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TRAIN BANDIT GETS \$105,000; LOSES BATTLE

Bold Robbery of Mail Car on Illinois Central Near Chicago.

ROBBER LATER SHOOT POLICEMAN

Barred Himself in Apartment House and Battles for One Hour With Crack Rifle Squads of Chicago Police Force—Finally Escapes Firing and is Found Dead—Identified as Member of Y. M. C. A.

Chicago, May 14.—One of the most daring train robberies in the west in recent years ended this morning in the death of a bandit who last night looted the Illinois Central New Orleans Limited and the recovery of currency estimated to total nearly \$100,000. One policeman shot by the bandit is dying and another is seriously wounded.

The bandit was identified as Horace Walton, aged 31, of St. Joseph, Mo. Walton fell with four bullets in his body after barricading himself in his apartment and fighting a pitched battle with more than 100 police, including picked rifle squads.

Walton boarded the train at Gilman, a few miles from Kankakee, Ill., last night, taking a seat in a Pullman. A Decatur pouch containing registered mail was taken on the train at Gilman.

As the flyer pulled out of Kankakee Walton stepped into the mail car and announced that he was the postal inspector. He walked toward Mayor F. Harris, chief clerk, and his four assistants, then suddenly drew a gun and commanded "Hands up!" The clerks obeyed, Harris and three clerks were ordered to lay down, and James E. Burke, the local police chief, stepped forward.

Walton leaped into the area of an apartment building. After an exchange of shots the policemen dashed forward and grappled with the bandit. Walton dropped the bag and fled.

Police reserves found the man in another apartment building. For more than an hour they poured hundreds of bullets into the building. He returned the fire, using two guns, then suddenly stopped. Detective Chief Rooney led a charge and found Walton dead in the room. A membership card of the St. Joseph Y. M. C. A. and a letter addressed to Mrs. Walton were found in his pockets. A postoffice inspector's badge and key and an Illinois Central railroad time table were found in his possession.

Policeman Roberts died this morning. He is survived by a widow and five children, the eldest of whom is 4 years old.

Walton heretofore respected. St. Joseph, May 14.—Horace Walton, the train robber who was killed by the Chicago police, was a St. Joseph high school graduate, 22 years old. His father is a clerk in a leading hotel here. The youth was a railway mail clerk until a month ago, when he left home, telling his parents where he was going. He was a member of the Y. M. C. A. here and was well behaved.

Secured \$105,000. Decatur, Ill., May 14.—The money secured from a Decatur mail pouch on Chicago was being shipped from a local bank to a Chicago bank. It totaled \$105,000.

SOVIET REGIME ON LAST LEGS. Help or Chase Is Sure, Red Cross Man Says. Washington, May 14.—The Russian bolshevik government as a "social adventure has become a hastily failure," according to Col. Edward W. Ryan, Red Cross commissioner for north Russia and the Baltic states. Colonel Ryan is just back from a surreptitious visit into Russia, with the Estonian peace delegation and his observations are contained in a report received by the state department. Ryan said he could not hold out six months, he said, without aid from abroad.

Girl Shoots Self When Leap Year Proposal Fails

By Associated Press. Chicago, May 14.—Miss Mary White last night shot herself after her leap year proposal had been rejected by Joseph Keller, a life long friend.

Miss White invited Keller to dinner, took him to a picture show and suggested a walk in the park. Then she suggested marriage, saying she had a flat all furnished for Keller. Her wounds are not serious, hospital attendants say.

elling as a private citizen with the Estonian mission. He spent the following day in Petrograd, arriving in Moscow March 28, and returning to Petrograd five days later and to Reval April 2.

His report, communicated to Robert E. Olds, Red Cross commissioner for Europe, and forwarded here, is said to be the first authoritative first hand information on conditions in Russia received since the return of the Bullitt mission a year ago.

Colonel Ryan visited hospitals, schools, churches, and theaters and observed intimately a community life which he described as so hopeless as to be reduced to a mere existence in the ten days spent amidst it to despair.

The government was "clearly hopeless," he said, "and all government officials admitted the transportation problem would eventually result in the overthrow of the present regime unless help came from the outside."

Raw materials and the necessary organization to provide adequate transport was nowhere to be found, Colonel Ryan reported, and "the colony is drifting rapidly toward a condition from which no one can see any outcome."

Lacking outside aid a revolution is expected within six months, when "trouble of the worst kind will be faced." The report said, continuing: "The general belief is that it will start with a gigantic program and the best that is hoped for is that the writer a middle class intelligence may emerge."

KNOX PLAN ASSURED. Senate Republicans Will Force Wilson to Show Hand. Washington, May 14.—The senate entered into a unanimous consent agreement to vote at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon on the Knox resolution and there is every indication that the resolution will pass. The republicans expect to lose only one vote, but will gain five from the democratic side so that the measure will probably have a majority of about ten.

Before the voting agreement was reached the senate without a roll call approved the provision requesting the president to negotiate with Germany for a separate treaty of commerce and amity. In view of the president's strong opposition to the resolution it was considered futile to attempt the measure with a mere request, which Mr. Wilson would not heed even if congress should pass the resolution over his expected veto.

NEW SEARCH FOR BEASLEY. Webster City Murderer Thought to Be Near Greenville, Ill. Greenville, Ill., May 14.—Two possees began closing in on a patch of woods here today in an effort to apprehend Harley Beasley, charged with the murder of his wife and two children at Webster City, Iowa, last Sunday.

SOCIALISTS ASK RELEASE OF DEBS. Committees Appointed at Socialist National Convention, Ask Attorney General Palmer for Amnesty for All Political Prisoners—Seymour Stedman Heads Party. By Associated Press. Washington, May 14.—Release of Eugene V. Debs, the socialist party's nominee for president, and all other political prisoners was asked in a petition presented to Attorney General Palmer today by a committee appointed at the socialist convention in New York, with Seymour Stedman as chairman.

The committee will see Secretary Tumulty tomorrow to present a similar petition to President Wilson and on Monday another committee will call on Secretary Baker. A joint declaration on the three petitions is expected. Mr. Stedman said the delegation did not believe Mr. Palmer had been favorably impressed by the appeal for amnesty.

SAVS FIGURES OF SIMS LIE

Secretary Daniels Denies Navy Delays Cost Lives of Soldiers.

TRYING TO REFUTE SERIOUS CHARGES

Naval Secretary Uses Statistics of Sims to Disprove Accusations of Naval Incompetency—Insists Tonnage Was Always Available For Transport of Troops Overseas as Fast As They Could Be Cared For.

By Associated Press. Washington, May 14.—White House officials said today that President Wilson's wartime address before the fleet was made by the secretary of navy before the senate naval committee with full authority of the president. The British navy was criticized by the president, and reports here had said a president might reprimand the secretary for making the address public.

Washington, May 14.—Secretary Daniels today told the senate investigating committee that what he termed Rear Admiral Sims' "fallacious and baseless charge that the navy department delays unnecessarily prolonged the war four months was "partially the only charge unfavorable results of the many alleged sins of omission and commission" the officer had ascribed to the department. It was fully refuted, he added, by the admiral's own testimony.

"The charge of prolongation of the war was a definite one and a serious one," said the secretary. "It was made with reckless disregard of the facts and the reasons and facts adduced in its support are those which one might expect to find in the fantastic tales of a Baron Munchausen."

Secretary Daniels based his estimate of an unnecessary loss of 500,000 lives on an average of 3,000 men a day. "The loss of 8,000 men a day for six months amounts to half a million, but of course 500,000 souls better than a figure which would have been arrived at by correct arithmetic."

"The admiral based the charge on the assumption that had there been 1,000,000 American soldiers in France by March, 1918, the war would have been months sooner," Mr. Daniels said, "but the complete refutation by assuming that the tonnage losses of 1917 were the cause of that number of men arriving overseas by that date."

SAYS OWN FIGURES DISPUTE SIMS. "It is not necessary to wander far into the realm of statistics and technical questions to show the fallacy of his claim," the secretary said. "It is admitted by the admiral that in the spring of 1918 American troops were transported to France at nearly 300,000 a month, or more than ten times the rate to which he said transportation had been restricted in 1917 because of destruction of tonnage. This simple fact refutes Admiral Sims' statement that the tonnage losses made it impossible to transmit any American army of size and made it necessary to limit the number of troops which would be sent abroad during the first year to an average of 25,000 a month."

"There never was a time," the witness said, "when tonnage was not available to transport troops to France as fast as they could be landed and rushed to the front, although there was a time when the fallacy done only by extreme measures."

Allocation of ships to the United States by the allies was always the dominant factor," Mr. Daniels declared.

"It is a matter of fact the American army materially shortened the war," said the secretary. "It got to the front as soon as it was humanly possible, not by chance but as a result of careful plans and co-operation between the army and navy."

MORE RIOTS IN IRELAND. Demonstrations by Armed Bands Continue Thruout Country. By Associated Press. Dublin, May 14.—Several additional attacks on government property and other incidents occurred in Ireland last night but up to noon today the reports indicated that the continued activity of the armed bands was nothing like Wednesday night's demonstration. The police barracks, court house and postoffice of County Limerick were burned and a motor bus containing supplies was burned near Sherevee.

Armed and masked men raided a garage in Dublin and took away an automobile.

Hoover Declares For Open Shop as Labor Principle

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Washington, May 14.—"The principle of individual freedom requires the open shop," Herbert Hoover declared today in testifying before the senate labor committee at hearings on proposed legislation for settlement of industrial unrest. Mr. Hoover, who was a member of President Wilson's second industrial conference, said he did not believe the relationship between employer and employee could be settled "by any form of legal repression whether it be by injunction, laws or industrial courts."

"Fundamentally," he declared, "all such actions lead to the use of jails as to the respective part of labor and capital in division of profits, and proceeds swiftly to compulsory labor, compulsory wages or martyrdom."

"No one doubts that the modern consolidation of employer over large units of employees gives every justice an organization of the employees into units for assertion of rights as to bargaining powers. Such organization has a right to present its own representatives in bargaining. On the other hand there should be no compulsion to join an organization. The principle of individual freedom requires the open shop."

Mr. Hoover heartily approved the plan of the second industrial conference for settlement of labor disputes thru industrial agreement. "It avoids the pitfalls. In my mind it is the only step to be taken until the whole broad question of employers and employees has been developed."

Chairman Kenyon said the president had not told the committee what he thought about the matter. He asked Mr. Hoover what the president thought.

"I have not the slightest idea," he said.

Senator Jones wanted to know if labor had not been disturbed by excess profits.

"It has," Mr. Hoover said, "but it is difficult to say how far this has helped to cause industrial unrest. There is no question as to the enormous increase in profits, but what is the result of this requires very careful attention. There has been a big increase in profits over the cost of labor, but I can not say as to the proportion."

moderately purchased with an amount of sugar, is a violation of the federal law, according to advices received from Attorney General Palmer today, by a Detroit attorney here.

OPEN NEW THROUGHFARE. Michigan Boulevard Link in Chicago Completed Today. By Associated Press. Chicago, May 14.—The Michigan boulevard link connecting this great thoroughfare with the north boulevard along the lake shore will be completed today by the formal opening of Rush street bridge spanning the Chicago river. This \$10,000,000 project was started under Mayor Daley in 1914, and developed by succeeding administrations.

Police Official Exonerated. By Associated Press. New York, May 14.—Police Inspector Dominic Henry, formerly commander of the tenderloin district, today was acquitted by order of Judge Malone of a charge of neglect of duty in connection with the vice crusade.

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By Associated Press. Vera Cruz, May 14.—Furious fighting between rebel troops and forces commanded by President Carranza occurred at Hacienda Tamariz, north of San Marcos, state of Puebla, according to dispatches received here. The area of the battlefield is reported to be approximately five square miles.

Carranza is said to have directed personally the operations of his troops for eight hours on Tuesday. Terrific storms have swept the battle region, and telegraphic communication has been interrupted. It is known, however, that heavy rebel reinforcements have been sent to San Marcos. General Sanchez has gone to Matamoros with five train loads of troops to co-operate in what is believed to be the decisive action of the rebel.

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Oregon Friendly to U. S. By Associated Press. Mexico City, via El Paso Junction, May 14.—The policy of President Carranza toward the United States was "national suicide," Gen. Alvaro Obregon declared to the Associated Press in the first exclusive interview given a foreign correspondent since he joined the revolutionary forces after fleeing from Mexico City April 13.

"What strengthens the United States strengthens Mexico," he said, "and what weakens the United States weakens Mexico. My ideal for the relations between Mexico and the United States is to make the international border like the Canadian boundary, withdrawing troops except customs officials."

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Shows Effects of Strain. General Obregon plainly showed the strain under which he had been laboring for more than six months. He was coarser as he talked, his voice was hoarse, a ten days' growth of beard, heavily shot with white, covered his face.

Outside the little hotel in Tacubaya, a suburb, where he was making temporary headquarters, the narrow street was jammed with automobiles and spectators. At the entrance to the hotel a small squad of Yaqui Indian soldiers attempted to keep the doorway clear. Inside a tiny party was crowded with visitors and officers. A white clad sentry who stood at the doorway of the first of two small rooms occupied by Obregon and his chief of staff had difficulty preventing the crowd from passing thru the flimsy door.

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Bloded Cattle of \$300,000 Value Lost in Hedrick Fire

Spontaneous combustion originating in the top of the cattle barn is believed to have been the cause.

PRESIDENT BLAMED FOR PEACE DELAY

League Covenant Held to Be Out of Place Attached to Treaty With Germany and Wilson Accused of Twice Defeating Ratification of Treaty—Wood Gasp Tan and Johnson Four Instructed Delegates.

Ottumwa, May 14.—Forty-four head of imported Angus cattle were burned to death and three buildings destroyed at the W. H. Cooper stock farm near Hedrick last night. Total loss was estimated today at \$300,000.

Spontaneous combustion originating in the top of the cattle barn is believed to have been the cause. James Forsythe, a herdsman, and the only person at home at the time, after three attempts succeeded in saving the Cooper 18,000 bull, "gentle," from the burning building. Most of the cattle lost were to be offered for sale May 26, when world buyers were to be present.

ment officials, and had issued strict orders that supporters of Carranza should not be harmed physically. The United States Constitutional revolutionary movement. General Obregon affirmed, was a nation-wide "moral protest" against the tactics of the Carranza regime in attempting to impose Ynacabo Bonillas, former Mexican ambassador to the United States, as the next president, after having imposed state governments of its own choosing upon the people, notably in San Luis Potosi, Tamaulipas, Queretaro, Nuevo Leon, and Guanajuato.

Expect Surrender of Carranza. By Associated Press. El Paso, Tex., May 14.—Surrender sometime today of President Carranza and his forces said to be surrounded near Rinconada, Puebla, was predicted in a telegram from General Alvaro Obregon received today by Luis Montes de Oca, Mexican revolutionary "consul" at El Paso.

ADOPT COMMITTEE REPORT. Methodist Conference May Ballot on New Bishops Today. By Associated Press. Des Moines, May 14.—The report of the committee on episcopacy to the Methodist general conference recommending election of fourteen bishops and establishment of seven new residences was adopted by the conference today. There was considerable discussion.

The first ballot on bishops will be taken as soon as the secretary can have the ballots ready, which may be yet today.

The first two ballots for the election of bishops of the Methodist church were taken by the general conference this morning. The first ballot was confined to the election of missionary superintendents to the general superintendency, necessitated by the abolition of the office of missionary bishop. Eight hundred two effective ballots were cast and the result was the unanimous election of the former bishops, Frank W. Warn, of Lucknow, Ind.; John W. Robinson, of Bombay, and Eben S. Johnson, of Timbithi, Rhodesia, Africa, as regular bishops.

The second ballot was taken to elect twelve white bishops and was cast just before adjournment at noon. Under the rules the result will not be announced until tomorrow morning.

Examination of the first ballot disclosed that a large number of persons were voted for, the vote having been taken without nominations. It is anticipated the first ballot will contain the names of 100 or more individuals.

HAMPTON PIONEER STRUCK BY TRAIN. John W. Cummings, Farmer and Until Recently a Merchant in Hampton, Probably Fatally Injured by Great Western Passenger Train—Was Driving a New Automobile. Special to Times-Republican. Hampton, May 14.—John W. Cummings, a pioneer farmer of Franklin county, and to a year ago, proprietor of a hardware store in this city, while driving south on Bridge street this morning at ten o'clock was struck by a Great Western passenger train and probably fatally injured. Mr. Cummings was driving a new Ford coupe and it is thought he was watching a freight train which was switching in the yards here when he was struck by the passenger train. Mr. Cummings was carried about a block by the engine and thrown off. The car was carried a block farther and completely demolished.

Mr. Cummings was immediately rushed to the Lutheran hospital where it was said his injuries would probably be fatal altho the full extent of them had not been ascertained at noon today.

INDIANA G. O. P. RAPS WILSON'S PEACE LEAGUE

Resolutions Adopted by Convention Resound With Americanism.

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League Covenant Held to Be Out of Place Attached to Treaty With Germany and Wilson Accused of Twice Defeating Ratification of Treaty—Wood Gasp Tan and Johnson Four Instructed Delegates.

Indianapolis, May 14.—Indiana will send ten delegates to the republican national convention in Chicago instructed for General Wood, four for Senator Johnson, of California, and sixteen uncommitted. This was one of the four net results of the republican state convention which adjourned last night after nominating a state ticket, instructing delegates and adopting a platform containing a plank condemning the president's course in regard to the peace treaty. Rings With Americanism.

The text of the peace plank charges President Wilson with being responsible for the delay in ratifying the peace treaty. The text follows:

"The treaty of peace with Germany ought to have been made immediately after the armistice. If it had been done the treaty would have been ratified many months ago, peace would have been established and a technical state of war would not have remained between Germany and the United States. The president insisted upon making and forced the representatives of the associated powers to adopt the covenant of the league of nations as an integral part of the treaty. He sacrificed peace to his pride for a league, seeking in this way to nullify the constitutional process of the senate in regard to treaties."

"As representatives of the republican party we declare our absolute opposition to the league as submitted, we fully approve the action of the senate in refusing to ratify the reservations to it."

Welcomes Treaty Issues. "Twice the treaty was submitted with reservations and twice the president defeated it. Thus the republicans are not responsible for making the treaty an issue in this campaign, but they welcome the cause. They trust the people to determine the result of their work and the establishment and furtherance of the constitution and its principles."

"The republican party also believes that it should be the declared policy of our government that the peace of Europe being threatened by any power or combination of powers, as was in the case of 1914, the United States should regard such a condition a menace to its own peace and freedom. We believe that the United States should consult with the powers to devise means for the removal of such a menace and be prepared to render any services which it may be required for the defense of civilization."

Thompson Keeps up Fight. By Associated Press. Springfield, Ill., May 14.—Control of the republican party in this state, which will be organized here May 25, will be sought by both Governor Lowden and Mayor Thompson. It is expected. The call for the conference was made by State Chairman Dwight T. Smith. Candidates included Garret Kinney, of Peoria; Walter A. Rosenfield, of Rock Island; Cicero J. Lindsey, of Greenville, and Richard M. Sullivan, of Springfield.

Anti-Saloon League to Watch G. O. P. By Associated Press. St. Louis, May 14.—The anti-saloon league will meet in Chicago June 8 to take action desired to preclude the possibility of the republican national convention adopting an anti-prohibition plank.

Want French Troops Out May 16. By Associated Press. London, May 14.—The German cabinet today held a full discussion with ministers of the federal states decided unanimously that Germany should not send representatives either to Spa or Brussels conferences unless French troops are withdrawn from the Ruhr district by May 16.

More Money for Air Service. By Associated Press. Washington, May 14.—After providing for an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the army air service, an increase of about \$15,000,000 over the house bill, the senate military committee today ordered the army bill favorably reported to the senate.

Missionary Board to Meet. By Associated Press. New York, May 14.—The biennial convention of the woman's board of home missions of the Presbyterian church will be held in Philadelphia May 25, it was announced today.