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## FEDERAL BANK ROBBED

### Four Men Chopped to Pieces Army Captain Bandit Suicided

One of the most remarkable bank robberies in the history of this country occurred at Camp Funston last Friday night when Capt. Lewis R. Whistler armed with short ax such as soldiers carry entered the bank about 7:30, forced one of the men present to bind four others there and then had them all sprawl on the floor while he helped himself to between \$65000 and \$80000 in currency. After supplying himself with money he deliberately hacked his victims to death with an ax, killing four and probably the fifth, left the bank and was not fully identified with the horrible affair until found in his tent dead by his own hand.

A sentinel passing the bank about 8:30 heard groans inside, went in and discovered the victims and gave the alarm. One, Kearney Wornall of Kansas City, cashier of the bank, was not dead and was hurried to the camp hospital where he after some time, managed to say that it was a captain who did the job and the supposition was that a robber and murderer had disguised himself in an officers uniform to escape notice.

The bank does not usually open at night but Friday night there was some business and the bank officers and a reporter from Springfield were in the bank. C. Fuller Winters, head of the bank, clerks O. M. Hill and Carl Ohleson, cashier Kearney Wornall, and John Jewell of Springfield, Mo., were in the bank when Capt. Whistler entered and all with the exception of Wornall were dead when discovered, butchered with the hatchet carried by the murderer who he used his big automatic revolver when he ordered one to tie up the others. Whistler had borrowed four hatchets, two the day before and two the day of the murders and the discovery that the killing had been done with such an instrument led to the suspicion that it was some one in camp and that he had not made his escape the time was so long before the discovery. After having his victims on the floor and securing the funds, Whistler asked cashier Kearney if he knew him and Kearney replied, "I sure do, you black scoundrel," and to this identification is ascribed the butchery, it being believed that had the murderer fancied that he was not known he would not have chopped his victims to death. Wornall, the only one not dead, managed to untie his thongs after being chopped and went out of the bank and wandered about when he was noticed by a sentry and commanded to halt. He did not stop and the sentry came close enough to see that he was covered with blood and gave the alarm instead of as at first reported hearing groans in the bank and going in.

The money nor no part of it has been found and of course an accomplice is suspected that there may have been none, but in any event, the robbery of a bank and the murder of five in the center of a camp where thousands of armed men surround the building furnishes absolute futility of feeling of safety.

Capt. Whistler was a new officer, resident of Salina, Kan., was a friend or at least well known to president Winters of the bank and known by cashier

## Local Board Pay

Provost Marshal Gen. Crowder has issued an order giving local boards 30 cents for each man classified under the new regulations. This order, which was approved by President Wilson, today was sent by Col. McCord to all of the 166 local boards in the State.

There are 282,925 men in Missouri who will be classified under the questionnaire system. Charging 30 cents for each man it will cost the Government only \$84,877.50 to classify all of the registrants in Missouri under the new regulations.

There are 1500 classified in this county \$450 less \$160 for the young woman acting assistant clerk of the board. That leaves \$95.66 each for the three composing the board or \$48.33 a month each. The expense of two of the members cannot be less than an average of \$1.50 a day and yet there are many who believe that the board members are high salaried officers.

## Methodist Church

Services will be held at the usual hours Sunday. The heating arrangements have been adjusted to overcome the inconvenience caused by the severe weather, and we are sure all who come Sunday will have a comfortable place in which to worship. The pastor will preach at both services.

Epworth League service, a special service for "Epworth Era" Day. Miss Mary Opal West will have charge.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. All are invited to come to all these services. Your presence is needed.

Milton C. Davis, Pastor.

## Dry's Charges To Be Probed

Washington, January 15.—Congressional investigation of "slanderous charges" against the character of American troops abroad, alleged to have been circulated by the Antisaloon League, was proposed in a resolution today by Representative Cary of Wisconsin.

The resolution proposes that Speaker Clark appoint seven members from the Military Committee to inquire into "these grave and serious charges." It says that statements "by the Antisaloon League that our soldiers in Europe are drunkards, afflicted with vile diseases, filling the prisons," are "slandering and detrimental to the character and reputation of our boys who are sacrificing their lives for liberty."

The resolution would empower the committee to summon witnesses from the Antisaloon League, and that they be compelled to furnish proof of where they obtained their information.

## Jap. N. Gibson Dead

Sunday morning with no one at home but his wife, J. N. Gibson, one among the prominent men of the County a few years ago, died after a protracted illness. His sons are residents of Oklahoma and snow bound trains made it hard for them to reach Bynumville.

Obituary next week.

W. D. Patterson of Bosworth is visiting a friend here this week.

## Wornall

The exact amount obtained by Capt. Whistler was found to be \$62,826.21 and to the time of going to press no clue to its whereabouts have been obtained.

Later: The full amount of money stolen was found in the walls of Wornall's quarters.

We would greatly appreciate remittance for subscription now due. Next week we will begin placing an X mark on all papers in arrears and continue until the entire list has been so notified. After that, something else to indicate our desire to get pay for high priced printers. COME ON--BE NICE.

## Mrs. C. L. Latimer

Miss Henrietta Hawes was born at Burlington, Ky., March 19, 1843, and was united in marriage with C. L. Latimer at that city in 1867.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Latimer came to the neighborhood of Miami, Mo., in the early days and lived on the farm they owned until about 30 years ago when they made their home in Marshall. The husband died 18 years ago and the widow continued her residence in Marshall until last November when she came to live with her daughter, Mrs. B. Hughes. Mrs. Latimer has suffered with cancer of the stomach for two years ending fatally Saturday afternoon.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. B. Hughes and son C. L. Latimer. Mrs. Latimer was an uncompromising believer in the faith of the Christian church and her remains were taken to Marshall and interred Wednesday in Ridge Park Cemetery Elder Smith conducting services.

Another of the women who have lent dignity and honor to the citizenship of this grand commonwealth has passed away but the influence of her teachings and the permanency of her principles will remain for ages.

## The Cantata

The Xmas cantata—"The Everlasting Light" was repeated at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening to a well filled house. Many kindly words of appreciation have been spoken. Those taking part deserve special credit for their splendid words and impressive rendering of the Christian message.

Those taking special parts were Mrs. Edgar Tisdale in solo and obligato work also in a beautiful duet with Mrs. F. E. Westbrook as contralto. Mrs. J. C. Bond and Mrs. Westbrook sang "The Virgin Lullaby" one of the choice numbers accompanied softly by choir and violins in the chorus. A ladies quartet, one of the most pleasing numbers entitled "The Prince of Peace" sung by Misses Zettie Sneed, Edith Taylor, Mrs. John Carskaddon and Miss Grace Edwards, was omitted during the second rendering on account of the absence of Mrs. Carskaddon who was prevented from coming on account of a huge snow drift near her home. Mrs. Carskaddon also ably assisted in the singing of "The Virgin Lullaby" at the first rendering of the cantata. The violinists who assisted in the chorus work were Misses Jessie Richardson, Donna Byerly and Anna Blair Miller and Robert Mathews. As an offertory they played a Barcarolle by G. Jacobi, accompanied by Mrs. Mathews at the organ. Others taking part in the chorus are Mr. and Mrs. Blair Miller, Mrs. T. E. Longwell, Misses Myrtle and Almeria Miller, Dr. Carlstead, Messrs. C. C. Carlstead, Lynn Miller and Rev. R. T. Mathews.

## Twp Board Meeting

The Keytesville township board will hold a business meeting Saturday January 26 at 2 o'clock.

## Fuel Serious Problem

It is claimed by authority on the subject at Washington that fifty four millions during the past year but for all that whether true or not, the greatest shortage in years is being experienced now in manufacturing and other centers. In fact, numbers of factories have had to shut down as well as many other institutions and even churches, schools, picture shows and numerous other places are either suspended or put on very short allowance. Continued cold weather will result in hampering war preparations and how does such a state happen to exist at this particular time? Undoubtedly the railroads are partly to blame but hardly for all of the shortage. Prices are as high for many other necessities of life entirely disproportionate to increased cost to operators, but the public stands for it—so far.

## Captured Corn Prizes

Geo. M. Dewey scooped two premiums at Columbia this week. For 1 ear class Geo. Dewey got 3rd and in the 10 ear class Geo. Dewey got 8th and N. B. Webster 10th. In the first ear class there were 44 and in the 10 ear class 54 competitors. Corn raisers in north Mo. did not compete with south Mo. and vice versa. Dr. J. T. Dewey and Marvin Drace also ran.

## Classified Soldiers

We give the number of men put in the several classes in this county by the local board to date of going to press. There remain 34 yet to be classed.

Class 1	556
2	540
3	77
4	290
5	78

## Saving Sugar?

Candy makers have been cut to 80 per cent of their usual quota of sugar and the consumption of candy appears to be on the increase. Housewives are to be cut on their usual amount of sugar considerably more, but it may be that candy makers will pay heavy tax on excess profits.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Agee jr. returned to their Iowa home Wednesday.

Pat Martin turned up down town the latter part of last week with a multitude of spots on his face. He had considerable fever and a big charge of disgust aboard. Cheese box experts diagnosed the case chicken pox. The pustules did not disappear and Sunday Pat consulted a physician who informed him that he had smallpox. Pat kindly circulated among what friends were abroad for their mail and informed them of the disease then went home to be sick for a time. If there is not a spread of the disease here it is because Pat won't let loose of anything and another west of town is not contagious. There are several cases about this section and the people have a right to know about it in time to guard against infection. No chances should be given or taken for the spread of the loathsome disease.

## Saturday Descriptions

Geo. M. Dewey of Beaufortville was here today.

Ben Hayes, Jr. bank examiner is here on a visit.

A new girl at Ben Rolings and a boy at Dan Arnberger.

John Green of near Chilton Hill was stricken with apoplexy Tuesday.

J. O. Snider and Co. have moved into the corner building on 3rd and Broadway.

A fine bunch of the boys in Khaki were here Monday and all were very glad to see them.

Some of our churches called all services for last Sunday off on account of bad weather and a shortage of coal.

A. Weiler and wife went to St. Louis Wednesday for a further examination of the former in relation to his health.

Rev. Ward Baker of Kirksville was here Wednesday. He was pastor of the Methodist church here for three years.

Gilbert Lamb and others were before the Supreme court, arguing the Hamilton case. A decision will not be rendered for some time.

Train schedules have been all awry for some days and mail has been a very uncertain quantity, as a result. We hope Uncle Sam will soon have all in apple pie order again.

Friday last was a most disagreeable day here, and those who duties called them to face the cold winds from the north suffered severely. It was a day long to be remembered and will not soon be forgotten.

When we spoke of the illness of our fellow townsman, W. H. Ownby, last week, we did not know that his injury was the result of a fall in which he broke two ribs. He is getting on nicely now however and will soon be out again if the weather is fine.

We are sorry to hear of the death of our old friend, J. N. Gipson which occurred at his home at Lagonda Saturday night after a long and complicated illness. For four years he represented this county in the Legislature where he was noted for his humorous and witty sayings. His fellow members referred to him as "The gentleman from Bee Branch", and he appreciated the compliment. He was an influential citizen in the northern part of the county and had many friends. His passing is regretted.

When the writer came to this county April 1st 1880 one of the middle age citizens was M. H. Wright who passed away Thursday morning last, at the home of his son G. W. Wright with whom he lived at New Comer, Mo., leaving a son and several grand children surviving. Uncle "Mans," as he was called was a quiet, inoffensive man, a well known pioneer of the county, a good neighbor and well liked by all who knew him. His wife preceded him to the grave, a few years ago, and since her death he had made his home with his son, George, now a merchant at New Comer. For one of his age, he had been quite active the last few years, but lately his strength had failed rapidly and he quietly sank into the grave, and takes his place in the silent city of the dead.

## Christian Church

Services morning and evening Sunday by pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jordan went to Columbia Wednesday.

## THE EUROPEAN WAR

### Ex Premier France in Jail Italians Doing Better Men Demanded

M. Cailloux ex-premier of France has been arrested and incarcerated on charges of conspiring with Von Bernstorff, Secretary of State Lansing furnished data. More or less internal trouble in every country in war except United States.

Russia's attitude has released a million six hundred thousand Austrian and German troops who are enroute to western front. England is calling on U. S. for soldiers without delay. Italy is repulsing German advances and making captures.

Great suffering in trenches, and break-up of winter doubly dreaded. U-boats are more destructive. German airmen have been defeated by Allies. German warship bombarded Yarmouth.

## O. P. Ray, Public Administrator

A. C. Drace tendered his resignation as Public Administrator last week. Gov. Gardner named Hon. O. P. Ray to fill out the unexpired term.

Mr. Ray served the county for several years as Public Administrator and thoroughly understands all the duties of the office and his appointment will meet with universal approval.

## High School Notes

Martin Courtney has been absent for several days.]

Cal Hubbard has been on the sick list this week.

Miss Jo Martin was put under quarantine Tuesday afternoon.

Both Caesar classes started on Book Two in "Caesar's Gallic Wars."

Everybody seems to be sick this week. The attendance is very poor.

Quizes galore! all we hear now is "what did I get?" or "did I pass?"

Virginia Wood and Eunice Reyburn have stopped school for the present.

Nellie Rice went to her home in the country Tuesday afternoon on account of lagrippe.

Word was received from Chauncey E. Sleyster this week. He is now in Tientsin, China.

Gertrude Harms was elected secretary and treasurer of the Gabechievin Camp Fire for the next year.

The third year mathematics class is going to take up advanced arithmetic the rest of the year.

The material for the Red Cross Banner for K. H. S. has come and the girls will begin making it soon.

The school boards are considering putting in electric lights. We, the students, would certainly appreciate it because then they could give entertainments at night.

Many were absent Friday and Monday on account of cold weather. Among them were Hazel Carr, Eunice Reyburn, Virginia Wood, Donna Byerly, Cal and Tom Hubbard.

## Schiltz-Kunkel

Peter Schiltz and Miss Fronie Kunkel were united in marriage at Wein Jan. 8, Father Kagerbauer uniting the young couple.

The parents of the bride served a sumptuous wedding supper and the evening was spent in dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Schiltz will make their home at Toulon, Ill.