

SECOND HOD UP OF ROCK ISLAND TRAIN

Seven Masked Robbers in Attacking Party Early Today

EXPRESS CAR SAFE BLOWN BY DYNAMITE

Explosion Wakes Up All Memphis But Bandits Escape

(Special from United Press.) Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 7.—For the second time within the last two months, Rock Island Train No. 43 was held up by bandits, early today, near Hulbert, Ark. Seven men were in the party which attacked the train but they secured only one package of registered mail.

H. M. Beadle, mail clerk of the train, escaped from the robbers and ran a mile to Hulbert, where he reported the holdup. He said two men boarded the train at the railroad crossing beyond the bridge just outside of Hulbert and that three more swung aboard at the levee, a little further on.

Two attempts were made to dynamite the big safe in the express car. Both failed. Two heavy charges were exploded but the safe was merely turned over on its side and the express car badly damaged.

Later advices received here say that the safe and the mail car were blown up by a terrific explosion which shook the windows in all houses near the riverfront. A few minutes later a second explosion was heard and the flash that preceded it was the foundation for the rumor that the train had been set on fire. This proved to be incorrect.

Two of the robbers were riding blind passage when the train left Memphis, members of the crew believe. The train had reached a point a mile this side of Hulbert when two bandits climbed over the tender of the engine and ordered the engineer and fireman to throw up their hands.

Others had taken care of the passengers and others of the crew. The train was told to cut loose the first two cars and to run the train back toward Memphis, backing a short distance, the engine was ordered slowed up and two more men who had been riding blind passage boarded the train, a charge was quickly placed under the safe and grabbing up registered mail sacks, the men fled.

Up to noon, today, no trace of the robbers had been found.

Ben Greet Must Pay Girl \$64.96

English Theatrical Manager Loses Suit Brought Against Him in Common Pleas Court.

Ben Greet, the prominent English theatrical manager, lost the suit brought against him by Louise M. Wade Barnes in the court of common pleas yesterday. Acting Judge Carl Foster today handed down a decision allowing Miss Barnes damages of \$64.96 and costs.

STATE'S ATTORNEY JUDSON BACK HOME Stay in Bermuda Proved of Great Benefit to Prominent Lawyer

State's Attorney Stiles Judson returned this morning after a trip to Bermuda, where he went to recuperate from his recent illness. He is at his home in Stratford today, but does not intend to return to his practice for some time. Mr. Judson's health is greatly improved.

Maniac Who Shot Wife Held In \$10,000

(Special from United Press.) Collinsville, Feb. 7.—Looking like a shadow of his former self, John M. Kenefick, who shot his wife and figured in a pistol duel with sheriff's posse, last month, made a brief appearance in a justice court here today, and was bound over to the March term of the Superior court in \$10,000 bail on a charge of attempted murder. In default of bail he was returned to the Hartford jail.

BURIED ALIVE UNDER TONS OF COAL, IS RESCUED BY SCORE OF SHOVELLERS

Edward Baskerville Of 479 Seaview Avenue Completely Buried By Avalanche Of Coal

Fellow Workers In A. McNeil & Sons Coal Yard Rush to His Aid and Dig Him Out—Apparently Little Worse for His Adventure and Refuses Services of the Ambulance Corps.

Edward Baskerville, of 479 Seaview avenue, working in a huge coal pit in the yards of the A. McNeil & Sons Coal company on Noble avenue, was buried in an avalanche of coal which laid down upon him while he was at work shortly before noon today. A score of other workers in the yard saw the accident and rushed to Baskerville's aid. The men shovelled frantically, straining every muscle to reach the buried man. Almost a minute had passed when they unearthed one of Baskerville's hands, and then the other. A rope and a windlass were procured and fastened to his hands and he was dragged out of the coal.

The ambulance corps had been summoned in the meantime, but to everybody's amazement Baskerville recovered his breath in remarkably short time and refused the services of the doctor. He wanted to return to work but was advised to go home. He sturdily refused the services of the ambulance and walked to his home on Seaview avenue.

The accident to Baskerville was due to the fact that one of the huge heaps of coal had become undermined, but was held in place by a frozen mass at the bottom. The sunlight loosened this underpinning today, Baskerville was working about the pile and chanced to tread upon the "key-stone." The result was an avalanche of coal that swept down on him and buried him completely. The expert coal shovellers of the McNeil company proved to be good life savers, however, and dug him out in time.

SOCIALIST OUTS WHEN THE KAISER OPENS REICHTAG

The "Reds" Purposely Refrain From Attendance When Emperor Speaks

(Special from United Press.) Berlin, Feb. 7.—With all the Socialists absent, Emperor William today opened the Reichstag in person, with a plea for an increase in Germany's land and sea forces.

The emperor took place in the white marble hall of the Imperial Palace. Only 287 representatives were present, the other 110 members being Socialists. As the emperor arose to make his address, there was much speculation as to what his real thoughts were as he saw the great gap that had been made at the recent election. At the opening of the previous Reichstag, there were only 50 Socialist absentees.

The Kaiser, however, made no reference to the defeat of the government. He opened his address with a reference to the friendship existing between Germany and all the powers. He declared that his purpose was to promote peace both at home and abroad. In order to do this it was necessary, however, to Germany to be able to stand up to her enemies in sessions and her national honor.

To this end, the Kaiser urged his hearers to do their duty to support the government. He placed before them for strengthening both the sea and land forces of the nation.

Following the Kaiser's address, the members returned to the Reichstag, where it was their duty to be ready gathered. The meeting was called to order by the o'ed member. This year, the honor fell to Albert Treger, aged 82, a member of the People's Progressive party.

After a brief session, adjournment was taken tomorrow when the president, vice president and other officers will be chosen.

Receiver Asked For Windsor Locks Bank By Bank Commission

Hartford, Feb. 7.—With the state bank commissioner's application for a receiver, the beginning of the liquidation of the Windsor Locks Savings Bank muddle, in which the late treasurer, A. W. Converse is accused of embezzling nearly \$200,000. A hearing on the application will be held next Tuesday afternoon.

Firemen In Uniform Beside Bier of Their Former Chief Engineer

With delegations of several Masonic lodges and a uniformed band of 16 firemen marshalled by Assistant Chief Daniel Johnson, the funeral of the late Chief Charles A. Gendrier was held this afternoon from his home, 174 Arch street. There was a large attendance of representative professional and business men, as well as men prominent in Masonic circles from other cities. Knights Templar attended in a body and conducted the funeral services exemplifying the ritual of the order. Members of the commandery acted as pall bearers.

CENTENARY OF DICKENS BIRTH IS OBSERVED

About \$50,000 Contributed For Five Granddaughters Of Noted Author

GRATITUDE THROUGH U. P. FOR AMERICAN AID Special Statement By Miss Ethel, Oldest Of The Quintet

(Special from United Press.) London, Feb. 7.—Today, the 100th anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens, red geraniums, the favorite flower of the great author, were displayed in the bute notes of almost every Londoner. Hundreds of wreaths were placed on the novelist's tomb in Westminster Abbey. Secretary Wilson, of the centenary committee, announced today, that, by tonight, \$50,000 would probably have been contributed in England and America for the use of the five married daughters of Charles Dickens, Jr., who are in straightened circumstances.

London, Feb. 7.—With the specter of war driven from their door by contributions of the English-speaking people, the five granddaughters of Charles Dickens, the immortal author, today expressed, through the United Press, their sincere gratitude for aid extended to them by Americans.

Today is the hundredth anniversary of "Old Boz's" birth and his eldest granddaughter, Miss Ethel Dickens, prepared the following message to Americans: (Copyrighted 1912 by the United Press.) On behalf of my sisters, Mary, Cecil, Dorothy and Evelyn, and myself, I wish to express to the American people my heartfelt thanks for their generous subscriptions to the Centenary Fund for the American people that we accept it, not as charity for there are so many other deserving cases, but rather as the payment of a debt which the Anglo-Saxons feel they owe to Grandfather for his deathless contributions to literature.

When the specter of war loomed over us, we were not fully realized during his life and because there was no way of protecting his writings from unscrupulous plagiarists, we have been inadequately remunerated. It was one of his fondest hopes that he might realize enough from the sale of his works to provide for his descendants but he failed. He worked night and day and the result every one knows.

When the Centenary Committee called on us and asked for some suggestions regarding a fitting memorial to our grandfather, we were justified in telling our condition. The members of the committee were deeply touched. The instant response both from England and America brought tears of gratitude to our eyes many times. I understand that the members of the committee have agreed to contribute \$100,000 to the fund. I do not intend to give up work. Neither will two of my sisters. Of course, the other three are unable to do anything towards supporting themselves. I am a typewriter operator. I had no funds and it has been a hard battle. It was only through overwork that I was able to make out my living. My sisters, too, have earned their own living by teaching and clerking. We are all pretty much worn out by the long struggle but we hope soon to arrange for a much needed rest. Life certainly seems much brighter now.

Boston, Feb. 7.—Such a celebration was held in Boston today, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens. The Rev. Ernest J. Craft, Associate Grand Chaplain, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, State of Connecticut, presided at the service. The Rev. Ernest J. Craft will deliver an address on "Spiritual Teachings of Masonry."

One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Institution of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, F. & A. M., Bridgeport, Connecticut, Feb. 11-12, 1912.

Sammy Desser Need Not Stay In Jail

Well Known Baseball Root-er Escapes With \$25 Fine in Common Pleas Court and Is Placed on Probation.

Sammy Desser, the well known baseball fan, will escape going to jail for the theft of \$25 from the Howland store last month. In the court of common pleas this morning, Sammy was fined \$25 and sentenced to jail for 30 days but Judge Walsh suspended the jail sentence and placed him under the care of Probation Officer Canfield for 30 days.

Desser was employed at Howland's during the recent Mill End sale and was nabbed by Store Detective Cullough after he had neglected to turn in \$25 received from customers. In the city court he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to jail for 30 days. He spent a few days in jail before he was released on bonds. His friends say the expedition will be a lesson to Desser and that he will tread the straight and narrow path in the future.

MRS. H. W. TAFT, SISTER IN-LAW OF PRESIDENT BECOMES A CATHOLIC

(Special from United Press.) New York, Feb. 7.—The most noted convert to Roman Catholicism that Rev. Father Bernard Vaughan, the famous English Jesuit preacher, has secured during his tour of the United States, is Mrs. Henry W. Taft, sister-in-law of the President. It was announced today, that she had been received into the Catholic church, last week by Father Vaughan, at St. Ignatius Loyola's church. Mrs. Taft, who was previously a high church Episcopalian.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE FOUNDED WHEN CONNECTICUT WAS A COLONY WILL OBSERVE 150TH ANNIVERSARY, FEB. 12

First Charter Dated Feb. 12, 1762, and Signed By Provincial Grand Master of New York

Eleazer Hubbell Named in Warrant as First Worshipful Master for Fairfield County

Daniel M. Rowland Is Oldest Living Past Worshipful Master—Elaborate Ceremonies Arranged

Past Masters of St. John's Lodge, now living: Daniel M. Rowland, Hugh Stirling, Frederick F. Callender, Henry H. Pyle, Wilfred T. Van Vorst, Henry N. Ayres, Charles H. Peet, Merle C. Cowles, Charles P. Gilbert, Fred W. Tracy, C. Nathaniel Worthen, Benjamin G. Berrien, George D. Phillips, Lon P. Bristol, William A. Lewis, Charles M. Gerdenier, John Johnston, Edward T. Buckingham, Theodore E. Belts, Arthur B. Lieberum, Frank M. Canfield, Matson C. Penfield.

Fourteen years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence St. John's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, was instituted. It has since held communications with regularity, though occasional omissions occurred during the Revolutionary war and during the war of 1812. The 150th anniversary of this most ancient of Bridgeport's fraternal organizations will be celebrated Feb. 12 and an elaborate program has been prepared. Features of the occasion will be a reception in the members of the lodge who will attend the service. Rev. Ernest J. Craft will deliver an address on "Spiritual Teachings of Masonry."

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PROGRAM. Sunday, Feb. 11, 1912. 7:45 Special services at Christ Episcopal Church. "Spiritual Teachings of Masonry." Rev. Ernest J. Craft, Associate Grand Chaplain, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, State of Connecticut. Special Music: Christ Church Choir, Hamilton Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar, will act as escort for St. John's Lodge in Masonic Temple to church and return.

The members of the lodge will meet at Masonic Temple at 7 o'clock and will proceed to the church in full regalia. Edward T. Buckingham, Marshall and Past Master of St. John's Lodge will have charge of the procession to and from the church.

All masons are invited to attend this service. Members of the Order of Eastern Star will attend in a body seats being reserved. Many masons out of town will be in attendance.

Monday, Feb. 12, 1912. 1 p. m. Reception to Justin Holden, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, at the residence of the Grand Officers in the Parlors of Masonic Temple. 2:15 p. m. Anniversary exercises in Consistory room, Masonic Temple.

Program. Selection, Bentley's orchestra. Prayer, Rev. Frederick W. Coleman, Grand Chaplain. Selection, Bentley's orchestra. Address of Welcome, Andrew V. Barber, Worshipful Master, St. John's Lodge.

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Mayor Ticked At Prospect Of Tax Rate Of 15 Mills

Mayor Wilson was gleeful at his office this noon in anticipation of a 15 mill tax. "I feel confident from the way the board of apportionment has taken up its work," said he, "that the tax rate will be kept down to 15 mills. We are not looking for parsimony. We want economy, nothing more. With the diligence the board is exercising in looking over the various appropriations, I feel sure we'll get results."

The mayor added that he expected the various departments to facilitate the work of the board of apportionment by bringing detailed statements of the expenditures of their funds during the past year.

INVITATIONS OUT FOR SEA SIDE BALL

Invitations have been issued for the Sea Side club ball which will be held at the club house on State street, Feb. 15. This is one of the big social events of the season and arrangements will be made on the usual elaborate scale.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE

The first Charter of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, was dated February 12th, 1762, and was granted for Fairfield County by R. W. George Harrison, Provincial Grand Master of the State of New York. Eleazer Hubbell, was named in the warrant as the first Worshipful Master, while these United States were but colonies of this mother country. The first Communication was held February 15th 1762, at Samuel Wakelee's house on Division street (now Park Avenue), situated just south of State Street.

The second communication was held at the house of Richard Hubbell. The first regular Communication of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, was held at Richard Hubbell's house on Wednesday evening, February 24th, 1762. This house stood on the road to Easton (Brooklawn Avenue now called) west of the road and south of the present Country Club's building.

Up to July 14th, 1762, eight Communications were held, when the first election of Officers took place. Eleazer Hubbell being chosen Master. The Communications seem to have been kept up with great regularity though omissions of several months occurred during the war of the Revolution.

It is worthy of note that no allusion is made in the records to either the Revolutionary War or that of 1812. On December 8th, 1764, they removed to the sign of the "Anchor," also in Fairfield, Conn., but later they were back on State St., Bridgeport, Conn., but the house can not be located.

On June 24, 1789, they met at the house of Daniel Youngs. This old house at that time a fine residence, still stands on the southwest corner of Water and Union Streets.

On January 27th, 1790, the Lodge met at the house of William Peet. This house stood on the north side of State street where the Public Market now stands.

On December 14th, 1791, the Lodge met at the house of J. Lacey, on the south side of State street. The house stood on the ground now occupied by the Bayles brick block.

On December 12th, 1792, the Lodge met at the house of I. Hinman, southwest corner of Water and Wall streets. This was in a wooden building then standing at that time and occupied as a hotel, and called "Washington Hotel."

At the May session of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Connecticut, 1809, by vote of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, was ordered to hold its future Communications within one mile of the Fairfield Court House. It is thought they met in a house then standing east of the present Court House, Fairfield, Conn. This arrangement was continued until the Annual Communication of 1821, since which time without any action of the Grand Lodge, the permanent location of St. John's Lodge No. 3, has been in Bridgeport, Conn.

In 1847 we find St. John's Lodge, No. 3, meeting in a building on State street, nearly opposite the A. W. Wallace Bakery, a school occupying a part of the building. The Lodge owned a share in the building which they sold. We find them the same year in the building on the southwest corner of Water and State streets and still later, in the building occupied by Pyle & Tomlinson, wholesale grocers, for several years.

In 1855 the Lodge moved into the Strudwick Block, corner of Main and Bank streets, where they did Masonic work 40 years, moving into the present Temple on Broad street in 1895.

FOR SALE.—Horse, cart and harness. Easy terms. Enquire 567 Artistic St. B 7 u'o

BOARDING HOUSE. Good paying business. Reasons for selling. Inquire 335 Broad St. B 7 b'p'o

GIRL with experience on marking and assorting wanted. Model Laundry, 109 Middle St. a'p

WHIST Thursday evening, by church choir, St. Anthony's Hall, Colorado Ave. Tickets, 25 cents. B 7 b'p'o

ELEGANT BUILDING LOT, Park avenue, 50x100. Bargain. Room 207, 83 Fairfield Ave. B 7 b * p'o

NEW COTTAGE, North End, \$2,350. Easy terms. Also 3 building lots for \$525 cash. Room 207, 83 Fairfield avenue. B 7 b'p'o

MUSIC and everything that a gentleman desires at the New Elm Cafe, 10 private dining rooms. Joe T. Lee, Mgr. a'p

FOR SALE.—50 pair of pigeons, mixed breed, 40 cents a pair. Address P. O. Box 266, Fairfield, Conn. Will deliver. a'p

CLANCY'S CAFE, Pool Bldg., Fairfield Ave. is the place for you to get the best free lunch, Knickerbocker, Ehre's N. Y. Lager, Jones' ale and the best of drinks. a'

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SAY, KEEP YOUR date open for our first time this month. New Elm Cafe. a'p

FOR SALE.—Confessionary store, fountain, floor cases, stools, showcases, table chairs, counters, shelves, etc. Slightly used, at reasonable price with or without selling the store. Address Store, care of Farmer. B 7 d'p

NOTICE. The annual meeting of the Bridgeport Protestant Widows' Society will be held for the election of officers, and transacting any other business connected with the society, at the Sterling Widows' Home, No. 554 Prospect St., on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 3 o'clock.

HELEN A. BASSETT, Cor. Sec. Pro Tem. "Classified" ads on inside page of this paper.

New York.—Over the length and breadth of New Jersey, a howl is going up because the Hudson County Bar association has voted to hold its banquet in New York instead of on its native shores.

Washington.—General Clarence Edwards may be awarded a hero medal by Congress for pulling his own tooth with a piece of red tape. "It's the only use I ever found for red tape," he said.

UNCLASSIFIED

FOR SALE.—Sales agency for machine tools and supplies. Unusual opportunity for person interested in mechanical lines. Mechanical Farmer Office. B 8 b'p'o

BUCKEYE INCUBATORS. World's best hatcher. Made in sizes, and sold as low as \$6.00 by Wm. Richardson, Johnson Ave., Stratford, Conn. Phone. B 5 a'p'o

O. O. O.—Owl's whist and pinocchio and dancing at Lincoln Building, Cannon St., Wednesday, Feb. 7th. Tickets 25c. B 5 a'p'o

FOR SALE.—Bargain, new \$40 Columbia graphophone with records. Party in hospital. No offer refused. Morris, 92 South Ave. B 3 d'p'o

FUR SALE.—At Testny's Fur Shop comprising of fur sets, separate muffs and scarfs. Repairing altering at manufacturers' prices. 67 Main street. A 13 a'p'o

JOSEPH SAVARY can be found at W. H. McCumber's barber shop, over Douglas Shoe Store, Main street. A 29 * f. o

FOR SALE.—Two registered Holstein bulls, from Lord Netherland De Kol stock, 7 and 19 months old. Dan De Kol, record 2 1/2 lbs. butter per week. William Sullivan, Ridgefield, Conn. B 1 d'p'o

YOU BEIYOU we don't leave town until we feed those gold fish and beat that Grosser Amateur Grand Orchestra Von Lipic Ditchland, Entree, Libre, 12 to 12. Royal Rathskeller, State St. A 2 a'p'p

WANTED.—Cottage at Laurel Beach for summer months. Address E. M., Farmer Office. A 29 * p'o

BONNOS & BLITZ. We will have fresh sausage meat every day from now on. 118 * f. o

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