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Beautiful Women and Handsome Men Play Vampire Act in Life

PREY ON MULTI-MILLIONAIRES AND WOMEN OF UPPER TEN BY BLEEDING THEM TO DEATH

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—Eight members of an alleged blackmail gang, charged with using the beauty of their women members and the fascinating powers of their male confederates to mulct wealthy men and women out of more than \$250,000, are in custody of federal authorities here today and will be taken to Philadelphia for trial.

The band, including five men and three women, was arrested shortly before midnight last night in a raid by department of justice officials in a fashionable south side apartment house.

They are accused of fleecing men and women of social prominence in Chicago, Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia, through organized efforts. Their schemes, according to

Hinton Clabaugh, of the department of justice, was to compromise their victims and then blackmail them. Impersonation of department of justice officials is another charge against the men. They are said to have used the charms of their women confederates to win attention from rich men and to have threatened their victims with prosecution under the Mann act.

Clabaugh said there were 15 known victims of the gang. Forty thousand dollars was obtained from one victim and \$35,000 from another, Clabaugh said.

Authorities refused to reveal the names of the victims. Some, it was said, are men prominent in political life, who were victimized while at the Republican convention here last June.

During the raid, which had been carefully planned for many weeks, an elaborate opium outfit was found in one of the apartments raided.

A confession was made by two members of the alleged syndicate of blackmailers that the operations of the swindlers netted \$1,000,000 within the last year, federal officers announce. These confessions, it is declared, disclosed that the alleged band numbers at least 60, 30 of them women, young, pretty and crafty. A dispute over division of spoils, it is said, led to the confessions. The arrest of a score more members of the syndicate is expected within a week, in different parts of the country.

Operations of the band are declared to have extended from coast to coast. Men and women alike were victims. Persons of wealth were objects in every case. Five wealthy members of Chicago society are said to have been blackmailed out of \$20,000, but their names are withheld. Bail aggregating \$100,000 was fixed for the eight members of the alleged band now under arrest. The bail ranges from \$5000 to \$25,000.

Federal officials say the gang has fleeced one New York millionaire out of \$40,000 by threatening arrest for alleged violation of the Mann act. A frightened wealthy Philadelphia woman who had been too friendly with a stranger in a cafe is out \$35,000. They took \$10,000 each from five Chicagoans, including two women. They brought about their own arrest, it is alleged, by taking \$2500 from Mrs. R. Clipper, of Philadelphia, and striking while preparing to leave for Calexico, Cal., to command a brigade of national guard troops encamped at that place.

MRS. HAMILTON, mother of Mrs. J. J. McQuillan, and Mrs. Kerns left yesterday morning for Grass Valley, where she will visit relatives.

ONE WOMAN KILLED AND TWO INJURED

(By Associated Press.)

HOLSTEIN, Iowa, Sept. 18.—Mrs. Barney Vanvooy, wife of a farmer, was killed and Mrs. and Mr. John Buck, of Schaller, Iowa, seriously injured in a collision of automobiles near here today. Mrs. Vanvooy was thrown from the car and her neck broken. The Bucks were pinned beneath their overturned machine.

TIRED OF WAITING ON WEARY WILLY

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—A hundred members of the first and second aero companies of the New York national guard disbanded today because they are tired of waiting for the government to supply aeroplanes for practice. They organized a scion after the fight with Mexicans at Carrizal. It is also stated the men lacked ordinary equipment of shoes, uniforms and guns, and a few had no more occupation than to dig trenches.

INFANTRY COLONEL STRICKEN IN MEXICO

(By Associated Press.)

COLUMBUS, N. M., Sept. 18.—Col. John H. Beacom, Sixth Infantry, died of heart failure today at Colonia Dublan, according to news received here at the army headquarters. He was

BANDITS HOLD UP TWO TRAINS IN MEXICO

(By Associated Press.)

LAREDO, Texas, Sept. 18.—Bandits held up a passenger train near Tomosopo, rifled the express car of \$62,000 in gold and robbed the passengers. Then they pushed the train down the mountain side over into a deep can-

yon, according to reliable reports. Passengers were permitted to disembark, preventing loss of life. On the following day a constitutionalist train sent out to capture the bandits was blown up at the same spot, resulting in the death of 40 soldiers.

VILLA BANDITS TRY TO TAKE CHIHUAHUA

Enter City in Dark of Night During Big Storm But Are Repulsed With Great Loss

(By Associated Press.)

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 18.—Gen. Obregon, minister of war, announces that a thousand followers of Francisco Villa who attacked Chihuahua Friday night were routed early Saturday morning with a loss of 600 men killed and many captured. After the battle Gen. Trevino's troops participated in the independence day parade Saturday morning. During the fighting Gen. Trevino was slightly wounded in the shoulder.

Aided by some of the townspeople, the Villa forces attacked at 11 o'clock Friday night and took the prison and the municipal and federal palaces. Gen. Obregon has sent a message of congratulation to Gen. Trevino.

Several of the captured men already have been tried by court martial and put to death.

Federal authorities said that one of the gang, Henry Russell, has posed as a brother to Mayor William Hale Thompson in Chicago and used this alias in a plot. "Bill" Woodward, another alleged director of the gang, is also being sought.

The raid was made only after the apartment building had been literally sown with dictographs. These were connected with an adjoining building, where the detectives hid.

The men who confessed were "Dick" Barrett and Edward J. Thompson, according to Hinto G. Clabaugh, head of the Chicago bureau of the federal department of justice. They will become government witnesses.

Fears of long prison sentences caused the confessions.

SERBIANS CROSS THE RIVER BRODA

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Sept. 18.—The Exchange Telegraph says: A further advance on the western end of the Macedonian front is reported from Saloniki. The first and second line trenches of the Bulgars at Kalmakalan were taken by the Serbians, the latter fighting continued on the further bank of the river. It is reported that the French allied left wing captured Florina station.

GREEK SOLDIERS WANT TO FIGHT

(By Associated Press.)

ATHENS, Sept. 18.—The first boat load of Greek soldiers from Kavala arrived today. They marched through the streets shouting for King Constantine and "Down with Bulgaria." The demand for war is growing rapidly among the populace.

GRANDMA'S SHAWL IS BACK IN STYLE

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—The old Paisley shawl of our grandmothers' day is returning to its own along with a lot of Spanish frills and furbelows. This is the latest edict of fashion, exemplified this week at the gathering of modistes and designers from the leading cities, coming to designate the modes for fall and winter.

HUGHES STARTS OUT ON HIS SECOND TRIP

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Hughes departed today on his second trip of the presidential campaign and spent the entire day traveling. He speaks first tomorrow at Peoria, Ill. His itinerary takes him through Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin.

BENEVOLENT NEUTRALITY OFFERED BY GREECE

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Sept. 18.—M. Kallogeropoulos, new Greek premier, says the new government will observe the most benevolent neutrality toward the entente.

RUSSIANS DEFEATED

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Sept. 18.—The German attack against the Russians attempting to capture Halicz, in Galicia, resulted in defeat, the latter losing the greater portion of the territory gained Saturday. In addition to inflicting heavy casualties the Germans took 3500 prisoners and 16 machine guns.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Sept. 18.—The Germans lost heavily in several counter attacks north and south of the Somme. The French maintained the ground they recently won and made further progress near Clercy and Berny and the eastern edge of Deniecourt.

HIGH GRADE QUARTZ

Senator Kendall, L. K. Koonitz and R. B. Govan have returned from a visit to the Morning Glory property at Manhattan, bring back with them 20 pounds of high grade from one of their ledge croppings, which is on exhibition at the Mizpah hotel.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION WILL OPEN IN THE AIRDOME AT TEN O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING

All arrangements have been perfected for the big Republican county convention in the Airdome theater tomorrow and the committee on decoration and arrangement spent yesterday putting the hall in befitting shape for such an important event.

The stage has been profusely decorated with flags and pictures of the leading Republican candidates this fall. Chas. E. Hughes, nominee for the highest office in the gift of the people, occupies the center of the stage, while Sam Platt, candidate for the United States Senate from Nevada, is also prominently displayed. The seating arrangement for the delegates will be as follows: The eight delegates at large will occupy

SUBMARINE, NOT GERMAN UNDERSEA FREIGHTER

(By Associated Press.)

NEW LONDON, Sept. 18.—The submarine reported last night as the German undersea merchantman proved to be an American craft of the L type returning from maneuvers.

CLOSING IN ON HALICZ

(By Associated Press.)

PETROGRAD, Sept. 18.—Russian troops have resumed their closing in movement on the Galician town of Halicz.

The War office today announced that the Teutons had been dislodged from positions south of Breezany, on the Ziota Lipa northeast of Halicz, and that the Russians were attacking along the Podvyske-Halicz railway line, where more than 3000 Germans were taken prisoner and 20 machine guns captured.

KING GEORGE'S SECOND SON INVALIDED HOME

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Prince Albert, second son of King George, has been invalided home on account of an abdominal abscess, says an official communication.

GENERAL STRIKE IS NOT CALLED TODAY

Crisis May Be Averted, According to Present Outlook, as Transit Lines Are Running

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—There will not be a sympathetic strike of labor to aid the striking traction employees until Thursday, at least, or it may be averted entirely if the renewed efforts of Mayor Mitchell to settle the present strike is successful.

Union leaders told the mayor that the organizations they represent are determined to strike unless the municipal authorities acted to compel the traction heads to observe their

secret agreement with the employes. The mayor promised another effort to adjust the differences.

Thomas V. O'Connor, president of the International Longshoremen's association, announced that the members of his union would not be called out before Thursday, "if at all." Leaders of the various trades unions announced that they were canvassing the returns of the sympathetic strike vote of from 70,000 to 80,000 workers allied with transit operation in this city.

BILLINGS IDENTIFIED IN BOMB EXPLOSION

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 18.—J. K. Billings, on trial for murder in connection with the preparedness day bomb explosion, was identified in court today by John McDaniel, a motorman who saw him on the afternoon of the explosion put the suitcase down at the corner of Market

and Stuart streets, the scene of the explosion, and go into a saloon, later emerging with a man whom the witness said resembled Thos. J. Mooney, another defendant. On cross examination the witness stuck to the story. Other witnesses identified Billings as having been seen near the scene of the explosion.

POLICE CALLED BY BANK RUN

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—The police were called to handle the crowd of depositors continuing the run on the State Bank of Schiff & Co., despite assurances of solvency. The bank has deposits of \$2,500,000. The private bank of Ginsburg & Sons, which closed Saturday, did not open this morning.

FRICITION SHOWING

(By Associated Press.)

NEW LONDON, Sept. 18.—Contrary to the plan of the Americans members, the American-Mexican joint commission took up consideration of plans to patrol the border. Louis Cabrera, who presided today, admitted that reports of the discussion of the internal affairs of Mexico brought him an inquiry from his government why the border question was not made paramount.

American members do not regard insistence on the discussion of border troubles anything to endanger the success of the conference.

VILLISTAS RAID LONELY RANCHES

(By Associated Press.)

EL PASO, Sept. 18.—A band of Villistas made a "Hidalgo day" attack on Guerrero, 80 miles west of Chihuahua City, but were repulsed. They retreated across the line on the Mexico Northwestern railroad, pillaging isolated ranches, according to private advices.

WEST END SENDS OUT 43 BARS OF BULLION

The West End shipped out this morning 43 bars of bullion weighing 72,707 ounces and valued at \$58,165. With silver hugging the 70 cent mark the bullion is actually worth more than the estimate of 80 cents an ounce, allowing for the gold content.

BUTLER THEATRE TONIGHT SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS Mrs. Dr. Owens, Tonopah's Sweet Singer, will sing the Old Song "KILLARNEY" by request. Anvil Chorus by Butler Orchestra and Julius Goldsmith. Pictures LILLIAN WALKER Popular Screen Star, in "HESPER OF THE MOUNTAINS" A Human-Interest Drama in Five Parts. PATHE NEWS With All the Current Events MARGUERITE CLARK in "Out of the Drifts," and Tomorrow "In Real Bohemia" Burton Holmes Travels

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