

DENVER BANKS RAIDED BY MASKED ROBBERS

Men Armed With Sawed Off Shotguns Make Rich Haul at Branch of Kansas City Federal Reserve and Escape Despite Shots From The Guards.

"Awfully Kind" Cashier
Los Angeles, Dec. 18.—The Southwestern States bank was robbed of \$1,000 today by a young man with his hand draped in a bandage who walked into the bank.

He presented a check for \$1,000 and a letter to B. R. Brundage, the cashier.

"You are looking into the barrel of a revolver in this bandage," said the letter. "I want you to o. k. this check; go to the paying teller with me and get the money."

Mr. Brundage stepped with the man to the paying teller and directed him to cash the check, which he did.

"I want you to go with me," the bandit then told Mr. Brundage, and he walked the latter a block down the street, passing three policemen who stood chatting on the corner.

"You may go now," said the bandit, "and thank you, you've been awfully kind." With that he disappeared around a corner.

Ignorance is Bliss
Los Angeles, Dec. 18.—The Walnut State bank at Walnut park, a suburb, was robbed late today by three masked men who escaped with between \$2,000 and \$3,000 in currency.

Two of the men pointed revolvers at the tellers while the third picked up the money. The bandits escaped in an automobile. Stockholders of the bank were meeting in a back room of the building at the time, but knew nothing of the robbery.

Denver, Col., Dec. 18.—Masked bandits, armed with sawed-off shotguns and without regard for human life, today fatally wounded Charles Linton, guard of the Denver branch of the Kansas City Federal Reserve bank, stole \$200,000 in currency of \$5 denomination at the doorstep of the government mint, and escaped. The robbery occupied less than a minute's time.

Tonight every highway in the state is guarded and police and federal authorities have dispatched armed squads in pursuit of an automobile occupied by seven men, who were seen speeding northward shortly after the robbery. One of the occupants was bleeding profusely, according to the report.

The robbery occurred while the money was being transferred from the mint to a federal reserve delivery truck. Fifty packages of currency of \$4,000 each was seized by the robbers. Witnesses differ as to the number of men participating in the holdup.

Denver police unhesitatingly declare the holdup was the largest and the most sensational ever executed in Colorado.

With sawed off shotguns, two of the bandits bombarded the front door of the mint as they leaped from their automobile.

Many Shots Fired
Fifty government employees summoned by an alarm bell seized shotguns and rushed to the doors or windows of the mint shooting at the hold-up men, who returned the fire and at the same time calmly proceeded to load the 50 packages of currency into their own car.

The four members of the federal reserve bank crew employed in the transfer of the funds, J. E. Olson, cashier; C. T. Linton, J. Addams and William Havener, had just left the entrance of the mint and were walking toward their machine standing near the curbing when another car containing the bandits drove up along side the wire inclosed truck.

According to witnesses two or three men carrying guns leaped from the car and with a shout of "hands up" opened fire on the reserve bank employees.

Guards of the mint and other inside employees then rushed out upon the steps of the government building to shoot at the robbers.

Linton, according to the police, attempted to throw the money into the gridded back compartment of the reserve truck at the holdup's command and he was shot by the leader of the bandits. Linton was later removed to the county hospital. Where he died without regaining consciousness.

Employees and government guards employed at the mint were afraid to shoot freely at the bandits for fear the ymight kill members of the reserve bank crew.

Their work of transferring the currency which they had taken from the guards to their own car completed, the bandits reentered their automobile amid a rain of bullets from guards in the second story of the mint and sped toward the civic center.

As the car gathered impetus the leader of the highwaymen, standing on the running board, turned toward the government building as though to fire a final volley at the guards. As he did so, Peter Kiedinger, a guard who was on duty at the main entrance, fired with a rifle at the bandit, who was seen to crumple up on the running board and pulled inside the car by the driver. Kiedinger is positive he wounded the fugitive.

Property of Bank
The money was the property of the Denver Federal Reserve bank, the

PAXVILLE ITEMS

Miss Ruth Kyzer came Tuesday from Anderson College to spend the Xmas vacation with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Kyzer.

Mrs. W. R. McLeod was called to Charleston latter part of the week on account of the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Howell Jones.

Rev. Morris, the newly appointed pastor to the Pinewood charge will not arrive until some time during this week. The morning appointment here on Sunday was filled by Rev. H. L. McCoy, presiding elder of Summerter district. He preached a great sermon and much to the pleasure and instruction of everybody in the congregation. He is a thoroughly consecrated man, and preaches with great power. The entire district is rejoicing over his return, and feels that the district will "go" under his supervision.

The graded school will close on Wednesday for the holidays to be adjourned two weeks. Home Branch school will be in session through Friday. They will also enjoy a two weeks holiday.

Mr. R. T. Touchberry and family left Saturday for Florence, where they will reside permanently.

Mr. W. P. Herlong of Florence spent a few days of this week with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pritchard of Spartanburg will come latter part of this week to enjoy the holiday period with her home folks, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Corbett.

Miss Una Broadway who has been in the employ of the Sumter Dry Goods Co., is at home for a short while, or for the between seasons.

Mr. Morgan Ridgill expects to leave immediately after Xmas to a farm above Sumter. The place being made vacant here will be farmed by Mr. H. J. Tisdale.

Rev. C. B. Smith of Ashpoo has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Jesse Spratt.

Those expected home this week for the holidays are: Misses Pearl Broadway of Green Sea, Lucile Geddings, from Columbia College, Ica Geddings, from Hemmingway, and Herbert Kyzer from Furman University. Miss Emma Brown from Charleston.

NOT TO MOVE PATIENTS UNTIL AFTER HOLIDAYS

Washington, Dec. 18.—Dh. T. H. Scott, acting director of the veterans' bureau, late today issued instructions cancelling the order for the immediate removal of patients from the government hospital at Ft. McHenry and the closing of that post. He acted upon protests filed by the American Legion and the disabled American veterans, who objected to the soldier patients being disturbed during the Christmas holiday. It was understood the removal of the patients and equipment to other and permanent institutions would be made early in the new year.

PROPOSE TO ADMIT CERTAIN ALIENS

Washington, Dec. 19.—Colorful stories of the privations and persecutions suffered by Christians in Turkey were told before the House immigration committee today in support of the White Bill proposing to admit certain classes of Near East refugees into the United States.

One of those who testified was Eliza Shakinian, herself a refugee whose flight was stopped at Ellis Island. Released on bond by the immigration authorities, she came to Washington and, between sobs, related how she had been carried into captivity by the Turks, how her near relatives all had been killed one by one, and how she had made her way to America only to find the door closed in her face.

Horton Favors Bill

George Horton, who was American consul at Smyrna during the recent Greco-Turkish hostilities in that region, corroborated many of the assertions made by other witnesses regarding the tribulations of the Christian minorities in Turkey. He said he was speaking wholly for himself and not as a representative of the State Department but could not refrain from saying a word for those who had suffered so patiently in the Near East. When one committee member suggested that the refugees had occupied a district fertile in natural resources and should be sent back there to work out their own salvation, Mr. Horton replied: "For God's sake don't do that. You would be sending them to their death."

Representatives of the Near East relief, the Federal Council of Churches the Y. M. C. A. and the Young Women's Christian Association, were among others who appeared to ask for passage of the bill which would admit only near relatives of American citizens among the refugees and whose provisions would extend only until June 30, 1924.

COOLIDGE IN CHARLESTON

Charleston Dec. 19.—Vice President Coolidge will be the principal speaker here tonight at the annual England society dinner. He arrived this morning and spoke at the Charleston College and orphan home and then toured the city and harbor.

Turkey refuses to place a limit on her army which is the limit.

The Manning Library will not be opened next Saturday, December 23. Library members please take notice of this.

Greatest Of Them All



JORDAN JOTS

(By Jean.)
Miss Hazel Hanna, of Cades, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. A. Ridgeway, has returned home.

Mr. David Plowden of Greenville, spent last week-end with relatives here.

Mrs. H. C. Mellette, who has been at the bedside of her father for the past few weeks returned to her home in Columbia, last Wednesday.

Miss Caro Thompson is spending a while with friends in Summerville.

Mrs. Morgan Spratt, who has been visiting relatives in Winston-Salem, N. C., returned home last week.

We are glad to report that Maynard, Jr., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Davis is better after a few days illness.

Mr. Robert Plowden who has been ill at his home near here for the past several weeks is slowly convalescing and his many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Master Hawley Rawlinson who has been confined to his bed for several days is able to be out again.

The Jordan school closed its doors for the Christmas holidays last Tuesday and will open again on January 3rd, 1923.

Quite an enjoyable affair was the entertainment given last Friday night by the members of the Jordan Epworth League for the members of the Manning League. Games were played until supper was ready. A delightful cat-fish stew was served by the young ladies of the Jordan League, who deserve much credit and praise for their untiring efforts in making the occasion one long to be remembered by all present.

"THE SPARKLER"

The pupils of the Manning Public Schools issued the first number of "The Sparkler" this week. It is a bright newsy little paper of eight pages, brimming with school news of the very best kind. The aim of the school is to issue the paper quarterly this term and every month during the term of 1923-24. The merchants of Manning have helped pay the cost of printing by using the advertising columns generally. We wish "The Sparkler" much success.

BILL DOWDY DUPED

Last Friday morning Bill Dowdy, a prosperous colored farmer living near Davis Cross Roads, came to Manning, very likely to buy Santa Claus. When he reached town he was joined by a darkey, who turned out to be a "slicker." This crook helped Bill take his mule out, and then asked him if he had any change. Bill thinking the fellow was a good honest "gem-man" he told him he did. Whereupon the crook said he was working for a government man who had his office over the Bank of Manning, and his boss had a hundred dollar bill, but he could not pay him until he got the hundred changed, and if he "Bill," would let him have a hundred dollars in change to take to his boss he would give him five dollars for his trouble. Bill fell for the trick, shucked out the hundred. The negro went off, and in a few minutes returned, telling Bill his boss had gone off and would not be back until the next morning, and for him to come back Saturday morning and he would give him his money. Bill seeing where he was some financier, and was about to realize five dollars interest, went home without money or Santa Claus. He returned Saturday, but to his chagrin and surprise, the fellow had departed and Bill is out a perfectly good hundred and interest. There is no government office over the Bank of Manning.

BINGHAM REMOVED TO CELL BUILDING

Quit Death House Yesterday After Twenty Months
OTHERS WILL LEAVE

Only Those With Definite Day Set to Be Kept There Hereafter—New Plan

Edmund D. Bigham, the Pamlico man who has been in the death house at the penitentiary for 20 months, was removed to the main cell building, where he will remain until disposal of his appeal to the supreme court.

Hereafter no prisoners under death sentence except those who have a definite execution date set, will be kept in the death house, Col. A. K. Sanders, superintendent of the prison, announced.

Bradford Boyd, Richland county negro, and Otto Sullivan, Greenville negro, will be removed from the death house this morning for their removal were issued yesterday.

Frank M. Jeffords will be the only occupant of the house after the two negroes are removed. Jeffords is sentenced to die Friday.

Bigham has been an occupant of the death house since April, 1921, and was very much pleased to be removed to the cell building. In this building he will have use of one of the entire corridors during the day. At night he will be locked up the same as the other prisoners.

Although removal makes escape a little easier, Colonel Sanders said, he delided upon the new plan after mature consideration in an effort to accord such prisoners under death sentence a little more opportunity for exercise, etc. Life in the death house is extremely monotonous and not calculated to build up the morale of the prisoners.

Boyd was convicted for attempted criminal assault in Richland county and Sullivan was convicted of killing a negro man in Greenville county. Both have appeals before the supreme court.

TREATIES ARE APPROVED

Brussels, Dec. 19.—(By the Associated Press).—The Belgian Chamber of Deputies today approved the text of the two treaties concluded at the Washington arms conference by the powers having interests in China.

The treaties referred to were signed, besides China, by Representatives of the United States, Belgium, the British Empire, France, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands and Portugal.

The first was designed "to safeguard the rights and interests of China and to promote intercourse between China and the other powers upon the basis of equality of opportunity."

The second related "to the revision of the Chinese customs tariffs and cognate matters."

The man who shoots the bul usually is a calf and easily cow'd.

WINTHROP DAUGHTERS MEETS

The Clarendon Chapter, Winthrop Daughters, was entertained by Mrs. J. E. Arant and Miss Tora Bagnal at the home of Mrs. Arant on Saturday afternoon.

The meeting was enthusiastic and interesting for wherever you have a group of Winthrop girls you find real interest, enthusiasm and earnestness as well as gaiety and spirit.

The meeting was called to order by the President and opened with a prayer by Mrs. R. R. Jenkinson. The first number on the program was an instrumental solo beautifully rendered by Miss Georgia Sauls.

Every girl's mind was filled with memories and every heart swelled with pride, as the secretary, Miss Rose Ervin, read the "Messages from Winthrop," written to us, by Miss Leila Russell, Miss Marcum and our unknown Winthrop Sisters. They were splendid.

Mrs. W. R. Gray our gleaner had interesting news about the college and some of the live Winthrop Chapters. As this is a County Chapter we thought it fitting at this time to review the history of Clarendon County. The history written by Hon. J. H. Lesesne was splendidly read by Mrs. W. T. Lesesne, Jr.

After all present had joined in singing the "Alma Mater" a social hour followed. When tea and crackers had been served Miss Marie Dunlap gave a beautiful toast to Winthrop College.

The meeting adjourned after a short business discussion. The next meeting will be held on Dr. Johnson's birthday, January 10, 1923.

LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Summerton, S. C., Dec. 24, 1922.
Dear Santa Claus:

I feel that you have treated me so good years before, now and I feel that I will share with some of the poor children who haven't even an orange or an apple on Christmas. I have always been saying for you to bring me so much but now I have learned better, so I will close with much love and wishes for you a Merry Christmas.

Yours loving,
Eunice Touchberry.

TAX EXEMPT SECURITIES

Washington, Dec. 19.—After a sharp preliminary skirmish the House took up today a resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution under which issuance of tax exempt securities by the federal government and the State would be prohibited.

Backed by the endorsement of President Harding and the Treasury the proposal was the center of a hard fight in which many Republicans opposed it. Passage of the measure offered by Representative Green, Iowa, ranking Republican of the ways and means committee, which reported it will require a two-thirds vote of the House. Opponents claimed tonight it would be defeated although those who caused it to be brought up insisted it would go through. Four hours of general debate allotted under a special rule giving the measure right of way had not been concluded on adjournment tonight.

SWIFT JUSTICE IN IRELAND

Dublin, Dec. 19.—Seven men, who were convicted with interfering with trains in county Kildare, were executed today. Four were railway men and three laborers.

The men executed were captured November 13th charged with train wrecking. Their deaths make 19 executions in a little over a month.

JEFFORDS ALONE IN DEATH HOUSE

Awaits Electric Chair for Slaying of J. J. Arnette
PLEAS MADE TO HARVEY

Many Persons Ask Clemency for Condemned Man, Says Report

Columbia, Dec. 19.—Frank M. Jeffords, convicted slayer of his business partner, J. C. Arnette today occupied the death house in the South Carolina State penitentiary alone.

No footsteps of men condemned to the same fate that he faces—the electric chair—sounded through the corridors. The only touch of human companionship was that of the guards visiting the death house periodically or bringing food to the man who on Friday is doomed to pay with his own life for plotting and aiding in the slaying of another.

Penitentiary officials today moved all men under sentence to die and the date of whose death has not been fixed by the courts, out of the death house into the ordinary cell blocks. The move, it was stated, was made to better the physical and mental condition of the men.

This left Jeffords alone in the room where South Carolina keeps the men whose life has been claimed as a forfeit for their crimes. As no death watch is set. Jeffords will spend his days and nights alone until Friday morning shortly after 10 o'clock.

Governor Harvey was informed today by L. G. Southard, attorney for Jeffords, that Clint T. Graydon, a Columbia lawyer, was in possession of information which would have an important bearing on the matter of Jeffords' electrocution. The Governor was told that Mr. Graydon would furnish this information if he were requested to do so.

Governor Harvey indicated, however, that he would not call upon Mr. Graydon to furnish him with any information, but that he would listen to any statement that Mr. Graydon or Mr. Southard cared to make in connection with this information.

Mrs. Julius C. Smith, Charleston who yesterday made a personal plea to the Chief Executive on behalf of Jeffords, communicated with Governor Harvey again today by telephone.

The Governor has received a number of letters from individuals urging him to extend clemency to the man in the death house.

REWARD OF \$10,000 FAILS TO BRING BANDITS TO LIGHT

Denver, Dec. 19.—Denver State and federal authorities tonight after a day and night spent in searching for the bandits who yesterday morning shot and killed Charles Linton, stole a consignment of \$200,000 from federal reserve guards and made their escape in one of the most daring and sensational daylight hold-ups ever staged in the West, were without tangible clues as to the identity of the bandits.

Police, spurred on by the offering of a reward of \$10,000 for the bandits, dead or alive by the city and county of Denver, and by an additional reward aggregating \$5,000 offered by the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank admitted that although they had many clues that promised possibilities, they were still far from the solution of the hold-up.

Tonight a squad of fourteen detectives are engaged in watching a rooming house in the immediate vicinity of the government mint, where earlier in the day a car, evidently left on the street by the bandits to be used in case of accident to their own machine during the hold-up was discovered through information furnished by a woman. The car, an investigation showed, had been stolen. The automobile, according to the woman, had been parked on the street by three men, about an hour preceding the hold-up and subsequently gun fighting on the front step of the main entrance to the mint.

That the robbery was accomplished by Denver bandits and not by outside highwaymen, is the belief of Chief of Police H. R. Williams and the search for them is being conducted with that theory in mind.

Roads leading into the mountains were thoroughly policed today by details of policemen in an effort to find trace of the escaped men but all searching parties reported to headquarters their trips had been futile.

If you buy a tie nobody likes, you can give it to some man with whiskers.

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