

POLICE MEASURE THE MAN OF MYSTERY

FEEL SURE OF CATCHING MR. RAFFLES

Pursued Man Laughs Merrily in His Sleeve

Public's Chances Better Than Professional Detectives

Will Disappear from the Angelus Hotel at Midnight Tuesday—At Broadway Department Store Tuesday Morning

BY THE MYSTERIOUS MR. RAFFLES (George Harris Donohue)

Now then, folks, let's get together. In an effort to present this game before the readers of the Los Angeles Herald in a manner precluding the possibility of any deception on my part I have accepted a chance in this city never before attempted in the exploitation of this remarkable demonstration.

For a period covering nearly three hours yesterday I permitted the police of this city to maul and measure me to their hearts' content in order that there might be on record in Los Angeles an absolutely correct description of the man you will shortly be seeking, and if you are still in love with the marvelous results claimed for the celebrated Bertillon system of criminal identification after I am through in this city my hat will be off to you.

Before going to police headquarters I was advised by the usual bundle of "know-it-all" gentlemen, who invariably express great concern over the series of chances taken by me before starting on my mission, not to permit the police of this city to get Bertillon measurements of me, the general consensus of opinion being that should I do so I would not last two days in this city after the date of my official disappearance.

No Fear of Identification Here is a pointer—you might as well take it deep down in your collective memories—I have no more fear of the Bertillon system of criminal identification than I have of falling into the Atlantic ocean at this particular moment.

This argument or assertion may seem rather coarse coming as it does from me, a newcomer into your midst, but if you care to follow through the trail of a hundred to one this Bertillon record would be on file at your local bureau. That would be the end of the suspicious gen—he would soon be pegging on shoes or performing some other light service for the state in one of your merry calabasses.

On the other hand, suppose the detective bureau of Chicago makes a request on the police of this city to apprehend a certain criminal who is known to be somewhere in this city. With this request comes a complete record of the man's measurements and personal description, including two marvelous well executed photographs of the man wanted—and then the police of your town find they are up against an entirely different proposition.

First Catch Your Man Chances are they will capture me less than half a hundred men, particularly if the man wanted happens to be smooth-faced, before they either capture the man or give up the search in disgust.

In my case I have simply carried my identification into your bureau of criminal identification, given your cleverest detectives and police officers the best chance in the world to get a line on me, and then I still make the claim that it will be practically impossible for any member of the detective bureau or uniformed force to effect my capture.

This must not be considered as a personal arraignment of the capabilities of your local police department. I have worked in and among police departments practically all my life and I am fairly conversant with the routine detail attached to police work throughout the country.

While working among you it will simply be up to me to single out the professional from the amateur class of sleuths who will take up my trail, and when the chase is all over and some of the Los Angeles Herald is counting the one thousand dollars re-

Table with measurements: Height, Head length, L. Foot, Circle, Brown, Age, 37, etc.



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Taken at Los Angeles, Cal., by Bert R. Parker March 24th, 1907

BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION DEPT. OF POLICE, DETECTIVE SERVICE. Name: George Harris Donohue, Alias: 'Mysterious Mr. Raffles', etc.

feature included in the acknowledged intricacies of the Bertillon system, and now that it is all over I can't for the life of me determine how he will be able to go ahead with his work, particularly if the Los Angeles Herald makes public the results of this test. Bertillon System Explained In order that the public in general will understand thoroughly the exact meaning of the Bertillon system of identification, as is kept in the department of criminal identification at the Los Angeles police headquarters—and over the entire world, for that matter—I will explain in detail the exact result of my findings, so that every person will know this man like a book before he starts to—like he says, "get busy."

THAW SAYS THERE'S NO DISSENSION

Declares His Lawyers Are Working in Harmony

Statement of Prisoner Is Made Public in New York

Counsel Prepare for a Final Desperate Struggle to Keep Stanford White's Slayer from the Madhouse

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, March 24.—Harry K. Thaw tonight made public another statement, this time denying a rumor which he believes is current to the effect that there is dissension among his counsel.

He also refers to the affidavits filed with Justice Fitzgerald by his attorneys in opposition to the appointment of a lunacy commission to examine him. Russell Peabody, who gave the statement to the press after he had a conference with other members of Thaw's counsel, designated it "The third statement issued by Thaw since August 10 last."

It follows: "I wish to deny the rumor that there is dissension among my counsel. "Owing to the limited time, affidavits were prepared simultaneously at the office of Mr. Delmas and Messrs. Hart-ridge and Peabody. Four that were completed March 22, at the latter office, were transmitted to the former and all were printed together under Mr. Delmas' supervision. "Those made March 23 were brought to me as I was nearest the court.

Find Them Satisfactory "I examined the last four from Messrs. Hartridge and Peabody and one from Mr. Delmas' office and found them eminently satisfactory. "This method was sanctioned by Mr. Delmas. Had I considered that anything in the last affidavit might be considered inappropriate for this occasion it would have been withdrawn for the time and corrected under Mr. Delmas' direction. "My mother sent her exceedingly clear affidavit Friday morning to be copied at the office of Hartridge and Peabody and presented there later to affix her signature under oath. "It was written by her at her hotel with no suggestions from any one whomsoever, and is filed exactly as she prepared it. "The monotony of Thaw's Sunday at the Tombs was broken by an unexpected visit from his wife. This was the first time since his detention that the prisoner was allowed to receive callers other than his counsel on Sunday. Mrs. Thaw said:

Thaw in Good Spirits "Harry is in excellent health and is sure that everything will come out in his favor. "Thaw received a note from Lawyer Daniel O'Reilly explaining that none of the legal staff would call during the day and stating that Mr. Hartridge and the writer were busily engaged in preparing affidavits to be presented to Justice Fitzgerald tomorrow. "District Attorney Jerome and his chief assistant on the Thaw case were at their offices today and Mr. Jerome dictated to stenographers a long statement which took them until late in the day to transcribe. Mr. Jerome said it was a statement to be submitted to Justice Fitzgerald.

Still Thinks Thaw Crazy "When asked if he intended to rebutt the affidavits filed by the defense, he said: "My opinion that Thaw is now crazy and should not be on trial for his life has undergone no change since reading these affidavits, and I certainly expect a commission to settle this point definitely. "Even if Mr. Jerome answers the affidavits of the defense there will be no further developments until Wednesday morning, when court will reconvene.

Eleven Races Horses Die in a Burning Building By Associated Press. NEW YORK, March 24.—Eleven race horses were burned to death in a fire which destroyed three buildings at the Sheephead Bay track today.

Hot Wave Broken By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, March 24.—The weather bureau tonight announced that the hot wave has been broken throughout the east and the Ohio valley, though summer-like weather will continue in the south and west.

HENEY AND BURNS TO APPEAR BEFORE PORTLAND AUDIENCE

By Associated Press. PORTLAND, March 24.—The Oregonian say \$50,000 is being raised as an investigation fund to bring Francis J. Heney and Special Agent Burns to Portland to probe into local municipal graft. Transactions for years back and up to the present will be examined under the searchlight of the investigators. It is understood that a small coterie of citizens, all of whom are large taxpayers, have pledged \$5000 as a nucleus for the \$50,000. They believe that the money can be raised within a few days and that if more than \$50,000 is necessary to make a thorough and sweeping investigation it will be obtainable. Just what the nature of the transaction in which the investigators will bring to light is not specified.

BRUTAL MURDER RESULT OF A QUARREL

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—A brutal murder was discovered at 436 B street, North Oakland, today. The body of Mrs. Martha Soderberg, 64 years of age, was found hidden in a closet of her home. Erland H. Soderberg, her son, a stevedore, has been arrested on suspicion of being the murderer. It is known that last night he came home intoxicated and quarreled with his mother. When found, Mrs. Soderberg's body, partly clad, was in an upright position and wrapped in a blanket. Her throat was cut, face gashed and one leg almost severed. It is thought that the murderer intended to cut the body up and carry it to the bay, a short distance away, but for some reason postponed carrying out his intention.

WESTERN ROADS FACING BIG STRIKE

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, March 24.—Representatives of railway trainmen and conductors employed on western roads will call on the general managers tomorrow and renew their demands for an increase in wages, according to plans given out by the men tonight. A canvass today of the recent referendum ballot on the acceptance or rejection of the railway managers' offer of 10 per cent increase to men in the freight service and of about 5 per cent to those in the passenger service showed that nearly 40,000 votes had been cast. Officially it was declared that the offer had been rejected and that a demand for a 12 per cent increase in wages and a nine-hour day would be made. Grand Master Morrissey of the trainmen's organization said a definite announcement of the result of the vote would not be made until tomorrow afternoon or Tuesday. Chairman and secretaries of the committees from each road, however, admitted the vote was for a strike.

TWO MEN BLOWN TO ATOMS BY DYNAMITE

By Associated Press. HUNTINGTON, Ore., March 24.—E. Alonzo and A. Garra, while thawing powder, lost their lives last night by the explosion of 300 pounds of dynamite at Goldsmith & McDonald camp, seven miles north of this place on the Northwest road being constructed by the Oregon Short Line. All that was found of Alonzo was his heart and teeth. Garra was blown in two, and only a portion of his remains have been found.

Jewish Refugees Flee

By Associated Press. SOFIA, March 24.—News received here from Sisto and Nikopol, Bulgaria, say that many Jewish refugees and large Christian landed proprietors have arrived there in boats, fleeing from the excesses and persecutions of the insurgent Roumanian peasants.

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THOUSANDS THREATENED BY FLOODS

Levees Give Way and Islands Are Doomed

Victims Call in Vain for Assistance as the Water Rises

Country Surrounding Sacramento is Now One Vast Sea—Live Stock Swept from the Highest Points

By Associated Press. SACRAMENTO, March 24.—Reports from the down-river islands tonight were not of rainbow color. The situation was pronounced as most desperate. Two feet of water was flowing through the streets of Isleton and Courtland reported that it was feared the Pierson district would go before morning. While telegraphic communication was cut off with Freepoint and Walnut Grove it is thought matters have taken a change for the worse all the way from Freepoint to Sherman Island. Everywhere the farmers are fighting against the highest water ever known and the prospect is for the complete inundation of the island country. George N. Peachey, the telephone manager at Courtland, summed up the situation tersely: "It all looks bad. "The cross levee above Walnut Grove has broken and the residents of the land around reclamation district 551 are in a state bordering on panic. G. C. Eastman and T. J. Stephenson came to Courtland tonight with an urgent call for help. Mr. Stephenson had about 1200 cattle huddled on the levee and there appeared to be no way of saving them, so rapidly was the water filling in the lands between Walnut Grove and Courtland.

Case Seems Hopeless One of the hardest fights ever made by the people of Pierson district is in progress tonight, and after weary hours of battle against great odds the most hopeful acknowledge that the struggle seemed hopeless, and while they by no means give up it is the general opinion that the district levees will go out before morning. A late report from Randall Island said that the levees were still holding and it is believed that they were fully under control. From Ryer Island, the levee of which broke at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, repeated cries for help are going up. William Kelly sent word to Courtland that the water was gradually creeping up on him and that if assistance did not come soon he and his family would perish. He asked for boats to remove the family and their household effects and an effort is being made to reach him. The tremendous force of the flood is best exhibited in the way in which it tore the Ryer Island levees to pieces. They are strong as any on the river. They have a base of from 100 to 150 feet wide and are thoroughly ripped against the hole basin, so that they were not undermined or eaten away, but were literally crushed by a mighty wall of water which ran three feet over the top of the embankments and tore them to pieces.

Cross Levee Parts

Today the cross levee on Jackson slough between Brannan and Andrus islands parted and the floods from Brannan came into Andrus with a rush. Practically the whole town of Isleton is under water tonight, varying in depth up to two feet. Between the front levee which is still intact and the hotel the water is eighteen inches deep and rising rapidly. The water is lapping along the foundations of the hotel and it will probably be flooded by morning. Many of the Isleton residents have deserted their homes, taking what household goods they could carry to the top of the levee. Late tonight the Grand Island levees are still holding and it is believed that they will weather the flood. Considerable trouble is being experienced, however, at lower Grand Point, where the water is sweeping through the levee. A coffer dam is being constructed inside the levee, and this may save the island.

FIFTY PERSONS DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES AT SAN JOSE BY FLOODS

By Associated Press. SAN JOSE, March 24.—Fifty persons have been driven from their homes and fully one hundred more are temporarily imprisoned by flood conditions in the southern portion of the city due to the overtaxed Coyote creek, which has left its banks at a point twelve miles south and inundated a wide tract of fertile valley land. This morning's storm served to aggravate conditions in the outlying districts, principally East San Jose and Cottage Park. Both of these residence

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