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## BANDITS SHOOT FIVE TRAINMEN

### REGISTERED PACKAGES ARE ALL THAT IS TAKEN BY DESPERADOES

## GET AWAY IN A WAITING AUTO.

### Baggage, Mail and Locomotive Taken Up the Track, While the Passengers Walk Up and Down Track for an Hour.

Paxton, Ill.—A dozen bandits armed with pistols, shotguns and bombs, which they used freely, wounding several trainmen and mail clerks, held up the New Orleans limited train on the Illinois Central railroad and with their wild west tactics looted the mail car of all registered mail and the valuables in the safe and then escaped in waiting automobiles, which were stationed two miles south of Paxton. The train first stopped on a bridge over a small stream by three bandits on the train, who crept to the engine cab over the tender and held up the engineer and fireman, made the fireman disconnect the mail and the baggage car and drive further south, where the rest of the desperadoes helped in the looting, dynamiting and firing of the mail car before it could be entered and looted.

The all-steel train left Chicago loaded with passengers and cranking through Paxton at high speed. It had gone some two miles when the firemen, turning to take a scoop full of coal, saw masked men sliding from the open firebox door. He stepped back hurriedly, dropping his shovel. The noise attracted the attention of the engineer, who took his eyes from the rails a moment to ascertain what was the matter.

"Stop the train," shouted one of the masked men, holding a pistol toward the engineer while another bandit crept the fireman. The engineer closed the throttle but hesitated to apply the brakes until the coalmen, standing closer, poked the barrel of a revolver in the angry face of the driver and commanded, "give her the air quick."

The engineer soon brought the train to a stop. The bandits then commenced the looting to include the mail and baggage cars, collecting their booty with their weapons. As soon as these caches were disconnected the bandits escorted the fireman back to the cab and ordered the engineer to proceed.

The engineer and fireman at first remained to comply with the demands of the robbers who crept over the tender into the cab, but when pistols were thrust into their faces, the trainmen complied and escaped injury. In dynamiting the safe the desperadoes set fire to the interior of the steel mail car.

After the bandits had fled in a waiting automobile, the engine crew returned to the rest of their train, cut out the flaming mail car and proceeded to Champaign, the next division point.

As the headlight flashed on the railing of the bridge over a creek a mile south of the hold-up, the robbers commanded the engine crew to stop. While one of the men kept the engineer and fireman guarded in the cab the other robbers entered the mail car and with celerity blew open the safe, having everything in readiness for the blast.

All the registered mail was gathered into a bag and all the valuables in the safe were scraped together. The robbers then carried their loot to an automobile waiting in the shadow of some trees bounding the stream, waved goodnight to the trainmen and dashed away in the car.

### Ulster Cabinet Called.

London.—The discussions of an Irish settlement are nearing a climax. After a long conference with Mr. Lloyd George, Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, summoned the members of his cabinet from Belfast for a meeting in London to consider the proposals made by the British government.

## THE WEEK'S NEWS IN OKLAHOMA

### HAPPENINGS GATHERED FROM ALL SECTIONS OF STATE

## IMPROVEMENTS FOR FRISCO

### Extensive Terminals Will Be Included Among Additions To Be Constructed

Sapulpa, Okla.—With the announcement that offices of J. L. Taylor, chief engineer of the Frisco railroad, are to be moved to Sapulpa from Springfield, Mo., proposed extensions and improvements planned here by Frisco officials are believed to be nearing a beginning.

It is believed that the Frisco plans to get land in Southern Heights for extensive terminals and freight sidings will be under way soon. It was reported on good authority that present plans of the Frisco contemplate the expenditure of approximately \$1,000,000 in the building of terminals and additional extensions.

Part of the plan, it is understood, includes a connection with the southern and western divisions of the Frisco road, affording a saving of several miles in transferring freight and allowing for miles of additional versing. A large roundhouse is included in the proposed improvements.

Taylor's offices are to be in a downtown building, according to the best information. Company offices are not adequate for housing extra officials, it is said.

## WEEVIL TREATMENT URGED

### Carbon Disulphide Used To Protect Corn From Pest

Oklahoma, Okla.—E. A. Kusick, county farm agent of Oklahoma county, is urging Oklahoma farmers to protect their corn from weevil. "From the best authority, the only practical, efficient method of destroying weevil in corn is to treat the same in an airtight container or crib as possible, with carbon bisulphide, at the rate of about five pounds per thousand cubic feet," he says.

This should be poured out in shallow pans and set on top of the crib. For the best success, temperature should not be below 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

Corn that is to be fed should never be treated with kerosene. A copious supply of air slack lime, fastened on husked corn may have a tendency to eliminate some of the weevil. Corn or grain treated with carbon bisulphide for best results and as the occasion demands may need a treatment a second time seven days after the first.

## J. U. WINS GAME 24 TO 7

### Powerful Jayhawkers Taken off Their Feet in First Half.

Norman, Okla.—Once again Oklahoma speed has triumphed over Kansas brawn. Completely sweeping the powerful Jayhawkers off their feet during the first half, the dashing Sooners scrambled over the goal line three times and piled up a commanding lead which enabled them to defeat their ancient and honored rivals from the north, 24 to 7 on Boyd field Saturday afternoon.

Oklahoma did it in the first two periods. Instead of taking to the air as had been expected, the Sooners broke loose with a line smashing attack completely different from anything before seen in the Missouri valley conference and before the Kansans could discover a key to the defense, the O. U. had scored touchdowns and one had kicked the three goals which gave Oklahoma a lead of 21 to 0 at the end of the first half.

### Watt To Return This Week.

Ben Watt state fish and game warden, returned from the state fish hatcheries at Medicine Park, where he has been rearranging the routine business of the establishment.

## BANKS TO AID IN LOANS

### Whitelure Says Bankers are Backing Livestock Plan in State.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Ninety banks of the state, both state and national, have informed John A. Whitelure, president of the state board of agriculture, that they will cooperate with the war finance corporation in making loans on cattle to Oklahoma stockmen and farmers. Mr. Whitelure announced. Funds are loaned to the banks at 5 percent and they are in turn to be loaned out at not more than 8 percent interest.

The eligibility of farmers for loans is determined by a questionnaire sent out to farmers and stockmen. It was explained.

### A. & M. College Gets Heifer.

Stillwater, Okla.—As a birthday gift on the thirtieth anniversary of its founding, H. C. Lockhart, Blaine county breeder of short-horn cattle, has donated a short-horn heifer to Oklahoma A. & M. college, but the gift as well as the heifer has a tail to it. "With the provision that the entire rod of ten cows, bull calves to be born, and her offspring for a year sold and replaced with heifers," Lockhart's letter says. "My object is to place a concrete example of the principle of accumulation before students. I believe that's the most important principle to be employed for the success of any farm." Both the gift and the string to it have been accepted by the state board of agriculture.

### \$50,000 Gymnasium and City Hall

Pawnee, Okla.—Pawnee will round up its extensive building program for the year this month. A new \$50,000 school auditorium and gymnasium and a city hall building costing a similar amount will be completed by Thanksgiving day.



### Should Use State Seed.

Oklahoma farmers are making a mistake in sending to the extreme south for cotton seed because of the late maturity of such seed, according to J. A. Whitelure, president of the state board of agriculture.

"It is a conceded fact that seed grown in Oklahoma and especially along the northern line of cotton-growing counties, will mature from one to three weeks earlier than seed brought from southern or gulf coast states," he said. "Good seed raised in Oklahoma will mature a week or ten days earlier and afford the means of escaping a considerable loss by the boll weevil."

"Early seed, early planting and early cultivation are the three most important factors in beating the boll weevil."

"The question frequently asked, 'Can Oklahoma continue profitably to grow cotton under the present boll weevil infested condition?' can be answered affirmatively, provided we change methods, improve our economics and cooperate in a systematic drive against the weevil."

### Tax Collection Injunction Hits.

The injunction granted by the eighth circuit court of appeals at St. Louis against the sale of property by counties for the collection of taxes where all or part of the delinquent taxes are for paying apples only to those counties in Oklahoma covered specifically by the injunction, according to an opinion by the attorney general's office.

The Oklahoma supreme court has held in contradiction of the federal court and sales shall continue in accordance with the holding of the supreme court except where the injunction specifically applies.

The suit was brought by Charles A. Oils against the tax assessor of Muskogee county and was decided in favor of Oils in September. A list of the counties affected by the injunction to be obtained from the federal court clerk at Muskogee.

## DR. J. MORTON HOWELL



Dr. J. Morton Howell of Dayton, O., has been appointed special diplomatic agent and consul general at Cairo, Egypt. He is a personal friend of President Harding, Senator Willis and Attorney General Daugherty, a successful physician and surgeon, and a traveler who has familiarized himself with conditions in Egypt.

## IN PARACHUTE LEAP TO DEATH

### DESCENDS INTO RIVER AND CAN'T SWIM

### Aviator Jumps 1,000 Feet Into Middle of Missouri River and Drowns Before Help Arrives.

Omaha, Neb.—Harry Esde landed in the Missouri river and drowned when he made a 1,000 foot parachute leap. The body has not been recovered, according to reports.

The parachute leap was an event of the international aero congress. The crowd saw the man plunge in the water and heard him cry for help.

"For pity's sake, boys, hurry up, I can't swim," he pleaded. Nobody could reach him. He floated a quarter of a mile before sinking for the last time. His home was in Chicago.

Col. H. T. Harney, holder of the world's altitude altitude record, suffered a dislocated hip when forced to land in a cornfield. His second landing made Bert Acosta winner of the Pulitzer race.

An airplane piloted by T. C. Lecocq, of Des Moines, Ia., made a near dive into some mud on the Omaha air field after landing. The plane was damaged but Lecocq escaped unhurt.

## AIRPLANE SAVES MARINE

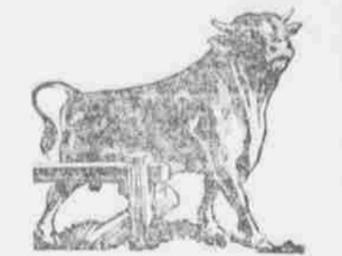
### Injured Man Is Strapped to Wing and Taken to Hospital.

Port Au Prince, Haiti.—Strapped securely to a six foot plank which was in turn lashed to the wing of a United States Marine Corps airplane, an injured "devil dog" was brought here recently and probably saved from death through prompt dressing of his wounds.

The marine was injured while on duty deep in the jungle wilds of the island of Mallesda. An urgent call was sent to the marine base here for an airplane to transport the man to the government hospital.

Lieutenant Kenneth B. Colling started at once for Mallesda in a powerful machine. Arriving there he found the injured man so badly mangled that his body was almost solidly encased in splints. This made it impossible for him to be placed in a sitting posture in the cockpit of the machine.

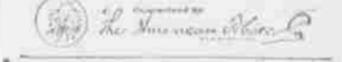
The aviator decided on the idea of lashing the injured man to the plane near the fuselage. The injured "devil dog" was bandaged to the eyes, given a special face mask, strapped to the plank, given a helmet and goggles, then lashed to the wing near the fuselage. He suffered no ill-effects from exposure during the flight of 30 minutes.



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