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BANDIT SHOT WHEN TRYING TO ROB BANK

Henry Starr Probably Fatally Wounded by Officer He Had Forced Into Vault

Harrison, Ark., Feb. 19.—Henry Starr, notorious Oklahoma bandit, was probably fatally wounded when, with two companions, he attempted to rob the Peoples Bank of Harrison.

When the robbers backed employees of the bank into the vault, a bank officer seized a rifle that had been hidden there and shot Starr down. He then opened fire on the other two, but they escaped.

At the county jail Starr admitted his identity, but refused to give any information concerning his companions, who were reported surrounded in a wood, two miles south of town, by an armed posse of more than 100 men.

Starr underwent an operation at the jail, performed in an effort to save his life. He was shot through the body, just below the heart.

He dictated telegrams to his wife at Tulsa and his son, Henry Starr, Jr., at Oklahoma City, telling them that he was dying.

"I always expected to die with my boots on," Starr told officers. He later was said to have given the names of his companions as Buch Davis and Tom Jones.

The three bandits entered the bank shortly before noon and drawing pistols ordered officials and employees into the vault. W. I. Meyers, a former president and one of the principal stockholders of the bank, entered at the time and also was ordered into the vault.

Mr. Meyers had concealed a rifle in the vault and in the darkness was able to obtain it and open fire before his intention became known. The two bandits who escaped fled in an automobile, but after driving a mile south of the town they set the machine on fire and escaped into the hills.

COMMUNITY CLUB ORGANIZED AT CHAPMAN SCHOOL HOUSE

The progressive citizens of the Chapman school district, a few weeks ago perfected an organization known as The Chapman Enterprising Community Club for the purpose of community betterment. The third meeting of this club was held at the school building, last Friday night.

At this meeting a program consisting of talks on such subjects as better farming, housekeeping etc., interspersed with music and recitations was rendered. Besides the local talent of the community the following Hartford citizens delivered addresses:

"Sources of Recreation," Miss Elizabeth Moore, Red Cross Secretary; "Community Plan of Work," M. L. McCracken, Farm Agent; "Junior Agricultural Club Work," M. L. McCracken, Farm Agent; Loyall P. Bennett is Secretary and Vascoe Baird, chairman of the club. The usual time of meeting is on Friday night every two weeks. However, a special meeting will be held Friday afternoon, March 4, at which meeting E. M. Prentiss, expert on dairying, from the Agricultural College at Lexington, will be present.

Other community clubs are being formed in various parts of the county.

STOCKHOLDERS BUY THE A. C. A. PLANT AT BOONVILLE

Farmers and stockholders of the American Co-operative association at Boonville, Ind., have arranged to buy the plant of the association there from the receivers, Julius J. Goetz and Thomas Nimlos, for \$11,000. An organization for co-operative buying has been formed under the leadership of Mr. Metz, of Boonville, and Marvin Beard, the manager there. Efforts are being made to form similar organizations for taking over the plants at McQuady, Ky., Dale, Ind., and in Owensboro.

MRS. RUBY NEEL MCKINNEY SUCCUMBS TO TUBERCULOSIS

Mrs. Ruby Neel McKinney, wife of Dr. M. S. McKinney, of Owensboro, Black Cat Club at the home of the

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Neel at Fordsville, Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. She was 21 years of age and was married about one year ago. Their home was in Owensboro but Mrs. McKinney resided at the home of her parents during her illness. Besides her husband and parents she is survived by a brother, Hoover Neel. She was a member of Fordsville Christian church.

The funeral was conducted Monday afternoon, by Rev. Lewis, former pastor of Fordsville Baptist church. The body was laid to rest in Fordsville cemetery.

TRACTOR SCHOOL A SUCCESS

The free tractor school held at Beaver Dam on the 21st and 22nd, is now history.

The meetings were well attended and appreciated, and of great interest to all who own and operate a gas engine or tractor or an automobile, as the talks dealt with the fundamentals which underlie anyone of these.

The attendance was especially gratifying to those who were responsible for the school inasmuch as the weather was extremely unpleasant and many or rather most of the men had to come a considerable distance THRU the bad roads.

This is the first time that this sort of educational work has been attempted in the State, and every dealer in the county was invited to co-operate with the Experiment Station and the county agent in putting this on; they all responded with the finest sort of spirit; the manufacturing companies furnished men to talk, slides, books, moving picture films, engine parts, charts, and time and money. Thanks are also due to the men in Beaver Dam who made possible the use of the Opera House, the moving picture machine and assisted in advertising the meetings.

It is just such team work that always accomplishes things, and the meeting was indeed a credit to the community and the county.

MUSIC CLUB ENTERTAINS

The Mozart Club, of Beaver Dam, music class gave a delightful social, recently in honor of Miss Loyce Gardner, who left this week for Hopkinsville, Ky., where she will make her future home. Several contests were engaged in and some musical numbers rendered, after which all adjourned to the Beaver Dam Drug Co., where pink and white cream was served with red and white hearts as favors.

Each one in the club presented Miss Loyce with a wish for the future. A very delightful afternoon was spent by every one. Those present were: Misses Nora F. Jackson, Alma Crowder, Violet Phelps, Connie Davis, Gladys Likens, Lucetta Buckner, Blanche Buckner, Lucile Baker, Dorothy Williams, Elizabeth Austin, Henry Porter and Mr. Frank Kelley Casebier.

MRS. TILDA E. LANHAM DEAD

Mrs. Matilda E. Lanham, wife of James I. Lanham, died at her home at 1513 East Nineteenth street, Owensboro, Monday morning at 1:20 o'clock, of a complication of diseases. She was 43 years of age and is survived by her husband, two sons and a daughter. She was a sister of Mrs. G. A. Ralph, of this city.

The body was taken to Whitesville by way of the I. C. R. R., Tuesday morning and burial occurred near Magan, her former home, that afternoon.

STATE AID SECURED

County Judge Mack Cook and Hon. I. S. Mason were in Frankfort two days last week for the purpose of urging the State Highway Commission to give state aid, on the Owensboro-Hartford highway. The Commission agreed to complete the road from its present ending on to Pleasant Ridge, a distance of about four miles. This will be done this year.

Sheriff and Mrs. S. A. Bratcher went to Frankfort, Thursday, where Mr. Bratcher made his annual settlement with State Auditor Craig. Sheriff says that when he and the Auditor compared their figures they found a difference of 8 cents, but they didn't fall out about that.

BORAH AGAIN GUILTY OF "LESE MAJESTY"

Tells Senate That Harding Cannot Rule Him; Intimates Insurgency

Washington, Feb. 21.—Emphatic notice was given in the Senate Thursday by Senator Borah of Idaho, Republican, that he would not "abdicate" his judgment to that of President Harding during the next four years.

Senator Borah's declaration came at the conclusion of a sharp clash with Senator McCormick of Illinois, Republican, over the question of disarmament. The latter had charged that the naval disarmament proposals of Senator Borah would "disarm" Mr. Harding in arranging for a general disarmament council.

Disclaiming any desire to embarrass Mr. Harding, Senator Borah, in replying, said:

"We have heard much criticism in the last few years of waiting for a nod from the White House. Congress has been accused of abdicating not only its judgment but its functions. Let me say here, without disrespect to the President-elect that I shall not abdicate my judgment any more during the next four years than I have during the past eight."

Confronted by Deficit

Declaring that the government was confronted by a deficit this year of 2,000,000,000, Senator Borah said this amounted to "a greater menace than anything the United States faced during the war."

"Taxes and appropriations, appropriations and taxes; have we lost our cunning for other measures?" he demanded. "I say taxes and appropriations will not carry you, my Republican friends, out of this condition. There must be a programme somewhere. I have had the temerity to submit two proposals and nowhere have they met with favor."

"Very well, I do not complain; I will fall in with everything, but what is the programme? I ask for something; I have ceased to be patient with the whispering from the for President Harding. Something must be done."

KILLS HER SON AS ROBBER

Cheboygan, Mich., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Ernest Cornell, mother of five children, heard a noise downstairs during the night. Arming herself with a revolver, she descended to the dining room. There she saw a man bending over a silverware drawer.

"Hands up," she cried. The burglar darted for the door. Mrs. Cornell fired. The burglar ran as far as the barn and dropped.

Mrs. Cornell took a lantern and hurried to the spot. She had killed her son, Everett, twenty-six years old.

Mrs. Cornell is in a serious condition and physicians say her recovery is doubtful.

ENDS 11 DAYS OF TALKING

Waukegan, Ill., Feb. 20.—Miriam Rubin, eight-year-old Waukegan girl, suddenly stopped talking after she had chattered almost continuously for eleven days.

The child appeared to be strong and more refreshed to-day after taking the longest sleep last night that she had since being stricken with the puzzling malady.

Shortly before noon Miriam fell asleep, and when she awakened thirty-five minutes later she talked only when addressed. Her temperature returned to normal.

BUGS THREATEN WHEAT CROP, EXPERT REPORTS

Kansas, City, Mo., Feb. 19.—Myriads of green bugs of a kind not yet identified have appeared in Oklahoma and are advancing toward the Kansas wheat fields, according to information received here by J. C. Mohler, secretary of the Kansas state board of agriculture.

Crops in the infected districts of Oklahoma are seriously threatened, according to a message from Oklahoma City, which quoted Thomas B. Gordon, state entomologist, as announcing he would leave there immediately to investigate.

JUDGE FLEM D. SAMPSON O. K.'S LIQUOR TAX

Ruling On 50-Cent Levy Is Directly Opposite to Judge Evans' Decision

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 18.—The Vance Act imposing a tax of 50 cents a gallon on liquor, collection of which would add \$20,000,000 to Kentucky's road funds, was held constitutional by Judge Flem D. Sampson of the Court of Appeals.

This decision was rendered in the case of E. H. Taylor, Jr., Sons & Company, Frankfort, distillers, against State Auditor John J. Craig and others, in which Judge Robert L. Stout, Franklin Circuit Court, had granted the distillers an injunction to restrain collection of the tax, of which the company holds some \$200,000 for the benefit of the owners of the whisky.

Judge Sampson dissolved the injunction, and his opinion held the exact contrary to Judge Evans in a similar suit in the United States District Court.

May Affect Supreme Court Ruling

Judge Sampson's ruling may have a determining effect on the conclusions of the United States Supreme Court, which has the Federal case under submission, as it is the construction given a Kentucky statute by the Kentucky court.

Judge Sampson's declaration that people, who pay taxes under a valid statute, have an adequate remedy at law, supports the contention of Attorney Gen. Charles I. Dawson in the Federal case that the petitioners are not entitled to an injunction.

The second vital point is the nature of the tax. In this, too, the Attorney General's contention is sustained. Judge Sampson regards the tax as an occupation tax, not alone on storing whisky "as a single excise on the continuous process of distilling and aging whisky for the market. As such, he declares it is a legitimate exercise of legislative powers and is not discriminatory."

Tax Not Confiscatory

He holds that it is not confiscatory and says that, from the proof before him the owners have been able to pass the tax on to the consumers, while whisky outside the State has been raised in price. He says:

"As the distiller and warehousemen passed the tax on to the consumer and demanded and obtained in addition to the tax the same price for their goods, which prevailed before the tax law was enacted, these millions of tax money now in depositories subject to the order of the court belong either to the State as excise or to consumers of whisky, who paid the tax, and in no event to the distillers and warehousemen, who have already received full price for their goods and only collected the funds now in litigation as taxes and not as part of the price of goods sold. It follows that neither the money nor property of the distillers and warehousemen are either taken or threatened in the litigation."

Judge Sampson announced that under the decision in the case of Craig, Auditor, against the Security Producing & Refining Company, "when taxes are paid under a void or unenforceable statute and when payment is made directly to the Auditor or directly into the State treasury, the person paying such taxes by applying to the Auditor within two years from the date of payment may have such taxes refunded."

The Attorney General insists that under this opinion, which was handed down after the trial before Judge Evans, the warehousemen should pay the taxes to the State, and if the litigation results in their favor, they can collect the money back.

In his opinion Judge Sampson goes on to say that this would not result in a multiplicity of suits, because one suit could be filed and if the court held against the State, it would be the duty of the Auditor then to refund their money to all the others, which plan has been followed as the result of the Security Producing & Refining Company.

The Vance act, which became effective last March, levied a tax of 50 cents the gallon for the benefit

of the State road fund on all whisky in storage to be paid as the whisky was withdrawn. It was estimated then that the tax would in all amount to approximately \$20,000,000. J. G. Jarvis of the State Auditor's office, stated that 4,929,627 gallons have been withdrawn since the act went into effect.

The case now goes back to the Franklin Circuit Court to be tried on its merits.

TWO BABIES TOSSED FROM SECOND STORY

New York, Feb. 21.—A charge of tossing her two infant nephews out of a second-story window while their parents were ill in bed was preferred against Colja Paegman, 20 years old, who came here six months ago from Russia.

The girl was arrested at a hospital, where she is suffering from a fracture of the skull suffered when she jumped out of the window after the boys.

The older baby, 2 years old, is dead; the other, 7 months, is in a serious condition.

Montreal, Feb. 21.—"The child kept me awake at nights so I was taking it to the canal to drown it," was the explanation given to the police by a young man who was found walking along St. James Street with his landlady's 6-month-old infant in his suitcase. He was sent to an asylum.

ALLEGED FRAUDULENT USER OF MAILS ARRESTED

Danville, Ky., Feb. 19.—When he applied for mail at the postoffice here a man giving the name Harry Fisher was arrested by Chief of Police Thurmond, taken before United States Commissioner Lawwill and held in \$1,000 bond for examining trial next Monday on a charge of using the mails to defraud. It is charged that he advertised in a magazine that he owned show tents and other paraphernalia and asked customers to mail him money at Danville. He had received money orders for \$55 just before his arrest. Fisher who had just arrived from Louisville maintains that his goods are in Atlanta and that he had his mail addressed to Danville "so that I could look it over on the way."

LARGEST APPLE TREE

Greensboro, Ga., Feb. 19.—Georgia believes it has probably the largest apple tree in the United States. It measures eight feet in circumference at its base, is very tall and has a spread of limbs measuring 48 feet. W. J. Bryan, who soon will celebrate his eightieth birthday, planted the tree 52 years ago in Greene county and it is still bearing a crop of luscious apples annually.

TWO CHILDREN HURT IN GASOLINE EXPLOSION

Prestonsburg, Ky., Feb. 19.—A 7-year-old child of Phelan Wireman sustained a broken leg and a companion was blown fifteen feet against a stump at Md. Magoffin county, when they threw a lighted match into a tank containing a quart of gasoline.

RECEIVES CERTIFICATE

Dr. J. B. Tappan, of this city, recently received his certificate as an optometrist. Under a law now in effect optometrists are required to undergo an examination before a board in Louisville. Dr. Tappan successfully passed this and is thereby legally qualified as an optician or optometrist.

CROWDER — WESTERFIELD

Mr. A. H. Westerfield, of Wysox, and Miss Loretta Crowder, of Rosine, were united in marriage by Rev. Birch Shields at his home in Cromwell, last Wednesday, Feb. 16. These are splendid young people and may they have many happy years of married life.

OHIO BANK ROBBED

Steubenville, Ohio, Feb. 19.—A lone bandit walked into the Miners and Mechanics Bank at Smithfield, near here, and forcing Assistant Cashier Albert Ross and Ronald Smith, a clerk, into the vault, escaped in a waiting automobile with \$2,000 in cash.

SENATE VOTES MORE DRASTIC ALIEN BARRIERS

Bill Likely to Pass House—Limits Immigration to 355,461 Yearly

Washington, Feb. 21.—The Senate passed Saturday afternoon by a vote of 62 to 2, the Dillingham immigration bill, which, beginning April 1, will, if enacted, limit on a percentage basis the number of aliens who will be permitted to land in this country in the course of any fiscal year.

As submitted by the Committee on Immigration the number of immigrants who could land in any fiscal year was fixed at 5 per cent of the number of persons of European birth in the United States in 1910.

As passed by the Senate, the number is limited to 3 per cent of such persons, which means that if the bill is concurred in by the House and signed by President Wilson, the total number of immigrants from Europe and Turkey in Asia who can be admitted to the United States during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, will be 355,461. On the 5 per cent basis 552,439 was the maximum number admissible under the proposed law.

Limit On Nationalities

Based on the census of 1910 the number of persons who will be permitted to land under the provisions of the Senate bill from the various countries in Europe and Turkey in Asia, is as follows:

Belgium, 1,482; Denmark, 5,449; France, 3,523; Germany, 75,940; The Netherlands, 3,694; Norway, 12,116; Sweden, 19,956; Switzerland, 3,745; United Kingdom, 77,206. Total Northwestern Europe, 202,122.

Austria-Hungary, 50,117; Bulgaria, 345; Serbia, 134; Montenegro, 161; Greece, 3,038; Italy, 40,294; Portugal, 1,781; Rumania, 1,978; Russia, 31,974; Spain, 663; Turkey in Europe, 967; Turkey in Asia, 1,792. Total outside Northwestern Europe, 153,249.

Grand total, 355,461.

Two Oppose Measure

The two Senators who opposed the bill were Senator James Reed, Democrat, Missouri, and Senator Joseph T. France, Republican, Maryland.

Mr. Reed made a speech in which he eulogized the Dutch, Irish, Germans, Bohemians and other old-time immigrants who came here more than half a century ago.

Because of the splendid citizenship records made by the descendants of these people, he argued that in his opinion there was no excuse at this time to put up the bars against those who now seek to come here from other countries.

Senator Pat Harrison, Mississippi supported by Senator Wesley L. Jones, Washington, favored passage of the Johnson Bill, which would have stopped immigration for fourteen months. On the motion to substitute the Senate measure for the Johnson House Bill, nineteen Senators voted for the House measure.

RUM 'TATTLE TALES' MAY BE REWARDED

Washington, Feb. 21.—Liquor "tattle tales" may be rewarded by the Government.

Attorney General Mitchell Palmer issued a ruling in an opinion submitted to Secretary Houston that anyone furnishing information leading to the capture of liquor smugglers may be paid rewards up to \$5,000 from the sale of the intoxicants seized.

The rewards, under the Attorney General's ruling, however, may only be paid where information is furnished of "a fraud upon the customs service."

PECULIAR ACCIDENT

(Vanceburg Sun) George Bruce lost a fine horse on his farm at Martin. He started to catch the horse in the barn when it whirled away, stepping on a tobacco stick. The end flew up and penetrated about two inches between its front legs. The stick was removed and the horse dropped dead in less than twenty minutes.