

# PRISONERS IDENTIFIED AS TRAIN THUGS

Trainmen Declare Suspects in  
Every Way Resemble Bandits  
Who Held Up Express

BELIEVE FOUR WERE  
INVOLVED IN CRIME

Officers Warned to Look Out for  
Two Supposed Companions  
of Men in Oakland Jail

TELL CONFLICTING TALES  
OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

OAKLAND, April 20.—Trainmen confronted Fred Hanson and James Franklin, the railroad bandit suspects, in the gloomy tanks of the city jail this forenoon, and partly identified them as desperadoes who robbed the China-Japan mail train last Sunday morning in the Suisun marshes.

The identification served a double purpose. It gave the police justification for the arrest of Hanson and Franklin and for holding the men in jail. But, more important, it disclosed that there were probably four train robbers instead of two.

The identifications obtained today are of such a nature that Captain of Detectives Petersen came at once to the conclusion that the men arrested in San Francisco yesterday were not the same men who lived at Martinez for four days and disappeared immediately after the holdup, and who, it has been learned, stole dynamite with which to wreck cars.

Seek Two Other Men

This new theory, which more than any other accounts for certain unexplained incidents of the bandits' escape, has been communicated to the local police, to the men directed by Sheriff Veale of Contra Costa county, to the railroad secret service under Patrick Kindelon and to the federal postoffice inspectors. With virtual identification of Hanson and Franklin as the men who boarded the train and ripped open the stolen mail sacks, the officers are bending their energies to the capture of the other bandits—the roughly dressed men, who inhabited the cottage in the outskirts of Martinez, and who left "plants" to mislead the pursuers.

The police worked in the dark before Hanson and Franklin were arrested. They had descriptions of the suspects who dwelt at Martinez for a few days, and descriptions of the men who robbed the train. Until today they had supposed the Martinez suspects and the actual robbers were the same. Now they have reason to assert that the robbers were really four. Two were lockouts and the other two were the actual perpetrators.

It was by process of elimination that the police drew their conclusion. This morning State Railroad Policeman Penderville saw Hanson and Jefferson, and partly identified them as the robbers. Last night Harry Knight of Martinez saw them, but could not identify them as the Martinez suspects. Other bits of evidence pointed in the same direction—that Hanson and Franklin were not the men who rented the Martinez cottage, and, therefore, not the men who stole dynamite by night from J. J. McNamara's store at Alhambra valley near Martinez.

Viewed by Trainmen

Hanson and Franklin were confronted by George Marsh, engineer of the mail train, and by Benjamin Blakely, the fireman. When the trainmen arrived at the jail today Captain of Detectives Petersen fixed a trap for the prisoners. Hanson, the shorter of the two, is suspected of being the man who stood guard with revolvers over Blakely, the fireman; Franklin as the one who guarded Marsh and ran the engine.

Petersen had two cells prepared with dim light, such as might be in an engine cab at night. In one he put Hanson, and sent in Blakely. In the other cell were Franklin and Marsh. Thus were put face to face the engine crew and the supposed bandits who held them up.

Men Show Nervousness

Petersen himself went from one cell to the other and asked the suspected men questions. Each tried to disguise his voice and answered queries only in monosyllables. When the taciturn prisoners were sent back to their cells their nervousness and Hanson's attempt to walk unnaturally were noticeable.

When the railroadmen left the cells they were almost prepared to say that

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### SUPPLY SHIP GLACIER TO BE PUT IN TRIM

Big Vessel Is at Mare Island  
Awaiting Necessary Repairs

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

VALLEJO, April 20.—The mammoth naval supply ship Glacier was brought up from the Mare Island lighthouse this afternoon and anchored at the quay wall where the vessel will remain until the early part of August. Orders received this afternoon were to the effect that \$50,000 will be expended in repairs upon the refrigerator ship. The Glacier is to accompany the West Virginia, Washington, Maryland and California to South America.

Orders received at the Mare Island navy yard this morning were to the effect that the monitor Cheyenne, which has been out of commission for the last six months, should be put in shape at an early date as possible in order that it may be sent to the Puget sound spray yard at Bremerton, where, it is said, the monitor will be given a complete overhauling. The intentions of the department with reference to the question, Cheyenne are unknown, and today's orders are creating considerable discussion.

### THOMAS PHEBY, MINER, IS DANGEROUSLY ILL

Old Time Athletian Clubman  
Suffers Stroke of Apoplexy

OAKLAND, April 20.—Thomas Phoby, for 20 years a member of the Athletian club, and formerly prominently identified with mining interests on the Comstock lode and in Arizona, lies seriously ill at his home, 1301 Alice street, as the result of a stroke of apoplexy that developed three days ago.

His condition this evening was said by his physician, Dr. D. D. Crowley, to be no worse than it was yesterday, and there are hopes that the patient may rally. Phoby is 71 years of age. He came to Oakland in 1870. He retired from active business some years ago, retaining only a directorship in the Giant powder company.

## WAVES PILE WEALTH ON SCILLY'S SHORE

Island Inhabitants Grow Rich  
From Salvage of Wrecked  
Liner Minnehaha

Tons of Valuable Cargo Cast on  
Water to Be Caught by  
Fishermen

HUGHTOWN, Scilly Islands, April 20.—The inhabitants of the rocky Scilly islands were famous wreckers of primitive times, but they will forever remember this as the greatest day in their history. The Atlantic transport liner Minnehaha, wrecked Monday, disgorged part of her 17,000 tons of valuable cargo, casting it upon the waters all day long to be gathered up by those who cared to take the trouble.

Farming and fishing were abandoned and even school was dismissed, while most of the population of the nearby islands, men, women and children, devoted themselves to obtaining treasures from the waves. The salvagers decided to try to rescue the Minnehaha by cutting her in half in the same way the White Star steamship Suez, which went ashore near the Lizard in March, 1907, was saved.

Every effort to lighten the ship is now imperative. Today the waves beat up too high and strong for the tugs to go alongside. Consequently goods were thrown overboard from the forward hold as fast as the stevedores and a large crew could raise them to the deck.

Hugh cases containing automobiles and pianos followed one another over the side, striking the water with a great splash. Sewing machines and clocks went with them, while furniture floated everywhere. Many boxes of cigarettes covered the face of the water and tons of cheap American novels drifted to the nearby shore of Bryhor, where they were piled like seaweed.

Fishermen of the jettisoning of wealth spread early and a flotilla of fishing craft, luggers and rowboats scurried to the scene.

As fast as the cargo hit the water the enterprising boatmen pulled up the smaller cases, while they took the larger ones in tow.

Most of the machinery was taken from the wreck and transported to St. Mary's, where the customs officials took charge of it.

Two hundred and twenty-four cattle swam ashore, while 10 were drowned. The seamen here think that it will be impossible to save the Minnehaha and they look for the first strong wind to break her to pieces.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH CONFERENCE ENDS

Interesting Session Closes Con-  
vocation of Clergymen in  
Menlo Park

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MENLO PARK, April 20.—The San Jose convocation of clergymen of the Episcopal church, which represents all of the parishes from San Mateo county south to San Luis Obispo county, came to a close in Menlo Park this evening after a very interesting session.

The first meeting was held at Trinity church at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when J. C. Astredo, the bishop, aid for boys, spoke on the subject "Saving Work Being Done for Children." He was followed by Rev. C. H. L. Chandler, superintendent of the Armistage orphanage, who told of the work being done among children by the church. Rev. W. A. Brewer, head master of St. Matthew's school at Burlingame, made a few remarks on the same subject.

In the evening a service was held in Trinity church and Rev. N. B. W. Galloway of San Mateo and Rev. John A. Emory, archdeacon of California, spoke on "Missionary Work."

A celebration of the holy communion was held at 9 o'clock this morning, with Dean Galloway as celebrant, assisted by Rev. A. B. Chinn, pastor of the local parish. Rev. David Evans of Burlingame, who took a talk on "Missions Study," Rev. James O. Lincoln of San Mateo also spoke. The morning ended with a business session.

Luncheon was served to the visiting clergy in the garden of the Menlo Park hotel by the women members of the local parish, after which automobiles took the members of the convocation for a ride through Fair Oaks, Palo Alto and Stanford university.

The officers of the convocation are: Dean, Rev. N. B. W. Galloway of San Mateo; secretary, Rev. E. H. McCollister of San Jose, and treasurer, Rev. G. H. B. Wright of San Jose.

The next session will be held at the new Church of St. Matthew in San Mateo during the early part of November.

## TIMBER OWNERS UNITE TO PROTECT FORESTS

Fire Patrols to Be Maintained  
During Dry Season

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SACRAMENTO, April 20.—The Mendocino forest fire association is the name of the organization made up of the Union lumber company of Fort Bragg, the Northwestern lumber company of Northwestern, Irvine & Muir of Willits and the New York and Pennsylvania timber company of Hardy Creek, organized in Mendocino for the protection against fire.

The holdings of these interests represent about 200,000 acres from the ocean as far inland as Willits. The different companies work together building trails to the deep woods and maintaining patrols during fire season.

The expenses of fire fighting are shared by the members of the association.

FIREBURN HELD FOR TRIAL—San Diego, April 20.—After two days' hearing, Adolf L. Schonek, whom the police believe to be a man who terrorized the city recently by setting fire to a dozen buildings, was held by Justice Thorp today for trial in the superior court. In default of bail he is in the county jail.

## HINDUS LANDED AGAINST ORDER, SAY LEAGUERS

Asiatic Exclusion Organization  
Will Ask Labor Bodies to  
Protest to Congress

Commissioner North Is Charged  
With Favoring Aliens to  
Aid Contractor

Aroused to action by the landing of a large number of Hindus in the city from the transpacific liners Siberia and Manchuria during the last two weeks, the Asiatic exclusion league will seek the support of organized labor in a protest to congress against the conduct of the local branch of the immigration service.

That a charge of undue influence, in favor of the Hindus will be registered against Commissioner Hart North is known, and it is also intimated that the authorities in Washington will be asked to institute an investigation into the causes for a sudden reconsideration of the decision of an inquiry board which had excluded a number of the aliens.

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but later admitted them on the plea of a labor contractor.

Leaders of the anti Asiatic movement also declare that under a tacit understanding the immigration bureau had agreed to exclude all Hindus, and had so instructed the local representatives of the department, but that this precept had been disregarded by the local officials.

## Labor Bodies Expected to Act

President O. A. Tveitmo of the exclusion league will appear before the building trades council Thursday night and ask for the support of that body in the form of a resolution protesting against the admission of any more Hindus. Friday night he will take the matter up with the labor council, and it is generally acknowledged that the resolution will be passed by an overwhelming majority in both bodies.

The resolutions, it is believed, will also contain a petition for an investigation of the underlying features of the hearing of the cases of Char Singh, Lashman Singh, Indar Singh, Param Singh and Eushar Singh.

These men arrived from the Orient on the liner Siberia, and at a meeting of the special board of inquiry composed of inspectors in the local bureau were denied admission to the port April 5 for a number of reasons. Subsequently, but at the same hearing, Commissioner Hart North made a personal appeal to the board in the interests of the aliens and of a railroad contractor.

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## Chiften Exposed Crimes Revealed

The woman known as Annie Bell, who has told the San Jose police an amazing story of the crimes committed by Charles Chiften. Her name is said to be Annie Rios, and her home was formerly near Hollister.



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While she never remonstrated with Chiften over his work, although she knew that he was a murderer and a thief, the girl displayed womanly caution in advising him against too great dangers. But he scorned her warnings in a melodramatic way.

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## CARED LITTLE FOR LOVER'S CRIMES

But the interest the girl took in her lover's crimes was more receptive than reciprocal. After the murder of Lindquist, the Contra Costa deputy sheriff, the couple, then living in the Brunswick lodging house in Oakland, followed the newspapers for a few days to learn if the man was killed, but soon lost interest in the welfare of Chiften's victim. The thug had new crimes to perpetrate.

The girl took up with Chiften after the date of the depredations of the "drug store bandit."

"No, I don't know anything about that affair," said the girl sharply when questioned about these crimes by a Call correspondent today. The girl has been willing enough to talk of the crimes committed while she and Chiften were together, but evidently had little interest in his earlier actions.

## GIRL'S DOWNWARD COURSE RAPID

Prior to January 1 Annie Bell was a farmer's daughter living quietly in Hollister and only coming to the city on rare occasions for visits with friends. Her life since she met Chiften in the nickelodeon in Broadway, Oakland, has been fast and downward in its course. She has been a waitress in the O. K. dance hall, 533 Pacific street, San Francisco, on the Barbary coast, and followed the usual course of the girls with whom she worked, even to the extent of carrying on an affair with a soldier named Sam, a bit of indiscretion which led to a bitter quarrel between her and Chiften. As a consequence she left him March 3 and returned to her home in Hollister and took up the quiet ranch life again.

But Chiften, who had a purpose in holding on to the girl, followed her up. He threatened to kill her if she did not return to him. Moved both by the threats and her attachment for the thug the girl left the ranch and came to Chiften to a San Jose, returning here March 10. Chiften, showing his lowest side, forced the girl to live in a resort at 51 North Market street, where she still dwells.

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## MURDERER'S NEMESIS IS GIRL 'PAL'

Chiften's Feminine Companion  
Gives Police Detailed His-  
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SLAYER'S THREATS BRING  
RETALIATION FROM GIRL

SAN JOSE, April 20.—Retribution has come direct and quickly to Charles Chiften, confessed murderer, for the manner in which he treated Annie Bell, a young Spanish girl of Hollister. It has come from the girl herself. In a long statement to Chief of Police Haley and Detective Ray Starbird of San Jose and Sheriff Barnett of Alameda county, the Bell girl has told circumstances which connected the young prisoner at the county jail with three murders, one of which he admits, and a long list of robberies and burglaries. It is also believed by the local authorities that Chiften is the "drug store" bandit who terrorized San Francisco in December last, and the murderer of William S. Schneider, night clerk of Burns' hammam baths, 815 Eddy street.

When seen at the county jail today by a Call correspondent, Chiften was asked to discuss the murder of Schneider and the crimes of the "drug store" bandit. He answered in an imperfect attempt at enigma: "Do you think I'm a d—n fool? It's my business not to discuss the drug store bandit. I wasn't born yesterday."

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