

BANDIT FEELS TO HIS ROVER OVER BAY Search Seems Useless to Sheriff

One of the cars held up by a highwayman at Easton about midnight Monday, one of the motormen and some of those concerned in the pursuit of the fugitive.



OTTO JACOBSON - MOTORMAN

ROBBER HELPED BY CONDUCTOR PASSING A CAP

Valuables Collected While Former Employee of Road Failed to Use Revolver

stationed in the brush some distance from the scene.

As the bandit left the southbound car for the second time, after shooting Kirkbride, the handkerchief he had been wearing over the lower part of his face fell off.

Although the victims of the bandit say that he could not have been more than 23 years old, he executed the holdup with all the nerve and daring of an experienced criminal.

The robber first held up the passengers of the northbound car, on which he had been riding as a passenger, and then, when the southbound car approached and stopped by the side of it, he turned his attention to the latter.

The description of the robber given by the various passengers tallies almost exactly. Walter L. Swain, a real estate operator with offices in the Pacific building, was riding on the platform with the motorman of the southbound car when the holdup man boarded it, and had a good look at the latter when he left the car after the handkerchief mask had fallen from his face.

Description of Robber According to Swain and others on the two cars, the bandit was about 22 years of age, or possibly a year or so younger, about 5 feet 6 inches in height, weighing about 145 pounds, smooth shaven, fair haired, with dark set blue eyes and wearing deep clothed.

He had rather thin, peaked features, Swain noted, and a decided Swedish cast of countenance. The man who heard him speak said that he talked with a noticeable Swedish accent.

Though a posse under Deputy Sheriff J. J. Shields of San Mateo county was quickly gathered in San Mateo and rushed to the scene shortly after the holdup, the search was also made in the hotels in San Mateo and other peninsula towns early yesterday morning, but no guest answering the description of the holdup man was found to have registered in any of them during the night.

POLICE GUARD ALL ROADS Immediately after the holdup and shooting, the police of San Francisco and San Jose were notified by telephone to keep a lookout for the bandit and details of policemen were set to guard all roads leading into each city from the peninsula.

Under Sheriff J. J. Shields conducted the hunt yesterday in the absence of Sheriff Mansfield, making a tour of the peninsula in an automobile with a deputy. Further than that, the belief being accepted that the holdup man had made his escape from the vicinity.

EMPTY POCKETBOOKS FOUND At the scene of the affair remaining yesterday morning was a few empty pocketbooks and handbags that had been stripped of their contents and discarded in the roadway.

Walter L. Swain, a real estate operator in the Pacific building, who was a passenger on the south bound car, said in the opinion that the man was an amateur, and that he got away by using a boat on the bay shore.

"I was riding in front with the motorman when the robber boarded the car," said Swain. "I asked the motorman if he had a gun and he signified in the affirmative by handing me a 32 caliber revolver. I was just about to take a shot at the man when he was passing in front of the car when the motorman called to my attention that I might injure one of the passengers if I fired. Fearing that I would harm me if he fired, I put my gun in my possession I hid it in the sand box.

When the robber re-entered the car after wounding Kirkbride, I feared he was coming back to finish the job. He had a terrible look in his eyes and I thought sure he would kill the injured man. Instead he examined his wound and expressed his sorrow at being compelled to wound him."

OTTO JACOBSON, motorman of the north bound car upon which the holdup man first started his operations, was taken to the central police station in San Francisco yesterday and shown scores of pictures from the identification bureau of the bureau. Thomas Reagan, chief of the bureau, said the pictures shown were of convicts and men wanted in various parts of the country, escaped convicts and numerous prisoners recently discharged from the California prisons.

LIBERTY GEORGE E. DUFFY



REUBEN BOONE

As we passed Burlingame grove, north of Easton, the car stopped, and looking out of the opposite window, I saw a north bound car standing opposite the smoking compartment of the north bound car was also in front and was directly opposite ours.

CONDUCTOR CRIES 'HOLDUP' "When the car had been standing for about three or four minutes, and the conductor entered from the rear platform, with his cap in his hand, and yelled, 'It's a holdup, boys; get out your valuables.' He then started to walk through the car from the rear platform, and money in his cap. Then, for the first time, I saw the bandit. He entered from the rear platform, behind the conductor, and forced everybody into the smoking compartment. I had moved from my seat to the partition between the two compartments, and was nearest the door.

When the conductor was collecting the money Kirkbride suddenly brushed past me and ran toward the bandit, who was pointing the gun directly at us. The holdup man stepped forward, and with his legs and, with a curse, fired just as the bullet entered his leg. Kirkbride lunged at the bandit, but was thrown down between two seats. Leaning over the partition, I saw the bandit, who had pointed the gun at his head and fired again. Just as he fired the white handkerchief which had hidden the lower part of his face, fell away and I got a clear view of his features.

BANDIT GRABS VALUABLES "Leaving Kirkbride lying between the seats, the bandit grabbed the conductor's cap, containing the valuables, and jumped to the floor and offered to help Kirkbride's assistance and picking him up, carried him into the forward end of the car. As I was wiping the blood from his head the door at the front end of the car, only a few inches open, and the bandit crawled in under the curtain shield. He drove us all, except Kirkbride, back into the other compartment and then he offered to help the wounded man. Oh, I guess you'll pull through," he said and hurriedly made his escape through the front entrance once more. A moment later the signal of two bells rang, and the car started toward Burlingame, leaving the northbound car at a standstill.

QUESTION FOR MOTORMAN "Duffy took Kirkbride to his home in San Mateo and a quick surgeon of the Burlingame officers. I summoned Chief of Police Jones, Constable Ferguson and Owen and Jim Madden and securing an automobile, I drove to the scene of the holdup half an hour after it occurred.

Two SUSPECTS RELEASED One of the first officers notified of the holdup was Constable Mike Sheehan of San Mateo. On receiving news of the crime Sheehan telephoned to Henry Kirk, pumper for the Spring Valley Water company and a gas surmounter north of the point where the cars were held up, to stop all northbound cars and take off any suspicious characters. Kirk stopped the Owl car bound for this city and with a revolver, compelled two men to accompany him to his house, where he telephoned to Sheehan.

The pumper was advised to question his prisoners, and went back to where he had them locked in a room. Upon opening the door one of the men made a break and Kirk floored him with the butt of his revolver.

The two suspects were kept in custody until the arrival of the special car from San Francisco at 4:30 a. m. when Detective Dowd of the United Railroads ordered them released. The first officer to take to the chase of the bandit was Under Sheriff John Shields of San Mateo, who, with two deputies, took up the trail at 2 o'clock a. m., remaining out until 9 yesterday morning.

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GAS MEN OF STATE IN ANNUAL SESSION

Two Hundred Delegates in San Diego Discuss Needs for Consumer

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 17.—With nearly 200 delegates present, the twentieth annual convention of the Pacific Coast Gas association began sessions in a local hotel this morning. In addition to a short business meeting the program included sightseeing trips to various points of interest.

President William Beahy, W. T. Pease, F. S. Wade, L. B. Jones, D. J. Young, Prof. C. L. Cory, C. P. Houghton, L. H. Herbert, H. P. Pitts, F. A. Cressey Jr., Prof. Robert Sibley, F. C. Millard, Wallace H. Foster and R. L. Clarke were scheduled to speak. J. J. Portley of the local gas company is chairman of the entertainment committee.

At an address by President Beahy, the report of Secretary John A. Britton was read. It showed a membership of 347, representing almost every city on the Pacific coast.

Of the papers read those that caused the liveliest discussion were one on "Commercial Gas Illumination" by W. T. Pease of San Francisco, and a composite article by L. H. Newbert and F. Pitts of San Francisco, entitled "Should Gas Companies Engage in the Sale of Appliances?"

Discussion of the latter topic lasted an hour and was quite animated at times. E. C. Jones of San Francisco wished a motion carried indorsing the handling of appliances by gas corporations.

OVERINSURANCE CAUSES MAJORITY OF THE FIRES Chiefs Declare Against Excessively High Policies

DENVER, Sept. 17.—"Over-insurance is one of the greatest causes of fire loss in the United States," said Fire Chief W. Bywater of Salt Lake in addressing the International Association of Fire Engineers here today.

Chief Kenlon of New York said that the question of over-insurance was of supreme importance in taking measures to decrease fire loss. Chief Bywater declared that insurance companies are required to provide more effectively against excessively high policies.

At this evening's session a memorial service for dead fire fighters was held. Tomorrow the women who are attending the convention will be taken to Mount Morrison in automobiles as guests of the Denver Motor club. In the evening there will be a theater party for the women and a smoker for the visiting chiefs.

STANFORD GEOLOGISTS AND ZOOLOGISTS BUSY

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Sept. 17.—E. B. Corbet of San Francisco has been chosen president of the Stanford Geology and Mining society. W. C. Gehrman, vice president; G. B. Lantz, secretary, and H. W. Parmalee, treasurer.

MARRIAGE LICENSES IN REDWOOD CITY REDWOOD CITY, Sept. 17.—The following marriage licenses were issued: Henry L. Morrison, 31, San Francisco, and Caroline J. French, 23, Alameda; Melvin L. Broadwell, Jr., 23, Oakland, and Nellie C. Just, 23, San Francisco; William Henry Pool, 30, Warrentown, Va., and Isabelle Donohue, 22, Menlo Park; Albert E. Morrison, 38, and Mary J. Pritchard, 25, both of San Francisco; J. L. Joy, 40, San Francisco, and Mary A. Smith, 21, San Mateo.

MONEY TO MOVE CROP MAY PROVE DEFICIENT WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—As the result of reports of impending money stringency necessitating the deposit of government funds in national banks both finance the estimated ten billion dollar crop now being harvested, Comptroller of Currency Murray is watching the condition of banks as shown by the call of September 4. Reports from New York, Chicago and St. Louis do not indicate a condition as good as on June 14, the date of the previous call.

AGED POOR WILL LIVE IN A \$100,000 HOME PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 17.—One hundred thousand dollars for a home for poor Lutherans of all ages and both sexes is the principal bequest in the will of the late E. R. Artman of this city probated today. The will disposed of an estate valued at \$1,000,000.

See Today's Fireworks Come to the Grand View Hotel, 2228 Union street, and see from its magnificent roof garden the spectacular ceremonies when the Japanese Commission selects site for Japan on the Presidio Reservation.

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POLICE SAY WOMAN SLEW AUTO DRIVER

Portland Detectives Advance Theory of Revenge to Explain Crime

PORTLAND, Sept. 17.—With the theory that revenge was the motive and that the slayer was probably a woman, the city detectives carried on a search throughout the day for the person that shot Harry Barr, an automobile owner and public driver, whose dead body was found early today on the Lynton road just north of Portland.

The theory that the murder was committed for the purpose of robbery, which the police gave out as the motive, was dispelled later by the detectives, who discovered that Barr's watch and \$63 in money were in the pockets of his clothing. The robbery idea eliminated, the detectives turned toward revenge as a motive, and they stated that they had obtained evidence that Barr was the object of the attacking letter more than one woman.

With this in view, the detectives spent the greater part of the day endeavoring to ascertain the names of all persons, particularly women, with whom the dead man was acquainted.

Barr early last night took two men and a woman to a roadhouse a few miles north of this city. After depositing them at their destination he returned at once to Portland, remarking to the proprietor of the resort that he was going to get another load of people.

It was some time after this that the murder occurred, but whether it was on the return to Portland and was committed by some one who had stopped him along the road or on his way back to the roadhouse by a member of the party he had left at the resort, the detectives have not determined. They are of the opinion, however, that the murder was committed directly after Barr had started back from the resort by some one who had followed his car, or knowing his destination had preceded it. Barr, they say, was so well known that he could not have come back to Portland without having been seen by some one, and no one has come forward who saw him after he departed with passengers for the roadhouse.

WOODMAN'S VAUDEVILLE The first big entertainment and smoker to be given in the Native Sons' new hall, in Mason street, since the dedication will be that of Golden Gate camp No. 84 of the Women of the World this evening. There will be a long program, in which the following entertainers are featured: Frank duo, Miss Billy Bibelet, Tom 'Scotty' Maguire, Ed Moncrieff, Nellie Lyman and Blanche Fennell, Eddie Horn and Hatch and Conne will appear in specialties.

WORK BEGUN ON TANKS FOR OIL REFINING PLANT [Special Dispatch to The Call] MARTINEZ, Sept. 17.—With the arrival here this morning of a crew of steel workers, the construction of the oil station of the Indian Refining company began in this city. Twelve steel tanks of 67,000 barrels capacity are to be erected and will be followed by the steel and iron buildings that will comprise the equipment of the local station. The wharf, 3,200 feet long, has been completed and the spur tracks laid from the railroad line to the works.

DOUGHERTY RANCH BOUGHT FOR SALE TO RANCHERS [Special Dispatch to The Call] MARTINEZ, Sept. 17.—Rumors of the impending sale of the great Dougherty ranch of 20,000 acres lying partly in Contra Costa county and partly in Alameda county to the R. N. Burgess company for subdivision purposes have been heard here. The ranch is one of the few remaining large tracts in the state and comprises some of the finest farming land in the bay region. The reported selling price is more than \$1,000,000.

STATE AID BLOWS UP 'VICE' BUBBLE

Oregon Official Says Governor's Crusaders Responded to a False Alarm

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 17.—"False alarm" was the appellation given to Portland's recent vice crusade by John F. Logan, member of the state parole board and a prominent Portland attorney, today in an address made before the Rotary club. Logan made no aspersions against the sincerity of Governor Oswald West, but he denounced in plain English the "impractical reformers" who he declared were the sponsors of the crusade.

Aside from saying Portland is not really bad, but simply suffering from the "vice" mania to every fast growing city," the speaker asserted the reformers had made "false accusations" and "misrepresented conditions" to the governor.

"Governor West came here ill advised," said Logan. "The reformers shouted of vices that do not exist. The vice crusade has resulted in the arrest of saloon keepers and in the hounding of unfortunate women. This was all that came out of the accusations. Yet the outside world has been led to believe that Portland is a veritable sinkhole of vice."

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