of illness and know I had better end it. God will forgive me I know. Your daughter, Grace."

This short note, telling of the suicide of their daughter, was found by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parish on their return from a pleasure trip to Mount Lowe early last night.

The girl had committed suicide by turning on the gas in her bedroom at the family home at 818 Boylston street, after closing all the cracks in the door and beneath the window with cotton.

Miss Parish has been ill for many years. She was 27 years of age, and five months ago the family moved to Los Angeles from Milwaukee, Wis., thinking the change in climate would benefit the young woman's health. Since the arrival of the family in Los Angeles the girl has frequently expressed herself in such a way that her parents have thought she was becoming despondent. They have done all in their power to make things pleasant for her, but she has continually talked of death.