

HAMMOND, BEARMOUTH TRAIN ROBBER, EXPECTS HIS PARTNER, JOHN CHRISTIE, TO FREE HIM FROM JAIL--SISTER LIVES IN SPOKANE

George F. Hammond, who was arrested in this city July 13 charged with complicity in the Northern Pacific train robbery at Bearmouth, Mont., on June 16, left last evening for Helena in charge of three officers after making a full confession of his crime.

Hammond has escorted Northern Pacific detectives upon two different occasions to places where he had hidden the treasure and dug up 357 diamonds valued at \$1500. This took place about a mile east of Coeur d'Alene and again near Hilliard he recovered \$169.40 which he had buried.

The Brass Check. The prisoner, after being confined in the county jail, expressed great concern about a certain brass check found upon him at the time of his arrest, which hung about his neck. He drew a picture of the check for The Press, which shows it to be the shape of a shield having three points, upon which is printed 1903 and three eiphers, which is one-half of the whole. The other half corresponds with the one in Hammond's possession. He stated to a Press reporter that should the outcome of his trial result in his conviction to make no

delay in advertising that half check. "That means my liberty, and the person who has the other part of it will stand pat and get me out when needed." There is no doubt but that his partner, John Christie, holds the other half and is ready at any minute to come to his aid and attempt to release him.

Smuggled Letters. Hammond also stated how he was able to smuggle out four or five letters to his partner without the knowledge of Sheriff Dought, and when questioned about the matter shrugged his shoulders and said "There is always a way."

He said: "Hammond is not my name. I have a sister living in Spokane."

Nervy Criminal. That he is a criminal of unusual nerve and endurance is seen at a glance. Every movement he makes is quick and cat-like. He is well built and fairly good looking. He possesses a peculiarly cold, blue eye. His voice is his only betwayer. In declaring his innocence it became shaky and there was a nervous twitching about the corners of his mouth. His hands showed he was not a hard working man and there

were marks resembling powder burns upon the palms. The little finger on the right hand was scarred and crippled. He was a member of the Western Federation of Miners, No. 136, Idaho Springs, Col., and a letter asking for aid was mailed there.

Charged With Murder. It is learned that a charge was preferred against him for the murder of Dan O'Neal, the Northern Pacific engineer killed two years ago in a hold-up near Missoula, but this charge was withdrawn providing Hammond confessed to the robbery at Bearmouth. It is also stated that this same partner was connected with that crime. Of the two evils it was more to be desired to go to prison for life, if need be, rather than be hung for murder.

The Confession. The confession took place in the county jail in the presence of B. Palmer, superintendent of the Rocky Mountain division, on which the robbery took place, and Joel Hindman, detective for the Northern Pacific. Hammond's confession consisted in relating the details of the robbery from the first act of the crime up to the time of his arrest. He told of the escape of himself and col-

worker across the mountains into this state and the particulars of the train crew and their actions during the holdup. He says very little of his partner, only that they had several quarrels which resulted in a division of the stolen property and in their separation. The robbers succeeded in getting something like \$3900 in money, gold coin and part in \$100 bills, and 800 diamonds, worth \$3500.

In answer to questions the prisoner stated that he arrived in Missoula about May 23 and remained there until June 7. It was at this place that he met his partner and where he made arrangements with him

about the holdup. The night of the holdup they drank the contents of a bottle of whiskey and waited for the train to pull up to the watering tank. After the train stopped the engineer was covered and ordered to pull out about a mile from the place. The engineer was brought down to the express car, where he knocked on the door and called to the express messenger to come out. No shots were fired until the electricians of the train made their appearance.

The engineer was given a cigar with which to light the fuse of a bomb which had been placed under the car. It refused to light and some matches were used with the

result that the door was blown open. The express messenger was held up and made to open the outer door of the safe, but was unable to make the combination for the inner vault and a stick of dynamite was used.

Messenger's Nerve. The messenger showed a great deal of nerve and he wasn't asked to do any more. Thirty-six big sticks of dynamite were used and the safe was blown through the car to the bottom of the ditch in the explosion. They went down the bank and secured the contents. The robbers used a preparation on their shoes to prevent bloodhounds finding them.

They started across the river and drifted down about 15 miles, then took to the woods. Rations for five days were carried. They took a trail to the west toward Hell Gate river. One slept while the other watched. The men nearly drowned while trying to cross a river and after many mishaps they came to within a short distance of Missoula, where, after a quarrel, a division was made of the booty, and each went his separate way.

There are a number of queer looking features to the confession of Hammond and the surrounding circumstances. The police and detectives knew Hammond's partner was and that he was with him here in Spokane and permitted him to slip through their fingers. He was tipped off to the police at the same time that Hammond was by the railroad brakeman. Hammond was a dangerous man and told the detectives at the confession that if he had been taken on the street or in the open he would have died game. The confession said nothing about the partner's name or whereabouts. He is one John Christie, himself. Christie, in truth, is but a youth of 20, led on by Hammond. Hammond is not new at the business and it was he the officers wished to convict.

Were Hammond's lawyers at this confession? Did they advise it and consent to the conditions under which it was secured. Detectives Fight Over Reward. A large reward was at stake and already there are mutterings of a disagreement over the spoils. The ends of justice will be secured by this confession, but did the prisoner have a show for his white alley or was he a victim of misplaced confidence?

client? Lawyers do not work for love and affection.

A second firm of attorneys appeared in the case. They succeeded as well as the first attorney in protecting the prisoner.

It is stated by one who was present at the confession of Hammond that the prisoner was under the impression that he was turning state's evidence and that he would be let off, if not scot free, at least with a light sentence. He was led to believe that it was Christie the officers were trying to land and not Hammond, himself. Christie, in truth, is but a youth of 20, led on by Hammond. Hammond is not new at the business and it was he the officers wished to convict.

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FIRE IN STRIKE DISTRICT

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CHICAGO, July 27.—The strike members of the state board of arbitration this morning conferred with President Donnelly of the butchers' union and other labor leaders and later all left the labor headquarters for an unknown destination. It is said a last appeal will be made to the packers.

In the yards the packers claimed to have over 400 teamsters at work this morning, but none were sent out in the danger zone. Schwarzschild & Sulzberger at an early hour sent out nine wagons, newly painted so as to disguise them, and succeeded in getting loads of meat delivered before the strikers suspected their purpose.

Independent packers this morning secured 125 union cattle handlers. James Hall died this morning as the result of a bullet wound received a week ago at the hands of an unknown striker.

Fire started at 8:30 this morning in the lard refinery of the Swift plant and destroyed two-thirds of the building before it could be brought

under control. The loss is \$15,000. The structure is so situated that a spread would have meant the destruction of the entire plant, but the prompt work of the firemen now on guard in the packing district prevented further damage. The flames originated, it is believed, from an overheated dynamo. Crowds are not permitted within the packers' zone in which the plant is situated.

No teamsters reported for work this morning and the tieup in that direction is complete. KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 27.—The packers this morning assert they are all well satisfied with the situation and that desertions from the union are frequent. They expect a complete force will be employed within the next 48 hours. No violence is reported.

OMAHA, July 27.—The strike situation is quiet. The packers continue to get new men. The sheriff now states that he can handle the situation without troops.

BALFOUR REALIZES THE SITUATION IS SERIOUS

(Scripps News Association.)

LONDON, July 27.—In the house of commons today Premier Balfour expressed the hope that he would be able to make a statement tomorrow regarding the stoppage of British vessels in the Red sea. He added with regard to the Knight Commander:

"I regret to say that information reached here this morning which leaves little doubt in my mind that a regrettable incident has occurred. There is no question as to the loss of life, but I am afraid there is question as to the breach of international laws." The statement caused a profound sensation.

SUEZ, July 27.—The German steamer Holatia arrived with a Russian prize crew aboard, but was subsequently released.

(Scripps News Association.)

CHICAGO, July 27.—Senator Mitchell of Oregon, as attorney for the Portland Flour & Milling company, today filed a formal protest with the state department against the recent seizure by the Russian squadron of the steamship Arabia. The vessel carried a cargo of 100,000 pounds of flour consigned by the company not destined for Japan and not contraband.

(Scripps News Association.) ST. PETERSBURG, July 27.—The newspaper Russky Viedomosti today prints a striking article on the possibility of war between England and Russia, showing that England's navy is stronger than the combined navies of Russia, Germany and France. Great Britain could close all the Baltic ports and bombard the coast wherever she desired.

(Scripps News Association.)

LONDON, July 27.—Lloyd's Perin agent wires that the new British steamship City of Agra, from Liverpool for Kurrachee, passed there today and signalled that she had been delayed by the Russians.

(Scripps News Association.) LONDON, July 27.—The Peninsula & Oriental steamer Formosa, which was captured by the Russians, has been released and is now proceeding to Yokohama.

ALGIERS, July 27.—The British steamer Malacca arrived here today.

TOKIO, July 27.—General Oku in a report of the Tachichio battle on July 24, states that the Japanese casualties were 800. All the Russian positions were captured and the pursuit continued.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS BEEN NOTIFIED

(Scripps News Association.)

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 27.—The keynote of the republican presidential campaign was sounded today. In the presence of a committee of distinguished party leaders representing every state and territory of the Union, who called at Sagamore Hill to formally notify him of his nomination by the Chicago convention, President Roosevelt read his letter of acceptance, discussing at length the political events of his administration and his views on the platform adopted by the party at Chicago.

The notification ceremonies took place early this afternoon and were marked by extreme simplicity. The members of the notification committee and a number of other eminent republicans arrived at Oyster Bay shortly before noon and were driven at once to the Roosevelt home. After the president had shaken hands with each member of the party the visitors gathered on the lawn in front of the house preparatory to the formalities of the occasion. Owing to the decision of Secretary Loeb, who doubtless consulted with the president, the townspeople at large were not permitted to visit Sagamore Hill and listen to the speeches. This prohibition has caused a good deal of hard feeling. In 1900 the villagers participated in the jollification.

Speaker Cannon was entrusted with the task of delivering the notification speech and he acquitted himself with credit as was evidenced by the enthusiasm with which his remarks were greeted. The president's speech of acceptance was delivered from the veranda and was listened to with the closest attention by those present.

At the conclusion of his speech three cheers and a tiger were given in honor of the president. The formal ceremonies lasted scarcely half an hour and after they were concluded the president and Mrs. Roosevelt entertained the visitors at luncheon, which was laid on the wide veranda which encircles the Sagamore Hill house.

Cannon's Speech. Chairman Cannon spoke as follows: "The republican party under your leadership keeps its record from the signing under Lincoln of doing the right thing at the right time and in the right way, notwithstanding the opposition of those who oppose right

standpoint. They dare not tell the truth about your official action or the record of the party and then condemn it. They can, for selfish or partisan reasons abuse you personally and misrepresent the party which you lead. It is true, however, that so far their abuse of your actions and their alleged fear of your personality is insignificant as compared with the personal and partisan carping against Lincoln, Grant and McKinley when they were clothed with power by the people. Those whose only grievance is that you have enforced the law and those who carp for mere partisan capital will not in my judgment reap the harvest of success. The republican party for you and under your leadership appeals to the great body of the people who live by the sweat of their faces, make civilization, control the republic, fight its battles and determine its policies for approval and continuance in power. The republican convention met at Chicago, June last, and with one accord nominated you for president. In pursuance of usual custom, the convention appointed a committee, of which it honored me with the chairmanship, to wait upon you and inform you of its action, which duty, speaking for the committee, I now cheerfully perform."

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MURDER, SUICIDE

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SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—Manuel Roth, a French teacher, shot and killed Mrs. Angie Paslow, a widow, and then suicided, in the Latin quarter this morning. The tragedy occurred in the street and was witnessed by many persons. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause.

AMERICAN MURDERED

(Scripps News Association.)

MADRID, July 27.—A corpse, said by the authorities to be that of William Sturgess, the American suspected of spying in the Spanish docks during the Spanish-American war, has been recovered at the dockyard at Ferrol. His death is a mystery, but it is believed he was murdered.

LANDLADIES TO BE ARRESTED

E. Dempsey, through his attorney, Harris Baldwin, has prepared complaints for the arrest of Myrtle Raymond, Flo Darling and Lena Stafford on the charge of keeping houses of ill-fame.

REPUBLICANS TO OPPOSE WADE

DAVENPORT, Ia., July 27.—The republican congressional convention for the Second district is in session here today for the purpose of nominating a candidate to oppose Congressman M. J. Wade, the only democratic member of the Iowa congressional delegation. All indications point to the nomination of Albert F. Dawson, who for a number of years has been private secretary to Senator Allison.

MAN FRIGHTENS ORPHANAGE SISTERS

Last night just about midnight a sister at the St. Joseph's orphanage was awakened by a man entering her room. The sister, whose name is withheld, started to scream, whereupon the intruder grabbed her and choked her, warning her in the meantime against any outcry. The diabolical purpose of the intruder was evident from the moment he entered the room. That he did not accomplish his purpose was due to the barking of a dog.

While the man had the sister choked in his power several of the sisters came through the hall. This did not frighten him, but a moment later when a big dog came down the hallway of the orphanage, barking, he suddenly left off and jumped from the window, making his escape.

The sisters have no idea how the man gained entrance to the building. All of the doors were locked and it is not thought that he gained his entrance through the window. He entered the sister's room through the door. When the sister saw the man and realized his motive, she said to him, "I am a sister."

"I know it," answered the man, "but I don't care."

The police are under the impression that robbery was the motive of the man, but this the sisters deny. The patrol wagon was called to the scene shortly after the man had made his escape, but found nothing which would enable them to locate the fiend.

COUNCIL AFRAID TO PASS ORDINANCE

(Scripps News Association.)

ROME, July 27.—A Yinkow correspondent of the Italic Militaire reports that the Russians before evacuating that port attempted to destroy

all the food stores, but the citizens, aided by a downpour of rain, prevented. Twenty-four large steamers with troops and ammunition arrived at Yinkow yesterday.

The scheme was a little too raw and crude to be carried through after the motive in the background was exposed. The city fathers decided that there was no hope for it and quietly relegated it to its grave.

BRINGGOLDS IN COURT AGAIN

The Bringgolts can not get a judge to try their case in Spokane county. J. R. Rasmussen has a bill against the Bringgolts which he would like to collect. The amount of the bill is something over \$85. Peacock & Wells, attorneys for Otto, late last week moved for a change of venue before Judge Hinkle on the grounds that he was biased. A. H. Kenyon, attorney for Mrs. Bringgold, objected to the change. Attorney W. S. Lewis, who represented Rasmussen, didn't care one way or the other.

The nut was a little too hard for Judge Hinkle to crack without thinking the matter over. He may have had his mind made up this morning, but Kenyon sprung a new complication on him. Kenyon filed an affidavit to the effect that his client, Mrs. Bringgold, could not have a fair and impartial trial before Justice Stocker. There was talk pro and con, the final result of which was that Judge Hinkle passed the trouble up to Justice Stocker. Whether Mrs. Bringgold will move for another change is not now at present, but if she continues to think that Justice Hinkle will not give her a fair trial, it is possible that the justice of the peace at Cheney will be called to take a hand and settle the suit.

BANK CLOSED

(Scripps News Association.)

GRINNELL, Ia., July 27.—The First National bank closed its doors today. Liabilities, \$500,000.

STEAMER BURNS

(Scripps News Association.)

GUENSTOWN, July 27.—The White Star liner Majestic reports having sighted a ship afire at latitude 46:16, longitude 57:38. There were no signs of life.

TO MEET AGAIN

(Scripps News Association.)

CHICAGO, July 27.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon the state board of arbitration, after another conference with the union leaders, succeeded in having agreement of the labor men to again meet the packers, tentatively waiving the 48-hour reinstatement of the strikers, but maintaining the 10-day proposition. An effort is now being made to arrange for a meeting with the packers this afternoon.

KILLED WOMAN WHOM HE LOVED

(Scripps News Association.)

PUEBLO, Col., July 27.—John Anderson, a well known citizen, shot and killed Mrs. J. A. Jeffrey, divorcee, and then committed suicide. The act was caused by jealousy.

LONG BRANCH HORSE SHOW

LONG BRANCH, N. J., July 27.—Society regards the eleventh annual exhibition of the Monmouth County Horse Show association, which opens here today, as the event of the summer. The show this year consists of 51 classes—eight more than last year—and the prizes aggregate \$5200, which is the largest sum yet distributed among horse owners at the Long Branch show. A notable new feature of the program is the class for four-in-hand road teams. Another important innovation is a new class for gig horses.

MANY ATTEND CURFEW CONGRESS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 27.—An international curfew congress opened today in Festival hall under the auspices of the National Curfew association, which has for its object the promotion of legislative and other measures intended to protect youths from the vices of the streets. In addition to the delegates from various parts of America there are present at the congress representatives of various bodies in Great Britain, Germany, France, Japan, Mexico, Cuba and other foreign countries. Colonel Alexander Hogeland is the presiding officer.

CLOUDBURST

ST. GEORGE, Utah, July 27.—A big cloudburst at New Harmony, 40 miles north of here, this morning almost swept away the entire Mormon settlement. No lives were lost but cattle, crops, orchards and 20 houses were carried away. A big wall of water, 8 feet high, swept down the canyon, flooding the entire valley.

COUNCILMAN'S WIFE WILL NOT LET HIM HAVE ANY CLOTHES

Councilman Fred Pearson appeared before Judge Kennan today in an action praying for an order of restraint against his wife, Ida M. Pearson whose divorce suit is pending in the superior court. Mr. Pearson says his wife has threatened to do him bodily harm and that she refuses to allow him to go to the house for his wearing apparel. Judge Kennan granted the order allowing him to go to his home for his clothing.

Mrs. Pearson's attorney was in court to prevent the order, giving as cause

that a notice of his visit had not been given and that the testimony given today would be used at the trial, and that it was Pearson's intention to annoy the plaintiff by continual quarreling.

A few days ago Mrs. Pearson was granted an injunction against Pearson and the Washington Safe Deposit company, preventing Pearson from withdrawing \$2500 in vault at that place, of which he has a private key, and from further encumbering their property. She also asks for suit money, pending trial.

HOUNDING GANG OF BANDITS TO DEATH, ONE BY ONE

(Scripps News Association.)

KANSAS CITY, July 27.—With the identification of Harvey Logan, alias Kid Curry, of the train robber who committed suicide after he had participated in the hold-up of the Denver and Rio Grande train at Parachute, Col., and had been wounded by a posse of cowboys, 10 of the 14 members of a daring gang of bandits as ever operated are accounted for.

Along about 1897 the members of the gang organized in South Dakota, calling themselves the Wild Bunch. Seven of the have met violent deaths, are at large. Of these one is supposed to be dead. The other two are being hunted mercilessly.

The gang, or some of its members, participated in train, bank and ranch robberies in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Nevada, Montana and Idaho. They held up Union Pacific trains at Wilcox, Wyoming, in 1899, and at Tipton, Wyo., in 1899. They secured nearly \$35,000 by holding up the Great Northern express at Wagner, Mont., in 1901, and the robbed banks at Belle Fourche, S. D., Winnemucca, Nev., and elsewhere.

Here is how they ended. Tom Ketcham, alias "Black Jack," hanged at Clayton, N. M., for murdering a sheriff. He was the original leader of the Wild Bunch.

O. C. alias Camilla, Hanks, killed at San Antonio, while resisting arrest.

George Curry, alias "Flat Nose," killed at Thompsons, Utah, while resisting arrest.

Bill Carver, killed at Sonora, Tex., while resisting arrest.

Sam Ketcham, died of wounds received while resisting arrest at Santa Fe, N. M.

Lonnie Logan, killed at Dodson, Mo., while resisting arrest.

Harvey Logan, committed suicide after being wounded while fleeing from a posse pursuing Denver & Rio Grande robbers.

Elza Ray, serving life sentence at Santa Fe, N. M.

Ben Kilpatrick, sentenced to 15 years at Columbus, Ohio, federal penitentiary.

Bob Lee, sentenced to 10 years in penitentiary at Rawlins, Wyo.

Harvey Logan was captured after the Great Northern express robbery and many thousands of dollars' worth of unsigned bank notes were recovered. He was sentenced at Knoxville, Tenn., to 20 years. While in charge of the sheriff of Knoxville county, Tenn., he lassoed his guard with a wire nose, took two revolvers, held up a second guard, made the latter saddle the sheriff's horse for him, and rode away. He told a former he would never enter prison again.

He made his way west, participated in the Parachute hold-up, escaped, and was pursued next day by cowboys after having stolen, with his two companions, three fresh horses. A bullet knocked him from his saddle. He declined to mount behind one of his pals and blew out his brains when the cowboys dashed up. A photograph of the corpse was positively identified the other day by an operative for a detective agency, as a likeness of the notorious desperado.

FLOCK TO RELIC OF ST. ANNE

NEW YORK, July 27.—Men, women and children, lame and halt, crippled and deformed by disease or accident, went in thousands today to pray before and kiss the relic of St. Anne which rests on the altar in the crypt of the Church of St. John the Baptist, in East Seventy-sixth street. It was the end of the nine days' pilgrimage to what has become known as the "Lourdes of America" because of the healing power said to reside in the relic. Lighted by hundreds of lamps and tapers borne by the worshippers, the crypt presented a strange sight. Behind the altar were tables laden with crutches, braces and other appliances said to have been left there by persons cured through the virtue of the relic of St. Anne, who was the mother of the Virgin Mary.

Judge Kennan today issued a temporary injunction against W. V. Skullyman preventing him from disposing of a certain chattel mortgage, amounting to \$2000 in favor of the Spokane Drug company, suit of which is pending.

AT ESOPUS

(Scripps News Association.) ESOPUS, N. Y., July 27.—The democratic national committee and other prominent democrats, numbering in all 61, arrived at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon and were driven to Rosemont in a long line of carriages. Among the first to alight from the train were Hill, August and Perry Belmont, Taggart and Woodson. Hill was taken in Parker's wagonette. Murphy was prevailed upon to await the arrival of the committee, but the meeting with Hill betokened no particular cordiality. Parker was introduced. The crowd, after shaking the nominee's hand, spread out over the lawn to talk politics. Parker's greeting of Taggart was effusive, and the pair were soon closely engaged in conversation.

Marriage licenses were issued today as follows: C. W. Wolf and Angelina P. Morris, both of Rockford; O. A. Ren and Stella P. Beem, both of Tyler; S. T. Hanson and E. M. Paulin, both of Spokane; D. A. Fompells and Sadie Kessler, both of Spokane; Fred M. Phelps of Spangle and Bertha Mimms of Medical Lake; Charles F. Appelquist and Amanda Bergman, both of Spokane; D. R. Thomas of Spokane and Carrie May Adam of Roseland.