

GEN. BLANQUET DRIVES HUERTA FROM PALACE

Detectives Closing In on Bold Train Robbers

BANDIT ROBS MAIL CAR OF TRAIN

Binds Clerks, Then Rifles Registered Packages, Takes Money and Escapes

BULLETIN
Railroad section hands found mail enough to fill two sacks scattered along the track one mile north of Milbrae this morning. Many of the letters were unopened, while others had been rifled.

Postal inspectors, Southern Pacific operatives and San Francisco detectives agree that every detail of description and mode of procedure brands the lone bandit who rifled the mail car on the Shore Line Limited between San Jose and San Francisco last night as the same reckless outlaw who looted the Pullman on the San Francisco Limited near Richmond Friday evening and gunned his way through a mail car in broad daylight at Burlingame five weeks ago.

P. J. Kindelon, special agent, who has investigated each of the three holdups for the company, and George A. Leonard, postoffice inspector, agree the jobs are the work of one man.

IGNORANT OF MAIL CAR
The postal department agent sees unmistakable ignorance of the inside of a mail car in both jobs, in each of which the sacks and contents were handled in a similar manner, while Kindelon sees the same man in the score of descriptions of the bandit.

J. McIeder, a Southern Pacific detective, found a black derby hat, a time table and an envelope the robber had torn open west of the first tunnel near the Mariposa street bridge early today.

MAIL CLERKS TELL STORY
Three mail clerks who marched around as commanded when the bandit leveled his gun appeared before Inspector Leonard this afternoon, in answer to a summons, and rehearsed in detail the scene inside the car during the hour the robber was commander.

According to Inspector Leonard the robbery never would have occurred had the lock on the door been in good order.

"The lock was defective," Leonard said. "It was guarded by a common bar lock. The bar should have dropped when the door was slammed, but it had not been working for some time.

"If a freeman went into that car, as the clerks say he did, it was against all rules of the service."

Inspectors M. A. Martin, C. M. Perkins and J. F. Roberts are working in the field on the case.

BIG REWARDS OFFERED
With the \$1,000 reward offered by the government and the \$500 bonus posted by the Southern Pacific for the apprehension of the bandit, scores of detectives are straining every nerve to get a line on the fellow who herded three husky mail clerks with his cocked revolver, took his time and spent 70 minutes tearing the wrappings from the registered parcels as the first class train rolled

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FERGUSON'S WIFE SEEKS DIVORCE

Major's Mate, Charging Desertion, Preparing Papers for Suit

Suit for divorce will be filed soon by Mrs. Henry T. Ferguson, wife of Major Henry T. Ferguson, assistant to the quartermaster in charge of the United States army supply depot at the foot of Van Ness avenue. The papers are now in the hands of her attorney.

Desertion will be the only charge, according to the statement today of Mrs. Ferguson at her home, 2302 Franklin street, where she has been living apart from Major Ferguson for some time.

Major and Mrs. Ferguson have a grown son, who is a student at the University of California.

Before Major Ferguson was transferred to the supply depot 18 months ago he was commissary officer at the Presidio for several years.

"I have nothing to say in regard to the report," Major Ferguson said, when asked whether he would fight the suit.

City of Dayton Wants Goethals as Manager
DAYTON, O., Nov. 18.—Colonel G. W. Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, has been asked to become city manager of Dayton. The message was sent him today, supplemented by one to President Wilson, one each to Senators Pomeroy and Burton, one to Congressman Warren Gard and one to Secretary of War Garrison, asking if he may be given leave of absence from the federal service to accept this job.

Mexican Envoy Given Wilson Wedding Bid
WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The diplomatic corps in Washington was astonished today when it became known that the Mexican charge d'affaires, Senor Algara, was invited to the Wilson wedding. Because the president has never recognized the existing government of Mexico, Senor Algara has not presented his credentials to the state department, and it was not expected that he would be included among the invited guests.

Thaw Scores First Point Over Jerome
CONCORD, Nov. 18.—Judge Aldrich of the federal court here refused to dismiss the habeas corpus proceedings begun by Thaw and ordered Jerome to proceed with the arguments this afternoon.

If the writ is granted it will be impossible to extradite Thaw on Governor Felker's order.

Streetcar Men Join New Zealand Strike
CHRISTCHURCH, Nov. 18.—All streetcar traffic was suspended here today because of the general strike which is sweeping over New Zealand. Hotels have been compelled to close. Poor families are begging for bread.

Castle of Chapultepec, where Huerta has taken refuge, and General Blanquet, who has taken possession of the national palace and ousted Huerta's guards.



JURY IS DEBATING ON WIDNEY'S FATE

Verdict Expected This Afternoon in White Slave Case
BULLETIN
The Widney case went to the jury at 12:30 o'clock today after listening to Judge Dunne's instructions for 25 minutes. The jurors retired and then announced they were going to luncheon. They returned at 2 o'clock and resumed deliberation on a verdict, which is expected within an hour.

Asking that the jury bring in a verdict of guilty and brand Arthur B. Widney a white slaver, Assistant District Attorney Berry at 11 o'clock this morning commenced the opening argument for the prosecution before Superior Judge Dunne.

Berry asserted that Widney's defense was an ill woven fabric, and "his story does not ring true, his money is stage money and he is thrown in his teeth on many occasions."

Berry advanced the argument that best corroborative evidence was in the telegram which Widney, under an assumed name, sent Noel Murphy asking for \$35.

"Here is the case of a man," declared Berry, "who says he is making more than \$1,000 a month, and yet he puts up the weak defense that he needed \$35, alleging that the Murphy woman owed him \$50. Do you believe that?"

"Certainly a man who is making large sums of money each month is not going to compromise for \$35 if a person owes \$50."

Judge Robert Widney of Los Angeles, father of the defendant, commenced his argument shortly before noon. Judge Dunne will charge the jury about 3 o'clock this afternoon, and a verdict is expected shortly afterward.

Banks May Loan to Farmers on Realty
WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Provisional banks may lend one-third of their time deposits on farm real estate for a period of five years if amendment to currency bill by Senator Hitchcock and five republican members of the committee, adopted today, becomes a law. The committee struck out the section of the house bill requiring the segregation of saving deposits.

Women of France Fight "Demon Rum"
PARIS, Nov. 18.—A petition signed by more than 200,000 French women was presented to the chamber of deputies today asking that a limit be placed on the number of places at which distilled liquors are sold.



COUNTRY LIFE BOARD NAMED

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 18.—For the purpose of investigating and reporting upon the problems of the open country as they particularly affect California, Governor Johnson today appointed a California country life commission, with membership as follows:
Dean Thomas F. Hunt, University of California, Berkeley; Rufus R. Wilson, Eureka; A. L. Scott, San Francisco; William F. Chandler, Fresno; L. B. Smith, San Luis Obispo; Mrs. Marshall K. Holt, San Francisco; and William E. Brown, Los Angeles. The commission will serve without compensation.

Wild Man Loose in SUTRO FOREST
Armed with a loaded revolver, a wild man is creating a reign of terror in Suto forest, and several people have reported to the police that the man had shot at them after they had passed him.

According to several employees of the city and county hospital, the wild man arrived in the forest three days ago.

He is said to be about 45 years of age and carries a grip sack over his shoulder. Policeman Pidgion of the park station has been conducting a search for the man for two days, but has been unable to locate him.

"McALPINE LED DYNAMITE RING"

Hynes' Aids Assert That Suspect Planned to Blow Up Many Plants
Members of the district attorney's office in Oakland this morning declared they had evidence connecting D. W. McAlpine with a big dynamiting ring. McAlpine was up before Judge Donahue this morning on a charge of having blown up a portion of the McCauley Foundry company's plant in Berkeley several weeks ago. He pleaded not guilty.

District Attorney Hynes says McAlpine was neither a striker nor strike breaker in the recent Pacific Gas and Electric strike, but that he received a weekly salary for some mysterious reason. Hynes says that he will prove that McAlpine was seen near the dynamited plant before and after the explosion, and that after his arrest a telegram was found in his pocket by which the authorities were able to locate another deposit of dynamite close by.

It is declared also that McAlpine had dynamite concealed in his room in Berkeley and that he was paid to use this on other dynamiting jobs in the bay district.

Freed by Picture of Wife and Children
A photograph of his wife and three children was instrumental this morning in securing probation for Leo P. Murphy when he appeared before Superior Judge Donahue in Oakland on a charge of passing bogus checks.

Judge Donahue placed Murphy on probation for three years, after the consideration of extenuating circumstances. Mrs. Murphy, who was on the witness stand, broke down and wept when her husband was given his freedom.

Silver Tea Set Senate Gift for Miss Wilson
WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—A solid silver tea set, costing \$1,000, was selected today by the committee composed of Senators Martine, Overman and Bacon, as the wedding present from the United States senate for Miss Jessie Wilson. The set is of colonial design and comprises a water bottle, one tray, chocolate pot, ice cream dish, two compotes, four candlesticks.

Woman Suffragist Speaks at Harvard
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 18.—Harvard university today opened its doors to Miss Helen Todd, a suffragist, speaking on suffragist topics. This is the first time in the history of the institution that women propagandists have been allowed such a privilege.

DICTATOR FLEES TO CHAPULTEPEC; FOES PLOT HIS DOWNFALL

BULLETIN
GALVESTON, Tex., Nov. 18.—Wireless reports received here today reported Tampico taken by the rebels, but confirmation of the report has not been secured. A steamer bound from Galveston to Tampico has been notified of the report, and an early reply from this steamer is expected. The wireless reports here announced the bare fact and were not accompanied by details.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 18.—International complications were overshadowed today by the discovery of a plot among Huerta's former followers to oust him from the presidency. In this connection there were five startling developments during the night and today.

1. Huerta took up his residence in the old fortress of Chapultepec, on the outskirts of the city.
2. From the presidential quarters in the fortress the dictator ordered the arrest of many of his political foes.
3. General Blanquet took practical possession of the national palace. Blanquet's own men were detailed there as guards, replacing those selected by Huerta when he took office.
4. Officers and soldiers of the general garrison threatened to mutiny because they have not been paid.
5. Despite the pressure brought upon him through the European and South American diplomats, Huerta is maintaining his policy of defiance of the United States.

Racing Automobiles Carrying Armory to Guard Oakland Peace

Will Be Used by Police to Patrol Outlying and Hilly Districts, Instead of Mounted Officers
Three high power racing automobiles, carrying an armory of modern firearms and powerful searchlights, are to be added to the Oakland police department within the next 30 days.

Chief of Police Walter Petersen today announced that permission to purchase the equipment had been granted by city officials and that requisitions already had been drawn up.

These machines will be used to patrol the outlying and hilly districts now patrolled by mounted officers. Each machine will carry two officers in addition to rifles, pistols and two searchlights.

Shot in Head, Skull Flattens Out Bullet
SANTA ROSA, Nov. 18.—In an altercation following a debauch near this city, Tony Pasquale was shot in the head by Alfredo Dominico yesterday. The bullet struck Pasquale in the back of the head. When his head was examined it was found that the scalp had been penetrated but that the bullet had flattened against the skull. He complained of a headache, but said it might have resulted from drinking too much wine. His assailant escaped.

Thaw Arrested on Extradition Warrant
CONCORD, N. H., Nov. 18.—By order of Judge Aldrich, Harry Thaw today was arrested on an extradition warrant issued by Governor Felker. His attorneys will at once take the matter before the federal court on habeas corpus proceedings.

PREPARES STATEMENT
Senor Moheno, minister of foreign affairs, today completed a statement for presentation to members of the diplomatic corps in Mexico City. He submitted it to Huerta for his approval, but reported to other members of the cabinet that he advised Huerta to withhold action upon the statement and that he had consented to do so.

Friends whom Moheno has taken into his confidence intimated the statement in reality is an appeal to the powers for financial help, based upon the declarations that only the lack of funds prevented the government from carrying out its pledges.

The opposition in the cabinet is headed by Blanquet, and his action has precipitated a clash between the departments of war and the foreign affairs that will likely result in at least one more resignation from the cabinet. Rumor has it that Moheno will retire.

He summoned Doctor Urrutia, the former minister of the interior, to Chapultepec today and offered him his old post, which was made vacant by the resignation of Manuel Garza Aldape. Doctor Urrutia is expected to accept. He has always hated the Americans, and if he goes into the cabinet he will undoubtedly use all his influence against the United States.

KEEPS SPY ON DEPUTIES
No important development in the situation involving the American and Mexican governments is now expected until Thursday. On that day congress is scheduled to complete its permanent organization. Huerta is keeping close watch over all the congressional leaders. This was shown today when he detailed officers of his military household to act as a bodyguard for General Francisco Ponce, chairman of the senate. This officer in reality is a spy. All prisoners arrested by order of Huerta are held incommunicado.

MAY DELAY CONGRESS
WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Uncertainty over the Mexican situation today put in jeopardy the plans that are under consideration for congress to adjourn Saturday. It is believed the president does not want ad-

THE OWL DRUG CO.

WHOLESALE STORE, 611 MISSION ST.
The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Cal.—Gentlemen: We are writing you this letter for the sole purpose of expressing our appreciation of the Call's attitude on the "penny question."
We are glad to say that, through the efforts of the Call, the much belittled and despised penny has at last come into its own.
For 21 years the Owl Drug company has made it a practice to price certain articles of merchandise in odd cents, and we have made it a point to encourage the use of pennies whenever practical. Special sale prices at "The Owl" have always been priced in odd cents, hence it is with a large amount of real satisfaction that we noticed the stand your paper has taken and the success you are meeting with in the sale of pennies.
We feel that the introduction of the penny newspaper by the Call in San Francisco marked the advent of a new kind of prosperity for this city and the bay district. Even the sleepy old United States mint is aroused from its slumbers—rubbing its eyes—and wondering what the new activity is about.
To assist the Call in its work, the Owl Drug company proposes to fall into line and sell pennies also.
We have selected Wednesday as an appropriate day for this sale, the full details of which you will find in the copy of our Wednesday advertisement accompanying this letter. Assuring you of our desire to co-operate with you in this movement, and with best wishes, we are, yours very truly,
THE OWL DRUG COMPANY,
Per R. E. MILLER, President.

Join the Crowds to Burlingame Sunday; The Call Invites You to Be Its Guest
The Call will conduct an excursion November 23 down the peninsula to Burlingame. This trip will offer a chance to the people of San Francisco to see the rapid growth of Burlingame and environs. A free ride on the Easton Addition private electric line will follow the arrival of special cars of The Call at Burlingame. Send in your name today; the trip is free.