

SIX SOLDIERS UNDER ARREST

Fort Has Been in State of Terror for Many Months.

RELEASE MRS ANNA JORDAN

Million Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed at Army Post.

Junction City, Mo., Dec. 16.—Trumpeter John Crile of Battery E, Sixth Field artillery, was arrested late yesterday in connection with the dynamite explosions and fire at Fort Riley, which cost the government \$1,000,000. Crile is the sixth soldier placed under arrest since the explosions became public, following Private Michael Quirk's confession that he caused the explosions at the instigation of Rev. Charles M. Brewer, exchaplain at the fort.

The arrest of Crile and the release of Mrs. Anna Jordan at Kansas City before Deputy United States Marshal U. E. Meed arrived there for her were the developments in the case yesterday. Commissioner Chase said that he would have a warrant issued at once for Mrs. Jordan's arrest and would have it served through the United States marshal's office at Kansas City.

The few army officers who could be induced to talk privately of the explosions yesterday declared that Fort Riley has been for nine months as near a state of terror as a well disciplined army post can get. Not only were there frequent incendiary fires, but the commanding officers at the post had received frequent letters threatening them with death and the fort with destruction.

Night and day since early last spring Fort Riley has been under more than double guard, centres have been posted constantly at the homes of the commissioned officers and guards have spent each night in the cellars of these homes in order to frustrate possible plans to destroy the houses by dynamite.

It is not known when, if ever, Mrs. Jordan and the Rev. Mr. Brewer will be brought here for trial. J. R. Harrison, United States marshal, who came to Junction City from Topeka, yesterday said they cannot be brought here before the charges against them are made in the federal court in Kansas City, where Mr. Jordan is, and in Oklahoma, where the Rev. Mr. Brewer is. It will be necessary for some one from here to go to these places and make the charges, he says. Marshal Harrison declared it would be necessary then to have a hearing in the places of arrest before a United States commissioner before they can be brought to Kansas.

The arrest of the Rev. Mr. Brewer and of Mrs. Jordan appears to have been made without any real evidence of their guilt. So far as can be ascertained, there is nothing to connect them with the series of crimes.

It is estimated that the destruction wrought at the fort since last March has cost the government a million dollars.

The biggest loss was sustained when the quartermaster's store house, apart from other buildings, was burned on the night of March 14. When the alarm was given the building was entirely in flames. The structure, which cost approximately \$250,000, was a total loss.

Another fire followed on March 20, the cavalry ordnance building being ignited. This building was saved and the loss was small.

But on June 31, attempt was made to burn a building containing soldiers. Mattresses, soaked with kerosene, were placed against the mess room door and set on fire. Early discovery of the flames saved the building and perhaps many lives. This fire started at 11 o'clock at night.

The government bridge across the Kaw river was dynamited on the night of June 24. Care had been taken to explode the dynamite on that side of the river farthest away from the fort's water mains. It was necessary to tear away a part of the bridge in order to save any of it.

No troops were in the fort when fire destroyed the troop A stable and killed twenty-seven horses on June 28. The troops had been ordered out on a forced march. A detachment of soldiers was hurried back to the post as soon as the flames were discovered, but they could not save any of the burning property.

Officers were firm in the belief

that the plotters planned to cut the fort off from water when they blew up a water main on the night of August 9. The attempt was only partially successful. The fort was left without water one day. One other fire, on Sept. 9, was discovered, but it did little damage. The flames started in a trash can.

Train on Time; Started Riot.

Paris, Dec. 16.—M. Francois Chalou, an attorney, was yesterday released from prison after serving a term of 15 days because a French train was on time.

On Aug. 1 last the lawyer incited a riot at the St. Lazare railway station, his volubly expressed indignation at the unprecedented departure of a Western state suburban train on schedule time firing others to deeds of violence.

Mr. Chalou arrived at the station at 7:02 to take the 7 o'clock train, which had never before been known to depart before 7:10 at the earliest. On that particular day, however, the train left at 7:01, only a minute late, and the attorney's expostulations when he discovered that for once a railway had been punctual led to a disorderly riot, in which hundreds joined.

The court found M. Chalou guilty of disorderly conduct and fined him \$20 and condemned him to 15 days' imprisonment.

Gifts Destroyed by Fire.

Havre, Mont., Dec. 16.—Whole companies of soldiers were annihilated and countless animals, wild and domestic, perished when a mail car on the Great Northern railroad took fire between Havre and Great Falls yesterday. All the casualties were due to the progressiveness of Santa Claus in abandoning the old, reliable reindeer team for the swifter lightning express. The fact that the soldiers were of tin and the animals of wood will soften only partially the grief of the settlers' children to whom the Christmas packages were mailed by eastern friends.

The car was loaded with second and fourth class matter and carried no postal clerk. Its interior was a mass of flames when the fire was discovered. The engineer threw the throttle wide in a race for the nearest water tank and at Big Sandy the burning car was flooded.

Woman Routs Burglars.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—The police are searching today for two robbers with badly bruised heads, and Mrs. W. Holder, 71 years old, is receiving the congratulations of friends for her courage in routing the burglars with a heavy Indian club.

Alone in her cottage Mrs. Holder suddenly was confronted by a masked man with a revolver. On the pretense of fetching her purse, she picked up an Indian club and felled the robber with two well-placed blows. Stepping over his body, she ran out the front door, only to encounter the burglar's companion hiding in her little garden. Again she swung the club, felling burglar number two, and sped to the house of her son-in-law nearby.

The police were notified, but when they arrived the burglars had vanished.

See the Maine Blown Up.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—President Taft and his cabinet yesterday were given a demonstration of how the battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor.

Rear Admiral Vreeland and Chief Constructor Watt of the navy, both members of the Maine investigating board, started the show.

A model of the Maine, constructed in Havana and brought here, was placed on the mahogany table and the cabinet room and Mr. Taft and his advisers watched closely while the two naval officers explained.

First the Maine was shown riding at anchor in Havana harbor. Suddenly Admiral Vreeland pulled a string or two and the model battleship was a ruin in exact reproduction of the Maine as it lay on the bottom after the explosion.

Antitoxin in Big Demand.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 16.—No more anti-toxin for Chicago until July 1, 1912, was the notice Dr. J. A. Egan, secretary of the state board of health, has been forced to send to the Chicago stations owing to a lack of funds. The legislature appropriated \$6,000 this year for diphtheria anti-toxin for Chicago, but owing to the unprecedented demand the fund has already been exhausted.

Will Build Aeroplanes.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Several newspapers assert that Prince Henry, of Prussia, brother of the emperor, who holds an aerial pilot's certificate, together with Dr. Max Prædoehl, former burgo-master of Hamburg, are organizing a company to manufacture biplanes on a system invented by Max Oertz. The capital of the company is said to be \$125,000.

SHOW GIRLS NOT GUILTY

Were Accused of the Shooting of W. E. D. Stokes.

FOUR BALLOTS WERE TAKEN

Return Verdict After Being Absent From Room Less Than Hour.

New York, Dec. 16.—A verdict of "not guilty" was returned late yesterday, freeing Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad of criminal charges on which they had been held since last June for shooting the millionaire sportsman and hotel proprietor, W. E. D. Stokes.

The jury reached its verdict in slightly less than an hour's deliberation—fifty-eight minutes, to be exact.

The "shooting show girls" were tried on an indictment of three counts, the first charging an attempt to murder Stokes. Of consideration of this count, however, the jurors were relieved by Justice Marcus, at the district attorney. The court restricted the jury to the second and third counts, which charged, respectively, assault in the first degree with intent to kill and assault in the second degree with intent to do bodily injury.

While the jury was deliberating the two defendants were held prisoners in an adjoining room. Waiting was obviously an ordeal for both. When summoned to hear the verdict Miss Graham appeared unstrung and was assisted into the court room trembling as with a chill. The more spirited Miss Conrad came unassisted, but she seemed highly nervous.

When the girls faced the foreman he announced the words "Not guilty." Miss Conrad cried, "Thank God," and went into violent hysterics. She sank to the counsel table, then jumped up again, shrieking and tearing her hair and throwing her arms about wildly. It was a surprise to the spectators, for Miss Conrad had kept much the better nerve of the two defendants throughout the trial.

On the other hand, Miss Graham, who continually wept during the trial, and sobbed the more when she saw her companion so affected, acted as the comforter to her younger friend.

It was at first thought that Miss Conrad had misunderstood the verdict and her companion tried to assure her that they were free.

"Oh, I know," she said. "Tell mother we are free. Tell her we are coming home."

The girl's hysteria continued fully ten minutes before her friends succeeded in quieting her.

She recovered as suddenly as she was attacked, and with Miss Graham on her arm, issued from the court room to be greeted with cheers by a large crowd gathered outside. Many persons stepped forward to shake their hands.

The jury arrived at its verdict after taking four ballots. On three of

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them the jurymen voted each time 11 to 1 for acquittal, the one man dissenting being in favor of conviction on second degree assault.

The spectators who crowded the court room did not appear to be greatly surprised. No one was present representing Stokes except counsel. His young wife, who had been in the court room most of the day, decided not to await the outcome. It was said some hours later that the verdict had not been announced to Stokes up to that time. He was said to be still dangerously ill and in considerable pain following the recent operation for the removal of an abscess on his kidney.

The summing up argument which Assistant District Buckner made against the girls was a dramatic feature of the late afternoon session of the court. He flourished the revolvers with which the girls had shot Stokes and punctuated his recital of the shooting and his scorching denunciation of both Stokes and the girls by frequent snaps of the trigger.

"Law must be enforced to be noble, not to be laughed at, giggled at spat upon and danced upon and sang over on the vaudeville stage," were some of Mr. Buckner's words.

He referred to the contention of counsel for defense that Mr. Stokes could not be punished and that the girls had been punished enough. He said:

"Perhaps it is no punishment for a man with a six months' bride and a 14-year old son to have such things hawked about him in every village and hamlet, as have been published in this case. And how have these girls been punished? While Stokes was nursing his wounds they hung his bloody trousers outside of a theater and asked the public to deposit its money in the box office."

Judge Marcus said in his charge to the jurors that the only theory of the defense was self-defense. He declared that all the other matters brought out in the case were relevant only to show the relations of the parties. He cautioned the jurors not to let their emotions overrun their reason, simply because the defendants were women.

Stokes was shot when he called at the apartment of the show girls on the night of June 7. He said he had gone there at the invitation of Miss Conrad, with the expectation of getting letters he had written to Miss Graham and that when he got there the girls laid before him a demand for money, with a flourish of revolvers and a threat to shoot. The girls said Stokes attacked them and that they seized their revolvers long enough to fire two shots and they shot low, several bullets taking effect in the millionaire's legs.

Nice things for the toilet at Teed's. 7d12t1f2

Black Hand Gang Worry Farmers.

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 16.—In an attempt to break up a blackhand gang which early today secured a check for \$1,000 signed by Henry Esselbrugge, a wealthy rancher of Sully county, and has threatened to burn buildings belonging to Samuel Thorpe unless he furnished \$1,500, officers are watching the place where the latter was ordered to place the money.

Esselbrugge, who is a bachelor, living forty miles north of here, received word that unless he placed \$1,000 in cash at a certain place Wednesday night, his farm buildings would be destroyed. A signed check was placed there and the sheriff and other officials watched until early in the morning, when they retired to the house to warm themselves. When they returned shortly afterwards the check was gone.

Esselbrugge has notified all banks in the vicinity to stop payment on the check and bloodhounds were obtained to trail the men, but failed.

Last night Sam Thorpe, also a wealthy rancher of the same county, received a letter notifying him to place a check for \$1,500 at a certain place last night under penalty of losing his buildings by fire. Officials are on guard.

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More Lands to be Opened to Public.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Senator Gamble expects an early favorable report from the Indian committee on the opening of the surplus and unallotted lands of Cheyenne and Standing Rock reservations. The committee was to meet today, but did not do so, but will doubtless act at an early meeting.

Eggs 50 Cents Dozen.

Minneapolis, Dec. 16.—"Strictly fresh" eggs sold here yesterday at 50 cents a dozen, which is said to be the highest price ever reached in Minneapolis. "Storage fresh" eggs are retailing at 45 cents.

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