

Tommy O'Connor Reported Hiding Masked as Woman

Such Is Tip to Windy City Police—Efforts to Locate "Black Bess," Bandit's Sweetheart, Fail.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Detective headquarters had a tip that Tommy O'Connor, the bandit, is in Chicago disguised as a woman. He has visited old friends who are aiding him in dodging the authorities and does not intend to be taken alive, the detectives were told.

O'Connor was under sentence to hang Thursday for the murder of Paddy O'Neill, a policeman. The hangman's noose, black cap and white shroud that had been prepared for Tommy were laid away last night.

Efforts to locate "Black Bess," O'Connor's sweetheart, have failed. She is the wife of an escaped convict and is said to have aided O'Connor in getting away after the murder.

Companions Released.

Four women and a man, former boon companions of O'Connor, who were arrested early yesterday morning, were released after being questioned by the authorities. Chief of Detectives Hughes said he was convinced they did not know where O'Connor was hiding.

There was a rumor tonight that O'Connor would surrender after the date of execution had passed. His lawyers refused to discuss this phase of the case. They admitted, however, that plans to carry O'Connor to the United States supreme court were going ahead just as though the condemned man was still in prison.

Twelve Guards Discharged.

Investigation of the escape continued yesterday. David Strauss, the guard directly in charge of O'Connor when he made his escape, was being held under arrest. Records at the psychopathic laboratory showed that Strauss had been examined three years ago. He was pronounced a "chronic alcoholic with a mentality just one grade above feeble mindedness."

Sheriff Peters announced that 12 jail guards who were on duty when O'Connor escaped had been discharged.

Two other prisoners who escaped with O'Connor have not been recaptured.

Congressman Suicide Because Bill Defeated

Washington, Dec. 16.—The house adjourned today until tomorrow out of respect of Representative John Elston, California, whose body was found last night in the Potomac river. Immediately after convening the house adopted resolutions of regret and authorized selection of a committee of 18 members to accompany the body to California in case burial is made there.

His colleagues and friends, dumbfounded at his death, were unable to ascribe any motive for Mr. Elston's act except that he had become depressed over the refusal of congress to authorize construction of a naval base at Alameda, located in his district.

Close friends of Mr. Elston today declared that the note he left had not been correctly deciphered. As given out last night, the note declared that Mr. Elston was "in a chain of circumstances that spell ruin, although my offense was innocently made in the beginning." The words deciphered as "offense" and "innocently," his associates declared, were really "offer" and "unconditionally," making the phrase read: "Although my offer was unconditionally made in the beginning."

Another error was made, it was declared today, in reading "people" for "project" in the sentence: "My staying means embarrassment to my district and to a worthy project clean and generous."

The correct interpretation, Mr. Elston's friends asserted, gave weight to the belief that the Alameda project was uppermost in his mind.

Dry Agents Have Big Week in Washington County

Blair, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Roy Knott, restaurant owner of Herman, and his wife were arrested and brought to Blair charged with the unlawful possession of whisky. Knott was fined \$200 and his wife \$100.

Frank Lebro, Peter Magaz and Frank Washo, arrested Wednesday for the unlawful possession of whisky, were fined today as follows: Lebro, \$200; Magaz, \$200 and his automobile confiscated; and Washo, \$100. John Leas was fined \$300 and his automobile confiscated and Frank Tietz, \$100.

Over \$1,000 in fines, four stills, two automobiles and over \$1,000 gallons of liquor were the results of a week's drive by prohibition enforcement agents.

McKelvie Food Probe to Open in Norfolk Monday

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The state price investigation committee opened operations in Norfolk Friday under methods which were pursued in Lincoln. Special Investigator Campbell is here preparing the probe for Secretaries Stunt, Kennedy, Hart and Attorney General Davis, who will sit at hearings which begin Monday morning. Business men, both retail and wholesalers, will be called in to be interviewed regarding prices. This is part of the governor's state-wide price investigation which he hopes will help to allay unrest.

Rioting in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Rioting broke out anew last night in the stock yards district. This followed the removal of a large part of the police that have been assigned to the district since the calling of a strike over a week ago.

Nine men were reported as injured to the police, most being strike-breakers, who were pulled from street cars when on their way home.

Two Telephone Girls Build "Thrifty" Home



THE HOUSE THAT THRIFT BUILT.

By HAZEL BLAIR.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16.—Here's the story of "the house that thrifty built."

Misses Hazel and Mildred Evans, employed by a local telephone company, had "day dreams" of a cozy little bungalow. They wanted a fireplace that would burn big logs and they wanted a big yard for a nifty lawn.

Telegraphic Briefs

Sir John Dixon Dies.
New York, Dec. 16.—Harold S. Vanderbilt was elected chairman of the New York Yacht club today, succeeding J. P. Morgan, who has held the office since 1919. Vincent Astor was elected rear commodore.

Peru Won't Accept Plebiscite.
Lima, Peru, Dec. 16.—(By A. P.)—Dr. Alberto Salomon, minister of foreign affairs, intimated yesterday that Peru would not accept the proposal of Chile for a plebiscite to determine the sovereignty of the provinces of Tacna and Arica.

400,000 in French Army.
Paris, Dec. 16.—(By A. P.)—Discussing the various military operations being carried up for discussion in the Chamber of Deputies the Temps says that at the beginning of May, 1921, the French metropolitan army will be 400,000 men.

Nickelson Known in S. D.
Mitchell, S. D., Dec. 16.—The new president of the Anti-Saloon League of America, Bishop Thomas Nickelson, of Chicago, who was recently elected to that post is well known throughout South Dakota through his connection with Dakota Wesleyan university, where he served as president from 1902 to 1908.

\$3,000,000 For Yale.
New Haven, Conn., Dec. 16.—An anonymous gift of \$3,000,000 to Yale university, announced in June, 1920, has been made effective by the signing of \$2,000,000 additional by alumni and friends of Yale. The gift is for the construction of a new library building and for the purchase of books for the library.

Burch Trial Put Off.
Los Angeles, Dec. 16.—There was no session today of the trial of Arthur C. Burch, charged with the murder of J. P. Kelly, adjournment until Monday having been taken yesterday, when the prosecution closed its case with the provision that it be permitted to call later its witnesses, who, it has been reported, were ill from taking the stand.

New Belgian Cabinet.
Brussels, Dec. 16.—The new Belgian cabinet has been constituted as follows: Premier and minister of finance, Colonel Thunys; minister of justice, M. Masson; minister of interior, M. Devez; minister of agriculture, M. Berver; minister of education, M. Berver; minister of commerce, M. Van De Vyvere.

Nebraska Retailers Meet.
Lincoln, Dec. 16.—The annual convention of the Nebraska Retail Merchants' Association was held here today. The convention was held at the Hotel Lincoln and was attended by many prominent retailers from all over the state.

Did's Know Baby Dead.
Adrian, Mich., Dec. 16.—That she did not know the cause of the death of her baby, born July 1920, was the testimony made today of Alice Kirby, called as a witness by the prosecution in the trial of her mother, Mrs. Mattie Kirby, who is charged with the murder of the infant.

Fugitive Arrested.
Los Angeles, Dec. 16.—Burt E. Labe, arrested by the police to be known also as Frank Marshall, was arrested here yesterday as a fugitive from justice. Police and district attorneys said he was wanted in Springfield, Mo.; Detroit, Mich.; Chicago, Ill.; New York, N. Y.; and other eastern cities on charges of alleged swindling.

Advertising Fundamental of Credit.
Chicago, Dec. 16.—Advertising is one of the fundamentals of credit, F. Gray Davis, western manager of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, told a convention of salesmen here today.

Earth Shocks in Tennessee.
Rockwood, Tenn., Dec. 16.—Earth tremors that rocked buildings and which were accompanied by rattling noises were felt here this morning at 8:45. Reports have reached in this city that the tremors were more severe at Spring City.

Bolshevism on Last Legs.
Chicago, Dec. 16.—"Bolshevism is on its last legs and Lenin's power in Russia is rapidly fading," said Prof. Paul N. Milukov, who was minister of foreign affairs in the Kerensky cabinet, and is fairly an exile in Paris by the will of the bolsheviks.

Limit On Beer.
Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 16.—Two dozen pint bottles a day is all the beer one may have on a provincial permit henceforth, in an order that is to be effective immediately. The measure was adopted in a effort to curb the activities of "beer clubs."

N. Y. Yacht Club Commodore.
London, Dec. 16.—Gen. Sir John Poles Nixon, commander-in-chief of the British fleet in the Mediterranean in 1914 and 1915, died at St. Raphael, France on Thursday, according to a Marcella dispatch to the Times. After his return from Mesopotamia he was cleared of responsibility for the British reverses there which ended in the retreat from Bagdad.

Italy May "Make Up" With Russia.
Rome, Dec. 16.—Italy has been ready to resume relations with Russia through the present soviet government, under certain conditions, Premier Benoni and Foreign Minister Torretta told the foreign affairs committee of parliament yesterday. These conditions, however, must guarantee Italy's interests. The government reserved full liberty of action as to the method of opening negotiations.

\$7,500,000 on Muscle Shoals.
Washington, Dec. 16.—Seven and one-half millions of dollars "can be profitably expended" in new work on the Muscle Shoals, Alabama, nitrate and water power project, during the fiscal year of 1922, Major General Beach, chief of army engineers, says in his report today to the secretary of war. Work on the project

Japanese Agree To Let Chinese Have Railroad

Price of \$3,000,000 Gold Marks to Be Paid in Installments Covering Term of Years.

By The Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 16.—A tentative agreement to return the Kiao-Chow Tsinanin railway in Shantung to China within nine months was reached today during the conversations between Japanese and Chinese delegates. An agreement was also being approached on other points concerning the mode of payment, it was said by the Chinese.

It was decided that the road should be paid for in installments, but no decision was reached on the period over which \$3,000,000 gold German marks, the price agreed upon, would be spread.

The Chinese offer to pay in cash, had been not accepted by the Japanese and the Chinese countered with a proposal that payments be completed within two or three years, making the time as short as possible. The Japanese, according to a Chinese delegate tonight, said this time was too short and suggested what to the Chinese seemed "a very long term."

The sudden turning back of the offer, the Japanese are understood to have said, would adversely affect Japanese trade interests. China will not borrow any money from Japan with which to meet the payments, the Chinese said, nor will any loan be negotiated.

Mr. Hanihara of the Japanese delegation, after the meeting said: "We are steadily coming forward to a satisfactory settlement on the questions under discussion."

District Number 9 Of War Risk Bureau Moved to St. Louis

Washington, Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Jeffers, who has been interested in reforming the claims of ex-service men in the war risk bureau, was informed in a letter by Leon Fraser, acting director, that under the provisions of the Sweet bill, the war risk insurance bureau was engaged in decentralizing district No. 9, embracing the states of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri, and that all active and pending compensation claims in that district are being withdrawn from the files of the central office and dispatched to the regional office at St. Louis.

"This will prevent the bureau at Washington taking any further action on claims," said Mr. Fraser, "and it will be impossible to answer inquiries concerning such claims until after the cases have been received by and properly arranged in the St. Louis office."

"It is believed that the St. Louis regional office will be in a position to take action on these claims and answer inquiries concerning them about December 24."

The decentralization of the central office with reference to the war risk insurance is in line with the expressed wish of the American Legion.

Callaway Girl Badly Burned by Hot Water

Calloway, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Miss Irene Kucera, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kucera, was badly scalded when she spilled a kettle full of hot water on herself. She suffered bad burns about the head and chest.

Upehval in Roumania.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Averescu government of Roumania resigned yesterday the department of state was informed today in dispatches from Bucharest. Take Ionescu at the request of King Ferdinand is attempting to form a new ministry, the dispatch added.

Rouse Succeeds Flood.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Representative Arthur B. Rouse of Kentucky has been selected chairman of the democratic congressional committee to succeed the late Representative Henry D. Flood of Virginia, it was announced today.

Fire Destroys Barn

Griswold, Ia., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Fire of an unknown origin destroyed a large barn on the farm of Anton Peterson near here, causing a loss of \$5,000. The barn was filled with hay, grain and a large amount of farm machinery.

5-5-3 Navy Ratio Plan Upset by French Stand

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were lacking. The brief glimpse of the situation gained from British sources before the secrecy curtain was rung down again by the committee of 15, was ample to show its disturbing nature.

While the British-American-Japanese agreement as to the 5-5-3 ratio as between themselves stands, and is expected by those who negotiated it to stand against any development of the conference, the whole question of ship scrapping and ship building has been upset. It was asserted authoritatively for the British viewpoint that determination of any power outside the triangular agreement to build up its naval force over present status on any substantial scale, must of necessity, mean not a reduction of British, American and Japanese fleets, as just agreed upon, but an increase in which the 5-5-3 proportion would be maintained between the three.

The American and Japanese viewpoint in this regard was presented as at one with the British, with all three powers desirous of carrying out the projected naval reductions. It was reiterated officially for Italy, that it was anxious to stop naval building immediately and wished

only for a naval parity with France. A summary of these official utterances appeared to leave France alone of the five powers asking for naval increases at the Washington conference.

First Setback From Briand.

It was pointed out in some quarters that the first direct setback to the Washington conference called specifically for the purpose of reducing and limiting armaments had come with Premier Briand's assertion of the French view as to land forces and his reason for maintaining and planning to continue to maintain the greatest army in the world. All talk of an agreement here on limitation of land forces stopped with M. Briand's statement.

In his reply to Mr. Hughes' original naval proposals, however, M. Briand was understood by members of the other delegations to have concurred in the four principles underlying the American plan. Apparently the French group has not regarded M. Briand's statement to the conference as committing France to the American proposals, even in principle.

Japan's desire for a 70 per cent ratio as necessary for its national security first brought up the suggestion that national needs, not existing naval strength, determine naval relativities. Japan finally agreed, however, that the question of national security could not be made a

practical basis for a naval limitation agreement and the first great forward stride of the conference was taken with the preliminary three-power understanding on reductions and ratios. Even as it was concluded, however, the "national security" plea for naval increases seems to have been brought up again, this time by France.

Hope for Adjustment.

It is very certain that conference officials generally do not believe a situation has arisen due to French proposals which will ultimately block the road to actual naval reductions. Whatever discouragement any of them may feel at the prospect of prolonged committee wrangles to bring about a satisfactory adjustment of ratios for all five powers, is tempered by great hope that an adjustment can be found and that no such building programs for all five as the unofficial disclosure of France's attitude would indicate will be necessary.

Both the United States and Japan have now on the ways, ships of more than 40,000 tons and Great Britain has ordered, but held up work, on four super-Hoods of 45,000 tons each. If it should become necessary to reduce upward the tonnage of each power to permit France to build on such a scale as a 10-ship plan contemplates, the other three powers, it was said, hardly would agree to throw away all they have spent on

ships of 40,000 tons or more and start building 35,000 tonners instead.

Against Naval Holiday.

In other words, so far as it is now publicly understood, the French proposal seems to strike directly at almost every phase of the American plan except the 5-5-3 ratio between Great Britain, Japan and the United States. Even the naval holiday would be scrapped and there could remain only the possibility of an agreement to limit building at some future point with vastly increased naval forces all around.

The American delegates were in session late today, presumably considering the situation in the face of the French proposals, but no statement was made after the meeting.

Congressman Andrews Will Visit Home for Christmas

Washington, Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Andrews will leave for Nebraska December 22. He was the principal speaker at the state convention of Sunday schools at Baltimore Thursday. His subject was "The Civic Duties of a Christian."

Guilty of Arson.

Waukegan, Ill., Dec. 16.—Clayton Luster of Valley Junction, Ill., was found guilty of arson and to defend an insurance company by a jury in circuit court here today. Sentence will be pronounced later.

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