

RAID, KILL AND ROB

Desperados Shoot Bank Cashier at Halifax, Pa.

THE VICTIM HAD DELIVERED THE CASH

But Made Fatal Move—One Murderer Escapes but Was Pursued, Wounded and Captured—Two are in Jail with Alleged Accomplice.

A Harrisburg, Pa., March 14, dispatch says: Charles W. Ryan, cashier of the Halifax National bank, was shot to death by Henry Rowe and Weston Keiper of Lykens at noon today in an attempt at a daring bank robbery. The robbers were captured by a party of citizens soon after the crime and brought to the Harrisburg jail, together with E. B. Straley of Lykens, who is suspected of being an accomplice.

Rowe and Keiper drove to Halifax from Elizabethtown this morning, and hitting their team on the outskirts boldly entered the bank with revolvers pointed and demanded that the cashier hand over the money. One of them held in check Abraham Fostonbaugh, the president, Isaac Letter, the teller, and ex-representative Swartz of Dunncannon, who was in the bank on private business.

The other covered Cashier Ryan and under the menace of the revolvers the cashier placed the cash in the drawers amounting to \$2,000, in the satchel the robbers had brought with them. Rowe, with the satchel in his hand, backed out toward the door and Keiper also moved toward the entrance of the bank.

Just when it seemed that the robbers would succeed in getting away Cashier Ryan leaped forward in an attempt to knock up the revolver of the man with the money. In the scuffle several shots were fired and Ryan fell to the floor, shot through the groin by a bullet from the pistol of Rowe. Mr. Fostonbaugh grabbed Rowe, and after a short scuffle threw him to the floor. Keiper ran out of the door. The noise of the shots attracted J. E. Letter, who had a store near the bank building. He ran out with his shotgun and pursued Keiper for one block and shot him in the back of the head, when the robbers surrendered.

The wounded cashier was taken to his home after the capture of the desperados, where he died.

Shot by Accident.

What came near being a serious accident occurred at the confectionery store of Edward Gregory at West Point, Neb., recently. Hans Klothe, a young boy of eighteen years, came into the store and began to play with a revolver which he had secreted in his pocket. Having forgot it was loaded, he pulled the trigger and the bullet pierced the leg of Herman Ruhl, tearing an ugly gash about five inches long below the knee. No arrests were made and Klothe claims it was purely accidental.

Postoffice at Dix Robbed.

The postoffice at Dix, nine miles east of Kimball, Neb., was broken into and about \$80 worth of stamps and \$16 cash taken from the office and \$15 belonging to the Busbee & Vogler company, in whose store the postoffice is located. Entrance was effected by removing a pane of glass from the window. A postoffice inspector is expected. It is thought to have been the work of amateurs, residing in the country.

Not a Dozen Houses Left.

A telephone message received from Cloverport, Ky., thirty-seven miles west of Louisville, says that the fire which broke out swept the town so completely that there are not a half dozen buildings left and the 1,500 inhabitants are in dire distress. A relief train will be sent from Louisville to Cloverport. Owing to the lack of motive power the fire engines could not be sent from Louisville. The total loss may reach \$500,000. No casualties are reported.

Demand for Shorter Hours.

The international association of machinists will enforce a demand for a shorter work day. A decision has just been reached by the international association. In towns where the machinists are compelled to work ten hours they will strike for nine hours, and towns where they work nine hours they will demand the eight hour day. In every case they will attempt to secure the same wages as those now in force.

Bank Goes to Eldest Son.

By the terms of the will of the late Sir Francis Cook of London, all his estates in Portugal and two-thirds of the other property go to the eldest son, Francis, by the testator's first wife, and the remaining third goes to his son, Wyndham. Lady Cook receives 25,000 pounds and the income for life from an investment of 50,000 pounds.

W. E. Fuller of West Union, Pa., will accept appointment as an assistant attorney general, made by President McKinley several days ago. The story of his declination was without authority. Announcement of his acceptance was made by the authority of his son-in-law.

Spanish Bullfights Are Popular.

The brutal Spanish bull fights are as popular as ever in that land. The average number of horses killed in Spain every year exceeds 5,000, while from 1,000 to 1,200 bulls are sacrificed.

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The bill was placed on the general file. Senate file No. 310 the last bill introduced in the senate, having been presented on recommendation of Governor Dietrich, was reported favorably by the committee on finance and means. It is for the benefit of Nebraska City precinct and permits the funding of \$40,000 railroad bonds issued many years ago. The refunding cannot be established at present because the precinct was found not to have been legally formed.

Shut Out the Negro Vote.

An Annapolis, Md., dispatch says: The democratic majority in the senate, aided by the application of the cloture rule, succeeded in passing the disfranchisement bill by a vote of fourteen to eleven, a strict party division. It now goes to the house for concurrence in the senate amendments. The consensus of opinion is that no further obstacle will be placed in its way, and it will soon go to the governor for his signature.

Becomes Violently Insane.

Mr. J. C. Rider, living nine miles north of Fairbury, who attempted to commit suicide a month ago by cutting his throat with a pocket knife, has gone violently insane. It takes the combined efforts of four attendants to prevent him from renewing his attempts to take his life. He was adjudged insane by the board of insanity and will be taken to the Lincoln asylum.

Mrs. Richardson Indicted.

Mrs. A. L. Richardson was indicted by the grand jury at St. Joe, Mo., for the murder of her husband, Frank Richardson, the wealthy merchant at Savannah, Mo., last Christmas eve. The grand jury is still at work on the case, and it is expected other indictments will be returned.

To Settle Old Grudge.

Claude and Will Baker started to settle an old grudge against George and Will Wright at a church near Easton, Mo. Pistols and missiles of all kinds were used. Claude Baker's skull was crushed and he died. All parties in the fight were injured. There were no arrests.

Boers Raiding Cape Colony.

An Adelaide, Cape Colony, dispatch says: Krutzinger's Boer commando is working northward and has eluded three columns and carried off all the horses in the Albany district. The commando, though it took horses and fodder, was civil to the people.

Slaps Editor's Face.

Count Boni de Castellane, the husband of Anna Gould, at Paris, March 14, slapped the face of M. Fernand de Roday, editor of the Figaro. The affair grew out of a published paragraph which the count interpreted to mean him. A duel will probably result, as both men have named seconds.

Moffet Indicted.

A special from Council Bluffs, Ia., states that the grand jury indicted Gilbert G. Moffet for using the United States mail to defraud. He is charged with swindling twenty-one different insurance companies, railway and street railway accident companies out of \$10,000.

Held for Murder.

At Kansas City the coroner's jury investigating the death of Wesley Bain, whose body was found near the Ft. Scott road, returned a verdict implicating Bain's wife, Mary Bain, and George Allen. Both are held to answer for the crime.

New Trial for Mrs. Botkin.

The state supreme court of California granted a new trial to Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, who was convicted of the murder of Mrs. J. P. Dunning in the summer of 1898 and sentenced to life in prison.

Milwaukee Dividend.

The directors of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent, compared with 2 1/2 per cent for the last semi-annual period.

Damages for Quantrell Raid.

Out in Kansas they are still paying claims for damages sustained in the celebrated Quantrell raid. Up to the present time \$391,945.45 has been paid. The unpaid outstanding claims amount to \$75,643.35.

Mr. De Mot, the burgomaster of Brussels, gave a grand ball in the city hall on New Year's eve, for which he issued 1,500 invitations and had as his guests the king and queen and four other royal couples of lesser degree.

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FLAMES IN DORMITORY

Young Lady Students at Doane College Given a Scare.

A fire was discovered in the furnace room in the basement of the ladies' dormitory building at Doane college, Crete, Neb. The engineer had made up large fires in the heating furnaces before going to breakfast and it is supposed that gas formed in the furnace. This exploded and burning soot was forced out of the rear ash pan, causing some kindling to catch fire. This smoldered for some time and then broke into flame, rapidly igniting the rafters and other timber structures in the furnace room. The dense volumes of smoke caused great alarm to the young lady students who have rooms on the second and third floors. Their cries quickly brought assistance. Several of the professors and young men students quickly responded and rendered efficient aid. The college alarm bell was rung and the city fire department was soon at the scene of the fire. By prompt action the flames were soon under control. No one was to blame for the fire. The damage is covered by insurance.

FARMER FEARFULLY BURNED

Alcohol Bottle Breaks and Clothing Accidentally Ignites.

John Bergner, a young farmer living northwest of Arapahoe, Neb., was very severely burned while in Arapahoe. He bought a bottle of alcohol, and either by reason of being broken or the cork being loosened it ran out and saturated the clothing without his knowledge, and on lighting a match his clothing became a mass of flames and before they could be extinguished he was terribly burned, the flesh from his side and arms and legs dropping off to the bones and also his hands being charred to stumps. It is doubtful if he can recover.

Hastings Man Drops Dead.

Word from Hastings says that Mr. G. M. Sims, one of Hastings' oldest inhabitants, dropped dead. He was down town as usual in the afternoon and apparently was enjoying good health, but within ten minutes after he had reached his home he sank down into his chair, at the same time complaining that he did not feel well, but before any medical assistance could be procured he died of heart disease. The deceased was a member of the city council and was filling his third term.

Murdered by His Pals.

Robert Walsh, said to be the missing son of a prominent lumberman residing at Saginaw, Mich., was murdered in a garret room at 415 South Sixth street, St. Louis, Mo., in the course of a quarrel over the spoils of a robbery. This is the solution of a mystery that had enveloped the discovery of the lifeless body of a stranger lying with a crushed skull in his lonely room on the morning of February 3. His slayer is still at large.

Woman Jumps From Bridge.

Mrs. Mahon committed suicide at Norwalk, O., by jumping from the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad bridge to the ground below, a distance of sixty feet. Her head sank in the mud and death was caused by suffocation. It is believed she was insane.

Near Columbus, Neb., Josiah McFarland and his wife, an aged couple, were instantly killed by a Union Pacific passenger train while crossing the track.

THE MINERS MUTINY

Kansas Convicts Hold the Guards as Hostages.

THREATEN TO KILL IF FIGHT IS MADE

Death the Sure Penalty Unless Demands for Concessions Be Granted—Want Better Food—Tried Living on Mule Meat—Surrender.

A Leavenworth, Kas., March 19 dispatch says: In the Kansas state penitentiary coal mine at Lansing, 284 prisoners who went down into the mine on Monday morning have mutilated and are holding fifteen guards as hostages. They refuse to let the guards come to the surface until Warden Tomlinson promises to give them better food, and threaten to kill the guards if their demands are not complied with.

The mines are run by the worst class of prisoners in the penitentiary, and among those who have mutilated are twenty life prisoners. Warden Tomlinson has refused to grant the request of the convicts.

Many complaints have been made at the penitentiary by the prisoners because of the grade of food furnished them, and to this dissatisfaction has been added allegations of mistreatment.

The first trouble was displayed Monday night when the miners, who had entered the mine in the morning, refused to come to the surface unless their demands were granted. Warden Tomlinson refused and the prisoners remained in the mine all night, preventing the fifteen guards over them to go above and additional guards from entering the mine. They killed the mules used in the mine and are living on this meat.

Most of the prisoners are desperate men and serious trouble may result before they are forced to desist.

The miners have threatened to wreck the mines, but the threat is laughed at by Warden Tomlinson, who says they would not attempt this, as such action would endanger their lives. He says he will starve them out.

Miners Give Up.

A Leavenworth dispatch of March 20 says: The insurrection was brought to a close at 11:30 Tuesday night, and the convicts are being placed in their cells as fast as they can be brought to the surface. The imprisoned guards have been released and are again above the surface.

Warden Tomlinson and a posse of picked men descended the shaft and as they neared the bottom a heavy fusillade was opened, the shots being fired toward the top of the shaft.

This took the convicts by surprise and they fled. After this the capture of the ringleaders was easily effected.

HIGH PRAISE FOR TROOPERS

Major General Chaffee Commends His Command.

High praise is given by Major General Chaffee to officers who served on his staff during the trouble in China. In an official report to the war department.

The services of Major Jesse M. Lee, Ninth infantry, acting inspector general, were conspicuous, General Chaffee says, for excellence in every way. He recommends that Major Lee be brevetted lieutenant colonel for bravery at the battle of Tien Tsin and colonel for gallant conduct during the battle while the allies were en route to Peking.

General Chaffee also recommends for brevet the following officers: Major George P. Scriven, signal corps, as lieutenant colonel; Capt. William Crozier, chief ordnance officer, as major; Capt. Grote Huteson, Sixth cavalry, acting adjutant general, as major; First Lieutenant J. W. Furlong and B. B. Hyer, Sixth cavalry. Under First Lieutenant H. B. Ferguson, corps of engineers, as captains; Second Lieutenant R. B. Harper, Seventh cavalry, as first lieutenant.

General Chaffee also commends Surgeon W. B. Banister of the volunteers; Capt. F. DeW. Ramsey, Ninth infantry, chief quartermaster and commissary; and Second Lieutenant Malin Craig, Sixth cavalry, who assisted him; Lieutenant Colonel J. S. Mallory, Forty-first infantry; Major S. M. Mills, Sixth artillery; Second Lieutenant Allen Smith, Jr., Ninth infantry, and Lieutenant J. I. Latimer of the navy.

Mortgage Must Be Paid.

In a petition filed in the common pleas court, at Cleveland, O., March 18, John D. Rockefeller asks that the Weddell house, one of the oldest and best known in the city, be sold to satisfy a mortgage held by him against the Weddell estate for \$500,000. Of the latter sum it is stated \$301,000 is due and unpaid. The mortgage was given in 1884.

Delegates to the national broom makers' convention at Galesburg, Illinois, express themselves as opposed to convict labor.

Machinists on a Strike.

The machinists and boiler makers employed at the B. C. R. & N. shops in Iowa Falls, Iowa, have walked out and will not return to work until the difference between the employes and officials are adjusted. The action follows that of the union men at Cedar Rapids, and it is reported it will be followed by the men at Estherville, Watertown, Albert Lea and other division points.

At Wellston, O., Jeff Hill, his wife and five children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home.

CALIFORNIA'S BIG TREES

In Danger of Destruction For Bare Commercial Uses.

The pyramids of Egypt have been and are today a source of wonder and a mark of distinction. What would be said if it were proposed to destroy them and use the stone for paving purposes? The world would stand aghast at the sordidness of the proposition. What difference is there between this proposition and the one to destroy the big trees of California for shingles, shacks, and matches? Go to California and see them. In the words of David Starr Jordan:

"Everywhere and all about you are the finest forests on earth—on any earth—the forests which are the birthright of California, and to destroy which would be agricultural suicide. Enormous pines—sugar pine, yellow pine and high mountain pine—cover the flanks of the Sierras; giant firs, spruces and cedars rival the largest trees on earth, while above all, supremely prominent over all vegetation, towers the giant sequoia, mightiest of trees. Some of these are 8,000 years old, and on one of the least of these murdered at Sequoia Mills I counted 1,902 rings of annual growth. This tree was a sapling four feet through at the time of the fall of Rome, but the great ones were twenty and thirty feet through in that far-off time.

There will never be such forests on earth again. Neither the state nor the government should ever let another acre of land on the Sierras be denuded of its timber, for on the preservation of our forests depends the fertility of our plains. To destroy the noblest groves and the grandest for the lumber that is in them is simply brutal.

It suggests barbarian demolition of the Coliseum in the middle ages for the old iron which held its stones together. But it is easier to build a hundred coliseums than to restore one sugar pine forest."

LORD ROBERTS IS HOPEFUL

Thinks Kitchener Will Soon Bring Peace in South Africa.

Lord Roberts, in a letter to a correspondent, expresses a confident hope that Lord Kitchener will soon be able to insure peace in South Africa, but thus far there is no sign from Pretoria or Capetown that peace is near. The latest news is that General Fourie, with 800 men, escaped Sunday from the British columns that were endeavoring to corner the commando east of Bloemfontein. Further big operations will be started in Orange River colony within a few days.

General Ian Hamilton, addressing the Authors' club in London last evening, made the curious suggestion that the Boer prisoners should be sent to Canada to work the railways where they would be English and become imbued with English sentiments.

NEWSY PARAGRAPHS.

Minister Conger has sailed from Shanghai, China, for the United States.

Certain reforms attempted by the Shah of Persia has caused an uprising in Teheran.

Lieutenant-General Miles has arrived in Cuba, where he will inspect the military.

United States Ambassador Choate has presented his new credentials to King Edward.

F. H. Carpenter, a capitalist of Leesburg, Fla., shot himself to death. Ill health is believed to have impaired his mind.

The Hawaiian legislature has under consideration a bill to pension ex-Queen Liliuokalani. It calls for \$12,000 per annum.

The Texas legislature has adopted a concurrent resolution memorializing congress to pass upon a constitutional amendment requiring election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

Robert Bissant, aged twenty-one, son of Jacob Bissant, a retired hardware merchant of Wichita, Kan., was accidentally shot and killed in a camp at Mortonville, Kas., where he has been hunting for several days.

William Casey, aged 50 years, was instantly killed by the collapse of a bridge across the Cottonwood river near Cashon, Okl. The bridge was a new steel structure thirty-five feet high.

While attempting to light a fire with kerosene, Anna King, aged 30, daughter of a well known railroad contractor at Montezuma, Ind., was burned to death by reason of her clothing catching fire.

In Paris, Earl Carrington of England, special representative to announce officially to France the death of Victoria and the accession of Edward VII, was hissed by Parisians and greeted with cries of "Vive Kruger" and "Vive les Boers."

H. H. Drake, a farmer, was found dead in his house, five miles north of Rose Hill, Iowa, with five bullets in his body. Drake was well connected and wealthy and was known to have cash about the place. He had been dead three days or more.

Fred and Claude Morford and Howard Miller, Sharpsville, Pa., boys, were poisoned by partaking of wintergreen berries. They died in great agony.

In accordance with President McKinley's recent order that the treasurer of Cuba should be a citizen of that island, Governor General Wood has cabled to the war department that he had appointed Carlos Rolos as treasurer of Cuba. Mr. Rolos previously has been connected with the fiscal branch, and is considered well qualified for this important post. Secretary Root confirmed the appointment.

GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS

Would Have Legislature Rebuild Penitentiary and Establish Lighting Plant.

Governor Dietrich has sent two messages to the legislature, one relating to appropriations for rebuilding the penitentiary and the other to new incidental expenses. He also recommends the establishment of a state lighting plant, to be located at the state university. He figures that by doing this the state can save \$10,496 each year.

For the penitentiary he asks \$60,000 to equip the new wing with cells and \$50,000 to rebuild the old portion, an appropriation of \$110,000. As to the state lighting plant he says:

"I desire to call your attention to the extravagant system of lighting the various state institutions centered in and contiguous to the city of Lincoln, and the advisability and wisdom of instituting a central electrical plant at the university of sufficient proportions to furnish light and power for all of these institutions."

Independent of the extra labor required and the cost entailed to keep the plants in repair the annual cost to the state, at this time for lighting the capitol, executive mansion, home for the friendless, penitentiary, hospital for the insane, university farm, school of music, for coal at university and power at pen, hospital and weather bureau is approximately \$20,800. Under the proposed central plant the estimated cost is \$10,400, which would be a net saving of \$10,400 a year. As the cost of erecting the plant is placed at \$50,000, the central plant would pay for itself in five years. At the present the governor declares the lights received from the private parties furnishing it is unsatisfactory.

In this same message he asks for an appropriation of \$2,402.40 which is required to replace the 700 woolen blankets delivered to the warden of the pen on the night of the fire.

In another message he asks the house for an additional appropriation of \$18,000 to defray incidental expenses incurred or that may be incurred.

The Legislature.

Lincoln, March 20.—Governor Dietrich yesterday approved senate file No. 133, an act for the appointment of nine supreme court commissioners and an equal number of stenographers. The appointments are to be made by unanimous vote of the court.

House roll No. 150, the South Omaha charter bill, was also approved.

The third bill approved by the governor was senate file No. 74, a charter bill for cities having over 5,000 and less than 25,000 inhabitants.

The house yesterday recommended the salary appropriation bill for passage. This was done after considering it in committee of the whole, almost the entire afternoon. Only a few minor contents occurred over provisions contained therein. The university appropriation passed as the committee recommended but necessitated a roll call which came up on a motion to recommit the bill after the committee had recommended it for passage.

WRECK AT JOHNSON, NEB.

Burlington Engine in a Head-on Collision—Fireman Jansen Killed.

A bad wreck occurred on the Burlington Tuesday afternoon just east of Johnson, Neb. The particulars, as far as can be learned are as follows:

Passenger train No. 98, in charge of Conductor Cronkite, left Johnson, running east after waiting some time for freight No. 113, in charge of Conductor Burlingham, and which was late. A blinding snow storm was prevailing when the passenger struck the freight, running at full speed. Fireman Jansen of the passenger was so badly scalded that he died, and Engineer McMillan received a broken leg.

Fatal Election Riot.

A Lexington, Ky., March 19, dispatch says: Details of an election fight at Caney precinct, in Morgan county, last Saturday, in which ten men were wounded, three of them fatally, reached here via West Liberty, where some of the men appeared for examination. The trial was postponed on account of the danger of trouble. There were nearly 150 shots fired. John Elam will die and Will Allen and John Sebastian are believed to be beyond recovery.

Thompson Nominated.

Lincoln, March 20.—Fifty-three republican members of the legislature assembled in "short caucus" last night, being thirteen short of the number necessary to elect in joint ballot, and with seventeen absent, nominated D. E. Thompson for United States senator. The short caucus nomination was accomplished on the ninth ballot. Fifty votes were cast for the nominee and the nomination was made unanimous.

Closing Up Tin Can Deal.

The New York Tin Can Company says: Several of the vendors concerned in the \$75,000,000 tin can consolidation are in New York, and it is expected that a deal will be closed up in a short time. Deeds of the various properties are now being taken by the purchasers and the stocks of the new company, it is understood, are about to be distributed.

Finds Strong Box Empty.

George Graham of Berrien Springs, Mich., who went to Niles, Mich., for the purpose of applying to the receiver of the suspended First National bank for \$30,000 of negotiable United States bonds, which he had placed in a rented strong box in the vault of the bank, found the bonds missing and they appear to have gone with Cashier Johnson. The bank is not responsible.

Kid Sly, a Lincoln, Neb., crook, has been sentenced by Judge Frost to six years in the penitentiary for robbing a grocery store.