

Robber Holds Up Bank And Gets Away With \$8,000

Climbed Over an Eight Foot Screen and Fired Twice on Cashier.

Jumped Into a Waiting Automobile and Made His Escape.

Policemen Were Hot on the Trail of the Daring Bandit.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—An unidentified bandit entered the west entrance of the Provident Savings Bank and Trust Co. at Eighth and Freeman avenues in the heart of the West End business district today, fired two shots at the cashier, gathered together about \$8,000.00, jumped into a waiting automobile and has thus far eluded capture.

The police in another car pursued him.

The robber entered the bank about an hour after it opened, climbed an eight-foot screen into the office, and without warning fired two shots at Cashier Edward Hughes. He then seized \$2,000 in currency lying on the cashier's desk, rushed to a table nearby where \$6,000 more was stacked, stuffed this into his pocket and slowly backed to the door. He then jumped into a machine which had been placed in front of the bank and driving the car himself, sped away.

Hughes in the meantime had obtained his own revolver and fired at the retreating machine. None of the shots, either of the bandit or Hughes apparently took effect.

The police responded to the call in an automobile and soon picked up the track of the bandit's machine and followed it through almost every street in the West End section.



THE WEATHER—Western Pennsylvania—Fair tonight and Friday, except snow flurries near Lake Erie. West Virginia—Fair tonight and probably Friday.

READ THE WEST VIRGINIAN

- It is on sale each evening at the following places: FAIRMONT. Fairmont News Agency, Monroe street. Marion News Agency, Main street. A. G. Martin's News Agency, Main street. J. H. McCloskey, Drug Store, Locust avenue. Hamilton Drug Co., Tenth street. Moran and Springer, Water street. J. B. Rose, Main St. and Parks avenue. Holt's Novelty Store, Main street. Clarence Fisher, Grocer, Market and Columbia Sts., First ward. Howard C. Cunningham, Grocer, Morgantown Ave., near Owens' Works. MANNINGTON Smith and Millan News Agency. FARMINGTON F. G. Gray, Grocer.

John Lloyd Is Claimed By Death

DISSOLUTION CAME LAST NIGHT AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.

COMPLETE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE YET.

Overdue Liner Heard From

FRENCH LINER FLORIDA OVER A WEEK DUE, DELAYED BY ROUGH WEATHER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The French liner Florida, more than a week overdue here from Havre, concerning whose safety there has been much apprehension, reported by wireless 100 miles east of Sandy Hook at 7:55 this morning. She was delayed by rough weather. The Florida has 39 passengers aboard.

Turkish Troops Are Bombarded

BRITISH SQUADRON SHELLS MUSKULMEN ON THE GULF OF SAROS.

ATHENS, via London, Dec. 17.—A British squadron has bombarded the Turkish troops which concentrated Sunday on the coast of the Gulf of Saros, the arm of the Aegean Sea, north of the Dardanelles. This information was received here today from Mytilone. Details are lacking.

Committed to the Asylum. Fannie Parker, an insane woman, is in the county jail waiting to be taken to the asylum at Weston. She was committed to that institution by Justice Barrack, of Mannington. Constable Cartright brought her to the jail.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS. City taxes are now due and payable at the office of the Treasurer. During December only no interest will be charged. After December 31, 1914, interest will be charged on all unpaid taxes.

Taxes will be collected as soon as possible by the Treasurer after January 1, 1915. Why not call at the office now, save your interest and a visit from the Treasurer. J. R. MILLER, Treasurer.

NOTICE OWLS! There will be Election of Officers on Thursday, Dec. 17, 1914. All members are requested to be present. W. H. RANDOLPH, Sec.

Seventy-Four Persons Met Their Death By Germans Shelling English Towns

Pottsville Has A \$2,000,000 Conflagration

FIRE WIPE OUT BUSINESS SECTION OF THE TOWN THIS MORNING.

ENTIRE BLOCK OF STORES STOCKED WITH CHRISTMAS GOODS DESTROYED.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 17.—Fire in the business section of Pottsville early today wiped out property valued at nearly \$2,000,000. An entire block of business buildings which were stocked with holiday goods was destroyed. It was the worst fire in Pottsville's history. The area burned over is bounded by Center, Second, Norwegian and Mahantongo streets. Twenty stores, the Pennsylvania National bank and the Academy of Music, one of Pottsville's leading playhouses, were among the buildings destroyed. The postoffice caught fire, but was not badly damaged.

Free Lecture At Court House

REV. PROSSER WILL DISCUSS "REPETITIONS IN HISTORY."

A free lecture will be delivered tonight at the court house by Rev. William A. Prosser, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Rev. Prosser will select as his subject "Repetitions in History," which is a philosophical presentation of the causes of war in the past, present and future. Rev. Prosser will discuss the question whether or not we are facing the same crisis which Europe at the present time is undergoing. Everyone is welcome to come out and hear this lecture, as it is said that it will help you ascertain the true condition of affairs in our country from a non-political, non-sectarian standpoint.

Big House Hears A Good Lecture

EDWARD AMHERST OTT PLEASD A LARGE AUDIENCE AT THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

A crowded auditorium at the Grand Opera House last night greeted Edward Amherst Ott, a lecturer on the regular Normal course. Mr. Ott delivered his famous lecture entitled "Sour Grapes." This lecture has been delivered on the American platform 3,000 times by Mr. Ott and this remarkable record shows how well the message is appreciated by the public.

The lecturer takes the home as the only real social center and gives a vivid picture of many things which tend to destroy the real happiness in the average American home. He takes the view that it must be accomplished in their own way. Mr. Ott also places a great deal of stress on heredity and illustrates his many good points by actual experiences taken from the book of life. Intermingled with his great earnestness is also a vein of humor which kept out all dull moments in his two hour discourse.

Kaiser's Son Is Recovering

PRINCE AUGUST WILLIAM ABLE TO BE TAKEN TO BERLIN.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 17.—Prince August William, fourth son of the Emperor, has recovered sufficiently from injuries he received in an automobile at the front several weeks ago, so that he could be taken to Berlin. He has arrived at the capital in fairly good condition. Some time will be needed for his complete recovery, it is stated.

BRITONS GREATLY STIRRED—PLANS FORMED TO DEFEND COAST FROM ATTACKS—BRITISH FEEL THAT A NAVAL RAID ON LONDON IS VERY REMOTE.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR REMOVAL OF CIVILIANS SHOULD A SORTIE FOLLOW—OLD MEN WILL BE ORGANIZED INTO A NATIONAL GUARD.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The crippling of telephone and telegraph wires by the bombardment yesterday of three ports on the east coast of England by German cruisers, together with the precautions thrown about these towns by the police and military authorities, made it impossible even today, more than twenty-four hours after the shelling of Scarborough, the Hartlepoons and Whitby, to obtain more than an approximate estimate of the civilian dead and wounded.

According to an official statement given out today, a total of 55 persons were wounded. At Scarborough, seventeen dead and thirty wounded was the toll. Both official and unofficial estimates place the Whitby casualties at two dead and two wounded. The maximum of wounded is close to 150 persons.

Bristling with wrath and resentment at this attack on unfortified towns, England is astir today as never before since war was declared. Another raid is confidently expected and the entire machinery of home defense has been put into motion.

On the east and southeast coast of England emergency committees are at work, while in London plans to organize a national guard of men too old for military service are under way. Although to the British mind, a raid on London seems remote.

Yesterday's episode drove home the realities of war as nothing else could.

Arrangements have been made at Deal and Doyer to expedite the removal of the civilian population in case of an attack. These measures are primarily to forestall any congestion on the railroads and thoroughfares which might impede military movement.

Through wireless telegraphy Berlin promptly heard of the outcome of the visit of the German cruisers to the English coast and this morning a wireless message from the German capital picked up here reported details of the attack as printed by British newspapers yesterday. Nothing has been added from German official sources.

Steaming at high speed the German raiders barring mishaps should have reached the advance naval base of Heligoland some time after midnight last night, their trip requiring about 15 hours. Thirty hours out of port on such a venture in mine laden waters is a feat English papers do not belittle and in his heart every Englishman hopes that it will be essayed again, and if necessary, again until the cause is paid once too often.

It is presumed that behind the German raiders strewed mines so a fleet of trawlers is now engaged in the task of sweeping them up. The towns attacked yesterday had resumed much of their normal appearance by today, except in the homes and in the hospitals where the wounded were quartered. Everywhere the sound of hammering was heard as damage was repaired.

The belief is general that the Germans in this expedition had the able assistance of spies. The remarkable secrecy with which the raid was executed is shown by the fact that not a single incoming vessel at any coast port saw the German ships prior to their sudden appearance. LONDON, Dec. 17.—All naturalized Germans in the seaport of Sunderland, a short distance north of the English coast towns which were bombarded by the Germans yesterday, were arrested over night, according to a dispatch published here today.

BANDIT ROBS TWO BANKS.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Two hours after the robbery, the Liberty Banking and Savings Company, at Liberty and Freeman avenue, ten blocks from the scene of the Provident bank, was entered by a man who is supposed to be the same automobile bandit and another bundle of money, the value of which is not known, was obtained. George Winters, cashier of the Liberty bank, was shot by the bandit and probably seriously injured. The bandit again escaped in an automobile driven by himself.

Marriage Licenses. John A. Raikes, Fairmont, and Mary Shaffer, Benton's Ferry. Terrence H. Shaver, Worthington, and Cora D. Hall, Barrackville.

Three Steamers Are Sunk By Mines Off Flamborough

Stogie Makers Would Benefit By Home Trade

20,000 STOGIES, CHEAP LABOR PRODUCT, USED IN FAIRMONT EACH MONTH.

HOME PRODUCT THE BEST AND MADE UNDER SANITARY CONDITIONS.

While discussing the problem of trading at home with one of the officials of the Haggerty Stogie Co., a few days ago, we received the information that at least 20,000 stogies made by cheap outside labor were sold in Fairmont each month, the price for making these imported stogies being less than half that paid stogie makers in Fairmont. The Fairmont stogies are as good as any stogie made, and should be used by the local stogie users, and purchased by the local merchants. The Haggerty factory is one of the big industrial institutions of the city. It has a model plant and women, under sanitary conditions, at good wages. This company alone pays the U. S. Government an annual revenue of over \$20,000. Such an institution, and the other smaller ones, but none the less worthy, are entitled to better patronage at home. The field for bettering home trade conditions is a broad one, and in every direction we turn, we find just cause for complaint. Like charity, this movement should start at home, that is, every person seeking local patronage must practice what he preaches. He must clean his own back yard before sending the board of health to look after that of his neighbor.

Great Battle Is Being Waged By Mexican Armies

EL PASO, Dec. 17.—The first important battle between the aranza and Villa factions of the constitutionalist army is in progress near San Pedro de las Colonias, a town east of Torreón. Several columns of Carranza troops from Coahuila state are aggregating about 5,000 men are being engaged by a Villa force of slightly superior number.

Reinforcements for both sides are being rushed to the scene of conflict. Both sides have ample artillery and the fighting is described as desperate. The Carranza force is commanded by Colonel Illifonso Vasquez. General Villa is in command of the convention forces. The Carranza advance marks a long threatened movement to take Torreón, the railroad center of the interior, and shut off Villa's communication with the north. The Villa garrisons in Northern Mexico have been depleted greatly by the movement into Mexico City and troops from the national capital probably will be called upon to enter the northern theater of war.

Col. Goethals Sails For N.Y.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Col. Geo. W. Goethals, governor of the Panama canal, sailed from Colon today for New York. He is coming to Washington to appear before the Congressional committee in charge of appropriations for the canal works.

It is estimated more than \$19,000,000 will be needed for the construction work necessary to repair and supply the increasing volume of shipping using the canal. Col. Goethals informed the war department today that excepting reports of misuse of wireless he knew of no violation of neutrality at the Panama canal zone. He suggested that under the circumstances neutrality might be violated without the detection or proof unless he had ships to patrol the waters.

Students Visit Fire Department. A class of Normal school students under the guidance of a professor visited the central station fire department today on a tour of inspection in connection with their studies. The fire ladders hooked up the teams for their benefit just as if an alarm had been sounded.

Elterwater and Princess Olga are Known to Have Been Lost.

Crew and Passengers on Big Liner Vessel Seen Taking Their Boats

Twelve Men are Reported to Have Gone Down on the Elterwater.

SOUTH SHIELDS, Eng., via London, Dec. 17.—Three steamers, one believed to be a passenger ship, were sunk by mines in the North Sea off Flamborough Head last night. Only one of the three vessels has so far been identified.

This is the steamer Elterwater. Twelve of her crew were saved, but seven lost their lives. The casualties on the other ships have not been determined, but it is reported that the crew and passengers of the passenger vessel were seen taking to their boats.

The admiralty has announced that all traffic between Flamborough and New Castle has been stopped indefinitely.

PRINCESS OLGA GOES DOWN. SCARBOROUGH, via London, Dec. 17.—The steamer Princess Olga, bound for Aberdeen, Scotland, struck a mine off here last night and went down. The crew of 18 men landed in their own boats.

Flamborough is about 20 miles down the coast from Scarborough, one of the points bombarded yesterday by the German cruisers. These hostile ships were reported to have left mines in their wake as they steamed away from the British coast.

The British steamer Princess Olga was a coaster of 438 tons and 185 feet long and was built in 1901. The Elterwater also was a small coaster of 743 tons, 255 feet long and was built in 1907.

Stores Open At Night Next Week

Beginning with Monday evening the stores of the city will remain open evenings until Christmas day. It has been the custom for years to have the stores open for a couple of weeks preceding the holidays, however, last year the stores remained open for only four evenings preceding Christmas day.

This will, however, give ample time for those who are unable to shop during the day an opportunity to do so during the evenings. Those who can shop during the day are urged to do so as to avoid the rush during the evenings.

Proceedings In Circuit Court

Z. F. DAVIS APPOINTED ON COMMISSION. MR. DOWNS ILL

Festas Downs, one of the Commissioners chosen by the Circuit Court to ascertain the damages in the condemnation suit of the Fairmont Gas Company vs. Daniel Hibbs, et al., is sick at the present time and cannot serve. On recommendation of attorneys on both sides, Z. F. Davis has been chosen in his stead.

The appeal case of Claudia R. Scott vs. the city of Fairmont, has been dismissed by Judge Raymond after a review of both sides had been reviewed by him.

Fire Chief O. J. Watkins and Clyde Morris are in Uniontown, Pa., attending a poultry show in that city.

BIRTHDAY RINGS FOR ANY MONTH IN THE YEAR SOLID GOLD, \$3.50 to \$6.00 A. B. SCOTT & CO., Jewelers