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## DYNAMITER IN THE TOILS

Miscrant Makes Complete Confession After  
Being Captured by Butte Officers.

Butte, May 9.—From the statements made by Ferris in a full confession which he has made concerning his connection with the wrecking of the Burlington train opposite the Tivoli brewery last Friday night, and the corroborating evidence which is in the possession of County Attorney Murray, no doubt exists as to the cause of the terrible affair. Yesterday morning he was taken to the scene of the wreck, where he pointed out to the officers the place where he deposited the sticks of dynamite on the track and he then took the officers to the shack on the Westerlaken and Peterson claim and showed how he broke the lock with a piece of rock and how he secured the dynamite for his dastardly deed. At 10 o'clock yesterday morning Ferris was arraigned in Justice Hunter's court on the charge of murder in the first degree. He waived examination and information charging him with the murder of Engineer A. C. Bussy, Fireman George Ehle and Carl Meng, will be filed direct in the district court.

Later in the day Ferris repeated his confession before County Attorney Murray, Special Detective McPetridge and Detective Murphy, at St. James hospital, and his statements were taken stenographically by Frank Riley of the county attorney's office.

Early yesterday morning Ferris was taken to the scene of the wreck on the Northern Pacific track opposite the Tivoli brewery. He showed

and two officers who accompanied them where he placed the dynamite on the south rail and beneath it, and he admitted that he used all of the 45 sticks of the explosive which he stole in the work. He admitted that he had lied on Wednesday when he told that he used only 21 sticks, and said that he used it all in his fiendish work.

At his own suggestion he was taken to the Westerlaken and Peterson cabin, not far distant from the point where the train was wrecked, and showed the officers how he had broken off the lock with a rock and how he had taken some boards from the floor in order to secure the dynamite.

He admitted that he had no other motive in committing the deed than looting the train or victims of the wreck, and he told how he waited on a high bank north of the track until the train came thundering along, and how with no feeling whatever he saw the flash and heard the detonation as the engines went up in the air and the cars piled up on each other.

Almost as complacently as he would tell of any ordinary occurrence of life he related how he went to the wrecked train and talked to conductor and passengers, even directing the conductor to the Tivoli saloon, a short distance away, that assistance might be summoned by telephone. During all the time he displayed no emotion and he did not exhibit any realization of the enormity of his deed or of the awful

consequences which he is bound to experience.

Ferris was seen at the St. James hospital by a representative of the Miner yesterday afternoon after he had made a full confession to the county attorney and officers. That he is degenerate and void of nearly every human instinct there is scarcely a doubt. His face is almost without expression and he has weak gray eyes without the light that is dominated by a normal brain. As he lay on his cot he stared at his questioner, replying only in monosyllables if he replied at all, and there was no feeling. He did not appear to realize that he is a prisoner charged with an awful crime, and that the shadow of the noose is over his head.

It came to light yesterday, through an acquaintance of the Ferris family, that Lewis Ferris while a young boy was generally looked upon as somewhat of an imbecile. It is said that he did not walk until he was more than three years of age, and that he was unable to talk until he was seven years of age. He never made any progress in school and, according to all reports, he was a very deficient child without any developing influences.

He accompanied the officers to the scene of the wreck without apparent pain in his leg, and he has so far recovered from the wound inflicted by Officer Sinsel's bullet that it is probable that he will be removed to the county jail sometime today.

That the Lavelle livery stables were not blown up on Monday morning or any time later by Ferris is miraculous. After having been shot by Officer Sinsel on Monday morning Ferris took refuge in the Lavelle barn on East Park street and threw a handful of dynamite into the manger in one of the stalls. They were found by one of the stablemen yesterday morning and the police

was at once notified. If the horse occupying the stall had taken one of the caps into his mouth with the hay a terrible explosion would have followed and the result would have been terrific. It was undoubtedly the design of Ferris to eliminate all traces of everything that might connect him with the wrecking of the Burlington train.

In his confession of yesterday it is understood that he made a full breast of his crime and that he willingly told of every detail. He admits that he spoke to several persons at the scene of the wreck and today he may be identified by some of the persons with whom he held conversation at that time.

Ferris' mother, sister and brother reside near the Tivoli brewery. They deeply deplore the notoriety that has been caused them by reason of Ferris' actions and they feel bitterly toward him. They attribute his waywardness to some mental deficiency and think the ends of justice are being well served by holding him in custody.

It was stated yesterday that following the wounding of Ferris by Sergeant Sinsel, Ferris' sister called at police headquarters and failing to find the sergeant there, berated them at considerable length until told that her brother had not been seriously hurt and was being given good care at the hospital.

The officers concerned in seeking out evidence against Ferris have worked most diligently. The morning that suspicion was directed against Ferris, Chief of Detectives Bates, Detective Williams and Sergeant Sinsel rode to Moose Creek to continue their investigations, although they were greatly fatigued by the work they had been doing in connection with the case during the preceding day and night.

It was stated yesterday that Ferris committed a small burglary on the morning after the train wreck, when he walked along the Milwaukee grade to the Five Mile house and then went to the Moose Creek, where he broke into a number of cabins, taking several ax handles, drills, saws, files and rope.

### James M. Calvin Dead

James M. Calvin, who was brought here Tuesday night suffering internal injuries resulting from an accident a few days before at Wibaux, died at 11:45 yesterday morning at the Custer county hospital, to which he had been taken in order that all the facilities for proper and careful treatment which the place afforded might be at his disposal. The immediate cause of death was peritonitis and an operation was resorted to as a last hope of saving the patient's life, as it proved, however, the effort was unavailing.

The accident which resulted fatally to Mr. Calvin occurred about a week ago as he was leading a colt to water with the colt's rope snubbed about the saddle horn of the animal he himself was riding. The colt reared back and overbalanced the horse and the rope prevented Mr. Calvin from extricating himself. The shoulder of his horse struck him on the hip and while the external injuries were easily remedied the internal injuries while suspected did not manifest their exact nature until late Wednesday when it was determined that without an operation the case was absolutely hopeless and extremely doubtful even with it.—Yellowstone Journal.

### POSTAL BILL UP

Washington, May 8.—Urging the adoption of his bill for the establishment of a postal savings bank, Senator Carter of Montana, in the senate yesterday, declared it would not involve the employment of an additional force or the purchase of equipment, nor the imposition of any additional burden of

## ADMIRAL SPERRY IN COMMAND

Rear Admiral Evans Soon To Be Retired  
After a Notable and Eventful Life.

San Francisco, May 9.—This was the last day of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans' command of the Atlantic fleet. He was succeeded as commander-in-chief by Rear Admiral Charles M. Thomas, who will retain the office but five days, stepping aside on May 15 in favor of Rear Admiral Charles G. Sperry.

Resting from his arduous duties of the past two days, Admiral Evans spent the day quietly at the St. Francis hotel, where he is quartered. The stress of social requirements has weighed somewhat heavily upon him in his present weak condition, and it was thought that the ceremonies on the Connecticut today would not require his presence.

The physicians who have been in constant attendance upon the admiral for months stated that his health is steadily improving, notwithstanding his exertions of the past week. He is in better physical condition than when he left the springs to return to the

expense to the government. He stated that he proposed first to confine the acceptance of deposits to 6,821 presidential postoffices and later extend the system to all offices.

### MARRIED AT THE JORDAN HOTEL

In the Jordan Hotel parlors at 3 p. m. Sunday Rev. Paul C. Burhans performed the ceremony which united in marriage W. B. Smalling and Miss Emma Halsor, both popular employes of this famous hostelry for some time past. The wedding was witnessed by a large party of the friends of the young people, and at 6 o'clock an elegant wedding supper was served by Mr. and Mrs. Berry. Lee Healy and Miss Mamie Guinie officiated as best man and bridesmaid respectively.

The groom has been the efficient trainer of Mr. Berry's fast stock for the past two years, while the bride has also been an employe of the Jordan for the last year and a half. The young couple left on the stage Monday morning for Newlon, where they will make their home, Mr. Smalling having recently purchased the hotel at that place, in connection with George Darling.

### MONEY FLOWS IN

New York, May 9.—The steady inflow of money into the New York banks today increased the deposits of those which are members of the New York clearing house to the record figure of \$1,270,324,900. This was an increase of \$12,560,700 over the deposits reported by the banks last Saturday. This amount of specie held in these banks also reached a new high record of \$313,304,500, and the surplus was more than 5 per cent in excess of the 25 per cent reserve required. The aggregate deposits of all banks and trust companies was \$2,157,183,500.

The statement shows that the banks hold \$63,883,750 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent reserve rule. This is an increase of \$1,530,575 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with previous account.

Don't forget to take a look at the new belts in all styles at the Glendive Mercantile Co. 11tf

fleet at Santa Cruz. The ceremonies attending the transfer of the command were not planned on any elaborate scale. It was the desire of both Admiral Evans and Admiral Thomas that only the regulation requirements of the occasion be observed. The blue and double starred pennant of Admiral Evans was run down from the maintop with a salute of thirteen guns, and as the flag of Admiral Thomas was broken out, a similar salute was given.

Admiral Thomas boarded the flagship as soon as the colors of his predecessor were lowered, and immediately assumed direction of the affairs of the fleet.

This afternoon Admiral Evans, accompanied by his family and members of his personal staff, left the hotel in carriages and were driven to the depot, where they boarded the train for Washington. He will be retired August 18 at the age of 62, after a most meritorious and eventful career.

### DEATH OF POPULAR YOUNG LADY

Miss Vernie Ryan, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ryan, passed away at the Ryan home about six miles from the city early Monday morning, from a complication of typhoid and brain fever. Miss Ryan had been ill for some time, and while the worst had been expected for several days, her death was a distinct shock to the immediate members of the family. All that loving hands could do was performed for the patient sufferer, but the Grim Reaper at last won the unequal battle.

Tuesday morning the remains were taken to Iowa, the parents and brother and sister, William and Lizzie, accompanying them. At Lenox, Iowa, the old home of the family, the funeral services will be held. Several relatives at other points will also be present at the last obsequies for the popular young lady so suddenly called home.

### A. W. Miles Acting Governor

Helena, May 7.—A. W. Miles, by virtue of his office as president of the senate, today became Montana's third governor within two fortnights. Governor Norris succeeded Governor Toole April 1, and now that he has departed for Washington today the Park county senator assumes the reins. No ceremony marked the affair.

### WYOMING REPUBLICANS INSTRUCTED FOR TAFT

Lander, Wyo., May 7.—The Wyoming state republican convention today renominated Frank W. Mondell for congress and adopted resolutions instructing delegates to the national convention to use every honorable means to secure the nomination of William H. Taft.

Senators Clark and Warren, Congressman Mondell, Governor Brooks, G. W. Budkhauser and H. S. Ridgley were chosen delegates. John Hay, T. A. Cosgroff and Fred Waegle were chosen as presidential electors.

### Disturbed the Congregation

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. Glendive Drug Co.