

ONE BANDIT ROBBS IOWA BANK OF \$21,300

CEDAR RAPIDS NATIONAL LOSES LARGE SUM TO THIEF

Bandit Secretes Himself In Building All Night and Awaits Coming of Teller.

COMPELS EMPLOYE TO UNLOCK GATES AFTER TIME LOCK SWINGS VAULT DOOR OPEN

Robber Fills Pockets With Packages of Currency Made Ready For Shipment to Country Correspondents of Cedar Rapids Institution—Makes Escape and Bankers Association Sends Detectives to Scene—Cosson Assigns State Agents on Case—Teller Lee Perrin Prostrated by Shock of Experiences and in Hospital Following Mental and Physical Collapse—Robbery Well Timed.—Thief Acquainted With Bank's Custom of Shipping Currency.

Cedar Rapids, Aug. 4.—A lone bandit held up and robbed the Cedar Rapids National Bank early today. He is said to have made his escape with \$21,300. Leo Perrin, teller in the bank, was discovered locked in the vault about fifteen minutes after the robbery.

The robbery took place shortly before 7 o'clock. Perrin was in the bank getting out currency shipments for the bank's correspondents in neighboring towns when the bandit entered by a side door and covered him with a revolver.

Teller Goes Insane.
The bank is one of the largest in the city, having a capital stock of \$300,000, surplus of \$200,000, and deposits of \$1,500,000.

Ralph VanVechten, vice president of the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago, is president of the bank.

Perrin, the paying teller of the bank, was taken to a local hospital temporarily insane from the shock, according to physicians who attended him. No trace of the bandit had been discovered at 10 o'clock.

Robbery Well Timed.
The time lock on the vault and safe door is set to open at 6:35 in order to give Perrin an opportunity to get his currency for shipment. Perrin had opened the outer door to the vault, entered the vault and operated the combination lock on the inner door, just as he swung the heavy steel door open a man stepped in front of him and, pointing a revolver at his head, ordered him to unlock the barred gate which leads to the money vault.

WARSAW'S FATE YET UNCERTAIN

Report Emanating at Berlin Says City Has Been Evacuated.

LONDON CLAIMS TEUTONS CHECKED

Unconfirmed Berlin Story Says Russian War Office Has Announced Abandonment of Polish Capital—British Report Says Warsaw May Yet Be Saved if Defenders Can Hold Out Few Days.

Berlin, Aug. 4.—The Overseas News Agency today says the Russian war office has officially announced the evacuation of Warsaw.

Berlin, via London, Aug. 4.—The forces of Prince Leopold of Bavaria are now hurling themselves against the fortresses defending Warsaw, according to the official statement today from the headquarters staff. The statement adds that the Russians have been thrown from their positions fifteen miles west of the capital back to the outer defenses of the city.

Reports prepared at the front say the investment of the Russian fortress of Ivangorod has been stormed, according to these reports and the possibility of Russian forces escaping is constantly diminishing.

[The actual evacuation of the Polish capital was not referred to in the official report from Petrograd and no confirmation has been received from any other source.]

Says Warsaw Still Holds Out.
London, Aug. 4.—Rear guard fighting of the Russians to the northwest of Warsaw has proved so effective that the German tide seems to have been held up, while to the south Field Marshal Mackensen's forces, pushing north from Lublin, are being badly battered.

About the only Autonic progress reported in the east is toward Riga, in the extreme north, and before Ivangorod.

LAST APPEAL TO MEXICANS

Joint Conference of American Republics to Give Factions Chance.

INTERVENTION ON FAILURE TO OBEY

Warring Elements of Mexico to Be Given One More Opportunity to Settle Differences and Establish Stable Government—Joint Seizure of Capital and Shutting Off of Munitions May Be Undertaken.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Interest in tomorrow's conference on the Mexican problem between Secretary Lansing and diplomatic representatives of six Latin-American countries was heightened today as further details of the original plan of joint co-operation in pacifying the southern republic came to light.

One of the latest developments is the fact that decision to ask aid of the Central and South Americans in settling the Mexican difficulty was reached by President Wilson in June, when his warning to the warring factions to settle their difficulties went unheeded.

The diplomats were invited to a conference on June 30, while the appeal to the Mexican factions was made June 2. Announcement was withheld, however, pending the sanctioning of the plan by the Latin-American nations.

One Final Appeal.
It was considered likely today that the first step in the plan which will be submitted to the conference by Secretary Lansing will be a last appeal to the factions to end the strife and arrange for a settled government. If any factions fail to heed the warning, the plan is to include the extension of moral and financial support of other factions.

The plan is said to also include a ban on war munitions to the faction refusing to listen to the appeal. The communications between the capital and the coast will be ordered restored. Failure to do this will result in the Latin-American nations and the United States taking the capital by physical force.

Food Must Go In.
Demand will be made for immediate relief of the food situation in Mexico City and maintenance of railroad and telegraphic communication between Vera Cruz and Mexico City. It is understood, if Mexican leaders cannot do this the United States, aided possibly by the Latin-American governments, may find it necessary to take physical control of the capital and the railroad by force and hold them until peace is restored.

REDFIELD CLOSING INQUIRY.

Expect to Conclude Investigation of Eastland Disaster Today.

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Chicago, Aug. 4.—Secretary Redfield, of the department of commerce, resumed his inquiry into the Eastland disaster today, by calling James Lee Ackerson, a government naval constructor, from Washington as a witness.

The witness said in the United States navy, water ballast was used only on certain colliers and auxiliary vessels. Ackerson said he believed the Eastland's water ballast system safe if properly handled. He added that any vessel using water ballast required careful attention.

William E. Beis, of Philadelphia, supervising inspector of the Travelers' Insurance Company, was next called, and testified he was engineer of the Eastland in 1904 and 1905. He said the Eastland listed badly on one occasion while leaving the South Haven, Mich., harbor, but he considered her a safe boat if her water ballast was properly handled.

Secretary Redfield expected to finish his investigation today.

Many Perish in Flood in Erie, Pa.
Cloudburst Causes Dams to Break and Waters Pour Down Upon City—Death List May Reach Fifty—Much Property Destroyed.

Erie, Pa., Aug. 4.—Coroner D. H. Hanley shortly before noon today estimated that fifty persons perished in last night's flood. Mayor Stern said the number probably would not exceed twenty-five.

A cloudburst struck this city shortly after 6 o'clock causing the loss of many lives, \$1,000,000 worth of property damage and leaving the city in total darkness.

WEDDING OF MISS PAGE QUIET AFFAIR

Daughter of American Ambassador to Great Britain is Bride of Charles Greeley Loring—Guests Principally Persons in Official Life.

GERMANY CALLS NEW TROOPS.

Stubbornness of Russians Necessitates Change in Original Plans.

Zurich, via London, Aug. 4.—The Russian defensive has proved much more effective than was expected by the Austro-Germans and has necessitated a complete change in their original plans of campaign, according to private information received here from Munich.

It is learned the stream of troops from the western front to the eastern zone, which began more than three weeks ago, continues undiminished and with greater speed. The places of these troops are being taken by men of five weeks' training.

These consist of landstrum between the ages of 35 and 45 and recruits of 18 and 19 years, all of whom the authorities intended not to send to the front before September.

Preparing For Evacuation.
Riga, via Petrograd, Aug. 4.—In obedience to orders, the Riga bank has been transferred from Riga to Tula, to the south of Moscow. The other banks are being removed and the educational institutions are being transferred to Dorpat.

Prize Court Confirms Capture.
Paris, Aug. 4.—A French prize court today confirmed the capture of the American cotton ship Dacia.

Pressure on Greece.
Athens, via London, Aug. 4.—The British, French, Russian and Italian ministers at Athens made a collective visit to M. Gourmaris, the Greek premier, today and made united representations regarding the political situation.

RESTORE PEACE AMONG HAITIENS

General Blot Accedes to Admiral Caperton's Demands and Heads Movement to Organize Commission to Take Over Government.

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Washington, Aug. 4.—General Blot, commander of the military forces of the late President Guillaume, of Haiti, has acceded to Rear Admiral Caperton's first steps to restore peace and government on the island by resigning his military post and heading a movement to organize a commission on civil affairs.

Admiral Caperton's movement to disarm the natives seems assured of success.

The mixed commission sent to Cap-Haitien by the admiral had instructions to prevail upon the forces of the north to disarm and bring Blot and Bobo, another leader, to Port Au Prince, to cooperate in the peace movement.

Bobo has not yielded and his forces are reported to be menacing Cape Haitien. It is said marines have been landed there.

Rear Admiral Benson, acting secretary of the navy, said today that with the arrival of the battleship Connecticut at Port Au Prince, 1,300 marines and machineguns could be landed in an emergency.

Cape Haitien Officials Flee.
Cape Haitien, Aug. 4.—Government officials who have been in this city have fled to Fort Liberté on the dispatch boat Pacific. Revolutionist troops are entering the city and marines have been landed from the United States gunboat Nashville.

Young Farmer Killed.
Waterloo, Aug. 4.—B. J. McCarroll, aged 31, a farmer living six miles northeast of Waterloo, was instantly killed in this city at 9 o'clock last night, while trying to cross the tracks ahead of Illinois Central freight train No. 52, eastbound. He was thrown twenty feet, receiving a broken neck. The train was thrown against the cattle guards and both horses were killed instantly. McCarroll is survived by a widow and four children.

BRITISH ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY ACTION

Refuses to Accept American Contentions That Orders in Council Are Illegal and Attempts to Justify British Course as Wholly Within Provisions of International Law—Evidence of Trend Toward Arbitration.

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