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BANDIT KEEPS A LEDGER BALANCE ON ROBBERIES

Entries in Diary Found in Pocket of Holdupman Indicate He Is Responsible for Long Series of Raids on Ticket Offices of Railway Lines in the East

TAKEN AFTER RACE THROUGH STREETS

Agent Refuses to Obey Command to "Get Into Corner" and Gives Alarm - Highwayman Flees and Tries to Elude His Pursuers by Bolting Into Barber Shop

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—The lone bandit who has held up half a dozen railroad ticket offices in New York and Pennsylvania in the last month was captured today in this city, the police believe, when William J. Clayton, a husky young man, was taken into custody, after a sensational chase following an attempted daylight robbery.

A diary found in one of Clayton's pockets gave what the police believe to be a list of railroad ticket office robberies, with the amounts which each netted. The list follows:

"December 17, New York, Wells Fargo, \$500; December 23, Buffalo, Grand Trunk, \$327; January 2, New York, Erie, \$660; January 10, Philadelphia, Erie, \$300; January 11, Pittsburg, B. R. and P., \$54; January 14, Philadelphia, S. P., \$127."

MONEY ORDERS FOUND The total amount of the sums mentioned is \$1,558. The police also found \$29 in cash and more than \$1,000 in Wells Fargo money orders in Clayton's possession.

The attempted robbery here occurred this afternoon at the ticket offices of the Boston and Maine railroad.

Clayton, who had just purchased a ticket for Pittsfield, suddenly pointed a revolver at Cashier George Hacker, ordering him to give up all the money he had. As Hacker was slow in complying, Clayton flourished the revolver again and ordered every person in the office to get into a corner.

VAULTS OVER COUNTER All complied except George Titcomb, a railroad ticket agent. The bandit had vaulted over the counter to rifle the cash drawer, when he saw Titcomb rush out the door. Instantly he vaulted back over the counter, without taking any money, and dashed into the street, with the office force after him.

Then followed a race through the business streets of the city, officers who conducted the pursuit not daring to fire at the fugitive because of the crowds. The man finally bolted into a barber shop.

He had just ordered a "shave in a hurry" after throwing his overcoat and hat to one side, when an officer entered and arrested him. He offered no resistance.

Clayton confessed tonight, police officials say, to the robberies which he had noted in his diary. In his statement Clayton is said to have included a robbery in Cleveland on January 10, although his diary referred to him as having been in Philadelphia on that day. The police declared an officer attached to the local artillery district had identified the prisoner as William G. Montague, who deserted from Fort Banks, Winthrop, Mass., two years ago. His home was in Yuma, Ariz. Clayton registered at the hotel where he stayed last night as from Thorne, Nev.

A GREAT DETECTIVE STORY

Monsieur Denaque By ARTHUR TRAIN

Good detective stories are hard to find. "M. Denaque" is one of the best produced in later years. This is the first of the exploits of this remarkable man, who brings all the resources of scientific chemistry to the unravelment of crime. Arthur Train was Assistant District Attorney of New York for a number of years and is the author of "True Stories of Crime," "The Confessions of Artemus Quibble" and other stories.

M. Denaque will appear in NEXT SUNDAY'S CALL

RICHMOND MINISTER TRAPPED IN CHURCH

Rev. Frank Horn, Hiding From Parishioners, Is Caught in Sanctuary, but Completely Vanishes Again Before Searching Party Members Are Able to Seize Him

RICHMOND, Jan. 16.—Shortly after midnight Rev. Mr. Horn, at the solicitation of Mrs. P. Church and other friends, came down from his hiding place in the attic of the church. He said that he locked himself in his study and later hid in the loft to avoid further interviews. In regard to the articles identified by Mrs. Mae de Tovrea, he said they had been given to him by friends, whose names he withheld. He announced that he had decided to remain in Richmond, and retained C. A. Clark, a local attorney, to represent him. Chief of Police Arnold placed a guard over the church and the Church home, to prevent the clergyman from disappearing again.

The sudden departure of Rev. Frank Horn, the Richmond Baptist minister accused of leading a dual life, from his rooms at 112 Nichol avenue, in the Contra Costa city, ostensibly to visit Oakland in search of evidence to establish his identity; the discovery of articles in his effects belonging to Mrs. Eva Mae Metz de Tovrea, the deserted wife, late yesterday afternoon; the accidental finding of the missing clergyman hidden behind the pulpit of the church last night by two of the deacons and his second mysterious flight, either by a jump from a window 12 feet from the ground or else to a secret hiding place in the inner recesses of the big loft of the edifice, are the startling developments in the strange story rapidly unfolding across the bay.

WARRANT ISSUED UPON CHURCH In the belief that the clergyman, now unmasked as a married man who has used the cloak of ministry to further his designs upon young women and girls, still is within the church building, a close watch is being kept upon the structure. All night friends and enemies alike watched the different exits, waiting for the man honored as pastor for eight months by the little Richmond congregation, to come forth and explain his remarkable actions of the last 24 hours.

A partial search of the loft failed to reveal any positive traces of Horn, and further investigation was abandoned, owing to the darkness which hid dangerous pitfalls and the possibility that the man, evidently desperate, might take human life if cornered.

Stranger than fiction was the revealing and subsequent disappearance of Horn, or rather De Tovrea. Mrs. de Tovrea's identification of the articles is considered to have established beyond a doubt the preacher's real identity and to have dissipated into thin air his self-told tale of a twin brother, the "black sheep" of the family.

PREACHER FOUND HIDING Shortly before 6:30 o'clock last night Deacons Paul Dunlap and F. Stout entered the church to see if everything was all right and to announce to the members of the choir that there would be no choir practice. Both men had come directly from the home of the clergyman, where they had seen Mrs. de Tovrea again identify the silver spoon, a wedding gift, a knitted dolly and a leather box as hers.

While Stout remained in the vestibule to turn on the church lights Dunlap, with a premonition that all was not right, hastened down the aisle and entered the hall back of the pulpit, leading to the pastor's study. Hardly had he lifted the portier covering the doorway leading from the rostrum

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TITANIC CLAIMS TOTAL MILLIONS

Manager Harris Valued at \$900,000 More Than Painter of "The Angelus"

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—A flood of petitions for damages through the loss of the steamer Titanic filed today included one from Mrs. Irene Wallace Harris, who demands \$1,000,000 for the loss of her husband, Henry B. Harris, the theatrical manager. This is the heaviest of the 279 claims so far filed. Mrs. May Futrelle of Scituate, Mass., asks \$300,000 compensation for the loss of her husband, Jacques Futrelle, author. The claim of Mrs. Lilly B. Millet, widow of Francis D. Millet, the artist, a Titanic victim, is \$100,000.

United States Judge Hand extended yesterday the time for filing petitions to February 11. The claims amount to more than \$10,000,000, but the White Star line contends that its liability is limited under the United States statutes to less than \$100,000, the value of recovered wreckage and passage money.

SAVING OF FUEL SHOWN

Instruction Car Is Being Taken Over System to Make Demonstrations

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—The Illinois Central road is making use of moving pictures to illustrate the possibilities of economy in the use of fuel. An instruction car, carrying moving pictures and lecturers on fuel economy, is being taken over the lines of the system, making stops at every division point. Lectures are delivered in the morning, afternoon and evening.

WATER SUPPLY CUT OFF

Ice Piles Up Over Intake and Town Resorts to Explosives

CALUMET, Mich., Jan. 15.—Heavy northwest winds and heavy seas have piled the ice over the intake pipe of the Calumet and Hecla Mining company's water works plant on Lake Superior, which supplies water to Calumet, shutting off the water supply to half of Houghton county's population. The public schools were forced to close today. Dynamite is being used to break up the ice.

LIQUOR SENT IN COFFINS Oklahoma Undertaker Indicted for Violating Intestate Boze Law

FORT SMITH, Ark., Jan. 15.—On a charge of attempting to ship three coffins filled with intoxicating liquors from Arkansas to Oklahoma, L. E. Billings, an undertaker of Muskogee, Okla., was indicted by the United States grand jury here today. Billings recently went to Los Angeles.

ASHES BY PARCEL POST Remains of Japanese Woman Sent Through Mails to Oriental Home

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

SAN JOSE, Jan. 15.—A small package, containing the ashes of a Japanese woman, was forwarded today by the San Jose postoffice by parcel post to her old home in Japan.

HANDSOMEST MAN BADLY BOTHERED BY PRETTY MAID

Telephone Calls From Miss Freed to Walter Speyer Run Nine to Nineteen During Day

DESPERATE VICTIM APPEALS TO COURTS

Warrant Issues for Stenographer, Who Gives Bond for Her Appearance

Because she thinks Walter S. Speyer, bachelor, general manager of the New Zealand Insurance company, is the "handsomest man in town," Miss Mollie Freed, a pretty and efficient stenographer, has formed the habit of telephoning her idol from 9 to 19 times each day, with the result that the object of her affections has caused a warrant to be issued which charges her with disturbing the peace.

Miss Freed, who lives with her sister in the apartment hotel at 1544 California street, does not mind her arrest a little bit. "Now maybe I'll get a chance to talk to him in court," she said. A short time later her attorney, Elliot M. Epstein, who had advised her to surrender to the authorities, arranged for her bail and bond, which were \$10 and \$100, respectively.

"HANDSOME WALTER"

Already Mr. Speyer is known to his business associates in the insurance district as "Handsome Walter," and he has the good grace to blush behind his spectacles and "Jack Barrymore" mustache every time he hears it.

"Now, listen," he said yesterday as he led a couple of reporters out of hearing of his employers in the New Zealand offices at 334 California street. "There is nothing to this 'joy ride' stuff. I never took this girl out in my life. Honest. She has been calling me up for months and months. Gets me out of bed long after midnight. Saturday we kept out of her calls, and in the forenoon alone there were 13 of 'em. I tried to get the telephone company to do something, but it was making too many nickels out of her and refused to interfere, saying my only recourse would be to throw a brick at her. The company refused me permission to swear at her over the telephone."

Mr. Speyer appealed to the young woman's most recent employers, the British Bank of North America, with the result that she finally was discharged.

MISS FREED LAUGHS

"I should worry," laughed Miss Freed. "There are lots of jobs; but, really and truly, don't you think he is handsome? I have known Mr. Speyer for some time now. We became acquainted about two years after the fire. At that time I was working for the Providence Washington Insurance company at 300 California street. J. F. D. Curtis, the manager, and Mr. Speyer are great friends, and that is how we met. He used to telephone me, but I never realized I cared for him until we quarreled over the telephone some months ago, and since then I have been unable to get him to talk to me."

Last week Speyer appealed to the police. "Big" Fogarty of the bank district detail was assigned to help him straighten out the affair. The policeman called on Miss Freed, who readily admitted that she had been telephoning Mr. Speyer.

"BUT I DIDN'T KNOW HE CONSIDERED IT AN ANNOYANCE," SHE SAID.

"During the period of the next five days, Mr. Speyer was almost happy. There were no telephone calls from his admirer. Just as he was congratulating himself that his troubles were over, she began again. She increased the number of calls from every half hour to one every ten minutes. Monday Mr. Speyer went to the hall of justice and demanded a warrant. What he got was a citation for Miss Freed's appearance in court. She came willingly, though, for wasn't Mr. Speyer to be there? He was, but he was carefully guarded by "Big" Fogarty.

Attorney Epstein secured a week's grace for his client on her promise that she wouldn't telephone Mr. Speyer any more, but she just couldn't resist calling him and yesterday she began again. This time Mr. Speyer's appeal was answered and Judge Shortall issued the warrant charging the young woman with disturbing the peace.

Although Mr. Speyer has put a temporary damper on Miss Freed's telephoning, that instrument still is causing him a lot of bother. About every 5 minutes he hears the voice of his business associates saying: "Oh, you handsome Walter. Naughty, naughty," and "That's all right, we were young ourselves, once," and other things of the sort.

Mr. Speyer is rapidly exhausting his vocabulary of intense and burning words.

HELLO! IS THIS WALTER? Listen, Dear, This Is Mollie



Miss Mollie Freed, discharged from situation and arrested for disturbing peace of business man whom she called on telephone until his patience was exhausted.

BIG ARSON TRUST FLOUTS THE LAW

Stupendous Plan of Organized Incendiarism in Chicago

(Special Dispatch to The Call) CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—With the indictment today of Joseph Clarke for an alleged attempt to bribe the assistant state's attorney not to prosecute an arson case, as a text A. A. Bach, chief deputy state fire marshal, told a remarkable story of organized incendiarism.

"Chicago has the highest fire insurance rate of any city in the country, and 10 per cent of its fires are incendiary," Bach said. "The firebugs are not banded together as one gang, but there are several groups at work, and the rivalry among the different bands is as keen as is the competition between any class of tradesmen. There are three men in Chicago known as fire before the firemen. They sleep with their clothes on, have automobiles in readiness, and, receiving tips that a fire is about to be started, are on their way almost before an alarm comes in."

"The adjusters do not actually start fires themselves; they employ men to do that—men who actually solicit the business. The adjusters make their money by adjusting the losses. Detectives and firemen generally know the name of the arson firm that is responsible for each fire. It is nothing unusual for a fireman to say 'this is a fire' or 'Mr. —' was responsible for this touchoff."

Bach said that the firebugs know that they are suspected, but that they are very clever. "It is possible for any one to get a building fired in Chicago," he continued. "There are fixed charges for the work, and the man who desires to burn his property will find incendiaries bidding against each other for the job. For small fires there is a regulation charge of 20 per cent of the insurance collected. Charges vary according to the magnitude of the fire. For large fires the charge is 1 per cent, and even at that price the fire bugs grow rich. I do not know a single conviction for arson in Chicago in the last 18 months."

Clarke was released tonight on a \$10,000 bond, signed by his wife. State's Attorney Hoyne declared tonight that he had evidence that Clarke recently gave a dinner at his home to almost every member of the so-called "arson trust."

The inquiry, said Hoyne, gradually is widening and now involves officials of insurance companies, independent fire adjusters and adjusters employed by insurance companies. He still refuses to make public any names of those said to be in the "ring" except Clarke.

WILSON MAY MAKE GOETHALS OFFICIAL

President Elect Shows His Appreciation of Work Done on Big Ditch

(Special Dispatch to The Call) TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 15.—President elect Wilson said tonight that he had invited General George W. Goethals, the Panama canal builder, to confer with him on Friday at his office here. The president elect's announcement that he would confer with Goethals is believed to be an indication that he will name him governor general of the canal zone after his inauguration, despite the opposition of some of the leading democrats in the senate.

That President Taft will be appointed to the supreme court of the United States by Mr. Wilson if congress passes the bill introduced by Senator Gore, providing for two additional associate justices was the assertion made by senators in the confidence of the president elect today. President Taft appointed two democrats to the supreme court in the course of his term and also elevated a democrat to the chief justiceship. It is said that Governor Wilson has discussed Taft's impartiality with considerable enthusiasm, and has definitely said that if the opportunity presented itself he would welcome the chance to fulfill the life ambition of the present chief executive by placing him on the supreme court bench.

WILL HAVE PARTY SUPPORT There is every present indication that the incoming president is to have the hearty support of his party. There is not a whisper of dissent and you can not find a "reactionary" democrat in the senate with a fine tooth comb.

Governor Wilson is in constant communication with the leaders in congress and knows just what they are doing and planning to do, while they know what he wants them to do and are willing to conform.

The new congress will be organized promptly and without difficulty. Speaker Clark will be re-elected and the ways and means committee will fill the committee vacancies. The tariff legislation will be ready for introduction into the house as soon as it is organized and will be pushed with vigor.

President elect Wilson "stood pat" on his Chicago and Trenton speeches and did not show the least alarm about the reports from New York that Wall street was excited and in a panicky state as a result of them. "I stand pat," was his laconic remark when the reports were called to his attention this morning, and later in the day he said:

"I have given no consideration to the reports that Wall street is disturbed by my speeches."

President elect Wilson was backed

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TURK CRUISER ELUDES GREEKS AND ATTACKS ISLAND FORTS

Stears Out of Dardanelles and Passes Unperceived Through Lines of Destroyers - Appears Off Syria and Bombards Powder Magazine and Coal Depots - Wrecks Electrical Power Station - Fires on Auxiliary Cruiser

ALLIES THREATEN TO HALT PARLEY

Balkan Delegates Declare They Have Not Weakened in Determination to Resume War in Case of Ottoman Evasion, but Say They May Withhold Execution of Resolve a Few Days Longer Out of Deference to the Powers

ATHENS, Jan. 15.—The Turkish cruiser Medjidieh performed a daring feat in a heavy fog last night. She steamed out of the Dardanelles and passed unperceived through the lines of the Greek destroyers cruising off the straits.

She appeared at noon today off the island of Syra, one of the Cyclades, and bombarded the powder magazine and coal depots. These were not damaged, but the electrical power station was wrecked.

The Medjidieh also fired on the Greek auxiliary cruiser Macedonia, which was undergoing repairs in Syra harbor. When 15 shells had been fired, the commander of the Macedonia, after landing his crew to maintain order in the town and to strengthen the guard over the Turkish prisoners, sank the Macedonia in the harbor to prevent her destruction by the warship.

The Medjidieh then left in the direction of Smyrna. The Greek fleet has been ordered to intercept her, so far as is known, the other Turkish warships have not left the Dardanelles.

DANGER POINT IN CONFERENCE NEARS

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Balkan nations wish the world to know that they have not weakened in their determination to resume hostilities unless Turkey accepts their terms quickly. But, in deference to the powers, they may withhold the execution of their resolve a few days longer than seemed likely yesterday.

As allies, they inaugurated the doctrine of "the Balkans for the Balkan peoples," and they declare they propose to maintain the right won by their united armies to be considered a great, independent people and manage their own diplomacy according to their own national interests. While they are willing to concede a brief period of delay for Turkey's answer, it is not with a view of resuming negotiations on any modified basis.

ALLIES STEADFAST

The Balkan nations have not changed their terms since they were presented December 23, while Turkey has yielded all along the line, except as regards Adrianople and the Aegean islands.

The allies have adopted their attitude to convince Turkey that no alternative is possible for the conclusion of peace except compliance with their original demands, but they wish to avoid alienating the sympathies of the powers, and for this reason they have decided to await patiently the result of the note of the powers to Constantinople.

Turkey, they say, may meet the note in three ways. She may refuse flatly to follow the advice of Europe, she may

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