

OVERLAND HELD UP

Union Pacific Fast Mail Stopped by Robbers Near Omaha.

SEVEN MAIL SACKS STOLEN.

Valuable Foreign Pouches Among the Loot Secured by the Bandits—Reward of Five Thousand Dollars Each for the Robbers Is Offered by the Railroad Company—Particulars of Daring Raid.

Omaha, May 24.—Overland Limited train No. 2 on the Union Pacific was held up by four masked robbers on the Lane cut-off at midnight, the train crew and mail clerks subdued with guns and seven sacks of foreign registered mail taken from the mail car by the robbers, who jumped into a waiting automobile and escaped.

The Limited was coming into Omaha over the Lane cut-off and had reached a point this side of Seymour when two masked men crawled over the tender into the cab of the engine and forced Engineer Micheljohn and Fireman Prawl to throw up their hands. After they had been searched for weapons they were told to run the train a little farther and stop, the place of stopping having been planned with reference to the waiting automobile.

A third robber soon appeared on the scene and was joined by a fourth as soon as the train stopped. Taking the engine crew along with them, the robbers went to the mail car and found the door open. They fired a couple of shots and brought the eight mail clerks to the door of the car, where they were soon confronted with guns and lined up and searched for weapons.

The robbers, after lining up the mail clerks, forced the engine crew to carry seven sacks of registered mail to the waiting automobile, and as soon as the seven sacks were loaded, the four jumped into the automobile and started for the north.

The train was not delayed more than fifteen minutes by the robbery. W. T. Canada and members of the Omaha police force left in the police automobile in search of the robbers.

When the robbers climbed over the tender they had handkerchiefs over their faces and guns in their hands. The engineer ordered them to put the guns away, thinking they were only hoboes. The robbers soon convinced the engine crew that there was no foolishness about the affair, and after the train had been run to the street, where the automobile was waiting, they were ordered to stop the train and to jump off. The orders were obeyed.

Brakeman Criss came the nearest to any of the train crew to injury in the mix up. He was on the rear end of the train and when it stopped he immediately started to walk back from the train with his lantern. He was fired on a dozen times and the bullets whizzed close to his head and tore up the ground all around him, but none of them struck him.

The Union Pacific officials at once offered a reward of \$5,000 each for the capture of the robbers.

Suspect Arrested at Cheyenne.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 25.—A man giving the name of L. U. Steinhoff was arrested here on suspicion of being an accomplice in the robbery of the Union Pacific mail car at Omaha Saturday night. He had in his possession \$800 in bills.

FIVE DEATHS IN FLOOD

Unprecedented Rains in Oklahoma Do Heavy Damage.

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 25.—Five people are dead, at least ten seriously injured, several thousand acres of crops are inundated and every stream in the northern and eastern part of the state is raging as a result of almost unprecedented rains during the past twenty-four hours in Oklahoma. A number of houses have been washed away.

The dead: Mrs. W. W. Brown and three children of Foraker; Mrs. Mattie Jones, negro.

Mrs. Brown and her children were drowned in Salt creek at Yale while attempting to escape from the high waters. Mrs. Jones dropped dead of fright when the waters of Doggy creek, near Enid, surrounded her home.

CARRIERS WIN LIQUOR SUIT

Right to Ship Intoxicants into Dry Territory Is Upheld.

Washington, May 25.—The supreme court of the United States decided the case of the Adams Express company vs. the commonwealth of Kentucky, involving the right of the express company to ship liquor into a local option county, contrary to the law of the state, in favor of the company. The opinion reversed the verdict of the Hart county court on the ground that the transaction was interstate commerce and therefore not subject to interference by the Kentucky authorities.

Haskell Case Still On.

Tulsa, Okla., May 25.—When the federal grand jury resumed investigation here of the Muskogee town lot frauds it was still concerned with the case concerning Governor Charles N. Haskell. Several witnesses from out town were examined.

CUBA'S FINANCIAL PROBLEM

General Feeling of Uncertainty and Lack of Confidence Prevails.

Havana, May 24.—Financial problems constitute the gravest feature of anxiety on the part of the Cuban government and with the protracted delay in the presentation of the budget for the coming year the general feeling of uncertainty and lack of confidence becomes accentuated. Can the government, in view of its enormously increased expenses, due in a great measure to the cost of equipment and pay of the new permanent army, the cost of national legislature and the vastly increased number of civil employees, arising from political pressure for office, meet its obligations out of the ordinary sources of revenue is asked on all sides.

While there is no doubt that President Gomez is fully alive to the seriousness of the situation and is doing everything in his power to effect reductions in the cost of all departments, it is feared that political exigencies will compel him to refrain from insisting upon retrenchment on the scale that is believed to be absolutely necessary.

INDICTED FOR LAND FRAUDS

Wyoming Grand Jury Returns True Bills Against New Yorkers.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 22.—A federal grand jury returned thirteen indictments, charging conspiracy to defraud the government of thousands of acres of valuable coal lands in Big Horn county, now controlled by the Gebo Coal company, against prominent New York coal operators and capitalists. The defendants named are Samuel W. Gebo, George W. Dally, Wilberforce Scully, John Nelson, John B. Wright, Rufus J. Ireland, Thomas McDonald and Frank T. Wells.

The land in question, which is located in the Owl creek district, was fled upon three years ago and the entries have been under investigation for a year. Witnesses were brought to Wyoming from New York to testify. The grand jury also returned indictments against ten prominent Laramie county ranchmen, charging illegal fencing of public lands.

Jap Squadron at Port Townsend.

Port Townsend, Wash., May 24.—A salute of twenty-one guns from Fort Worden boomed a noisy welcome to Admiral Hichi's Japanese training squadron, composed of the cruisers Aso and Soya. The Japanese returned the salute and steamed to anchor in the upper waters of the bay. Mayor Gerson went aboard and extended an official welcome. The Aso and Soya then left for Tacoma.

Lid Not on at Coney Island.

New York, May 24.—Two hundred thousand persons went down to Coney Island to watch the police clamp on the lid, as threatened by Mayor McClellan's recent declaration that the Sunday closing law would be enforced. Those who expected a clash between the law and the showmen were disappointed, for no friction whatever occurred. All amusement resorts ran as usual.

French Battleship Still on Ways.

Brest, May 24.—The battleship Danton is still on the ways, where she stuck at her launching. All the efforts of the tugs to release the battleship have failed and it will be a fortnight before the launching can be completed. The accident is attributed to the sinking of the supports under the immense weight, which caused the hull to deviate from her course.

Farewell to American Envoys.

Dublin, May 24.—Matthew Cummings, president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the United States, and the Rev. Father P. H. O'Connell, state chaplain of Massachusetts, who have been in Ireland for the past six weeks as delegates from their order, were given a farewell banquet at the Gresham hotel by the executive committee of the Gaelic league.

Sheridan Sets New Mark.

New York, May 24.—Martin J. Sheridan, the Irish-American Athletic club's world's champion discus thrower, sent the newly adopted discus from a seven-foot circle at the Pastime Athletic club's oval for a new world's record of 138 feet 11 1/2 inches. The former record of 132 feet 11 inches was held by M. F. Horr.

Barkley Reviews Work of Church.

Denver, May 24.—Nine great devotional services marked the activities of the Presbyterian general assembly at Central Presbyterian church. Dr. James M. Barkley, the moderator, delivered his annual sermon to the assembly. He reviewed at length the work of the church throughout the world.

Taft on Hampton Board.

Hampton, Va., May 24.—At the commencement exercises at the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, a letter was read from President Taft, in which he announced his acceptance of a place on the board of trustees of that great school for the education of the negro and the Indian.

Georgia Railroad Tied Up.

Augusta, Ga., May 24.—The Georgia railroad is completely tied up by the firemen's strike and the officials will not attempt to move trains until the state affords ample protection to the strikebreakers.

Run Over by Train.

Ottumwa, Ia., May 24.—Thomas Wenwell, a farmer living near Dudley, was run over by a Burlington train and lost both legs. He died shortly after.

DICKINSON IS BACK

Secretary of War Seems to Be Improving.

WEAK FROM HIS ILLNESS

Returns to Washington on Government Yacht Mayflower After a Tour of Inspection of Panama Canal and Is Pleased at Progress of Construction. Declares He Only Saw Cuba Through a Porthole.

Washington, May 24.—Weak from the effects of his illness, which compelled him to cut short his trip, Secretary of War Dickinson stepped ashore from the government yacht Mayflower at the Washington navy yard after a tour of inspection of the Panama canal. Mr. Dickinson had not left his berth since the Mayflower sailed from Havana, where the vessel was when his condition began to cause concern. Secretary Dickinson stood on the bridge of the Mayflower with Mrs. Dickinson and other members of the party when the little vessel arrived at the navy yard. He was first ashore and while showing signs of his illness, he appeared to be improved. He assured the reporters that he would be all right as soon as he had regained his lost strength.

Mr. Dickinson expressed pleasure at the progress being made in the construction of the Panama canal, but when asked regarding conditions in Cuba and the ports the Mayflower had touched in the Panama zone, the secretary laughingly replied: "I only saw Cuba through a porthole."

APPEALS TWO-CENT FARE CASE

St. Louis Attorney Decides to Test Recent Ruling of Judge McPherson.

Kansas City, May 22.—Another step was taken by the state to restrain the railroads of Missouri from restoring the 3-cent passenger fare when Jephtha Howe of St. Louis, representing Seibert Jones, circuit attorney of that city, filed in the federal court here an appeal from the recent decision of Federal Judge Smith McPherson continuing in force a temporary injunction restraining the circuit attorney from prosecuting an injunction suit against the railroads. The appeal was filed with the consent of Judge McPherson, who was not present, but from whom a telegram was read sanctioning the action. The appeal is based upon allegations of error in the ruling of Judge McPherson.

HOW TO BUILD GOOD ROADS

National Convention Recommends Convict Labor.

Washington, May 24.—The second national good roads congress at the closing session adopted resolutions favoring the active co-operation of state and nation in the construction of post roads and the employment of convict labor in their construction.

With practical unanimity the congress urged that the United States government appropriate at least 10 per cent of the national revenue for building and maintaining public roads, provided that any particular state using such an appropriation shall expend an equal amount for the purpose of public roads.

BOY ESCAPES FROM KIDNAPERS

Ten-Year-Old Seized by Gypsies and Hidden in Wagon.

Princeton, Ind., May 25.—Much excitement prevails in the old Union settlement, twelve miles southwest of here, where an attempt was made to kidnap ten-year-old Harold McDonald. A band of gypsies passed through the settlement and the McDonald boy followed them some distance, when he was seized and hidden in a wagon. At Stewartville the boy escaped and made his way home. A posse is pursuing the gypsies.

Trainmen Elect Officers.

Columbus, O., May 25.—The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen unanimously re-elected Grand Master, or president as he will be known, W. G. Lee of Cleveland. A. R. King of Cleveland was re-elected secretary and treasurer, and T. L. Cease of Cleveland, editor and manager. Val Fitzpatrick of Columbus, A. F. Whitney of Iowa and James Murdock of Toronto were re-elected first, second and third vice presidents respectively.

Severe Shock at Messina.

Messina, May 25.—One of the severest shocks since the great earthquake occurred here this afternoon. The movement was both vertical and horizontal. The shock was preceded by a rumbling noise. The populace fled, panic stricken, and the walls of the ruins in various places collapsed.

Mediation in Railroad Strike.

Washington, May 25.—As the result of appeals to the federal board of mediation to use its efforts to settle the strike of firemen on the Georgia railroad, Commissioner of Labor Neill, a member of the board, left for Atlanta.

Garrettson Is Re-Elected.

Boston, May 24.—A. B. Garrettson of Cedar Rapids, Ia., was re-elected grand president of the Order of Railway Conductors.

Judge G. C. Scott Dead.

Galesburg, Ill., May 25.—Justice Guy C. Scott of the Illinois supreme court died here, following an operation for appendicitis.

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