

Police In Gun Battle With Yeggs

Captain "Jim" McDonald Is Wounded Twice; Three Men Captured and Woman Held. Were Trapped in Store

James McDonald, acting police captain, is in the Lord Lister hospital with two bullet wounds in his left knee and ankle, and Harry Carter, safe blower and burglar, is in the city jail with wounds on his scalp and right hand as the result of a gun battle between safelowers and police early Monday morning.

McDonald was shot after the and several officers had been notified that safe blowers were at work in the Rosenblum grocery store at 103 North Fortieth street.

McDonald, with Police Driver Walter Lickert, arrived at the scene of the robbery first. They were greeted with a shot from the yeggs.

McDonald stepped to the running board of the car and returned the fire with a saved-off shotgun.

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Debs Calls on Harding and Attorney General

Socialist Leader Says Visit Was Made by "Rejoinder" But Daugherty Declares Caller Came of His "Volition"—No Unusual Conditions Attached to Commutation of Sent

Washington, Dec. 26.—Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, whose 10-year prison sentence for violation of the espionage act was commuted on Christmas, came here today from the Atlanta federal penitentiary and called on President Harding and Attorney General Daugherty.

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Economic Conference Now Likely

Measure Authorizing U. S. Representatives to Discuss Allied Debts May Replace The Present Bill

Course Is Still in Doubt

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 26.—Abandonment of the pending bill authorizing the appointment of a commission to handle the refunding of foreign loans and substitution of a measure granting authority to American representatives to join with delegates from other nations in a general international economic conference may be approved by the administration.

Refunding of the foreign debt would be the principal task of the economic conference. Other questions which the American delegates probably would be authorized to consider will be the stabilization of international exchange and various economic issues involved in trade relations between the different countries, also the financing of European purchases from the United States.

If such a measure is presented to congress, it may include a stipulation that American representatives would have no authority to agree to the cancellation of any part of the principal or interest of the foreign indebtedness. Congress has indicated that its sentiment is strongly against any cancellation, and a restriction of this nature probably would be insisted upon.

Whether President Harding should take the initiative in extending an invitation to other countries to join in such a general conference is one of the matters that is under discussion. Some of the administration expect to believe that it would be preferable to have the debtor nations take the initiative. Accordingly, the measure to be presented to congress may not request the president to issue invitations for the conference, but instead authorize him to appoint delegates to such a gathering with authority to undertake the refunding of foreign loans and deal with other financial and economic questions.

Many of the republican congressional leaders believe that it would be desirable that such a conference should be called in Washington. If the invitations are issued by another country, however, it might be held in Europe.

Bill Stranded in Senate. The administration foreign loan refunding bill is stranded in the senate. The bill was passed by the house with numerous amendments, accepted by the administration. The senate finance committee added still other amendments, the restrictions placed upon the proposed commission being so numerous that Secretary of the Treasury Mellon notified the committee that the administration felt that it was almost useless to press the bill further, unless some of the amendments were dropped.

The preliminary report stated that the majority of the committee favored a differential based on a percentage of the pay roll. This was the first of the three alternatives enumerated, the second in the list being a differential based on gross tonnage.

To Work Out New Plan. Following the conferences between the experts and members of the board, the senate finance committee is revising the plan for submission to the conference scheduled for January 5, the experts intend to work out the third plan in greater detail.

The plan which is given preference provides for the payment to an American ship of a certain number of cents per gross ton for each 100 miles steamed in the foreign trade. For speeds up to 14 knots this rate is constant, beyond that point it varies with the square of the speed. It is proposed to increase the rate in this manner in order to place a premium on speed. This is to compensate for the greatly increased cost of operation of the high speed vessels suitable for carrying the mails in time of peace or for use as naval auxiliaries in time of war.

Plan Simple. In behalf of this plan it is claimed that it is logical and simple and would encourage the building and maintenance of vessels suitable for use as naval auxiliaries. A separate postal subsidy would be unnecessary under this scheme, such as proposed if other methods of determining the differential were employed. The funds would come out of 10 per cent of the customs receipts. The rate of remuneration under the differential based on speed, tonnage and distance covered would be such as would provide for the payment to American ships annually of approximately \$18,750,000 to make up for the difference in operating costs of American and British ships, plus \$8,000,000 which the Postoffice department considers sufficient for encouraging the construction and insuring the operation of a sufficient number of passenger vessels of size and speed suitable for carrying mail.

Former O. R. C. Secretary Buried at Cedar Rapids. Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 26.—William Preston Daniels, grand secretary of the Order of Railway Conductors from 1878 to 1895 and former mayor of Cedar Rapids, who died in Denver December 22 was buried here today.

Skinner in Paris. Paris, Dec. 26.—(Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service.)—Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Skinner and Miss Virginia Skinner of Omaha registered today at the Paris office of the Chicago Tribune.

Child of Eight Loses Citizenship in U. S. And Becomes Baroness. Seneca, Kan., Dec. 26.—Petite Mary de Mumm, 8, through a recent decision of a New Jersey court, lost her American citizenship and became a German baroness.

Woman Injured When Two Street Cars Crash. Mrs. Emma Jackson, 2626 Franklin street, was slightly injured Monday morning when two street cars crashed in a rear-end collision at Twenty-fourth and Charles streets. Mrs. Jackson, who was standing, was thrown to the floor when the cars came together. One car was unloading passengers at Twenty-fourth and Charles when a car following ran into it.

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Shade of Hercules—"My Labors Were a Cinch!"



Deadlock Over Submarine Plan Is Threatened

France Expected to Refuse Hughes' Proposal to Limit Tonnage to 31,000—Others Stand Pat.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. By GRAFTON WILCOX. Washington, Dec. 26.—Agreement of the five powers on limitation of submarine tonnage may not be possible at the Washington conference.

Prospect of agreement on the compromise proposal submitted by the American government Saturday was not imminent tonight, although those who have hoped that a satisfactory solution may be reached were encouraged when the French delegation asked postponement until Wednesday of the naval committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

It had been expected that tomorrow's session of the naval limitations conference would be a final showdown of the attitude of France, but when the French delegates informed Secretary Hughes tonight that they were still awaiting instructions from Paris, those who had entirely despaired of an agreement thought that there might yet be some hope for acceptance of the Hughes compromise proposal.

France Holds Key. France unquestionably holds the key to the situation and as far as can be learned here, does not intend to (Turn to Page Two, Column One.)

Farmer Murders Wife In Sight of Children

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Alpena, Mich., Dec. 26.—Ernest Herrinhausen, Wolf Creek farmer, murdered his wife, Minnie, 32, at their home at 6 o'clock this morning. While several of their nine children looked on, Herrinhausen pulled his wife from her bed by the hair and threw her out the window with his heavy boots.

Sheriff MacArthur and Under Sheriff Wilkie went to Wolf Creek and brought Herrinhausen here this afternoon. He made a confession in German which has not yet been transcribed into English, but it is understood that he gives as his motive for the deed as jealousy due to his wife's friendliness with another man. The oldest of the Herrinhausen children is 17 and the youngest is an infant.

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Swindle Alleged In Lumber Sales

Man Arrested Here on Charge Of Having Defrauded Many Farmers.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. By GRAFTON WILCOX. According to word received from Minneapolis, Yarges is wanted on the charge of operating an alleged swindling game in Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska.

Complaint was lodged with Omaha officials by the sheriff of Paribault county, Minn., where it is alleged Yarges passed himself off as an agent of the Stevenson Lumber company, Seattle. Officers say he had collected from \$12 to \$500 from many farmers in the middle west for promised shipments of lumber at wholesale prices. It is believed that Yarges' spoils during his several months' career will amount to many thousands of dollars.

Moore Is Found Guilty by Jury Of Manslaughter

Verdict Reached After Five Hours' Deliberation; Penalty Is One to Ten Years.

George Moore was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury in Judge Cullison's court last night after deliberating five hours. The jury went out yesterday afternoon at 4.

Moore was charged with first degree murder in connection with the part he played in the police raid and gun battle at the Lena Schneider farm last October.

Monday was devoted to the arguments of the attorneys. All of the evidence and the arguments following very closely the lines in the Eva King case.

Instruction Not Long. Judge Cullison's instructions, while not as lengthy as in the King case, laid greater stress upon the presence of the accused in the bandit cottage and the evident purpose of the members of the desperate gang making the cottage their headquarters.

It was shown that Moore actually took part in the murder of Robert Murray to warrant a first degree murder verdict.

Mrs. Schneider Present. Mrs. Lena Schneider, owner of the bandit farm, spent the day in court. She appeared to manifest more interest in Moore than in either Bullis or Mrs. King.

The refusal of Moore's counsel to put their client on the stand was regretted by the state, for it would have given County Attorney Swanson the opportunity to show that Moore is a habitual criminal, with five prison terms in his record. When questioned by County Attorney Swanson and others after his arrest here Moore frankly stated that it had been so long since he used his real name that he had actually forgotten what it was. While still a boy he served a term in a reformatory. It has been learned that he is a native of Kentucky, but facts concerning his family are not known here.

Five Killed in Clash With Troops at Cairo

Cairo, Dec. 26.—(By A. P.)—Five persons were killed and four wounded by troops who were called out during an attack on the police station in the Monsky quarter today. The troops opened a heavy fire.

One rioter was killed and another injured at Suez Sunday, and two rioters were killed and two wounded at Port Said. Naval units are stationed at Suez, Ismailia, Port Said and Alexandria. Minor acts of sabotage to wire communications are reported in lower Egypt.

Most of the government officials have decided to strike, but it is not expected they will remain out long. Cairo is without local transportation, even the cabs suspending service on account of attacks by roughs early today.

Lloyd George Unable To Visit United States

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Definite word that Premier Lloyd George will not visit the United States during his stay in Europe was given by G. R. Wynn, secretary of the committee in charge of arrangements for the Eisteddfod to be held here January 2. The message came in reply to an invitation to attend the local event, an ancient national institution of Wales. The cablegram read: "Mr. Lloyd George sends thanks for the invitation and much regrets that he cannot accept, inasmuch as he is not visiting the United States this winter."

Over 1,000 Made Homeless By Fire in Oklahoma

Armore, Okl., Dec. 26.—Fire early this morning wiped out the east section of the town of Dillard, located in the heart of the Hewitt oil field, causing damage to the amount of \$100,000. None of the structures were insured.

More than 1,000 persons were made homeless. Six two-story buildings and more than a score of small dwellings occupied by field workers' families were destroyed.

Missouri Railway Shops To Reopen on January 3. Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 26.—The local Missouri Pacific shops, which were indefinitely closed last week, will reopen January 3, it was officially announced today. Approximately 1,400 men will return to work.

2 Wounded In Strike Zone Clash

Negro Who Wounds Picket Shot by Police as He Flees; Street Cars Are Stoned. Eleven Men Are Jailed

Two strikers and one strikebreaker were wounded Monday in clashes near the South Side packing plants. The strikers' pickets were seeking to prevent the strikebreakers re-entering the plants after their Christmas vacations.

The wounded are: Ollie Sherman, negro, 2916 S. street, in St. Joseph hospital with a bullet wound in the shoulder. Johnny Yaskewsky, 5318 South Thirty-third street, at his home with a bullet wound in the breast.

Henry Stewart, negro, in the South Side jail with a razor cut on the left wrist and face. The most serious injury took place at 7:40 a. m. at Thirty-third and Q streets as employees were returning to Cudahy's, the only plant which kept yesterday.

Strike-Breaker Fires. Johnny Yaskewsky, a picket, approached Ollie Sherman as he latter alighted from a street car in front of the Cudahy plant. Without further ado, according to the police, Sherman pulled a gun and fired, shooting Yaskewsky in the breast. The bullet struck a rib and deflected downward, afterwards being removed from one of Yaskewsky's shoes.

Police Sergeant Nieman and Patrolmen Junda and Rydin closed in on Sherman who tried to escape. They called to him to stop and when he refused Junda fired, hitting him in the shoulder.

Both men were attended by Police Surgeon Young at the South Side station, Sherman, after being booked for shooting with intent to wound, was removed to St. Joseph hospital. Late last night, hospital attendants could not say whether he would recover or not. He was a fireman at Cudahy's.

Strike officials issued this statement after the shooting: "This shooting is verification of our claim that whatever violence there is, is caused by gunmen-strikebreakers," said Robert K. Hunter, at union headquarters. "Our men have no arms whatever—Yaskewsky had no weapon of any kind on him—but all the strikebreakers have. If they haven't, the companies furnish them."

"We instruct all our pickets not to carry arms or to offer violence of any kind—merely to speak to the strikebreakers and urge them not to return," he said.

Cousins Have Fight. The second casualty occurred when a cousin of Henry Stewart, negro, called at his home near Twenty-eighth and R. street, and taunted him with being a "scab". The two began fighting and continued it to Twenty-eighth and Q. (Turn to Page Two, Column Four.)

Prisoners Fail in Attempt to Escape

Auburn, N. Y., Dec. 26.—(By A. P.)—Five convicts recently found guilty of rioting in the yard of Auburn prison failed in an attempt to escape on Christmas night, although their efforts to carry away one of their number who had broken his leg in flight. This became known today when prison officials announced one criminal had been hiding in a packing box in a private cell.

Cutting their way out of the cells, the convicts dropped into the outer yard and one was injured. The alarm was spread while he was being taken in a wheelbarrow across the yard and some of his companions, including a man named R. J. Wynn, with which to scale the outer wall. The injured man and two others were immediately caught, but the other two were not recaptured until they were discovered this morning hiding in a packing box in a private cell. A bullet fired to frighten killed one, who was crouching in the bottom of the box.

Navy Department Abandons Joint Maneuvers or Fleets

Washington, Dec. 26.—The annual joint maneuvers of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, which were to have been held in Panama Bay in February and March, 1922, have been abandoned, the Navy department announced today.

Decision to cancel arrangements for the maneuvers was reached by the Navy department, it was stated, in the interests of economy and because of the shortage of funds available for purchase of required fuel.

Independent drills will be held by a number of warships of the Atlantic, beginning January 3, in Guantanamo bay, and drills and target practice will be conducted off the California coast by the Pacific fleet, the Navy department announced.

Sonora Governor Orders Roundup of Undesirable Aliens in Border Points

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 26.—An immediate roundup of all undesirable aliens in border points, to be followed up by deportation of such aliens, has been ordered by Francisco Elias, governor of the state of Sonora, Mex., according to advices received in Nogales, Sonora.

Included in the list of aliens to be deported, it was said, is at least one of the men named in the confessions made by Manuel Martinez here Saturday as having participated in the raid on the Ruby, Ariz., post-office last August, during which Postmaster J. P. Frank Pearson was killed.

The Weather. Forecast. Somewhat unsettled Tuesday; not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 29 1 p. m. 38 7 a. m. 30 3 p. m. 40 9 a. m. 31 5 p. m. 41 11 a. m. 32 7 p. m. 42 1 p. m. 33 9 p. m. 43 3 p. m. 34 11 p. m. 44 5 p. m. 35 1 p. m. 45 7 p. m. 46 9 p. m. 47 11 p. m. 48 1 a. m. 49 3 a. m. 50 5 a. m. 51 7 a. m. 52 9 a. m. 53 11 a. m. 54 1 p. m. 55 3 p. m. 56 5 p. m. 57 7 p. m. 58 9 p. m. 59 11 p. m. 60