

BANDIT KILLED

Made an Attempt to Hold Up Passenger Train on Western Road.

KNOCKED DOWN BY ROCK

Thrown by the Brave Engineer After He Was Shot in the Leg by the Robber, Who Was Instantly Killed by the Blow.—Body Has Not Been Identified.

In a desperate attempt to hold up westbound Colorado Midland train No. 3, four miles west of Divide, Cal., early Friday morning, an unknown bandit was instantly killed by a rock thrown by Engineer Frank Stewart after he had shot the engineer in the leg.

Two young men who were found near the scene of the hold-up, are held for investigation as to their complicity in the robbery. One was slightly wounded in the head by a bullet.

The highwaymen crawled over the tender as the train slowed up at a siding to meet an eastbound train. As he stopped the train, Stewart turned to see his fireman, Paul Bachman, standing with his hands above his head and heard the robber say: "Put up your hands or I'll blow your head off." The robber then forced both men to leave the engine and marched them before him to the express car.

According to the story told by Stewart, who was brought to a hospital, the robber ordered them to tell the express messenger they were in peril of their lives, that the train had been held up and that the robber was determined to have the money in the express car. Stewart states that the robber fired several shots at the heads of passengers who looked out to see what was happening.

"When we got to the express car," said Stewart, "my fireman dashed under the car and crawled to the other side. The robber leaned under the car to shoot at him, and when he took his eyes off me, I struck him with all my strength with a rock I had picked up as I jumped off the tender. As I did so, he whirled and shot at me, the bullet striking me in the leg. Guess my blow finished him, for he never moved after the rock hit him. I must have fainted then, for the next I knew the conductor and express messenger and a group of excited passengers were standing about me."

When the remainder of the train crew heard the shots they seized weapons and rushed to the head of the train, firing as they came. Stewart was given immediate medical attention by physicians who were on board the train, and was brought to Colorado Springs. His condition is not serious.

Shortly after the hold-up Sheriff Von Puhl and a posse scoured the country near the scene of the attempted holdup and discovered the two unknown men hiding in the brush. One was dazed by a bullet wound in the head. He is out on parole from the State reformatory. The men claim they were riding the blind baggage and were beating their way to Grand Junction. They say one was struck by a stray bullet from the bandit's gun. They are held for investigation.

The dead robber wore a cloth mask and a gunnysack tied about his neck. He has been identified. There was no unusual shipment of money in the express car, but the bandit told the fireman as they marched along the train that he intended to rifle the passengers as well as the express car.

WOMAN AND MAN LYNCHED.

A Negro and a Negress Hanged on a Railroad Trestle.

Dangling from a trestle just outside of Greenwood, Fla., Friday was found the bodies of Ed Christian, a negro charged with shooting deputy Sheriff Allen Burns and Hattie Bowman, a negress, who had been arrested on the charge of being implicated in the crime. The negroes were taken from the local jail by a mob which had little trouble overpowering the guards.

Several days ago a warrant was sworn out for Christian charging him with the theft of a watch from a local physician. When Burns, accompanied by the physician, went to Christians home to make the arrest his call for Christian to come out was greeted from within with a volley of shots, one bullet striking Burns in the breast and another in the arm. His condition is considered critical.

As soon as the physician spread the news posses were organized to capture Christian, but he had made good his escape. The Bowman woman, however was placed in jail, accused of having had a hand in the shooting of the officer. Late yesterday Christian was brought back from Dothan, Ala., where he was captured. He and the Bowman woman were led from the jail with a rope around their necks but no effort was made Friday night to ascertain what the mob did with them.

SLANDERS SQUELCHED

CERTAIN REPORTS ABOUT FEATHERSTONE DENIED.

Prominent Business Men of Laurens and Members of His Church Testify to His Character.

To the General Public: It having come to our notice that rumors to the contrary are current, we, the undersigned citizens and business men of the city of Laurens, desire to bear testimony to the moral character, business ability and integrity of C. C. Featherstone.

C. C. Featherstone, known in business circles for over twenty five years, is a man of high sense and whose ideas represent the highest and best type of citizenship. He is progressive, public-spirited and loyal to all that he believes to be true. He has worked his way up in spite of the handicap of modest pecuniary endowments by the practice of perseverance, industry and self-education in the school of experience. The breath of scandal can annoy but not besmirch a record such as his.

To counteract the gross injustice that some would do him, we feel called upon to bear witness to facts whereof we know. We, his neighbors, know nothing and are satisfied there is nothing against his habits, character or standing that would make him an unworthy occupant of the responsible position to which he aspires. We are satisfied, that if elected, he will always conduct himself in such a way as to reflect credit upon himself, his family, his country and the entire State.

W. A. Watts, president of People's Loan and Exchange Bank.

O. B. Simmons, president of Bank of Laurens.

N. B. Dial, president of Enterprise Bank.

J. J. Pluss, president of Palmetto Bank.

C. W. Tunc, secretary and treasurer of Laurens Trust Company.

D. A. Davis, president of Davis-Roper company.

S. M. Wilkes of S. M. & E. H. Wilkes company.

H. K. Alken of the Laurens Drug company.

P. A. Simpson, of Todd, Simpson & Co.

R. E. Babb, of Simpson, Cooper & Babb.

J. C. Owings, of Owings and Bobo.

R. A. Cooper, solicitor Eighth circuit.

W. L. Gray, of Laurens Hardware company.

John W. Ferguson, attorney.

John F. Bolt, clerk of court.

L. P. McGhee, pastor of First Methodist Church. (I have known him for some ten years. Have known him personally for nearly a year.)

W. E. Thayer, pastor of First Baptist church. (I have known him personally for nearly three years.)

C. F. Rankin, pastor of First Presbyterian church. (I have known Mr. Featherstone for two and one-half years and heartily indorse the paper above.)

From Board of Stewards.

Whereas, certain defamatory reports are being circulated in Columbia, Spartanburg and elsewhere throughout the State derogatory to the moral and Christian character of C. C. Featherstone:

Therefore, be it resolved, That we, the board of stewards of the First M. E. Church, South, of Laurens, S. C., of which Mr. Featherstone is a member, do hereby take pleasure in asserting.

That we have been intimately associated with C. C. Featherstone as a member of our board for over twenty years, and that his character has been that of an upright Christian gentleman, and consistent and loyal member of our church.

That he has been for 15 years superintendent of our Sunday school and twice in the last ten years a delegate to the general conference of the M. E. Church, South, as the representative of his church from South Carolina.

That we brand as maliciously false any and all reports circulated inconsistent with the above resolution.

John F. Bolt, chairman of the board; W. L. Gray, J. F. Tolbert, H. Terry, J. J. Pluss, O. B. Simmons, G. G. Balle, Jr., Aug. Huff, R. E. Babb, S. G. McDaniel, J. L. Hopkins. Laurens, S. C., Sept. 1, 1910.

Killed by Lightning.

Wille Sherill, a white man, living on the place of W. B. Brunson, in the Antioch section of Darlington county, was killed by lightning Friday afternoon about four o'clock and Dr. W. A. Carrigan, of Society Hill was severely shocked. The men were working on a horse at the time which was also killed by the bolt. Mr. Sherill was about thirty-five years of age and leaves a family.

Killed by His Friend.

While several small boys were playing on the back porch at the home of A. H. Whitesides, a dairy wagon driver, in Atlanta, Saturday afternoon, Harold Whitesides shot and instantly killed "Son" Hewett, aged 12, the bullet passing through the boy's head. It was said at the Whitesides home, that the shooting was accidental.

CHOLERA IN RUSSIA

SEVENTY THOUSAND HAVE DIED WITH THE DISEASE.

Situation Grows More Serious But the Government is Working Hard to Stay the Epidemic.

The cholera situation in Russia steadily grows more alarming. Already figures show that there have been more than 70,000 deaths from the plague, and new points of infection are reported daily.

The best estimates now place the number of cases at 65,000, and the death rate has so far been fully 50 per cent.

The output of coal in the Donetz region has been reduced by 60 per cent, and a partial paralysis of railway and industrial operations has set in. The ignorance of the peasants, coupled with the awful lack of proper medical and sanitary organization, makes the task of coping with the unprecedented epidemic well-nigh desperate.

Prof. Rein and a numerous medical staff have gone south with instructions from the government to take every measure to arrest the progress of the cholera, especially in the colliery districts. The action is somewhat tardy. The epidemic has already laid low 4,000 miners and thousands of others have fled to their homes, spreading contagion in the villages in the central and southern districts.

The Novoe Vremya depicts the situation in the gloomiest colors. It fears that cholera riots on a large scale will take place. The local authorities have decreed severe pains and penalties for concealment of cases, or for offering resistance to the sanitary detachments. Nevertheless the lives of the doctors and nurses are in constant peril, for the benighted peasants are persuaded that they sow the germs of the disease.

The Novoe Vremya points out that agriculture is suffering severely because of lack of hands to harvest crops and convey the grain to the railways. A coal famine is imminent. Empty trucks are accumulating at wayside stations. Prices are rising rapidly.

A DEADLY SUNDAY.

Three Drowned and One Suicide in Tampa, Florida.

Three drownings and one suicide were the tragic events in Tampa, Florida, last Sunday:

Harry T. Cole, London, sailor on steamship Cayo Manzanillo, drowned at Seaboard terminals.

Hubert Stamm, Bremen, fireman on steamship St. Johann, drowned at Port Tampa.

Herman Knoll, Bremen, fireman on steamship St. Johann, drowned at Port Tampa.

C. R. Evans, collector, suicide.

Stamm and Knoll were in swimming at Port Tampa. Knoll, the younger of the two, could not swim, and when he reached water over his head called for help. Stamm went to his assistance and both were drowned.

Cole was in swimming near the Seaboard terminals, when he was seized with cramps. His body has not been recovered.

Evans' body was found in the grass on Nebraska avenue by a negro man and his wife. Nearby was a bottle half filled with whiskey and morphine. He was a collector for a local loan association and was recently married.

MEETS TRAGIC DEATH.

Man Touches Live Wire and is Instantly Killed.

At Spartanburg on Friday afternoon Harry Krimminger, lineman, met a tragic death while working on a telephone post in front of Aug. W. Smith's residence, on east Main street. His right arm and side encountered the high tension wires of the City Railway, Gas, and Electric Co., and an alternating current of 2,160 volts passed through his body. Death was almost instantaneous.

Krimminger had on his safety belt and also wore the lineman's spurs and was fastened to his fatal perch long after the current did its work. It is thought that he slipped on his spurs and to prevent falling or to keep himself balanced threw out his arm and it encountered the high tension wires of the lighting company.

The current that went through Krimminger's body left its death-dealing marks, one on his right arm just above the wrist and another on his right side. The flesh other wise was not discolored and there were no other bruises or marks.

This is the first accident of the kind that has ever occurred to any employe of the Spartanburg Railway, Gas and Electric Company.

Peculiar Accident.

Oscar E. Eason, a young white man, was literally hanged by a plank over the Chattahoochee River, near Columbus, Ga., on Saturday. He was at work on a dam, which is being built across the river, when a plank struck against his neck and pinned him to some timbers. His neck was broken, and when the plank slipped away he dropped into the river.

BOLD BANDITS

Hold Up and Murder Paymaster and His Companion and Guard.

THE ROBBERS ESCAPE

The Bold Murder and Robbery Occurred in Sight of the Brick Factory, to Which the Victims Were Going With Money to Pay Off the Workmen There.

Masked robbers sprang out of the bushes alongside of a lonely road near Hudson, N. Y., Saturday afternoon, held up Dent Fowler, paymaster of the Atlas Brick Company, and his negro driver, shot the driver dead, wounded Fowler mortally and made off with a chest of pay envelopes containing \$5,000. George Ragsdale, the driver, died instantly; his head was torn away by two 44-caliber bullets. He was 60 years old and a trusted employe. Fowler was wounded over the heart and died without regaining full consciousness. He was 21 years old. The robbers escaped.

Saturday is pay day at the yards of the Atlas Brick Company and, according to custom Fowler called at the Newburgh bank for his pay money, sorted it out into the proper amounts, ticketed the envelopes and started back to the yards, half a mile out of town on the bank of the Hudson river. He went armed as paymasters do and for further protection took with him Ragsdale, who was stable boss at the yards. It was raining and they rode with the buggy top up, the boot well raised in front and their heads far back in the hood. That made it easy for the robbers.

Just what happened when the hold-up came will never be known until the murderers are caught and confess. Fowler died before he could utter more than a few unintelligible words.

Although the shooting was done within three hundred yards of the State Firemen's Home and within sight of the yards themselves, it was never seen nor heard. The police have to piece together a theory of the crime from bullet holes and footprints. Five shots were fired. Two of them tore away the side of Ragsdale's head. A third struck the paymaster above the heart. The fourth and fifth passed through the back of the raised buggy top. From the size of the holes it would appear that the robbers used regulation army 44-calibre revolvers. From the footprints there seem to have been five in the band.

The hold-up and the shooting must have followed each other almost with the rapidity of the shots themselves. It can be seen that somebody grabbed hold of the horse's bridle. If a demand for the paymaster's box was made he never had time to refuse or comply. There is no evidence that he attempted to defend himself. His revolver is still clean. Huddled in the buggy top, muffled in the boot, he must have been shot down like a trapped animal. From this unreasoning haste the police deduce that the robbers were desperately terrified.

The police are inclined to believe that the holdup was a professional job. The robbers carried with them the small pay chest. It has not been recovered and may have been weighted down and thrown into the river.

Five sets of tracks led northward from the scene of the murder. At a short distance from the roadside New York Central detectives and the Hudson police found where the trails separated, but they have no other clue and no description.

It was variously reported that the murderers got \$15,000 and \$7,500, but advices from Newburgh, where the money was drawn, place the amount at \$5,000.

LEPROUS WOMAN IN GOTHAM.

Negress Has Been Associating With People for Years.

A negro woman with an advanced case of leprosy has been living in New York for more than seven years, associating constantly with people of her own race. The nature of her ailment did not become known until last week, when she applied at the Bellevue hospital for treatment.

The doctors at once diagnosed her ailment as one of the worst cases of leprosy which had ever come to their attention. She declared that she could live but a short time. The woman told the doctors that she had come to New York from the West Indies more than seven years ago and was sick then. Five years ago she married, and a year later her only child, a son, was born. She had been married only a short time she said when her husband deserted her and she had never seen him since.

According to her story, she has spent the last few months wandering about the city with her child, sleeping in the parks at night. Their only food was what she could beg or find. The doctors were not prepared to state positively whether the boy is a leper. The two will be sent to join the small leper colony at Blackwell's Island.

COTTON CROP REPORT

SOUTH CAROLINA CROP IS PUT AT SEVENTY-THREE.

The Crop Reporters for the Government Issue a Statement of Cotton on Condition.

The crop reporting board of the Department of Agriculture estimates that the average condition of the cotton crop on August 25 was 72.1 as compared with 75.5 on July 25, 1910; 63.7 on August 25, 1909; 76.1 on August 25, 1908; and 73.1 the average of the past ten years on August 25.

Comparisons of conditions on August 25 follows:

States	1910	1909	Average
Virginia	82	73	79
North Carolina	76	73	76
South Carolina	73	74	76
Georgia	71	73	76
Florida	74	75	78
Alabama	72	66	72
Mississippi	71	61	75
Louisiana	60	48	71
Texas	69	59	69
Arkansas	78	60	73
Tennessee	78	75	81
Missouri	78	80	86
Oklahoma	85	56	75
California	95
United States	72.1	63.7	73.1

While the average condition of cotton on August 25, according to the figures of the crop reporting board of the Department is 8.4 per cent. better than it was at the corresponding date last year, it is lowered by 3.4 per cent. that it was a month ago. It is 4 per cent. lower than it was at this time in 1908, and is 1 per cent. below the average for the last ten years.

Officials of the Department of Agriculture declined, to estimate the effect of the figures made by the crop reporting board. The old crop of cotton, by reason of existing high prices, has been practically exhausted. "Twenty-cent cotton" has called substantially every bale of spot cotton from its hiding place, according to the views of the department officials. Just now the new crop is beginning to come into the market. In Southern Texas the crop is being picked and ginned as rapidly as possible and from now on the crop marketed will continue to increase for several months.

MILL OPERATIVE WINS SUIT.

Supreme Court Sustains Verdict in Rhodes vs Granby Mills.

The first serious clash between labor and capital in South Carolina has been settled by the Supreme Court in granting Olin Rhodes, a cotton mill operative, the sum of \$7,000 because his name was on a "blacklist" sent out by the Granby Cotton Mills, of Columbia, in June 1907, and thereby was alleged to have deprived Rhodes of a means of earning a livelihood.

Even more far reaching than the actual settlement of the case, is the principle laid down by the court which, in effect, that no combinations may be formed that tend to deprive others of their rights of being employed or will injure others through threats or intimidation or otherwise.

A concurring opinion by Justice C. A. Woods goes to the point of condemning such "agreements" between mills for the purpose of injuring employe.

AUTO TIRE BURST.

One Man Killed and Four Others Painfully Hurt.

A bursted tire caused a touring car, in which five men were riding, to turn a somersault Sunday on a part of the grand prize race course, near Savannah, and almost instantly killed Mike Jones, a well known retail furniture merchant in Savannah. The four other men were badly bruised, but not seriously hurt.

Jones was picked up by an automobile, which had followed the party, and was hurried to a hospital, but died just as he reached the building. He was the owner of the wrecked automobile, and was at the wheel when the accident occurred.

The machine was torn to pieces. It was stated that Jones' head was caught by the steering wheel as the car turned over, and his neck was broken. Otherwise, he was not even very badly bruised.

Killed in Runaway.

Mrs. Wesley Miller, the widow who was injured Friday near Zeb, three miles from Salisbury, N. C., by being thrown from a wagon occupied by herself and two children, the mule running away, died at the Whitehead Stokes sanitarium Saturday, never having regained consciousness.

Auto Turned Over.

Turning turtle near Camp Opechee Saturday an automobile flung a party of eight men and women into the road, instantly killed Mrs. W. C. Sears, wife of a prominent lumberman of Hyannis.

Deadly Lightning.

During a terrific electric storm which passed over the Southern section of Rowan county, N. C., Saturday afternoon Ferrie Gibson, colored, aged 19 years, was instantly killed by lightning.

FORTY BODIES FOUND

BURIED BENEATH THE CELLAR FLOOR OF OLD INN.

All the Skulls Bear Evidence that the People Were Murdered and Buried to Hide Crime.

Forty skeletons have been discovered beneath the cellar floor of an inn at Maria Theresopol, in Hungary. The skulls are all broken—an evidence of murder.

The inn was kept by one Szukup half a century ago. It is remembered that many wealthy cattle dealers who used the inn at fair times disappeared mysteriously, and Szukup died a rich man, leaving the inn and his money to his daughter.

This daughter, who became Mme. Haverda, was murdered about a year ago by one of the sweethearts of her own daughter. The murderer in his confession said he shot Frau Haverda at her daughter's instigation, because she did not provide the daughter with sufficient money.

The daughter, Fraulein Haverda, has been arraigned twice, but her personal fascination is so great that each trial has been aborted.

Her first trial at Maria Theresopol ended abruptly because the public prosecutor fell in love with her, and gave her champagne suppers in her cell when he visited her during the preliminary examination.

The venue was changed to Szegeidin, but the jury were so overcome by Fraulein Haverda's appearance and the appeals she made to them during the trial that they acquitted her. She rewarded them with a banquet on the day of her release, and they escorted her to the station in triumph.

The minister of justice canceled the verdict, however, and ordered a third trial, which will be held at Buda-Pest in the near future. Fraulein Haverda's lawyer says that, in view of the discovery at the inn at Maria Theresopol, he will plead a hereditary tendency to homicidal mania.

MANY SUICIDE ATTEMPTS.

Three Young Women Saved From Effects of Gas.

Bodies of two women who ended their lives by drowning were identified at the morgue at Philadelphia Sunday. The body of a third woman who drowned herself is still unidentified. Three other young women were found suffering from the effects of illuminating gas, which the police say they inhaled in an effort to end their lives. One man was found dead in a gas filled room and is supposed to have committed suicide.

The body of Mrs. Mamie Fuhs, aged 24, the bride who disappeared from her home on last Tuesday was found in the reservoir in Fairmont Park. Her body was identified by her husband. The body of another young woman was found in the Delaware river and, at first supposed to be Mrs. Fuhs, but has not yet been identified.

The body of a middle aged woman, who jumped from Berke Street wharf Saturday with her apron filled with stones was identified as Mrs. Catherine Slonaski, who, it is reported, committed suicide when she found that the man she was in love with was already married.

The body of John Scott, aged 40, was lying fully dressed on his bed. The room was filled with gas from an open jet. Members of his family know no reason for his action.

TRAIN CLAIMS THREE VICTIMS.

Two Men and One Woman Killed at Different Points.

Two killed at a distance of twenty miles apart is the record made by the Southern Passenger train No. 37 Saturday as it passed through Rowan and Carabarus counties, N. C.

At Linwood, near Spencer, an unidentified peddler was struck and instantly killed as he stepped out of the way of a freight and was struck by the fast vestibule. At Concord Mrs. Florence Hatley, while endeavoring to lead her cow off on the south-bound track was killed as was likewise the cow. No blame was attached to the train crew on account of the accidents.

Near Lexington Frank Billings, a farmer, was struck and instantly killed by train No. 37. He was walking on one of the tracks when north-bound train No. 44, approached and he stepped over on the southbound track and was killed by No. 37.

Police Inspector Killed.

A native police inspector, Sarat Chandra, was shot and probably fatally wounded Friday at Dacca, British India, where a number of young Indians are on trial for conspiracy against the government. The assailants of the inspector are youths of good families.

Found Dead in Hotel.

At New York Samuel J. Hirsch, a manufacturer of Chicago, was found dead in bed with his throat cut in Hotel Knickerbocker Thursday evening. A bloody razor lay near the dead man. Dr. Hill the Hotel physician thinks the man committed suicide. Hirsch was about 35 years old.

SIZES UP TEDDY

Speeches of Roosevelt Severely Criticized by Wm. Barnes, Jr.

TWO ROGUES FALL OUT

New York Republican Leader Declares in Statement that "Hysteria Has Run Riot Throughout this Country" and Inferentially Places Responsibility.

The old adage that when rogues fall out honest men will get their dues, is on the way to verification in the State of New York, where the Republican leaders are gunning for Teddy, who has fallen like a frebrand in their midst. It is to be hoped that the fight will be a veritable kilkenney cat affair. The people would be benefited.

Wm. Barnes, Jr., Republican State committeeman and leader of Albany issued a statement Friday night, in which he declares that "hysteria has run riot throughout this country," and that the question to be decided at the coming Republican State Convention at Saratoga, is "whether the Republican party will fight the disease or succumb in the interests of politicians seeking office or temporary acclaim."

The character of the recent addresses of Theodore Roosevelt in the West, he says, "has startled all thoughtful men and impressed them with the frightful danger which lies in his political ascendancy."

When he talked with Col. Roosevelt, after the meeting that selected Mr. Sherman temporary chairman of the Convention over the Colonel and learned his attitude toward public matters," Mr. Barnes says he told the former President he never could have voted for him. "Mr. Barnes' statement in part says:

"At the coming Convention it will be determined whether the Republican party of this State, officially, through its chosen representatives in Convention, intends to bow its head to the political agitation of the hour, which is the cause of the palsy overhanging the business world today or will stand firmly and in unmistakable terms by its rock-ribbed conservative principles, which have when it is in power, given confidence to the business world and encouraged enterprises.

"Hysteria has run riot throughout this country, expressing itself in one form or another, such as 'direct nominations,' the 'initiative and referendum,' the 'initiative and recall'—it matters little what particular form hysteria takes—the question to be decided at Saratoga is whether the Republican party will fight the disease or succumb in the interests of the politicians seeking office or temporary acclaim.

"The recent attack on the Supreme Court of the United States by a keen witted and aspiring citizen could not have been made without a purpose well considered. It was an appeal to passion. If this appeal against judicial decision is popular and not rebuked there is no reason whatsoever, if a direct primary law should be enacted in this state, why candidates for judicial offices, compelled to run the gauntlet of a district or Statewide primary, would not, in order to appeal to the temporary sentiments of the moment, declare in advance their attitude upon matters which come before them for judicial review. Instead of men of long legal experience and judicial training, there would be as candidates for the Bench lawyers who would not hesitate to make that kind of appeal to the people, which would be a disgrace to their profession."