

HAILED MANHUNTERS DROP TRAILS AND RETRACE STEPS FOR LOST CLEWS

STRANGER ASKS STOREKEEPER FOR DYNAMITE

Leaves Abruptly When Told That His Order Will Be Filled by Telephone

Begin Search for Laundry That Put Mark on the Garments Found in Robbers' Cabin

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

MARTINEZ, April 20.—With the discovery today of the place at which the Benicia train robbers obtained the dynamite left by them in their hurried flight across Carquinez straits and into the Contra Costa hills the active search for the bandits on clues followed thus far practically came to an end and the ground was gone over again and a new start made.

Frank de Pue, state identification expert, was called into the case again and some imprints of finger marks were taken to be compared with those of convicts who have come under his scrutiny.

Sheriff R. R. Veals of Contra Costa county ended today the unraveling of many clues and started his deputies on a new survey of the ground. Patrick J. Kindelon, chief of the Southern Pacific secret service, returned to San Francisco, leaving his men in the field.

A suit of underwear abandoned by the robbers in their cabin near Martinez on the Prazier ranch and carefully hidden under the stairs leading to the place was found today by Sheriff Veals, and the police of San Francisco, Oakland, Stockton and Sacramento will be sent letters apprising them of the laundry mark on the garments—D 25. The sheriff entertained for a time the plan of securing bloodhounds, giving them the scent of the underclothes and putting them on the trail. As the robbers are supposed to have left in a buggy they stole from the Headley ranch, it was not thought that the dogs could follow the trail, especially as three days have passed since the robbery and a light rain has fallen.

It was established beyond doubt that the dynamite dropped by the bandits along the railroad track at the scene of the holdup and that found hidden beneath the floor of the cabin they occupied here was stolen from the warehouse adjoining the store of J. J. McNamara, located about a mile from the center of Martinez in the Alhambra valley.

DYNAMITE STOLEN
When Sheriff Veals learned that William J. McCann, a clerk in McNamara's second store in the business district of Martinez, had received an order for dynamite from a man answering the description of the taller of the two bandits, early last week, he had an interview with McCann and this morning ascertained that 42 sticks of dynamite had been taken from the warehouse.

McCann told his customer that the store down town was not allowed by city ordinance to carry dynamite, but that he could telephone to the store farther out and have some of the explosive delivered. At this the man turned and left the store without a word.

Veals went to McNamara today and the store keeper looked at his stock of dynamite. One box had been opened and 42 sticks taken. The box cover had been replaced and a full box of dynamite placed over the rifled box.

Six cans of oysters, McNamara discovered also had been taken from his storeroom. The brand was the same as the brand on the five cans found in the cellar of the robbers' cabin.

Frank de Pue arrived here early in the afternoon, took finger prints from the sticks of dynamite, the box from which the robbers stole the explosive in McNamara's store, the shotgun dropped by the fugitives in the marsh near Goodyear, discovered yesterday, and other articles.

RELEASE SUSPECTS
The two suspects jailed by Constable Collins at Pinole yesterday were released this morning. Sheriff Veals obtained from Pinole today the information that two men closely answering to the description given of the robbers had been seen at that town Sunday.

Louis Brandt, a resident of Pinole, said that two men, driving in a red geared buggy, stopped before his store Sunday night and asked the way to San Pablo. He directed them and they drove away at a furious pace, beating the horse and looking over their shoulders. M. C. Mackay of Pinole also saw the men.

John Lubbe, the Martinez liverman, who has personal relations with the robbers while they occupied the cabin here, was taken to Benicia yesterday to look at E. A. Schloeman and Frank J. Scott, the suspects jailed there four weeks after the train robbery.

Lubbe said emphatically that they were not the men who occupied the Prazier ranch cabin. Sheriff Veals examined the camp of the bandits discovered at the edge of the Suisun marsh last night and brought with him on his return to Martinez this afternoon the sawed off shotgun discovered under the Goodyear bridge. It is a Fox, well known to sportsmen, and the same make of gun that Roosevelt took with him to Africa. Frank de Pue took the weapon with him to San Francisco for examination.

Sheriff Veals said today that he now believed that in all probability the robbers had gone to Oakland and that they are in hiding.

IRAG SLOUGH
Constable William Hyde of Benicia, with several of Kindelon's men to assist him, spent today in dragging the slough below the robbers' camp at Goodyear. He believed that some of the missing mail pouches may have been thrown overboard from the boat occupied by the bandits during their trip down the

The two suspects in the Oakland jail, who, Captain of Detectives Petersen is convinced, committed the Southern Pacific train robbery last Saturday night.



JAMES FRANKLIN FRED HANSON

slough toward Suisun bay, but the search today revealed nothing.

Constable Ott of Concord and Constable Fay of Bay Point came into Martinez today and were in consultation with Sheriff Veals.

At 10 o'clock tomorrow morning Sheriff Veals, Constable Charles H. Palmer and Deputy Sheriff John H. Birmingham Jr. will start in a launch for another search of both shores of the bay in the hope of finding fresh clues of some kind.

Search Deserted House
Acting upon a request from Chief Patrick J. Kindelon of the Southern Pacific secret service, Sheriff Chatham of San Mateo county swooped down yesterday afternoon on a deserted house about a quarter of a mile from the railroad in the vicinity of the Sixteen mile house south of this city, where two men answering the description of the train robbers were reported to be in hiding.

The raid upon the deserted ranch house was without results. No signs of life were found about the place, nor was there any indication that the dwelling had been occupied for some time past.

The message from Kindelon was received by Sheriff Chatham at Redwood City by telephone at 3:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Kindelon said that he had received word that two men who fit the description of the fugitives had been seen in the deserted house near the Sixteen mile house and asked Chatham to investigate the report.

Chatham, District Attorney Joseph J. Bullock and Deputy Sheriff Charles Long drove to San Mateo in Bullock's machine, where they picked up Chief of Police Maurice Boland of that city, and then continued on to the Sixteen mile house. In the meantime Agent Madden of Kindelon's staff went to Redwood City and met Under Sheriff Frank Bartlett and the two proceeded to South San Francisco by train. Both parties made a thorough search of the suspected house without results. Bullock, Chatham and Long returned to San Mateo late in the afternoon.

ALLEGED CHILD SLAYER BREAKS DOWN IN COURT
Becomes Hysterical and Case is Continued

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SANTA ROSA, April 20.—Willard Thomas, who is on trial in the superior court here for the murder of his infant child, broke down this afternoon during the final arguments, and the case had to be continued until tomorrow morning.

Thomas, who has been exceedingly nervous during the trial, continued to grow more agitated throughout the day, and about 3:30 o'clock this afternoon gave way completely and went into hysterics. A 10 minute recess was taken, but as he was no better at the end of that time the case was continued, and he was removed to the jail.

The defense was insanity, but the evidence simply went to show that he had an unruly temper.

TO FLY, WALK AND TALK AT CARNIVAL
Petaluma Plans Great Celebration for Fourth of July

PETALUMA, April 20.—Frank J. McGowan of San Francisco has given his promise to act as orator of the day at the big fourth of July celebration to be held here. The celebration will begin July 2 and continue over the fourth. An aviation meet is promised. A parade will be given in which every fraternal organization in the city, the Swiss club and commercial bodies will be represented with floats. Canton Petaluma No. 19, Patriarchs Militant, have the affair in charge.

QUARREL OVER APARTMENTS—John Hoff was charged in Police Judge Conlan's court yesterday with exhibiting a deadly weapon in a threatening manner on complaint of John N. Rose, collector, and the case was continued till April 27. Hoff and Mrs. C. H. Ford, proprietress of the Fordham apartments, Pine and Powell streets, both claim possession of the Cambridge apartments, 229 Pine street. Mrs. Ford went there Tuesday, accompanied by Rose and Attorney Daniel McCarthy, when, it is alleged, Hoff pulled a revolver out of his pocket and threatened to shoot Mrs. Ford.

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PRISONERS TRY TO DISGUISE VOICES

Captain of Detectives Says Their Alibi Does Not Hold Good Under Investigation

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The prisoners were the bandits. Marsh explained his attitude in this language: "It is easily possible that these were the men. They are of the same build as the bandits; their voices, in spite of the attempts to disguise, were like the bandits', and their demeanor, nervous, shifty, resembles the robbers'."

Blakely took especial notice that Hanson, like one of the robbers, has an upper left gold tooth. Marsh was as prompt to see that Franklin, the taller suspect, has a mole on his forehead, just as the taller bandit had, which showed above the mask. Still another link of circumstantial evidence is that the robbers wore masks made of black handkerchiefs, fastened to the lower part of the face by strings. On one of the prisoners was found a black handkerchief.

Alibi Story Fails
Another effort was made by the local detectives today to break down the prisoners by "sweating." It failed. But the alibi story which the prisoners are telling crumbled a little, and when the men asserted gravely that they did not know each other and only chanced to be in one room in San Francisco when they were arrested the sleuths knew that contradictions would soon come. Investigation of the explanation which the men gave of their movements in the last weeks was undertaken, and in a few hours proof was obtained that the men were "stalling."

In all their replies to questions the prisoners are wary or stubborn. When Hanson was asked where he was born he replied: "That doesn't make any difference to you."

Later Franklin said he had been a switchman. This coincides with the description Engineer Marsh gave of the taller bandit's attempt to run the engine. Marsh declared that the robber had superficial knowledge of an engineer's work, such as a switchman or yardman might have gleaned.

FOUR MADE PLANS
The police think that the plans of the robbery were laid while Hanson and Franklin were in San Francisco. With the stolen dynamite in their possession the men at Martinez presumably laid the plans for the job under direction of their city pals. The night of the robbery the four joined and as soon as the registered mailbags were emptied separated.

It is supposed that Hanson and Franklin made their way down the river and the straits to the bay. To cover their flight the outlaws placed two "plants." A decoy note, intended to deceive the police into taking a false trail, was left in the engine.

BOAT WAS "PLANT"
The other plant, according to the police theory, was the placing of a rowboat near Martinez with letters from the registered mailbags in it. Captain Petersen believes that the Martinez suspects made this plant while the actual robbers were escaping down the river.

want," said Petersen, "gives us a point from which to work. I am positive that they are fugitives from justice in some case, and if not in this I will never be able to explain to my own satisfaction, I think, the peculiar circumstances which point to them as two of the robbers."

MEASUREMENTS TAKEN
"Hanson and Franklin, of course, are not the men's true names, but they are the only names we have. I took the Bertillon measurements of the men today and in a few days I will know whether they have criminal records. "It is certain that we are more than justified in holding our prisoners. There were two men arrested at Benicia on suspicion of being the Martinez suspects, but for lack of identification they were released. I do not say that those men were the right men. I do say, however, that if we had not obtained the engineer's and fireman's identifications of Hanson and Franklin today we could not have held them."

SMUGGLER SLAIN BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS
Killed During Running Fight With Government Officials

SANTA ANA, April 20.—Gregorio Espinosa, who is alleged to have been smuggling Chinese across the Mexican border for years, was shot and killed at El Toro last night during a running fight with Ralph Conklin and E. W. Chadney of the San Diego customs office. The officers were in charge of smuggling Chinese at the county jail awaiting the arrival of officers from Los Angeles.

ABANDONED IT
For the Old Fashioned Coffee Was Killing

"I always drank coffee with the rest of the family, for it seemed as if there was nothing for breakfast if we did not have it on the table. "I had been troubled some time with my heart, which did not feel right. This trouble grew worse steadily. "Sometimes it would beat fast and at other times very slowly, so that I would hardly be able to do work for an hour or two after breakfast, and if I walked up a hill, it gave me a severe pain. "I had no idea of what the trouble was until a friend suggested that perhaps it might be caused by coffee drinking. I tried leaving off the coffee and began drinking Postum. The change came quickly. I am now glad to say that I am entirely well of the heart, trouble and attribute the relief to leaving off coffee and the use of Postum. "A number of my friends have abandoned the old fashioned coffee and have taken up with Postum, which they are using steadily. There are some people that make Postum very weak and tasteless, but if it is boiled long enough, according to directions, it is a very delicious beverage. We have never used any of the old fashioned coffee since Postum was first started in our house."

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MINIATURE PANAMA CANAL PLANNED

Will Be Among Unique Features of the Great Exposition of 1915

A miniature Panama canal, exact in every detail to the original, in all probability will be among the unique features of the Panama-Pacific exposition to be held in San Francisco in 1915. The idea was suggested to the board of directors by an outsider and met with instant approval.

The miniature canal will be an exact replica of the one in celebration of which the exposition is being held. It will run through the fair grounds, and on either bank there will be growing tropical plants. It will possess all the locks and tying up places. The plan is to have launches running up and down the canal. At one end of it will be the European exhibits, those from London, Paris, Berlin and other important civic centers of the old world. At the other end will be the orient, as typified by a miniature Chinese city, Japanese exhibits and those from Asia generally, the thought being to connect the east and west by the Panama canal.

Such matters as the canal, the Olympic games and the south sea exhibits will be taken up in detail later. At the present moment the directorate is busy making the preliminary arrangements. Meetings are being held daily and the expectations are that within a few days the skirmishing will be over and the real battle commence.

The publicity committee submitted a list of 20 delegates to travel with Governor Gillett to Washington to the board of directors and invitations will be sent out in a day or two.

Congressman Kahn's speech at Washington was received with much enthusiasm by the various committees and a telegram of thanks sent to him, applauding him for his efforts.

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