

## FUNSTON MURDERER MAY HAVE HAD AID

### Authorities Work on Theory That Accomplice Escaped With Bank Funds.

## WORNALL IS BETTER Cashier Thought to Be Out of Danger—Jewell's Body Taken Home.

By Associated Press.  
CAMP FUNSTON, Kan., Jan. 14.—Search for the canvas sack containing the money which Captain Lewis R. Whisler is supposed to have obtained when he robbed the Army Bank here Friday night, killing four men and seriously wounding a fifth, was continued today by the authorities upon the theory that the Army officer may have had an accomplice who fled from the camp after the money had been entrusted to him.

Just how much Whisler obtained is still a matter of conjecture. It was said by the officials that it might be several days before the check-up could be completed and the exact amount determined. Estimates varied from \$65,000 to \$80,000.

Kearney Wornall of Kansas City, assistant cashier of the bank, who was the only survivor of the tragedy, continued to improve and it is believed by the attending physicians that he is practically out of danger.

### Jewell's Body at Home.

By Associated Press.  
SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 14.—The body of John W. Jewell, one of the victims of the Camp Funston bank robbery and murder, arrived here this morning, accompanied by Charles McGregor, his father-in-law, Lieutenant Thomas W. Duvall, a close friend of the young publisher, and a delegation of close friends of the family.

Contrary to a previous report, the face was not mutilated by the axe blows, and it will be possible for the parents, widow and other relatives to view the body.

It became known today that young Jewell and his mother were to have made a trip East on January 20, and in all probability the young man would have been transferred to Government service at Washington.

### Expected to Go to Washington.

Roland E. Williams of Springfield, a student in the University, received a letter last week from Mr. Jewell, stating that he expected to leave Camp Funston within a few days. He said in the letter that he was going to Washington, where he was to have a conference regarding his acceptance of a position as director of the papers published by the Y. M. C. A. at all the Army cantonments. Mr. Jewell told Mr. Williams that he would first go to Springfield to see Mrs. Jewell and on the way east from there he would come to Columbia, if possible, for a short visit at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house.

### Searching for Money.

An Associated Press dispatch from Camp Funston yesterday says an aggressive, systematic investigation was being made throughout Camp Funston to reveal the whereabouts of any money stolen from the army bank Friday night by Captain Whisler.

Three Federal bank examiners started checking the bank's accounts, but everything in the small frame building was in such disorder that no statement is expected for two days or longer.

No definite estimate of the amount of money taken has been made. It was indicated a "considerable" sum was in the bank. Some officers declared Captain Whisler obtained as much as \$65,000 to \$80,000. Others declared he probably took less than \$1,000, or perhaps none at all.

### Took out \$10,000 U. S. Polley.

On January 7, four days before his suicide, Captain Whisler took out a Government insurance policy for \$10,000. It was made payable to his 14-year-old son, Duane, Salina, Kan., Whisler's home, or in case of the son's death to Whisler's father. Captain Whisler, who was 36 years old, and his wife, Mrs. Vande Whisler, were divorced about a year ago. Mrs. Whisler was reported prostrated when told of her former husband's crime.

It developed yesterday that the note Captain Whisler wrote when he decided to kill himself Saturday, after it became apparent he would be identified as the robber and murderer, was addressed to a young woman at Ottawa, Kan. No official announcement was made of the woman's name, and efforts still were being made to conceal her identity.

### Wornall Gives Details.

"I went out last night and made me a reason," the note said, after stating that the captain for a long time had contemplated such a step.

Kearney Wornall, assistant cashier of the army bank, the only one of the five men in the building when the robber entered to escape with his life, is in a much improved condition and army surgeons at the base hospital, to which he was taken, asserted his chances for recovery were good.

## THE CALENDAR

Jan. 14-15—Farmers' Week.  
Jan. 28-29—Registration for semester at the University.  
Jan. 29—Opening convocation of second semester at the University.  
Feb. 6—Final debate tryout, 7:30 Wednesday night, Y. M. C. A. Auditorium.

the first detailed statement of the robbery and murders. His story differed slightly from that previously uttered bit by bit between periods of unconsciousness. That Wornall was conscious and knew perfectly what he was doing when he positively identified the body of Captain Whisler as that of the robber was attested by a staff officer who was present at the identification. Before the body of the army officer was wheeled before Wornall the cashier was made to sit up and read from a magazine to show that he could see and understand.

### Identification of Whisler.

Then Whisler's body, dressed in his olive-drab campaign uniform, and upright in a chair, was wheeled into the ward and placed directly before Wornall.

"That's the man, that's the captain," exclaimed Wornall, according to the staff officer's story.

Wornall then made a sworn statement that Whisler was the man who had robbed the bank and committed the murders.

In his story yesterday to the staff officer regarding the robbery and subsequent murders Wornall declared Captain Whisler came to the bank about 7:30 o'clock Friday evening, some time after the bank had been closed for the day. The key had been placed in the door, but not turned, Wornall said, and Whisler easily gained entrance and walked around the counter.

### Forced to Lie on Floor.

He drew a heavy automatic pistol and told the five men he was "short in his accounts" and believed this was the "best bet" to remedy it, according to the statement. The officer was not taken seriously, not even when he insisted he was in earnest. Then he pulled the ax from under his great coat and struck Winters, whom he later killed, with the flat side of the ax.

Then it was realized that the officer meant to rob the bank. Wornall said, and he was told to "go ahead."

All five men then were made to lie face down on the floor and Whisler proceeded to select the money he wanted, bills of large denominations, which he threw into a sack.

### All the Victims Gagged.

Wornall then was made to get up and tie the other men with bits of tent rope the captain pulled from his pockets. Wornall's hands then were tied by the officer, the statement continued, and gags were thrust into the mouths of all five men. At this point there is a lapse in Wornall's story, the staff officer said, and the young cashier apparently does not remember anything until he realized he was in an ambulance on the way to the hospital.

Wornall was found by a sentry wandering aimlessly outside the bank less than an hour after the crime had been committed. He could not answer questions and was covered with blood. He mumbled, "Don't strike him again. Are you a fiend," and finally murmured, "Bank robbed." Then the discovery of the murders was made.

Wornall had followed the Captain's directions to tie up his friends so perfectly that it was necessary to cut the ropes that bound the men's arms.

### Whisler an Expert Cleaner.

Following the crime, it now has been established, Whisler went to the quartermaster's, where he removed the blood stains from his hands and garments. He then proceeded to a class in French at 9 o'clock.

When an order came from headquarters at 9 o'clock for a report from all company commanders, Captain Whisler, it is stated, was the second or third officer to report "all satisfactory."

According to the story told the head of the intelligence department at the post by Wornall, Whisler was in the bank about thirty minutes.

It is said to have been established that no Liberty Bonds were in the loot Whisler obtained. At the first it was reported several thousand dollars worth had been taken.

Captain Whisler always kept a hatchet and a pair of pliers in his room, brother officers stated today. Many kinds of substances for removing stains also have been found in his quarters, officers stated, adding that he was an expert cleaner.

### Recovery Forced Suicide.

By Associated Press.  
CAMP FUNSTON, Kan., Jan. 14.—Major John C. H. Lee, chief of staff, today made public the conditions leading up to the suicide of Captain Lewis R. Whisler. Major Lee said:

"Captain Whisler was sitting in his office. He overheard a conversation between the top sergeant and the company clerk in the next room. One of them made the statement that Kearney Wornall had recovered enough so that he believed he could select the name of the murderer from the list of bank depositors.

## POSSIBILITY OF FINAL RUSS-GERMAN BREAK

### News From Petrograd Tells of Impending Breach in Peace Parley.

## TROTSKY CRITICISED Extremists Want Lenin at Future Conferences—To Meet at Warsaw.

By Associated Press.  
LONDON, Jan. 14.—Warning of a possibility of a final breach in the Russo-German negotiations is the outstanding feature of the current news from Petrograd. In the meantime, according to the correspondent of the Daily Mail, the armistice is extended until February 18. The Russian delegates will return to Petrograd tomorrow. The peace negotiations will be resumed after an interval at Warsaw.

Premier Lenine has returned to Petrograd, and is reported to be taking an important part in guiding the negotiations with the Central Powers, according to the correspondent of the Daily Mail.

Some extremists are reported to be displeased with Foreign Minister Trotsky in the conduct of the negotiations. They accuse him of being willing to meet the German wishes, and suggest that Lenine take his place at future conferences.

## 17 KILLED IN WRECK

### Derailment of Houston, Texas, Central Crumpled Steel Cars—Nine Injured.

By Associated Press.  
HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 14 (4:30 p. m.).—Among those seriously injured in the wreck were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Spence of Columbia. Both were severely burned.

Mr. and Mrs. Spence live on a farm 4 1/2 miles northeast of Columbia. They were on the way to Galveston, Tex., from College Station, Tex., it was said at their home this afternoon. They have lived here all their life.

By Associated Press.  
HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 14.—Twelve to seventeen persons were killed and nine were injured in the derailment of the north bound Houston Texas Central, which left here for Dallas, late Sunday. Two steel coaches directly behind the mail car were crumpled, and the passengers aboard these made up the toll of the casualties.

## TOMORROW SET AS PLEDGE DAY

### Boarding-House Keepers Asked to Promote Co-Operation.

N. T. Gentry, county food administrator, has set aside tomorrow as the day for all persons who conduct boarding houses to sign up for meatless and wheatless days. He issued this notice today:

"As it will be impossible for me to visit all of the boarding-house keepers in Columbia, I will be in my office, Room 510, Guitar Building, all day Tuesday, January 15, and will be glad to have all boarding-house keepers to call and sign up the Hoover pledge for meatless and wheatless days."

## BRANHAM BACK TO TOIL

### Last One of the Three, Who Broke Out Second Time, Returned.

When Francis Branham was brought back to the county jail yesterday afternoon by Sheriff T. Fred Whitesides, the last one of the three men who broke out of the jail for the second time on the night of January 10 was captured. The other two, Irby Conley and Fred Scott, returned of their own accord, Scott on the night that he escaped, Conley Saturday morning.

Branham fled to the home of his grandfather, Lewis Hunt, 505 McBaine avenue.

## WILL HOLD POULTRY SHOW

### Boone County Association Will Offer Premiums Farmers' Week.

The Boone County Poultry Show will open tomorrow. The association has held twelve successful shows in the past and will make its showing this year prominent by offering attractive premiums.

The association urged all poultry raisers to enter their birds, as the keynote of this year's program will be more and better poultry.

## Tuesday Club to Meet

The Tuesday Club will meet tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. Building. A program will be given, Miss Mary Dysart will be the leader.

## Passes Aviation Corps Test

Ralph W. Fischer, a junior in the School of Commerce of the University, has passed the examination for the aviation corps. He will remain in the University until called.

## WAR WORK IS THEME OF FARMERS' WEEK

### Special Stress to Be Laid on Increased Crops and Conservation.

## WILL OPEN TONIGHT Missouri War Council to Meet—British Attorney General to Speak.

By Associated Press.  
Tonight's Program, 7 o'clock, in University Auditorium.

Music—University Band Lectures by Jewell Mayes, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture; Mrs. Nellie Kedzie Jones ("Aunt Nellie") of the Country Gentleman; Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture.

### Tomorrow.

Lectures and demonstrations on all phases of agriculture in various agricultural buildings, beginning at 8:30 o'clock and lasting until 5 o'clock.

The cold weather is not keeping away the visitors to Farmers' Week. The first of those who will be here this week to learn about improved methods in farming in all of its various phases arrived last night and many others came today. The week has special significance this year because of the stress that will be laid on increased crop and live stock production and conservation. For that reason the College of Agriculture is expecting a large attendance.

Both of Columbia's hotels have closed reservations of rooms for the week. The demand for rooms has been as large as in former years, if not larger. The secretary of the Commercial Club was busy today assigning visitors to rooms in private homes.

Canning, baking and sewing exhibits of the work done in boys' and girls' clubs all over the state are on display in the agricultural library, which is at the west end of the second floor of the Agricultural Building. The first potato show ever held during Farmers' Week was arranged by the boys' and girls' clubs and has twenty-one entries. It is on display with the prizes and other exhibits.

### War Conference Wednesday.

The first step in an extensive spoken-word campaign in Missouri will be the Missouri War Conference, which meets in Columbia Wednesday and Thursday of this week. This campaign is designed to have every county, township and precinct get direct word of what is going on in the war, and what is expected of the people of Missouri.

The most important speakers of the conference are: Dr. George E. Vincent, head of the Rockefeller Foundation and former president of the University of Minnesota, who is Secretary Lane's personal representative at the conference; Dr. Alonzo E. Taylor, who was recently the United States Food Administration's representative at the Paris Inter-Allied Conference; Gurney E. Newlin, member of the National Council of Defense on the Shipping Board; Sir Frederick Smith, attorney general of England, who organized the British war censorship, and Arthur E. Bestor, president of the Chautauqua Institution and chairman of the speaking division of the Committee on Public Information.

The Missouri Council of Defense will hold its monthly meeting in the faculty room at the library. A business meeting will be held and various problems of the state war work will be taken up.

### County Chairmen to Speak.

The War Conference will open Wednesday afternoon with a number of ten-minute talks by various county chairmen of the Council of Defense who have done especially good work in their counties.

Thursday, representative editors, lawmakers, bankers, preachers and farmers will be called upon to discuss the duties of their professions during the war. Uel W. Lamkin, state superintendent of schools, will address the conference Thursday afternoon on "Training Drafted Men for Service." The conference will close Thursday night with an address by Governor Gardner.

The Four-Minute Men of Missouri will hold an all-day conference Wednesday, and will be the guests at the Boone Tavern Wednesday noon of the Commercial Club.

The Boone County Thrift Committee will also give a luncheon Wednesday noon at the tavern in honor of Festus J. Wade, state leader of the movement.

Wednesday evening, the Commercial Club will give a dinner for the distinguished visitors and for the members of the Missouri Council of Defense.

Doctor Vincent and Sir Frederick Smith will be introduced to the students of the University at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the University Auditorium.

The meetings of the War Conference will be in the University Auditorium, the ballroom at the tavern and the Hall Theater.

## THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Somewhat colder with snow tonight and Tuesday morning, probably fair Tuesday afternoon. Lowest temperature about 8 degrees above zero. Increasing north to northwest winds.

Shippers' Forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature during the next 36 hours will be near zero west and north, about 10 above zero east and south.

For Missouri: Snow tonight, colder except extreme north portion. Tuesday probably fair except snow extreme east; colder east portion. Increasing north to northwest winds.

### Weather Conditions.

Since Saturday fresh snow has fallen in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and northern Texas where it continues this morning. The severe cold wave that crossed the country the latter part of last week is now on its way across the Atlantic, having in the mean time moderated considerably.

Temperatures this morning range from about 40 in Central Florida to 15 above zero in the Ohio Valley; and from about 60 on the Texas coast to 15 above in Kansas and Missouri; and from about zero to 24 below zero from Iowa to North Dakota.

A storm of considerable intensity is in East Texas, and is headed northeast for the lower Mississippi Valley; and will likely cause rainy windy weather to the south and east of the center, and snow to north.

In Columbia the weather will continue rather wintry for the next two or three days.

## U. S. STEAMER SUNK

### Texan, With Cargo of Nitrates, Rammied—Crew of 43 Saved.

By Associated Press.  
AN ATLANTIC PORT, Jan. 14.—Agents of the American steamship Texan, a ship of 14,000 tons, today received advices from the naval authorities of the sinking of the steamer. The location of the boat was not given.

The Naval authorities did not state the cause of the Texan's distress, but from reports received from unofficial sources it was said that the vessel had been rammied amidship, in a collision with another steamer. It was said that the steamer which had plucked up the Texan's S. O. S. call was hurrying to her assistance, and that the crew of 43 men had taken to the boats.

The Texan left here recently with a cargo of nitrates bound for a French port, according to the agents.

## HOLLIS EDWARDS TO LEAVE

### City Editor of Tribune Accepts Position in Madison, Wis.

Hollis Edwards, city editor of the Columbia Daily Tribune, has accepted the position of managing editor of the Daily Democrat of Madison, Wis. He will leave here January 29 and will begin his new duties in Madison February 1.

Mr. Edwards has been connected with the Tribune here for seven years, serving as city editor for the last two years. He is a newspaper man of wide experience, having held positions on the Kansas City Times, and on papers in Muskogee, Okla., Fort Scott, Kan., and other cities.

The Madison Democrat is a morning paper. Mr. Edwards will be in complete charge of the editorial department with a city editor, telegraph editor, sporting editor and a staff of reporters in his charge. His new position on this larger paper comes as a recognition of his ability as a newspaper man and his faithful service on the Tribune here.

## RED CROSS WORKERS INCREASING

### Zero Weather Has Fostered Interest in Work, Says Mrs. W. H. Willis.

Zero weather is an added impetus to workers at the Red Cross room. More women are coming out to help make bandages than before the cold wave arrived, said Mrs. W. H. Willis. "There is still room for a great many more workers," added Mrs. Willis. The work room is warm and comfortable.

"We are now ready to ship off a few boxes of knitted supplies to St. Louis," she said this afternoon. "The cold weather only makes us realize the greater necessity for our work. We hope in a short time to be able to send off a few more boxes of surgical bandages."

## DELAYED BY BANK OF SNOW

### Sergeant Cole Suffers Frozen Ear on Way Home.

Sergeant Virgil B. Cole, who has been in training at Fort Sill, Okla., has been granted a furlough because of rheumatism. He was on the way home Thursday night when his train was stopped near Oklahoma City by a snow bank. The passengers walked a mile to Mustang. Many ears and feet were frost bitten. Mr. Cole suffered a frozen ear and toe. He will remain a short time with his brother, Redmond S. Cole, in Oklahoma City before he comes home.

### Leader of County Agents Away.

P. H. Ross, leader of county agents, has been away several days on business connected with that department. He visited Carroll, Holt and Buchanan counties.

### Mr. Hart to Leave Next Monday.

The Rev. M. A. Hart of the Christian Church will leave a week from today for Camp Taylor at Louisville, Ky. He will take up his duties as a Y. M. C. A. secretary there.

## COAL SITUATION IS STILL BIG PROBLEM

### Local Mines Are Working Overtime to Alleviate Shortage.

## CITY IS IN CONTROL

### Poor Continue to Ask for Fuel—Schools Closed— Trains Hindered.

"The coal situation in Columbia is about the same," said Mayor James E. Boggs this morning. "Everybody seems to be out of coal," he added. Women have been calling up and are crying for fuel, according to authorities.

In accordance with the ordinance issued Saturday by H. A. Collier, fuel administrator, all city schools have closed and their coal supplies have been confiscated by the city. It is being used as a holdover supply.

Reports from the local mines indicate they are working overtime in order to alleviate the shortage. Several of them worked Sunday, and have been hauling and shipping every day. Smarr & Algoe, the Blackfoot and the Boone County Coal companies say they are bringing into town regularly 4 to 6, 15, and 7 to 8 loads, respectively, daily. They further say they are mining constantly, but that transportation facilities are hindering the movements.

Of the seven local dealers interviewed, only two have any coal on hand, while one reported none on hand and none coming in. Most of them, however, have fuel in transit. Mayor Boggs said that three car loads came into Columbia yesterday and has been distributed. The amount distributed to individuals does not exceed ten bushels.

Some idea regarding transportation facilities may be gained from the fact that Saturday no Wabash trains ran and only a few Sunday. All mail service has been delayed twenty-four hours as a result of the irregularity resulting from the scarcity of engines. Today trains on the main lines are from thirty minutes to an hour and a half late, and the incoming trains are late in proportion. This gives some light on Columbia's poor train service. The mines say they have plenty of fuel ready, but that it is impossible to get it here, except by hauling, and that method is very slow and difficult on account of the snow.

Carriers on the rural routes delivered only about half of the mail Friday and Saturday because of the heavy drifts in the roads, and although all carriers went out today, it is doubtful whether full routes will be made unless patrons on the roads have broken the snow drifts.

"Pretty bad," was the common reply made by the coal dealers, when asked this morning, "How is the coal situation today?" The Weather Bureau forecasts wintry weather for two or three days more.

## DIFFICULT TO TRAVEL NOW

### High School Teacher Delayed Thirty Hours in Arriving.

Miss Ellen Dietrich, who was graduated from the School of Education of the University last year, arrived in Columbia yesterday afternoon to visit her sister, Miss Montelle Dietrich, after having been delayed thirty hours on account of the heavy snows. At Glen Junction the train ran into a snow drift so high that the headlight was broken. After a five-hour wait, the train started for Centralia, arriving there about 7 o'clock. After another delay of eighteen hours there, Miss Dietrich left Centralia and arrived in Columbia at about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Miss Dietrich is a teacher in the Kahoka High School.

## WAITS THREE DAYS FOR TRAIN

### Teodoro Yango, Philippine Commissioner, Departs for Washington.

After a three-day wait for a train, Teodoro Yango, resident commissioner of the Philippine Islands at Washington, left Columbia with his secretary at 10:50 o'clock this morning. He will go as directly to Washington as the present condition of train service will permit, to begin preparation for the Made-in-the-Philippines banquet to be given here in May as the final event of Journalism Week.

Mr. Yango came to Columbia last week to confer with Dean Walter Williams regarding the banquet. He was to have left last Friday, but was delayed by the crippling of the train service out of Columbia.

## University High Not Closed.

The order of the county fuel administrator, closing the Columbia schools does not apply to the University High School and the Elementary School as some of the pupils apparently believe. The University has coal and the buildings of these schools on the campus are warm.

## County Agents to Meet Next Week.

The county agents of Missouri, who are here attending Farmers' Week, will hold a conference in Columbia next week.