

MAIL CAR ROBBED

LONE BANDIT MADE A HAUL FROM ORIENTAL LIMITED.

MAIL MATTER WAS RIFLED

Threw Off Pouches at Stations and Rode 100 Miles Without Train Crew Detecting His Presence.

A lone bandit boarded the mail car on the westbound oriental limited, the fast transcontinental train of the Great Northern railroad, at Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, before daylight Sunday morning, bound the two mail clerks and robbed the mail and express cars. The robbery was not discovered until the train reached Spokane, Wash., at 9:20 a. m., more than five hours after the bandit boarded the train. The train carried the through transcontinental mails and it was registered. The amount stolen will not be known until the registered mail has been checked up by the postal authorities.

When the train arrived in Spokane, the mail car was closed. Employees at the station opened the car and found one of the mail clerks lying bound on the mail sacks. The other clerk was locked in a closet.

As soon as the men were released they said that a bandit boarded the car at Bonner's Ferry, a division point about 100 miles east of Spokane, where the train arrived at 4:04 a. m. The clerks said the bandit held them up, bound them and went through the registered mail. He then said he would work the regular mail and proceeded to do so.

At all regular stops he threw off the mail and took the outgoing sacks, though at some of the smaller places where the train does not stop, he did not throw off the mail. He stayed on the train for nearly five hours, jumping off at the Oregon & Navigation junction, two miles east of Spokane. He did not put off the locked pouch at Newport, Wash., and did not exchange mails at Priest River, Idaho.

The robber is described as being six feet tall, wore a sweater and overalls and had a three or four days' growth of beard.

Mail Clerks Benjamin Stumpf and John W. Nystern, who were held at the mercy of the robber, tell a remarkable story of their experience. Locked in the small closet, hardly two feet square, the latter almost fainted from suffocation after the train had pulled into Sand Point, thirty miles west of Bonner's Ferry, and, rapping on the door, pleaded with the robber to allow him some fresh air. The bandit responded willingly, and leaving the door ajar about an inch, secured it with a piece of rope. Twice later on the way into Spokane the robber ceased his work of rifling the mail sacks to go to the door of the closet to inquire as to how Nystern was feeling. When Stumpf remonstrated with his captor that the cords which bound him were cutting into his wrists, the robber generously loosened the fetters and made every effort to make it as comfortable as possible for his victim. While ripping open the mail sacks the robber cut one of his fingers and many pieces of mail were bloodstained.

The bandit had secured entry to the car by claiming to be a postoffice inspector, giving the name of C. W. Bennett.

KNIFE FOR A TRUSTY.

Murderer Alia Tries to Escape at Denver.

An attempt was made by Giuseppe Alia, the condemned murder of Father Leo Heinrichs, to escape from the Denver jail, where he has been under heavy guard day and night. He made use of a razor blade, with which he slashed the neck of a "trustee" who was cleaning his cell, and then made a rush to get away. The "trustee," despite his cut, rushed after Alia and pinioned him and he was quickly overpowered with the help of Deputy Warden Carpen. The "trustee" had a wound two and a half inches long on his neck, but as the jugular vein is not severed he will recover.

RAILROAD TUNNEL BUILDING.

The Chilean Trans-Andean Project Has Been Inaugurated.

The Chilean minister of public works and a committee of American engineers attended the inauguration ceremonies of the Chilean sections of the trans-Andean tunnel, in connection with the railway from Arica, Chile, to La Paz, Bolivia. The tunnel will pierce the summit of the Andes and will be the highest in the world. The line, when completed, will shorten the time to Buenos Ayres by six hours.

WHERE IS HIS PROTECTIVE ARMOR?



ROBBED A KANSAS BANK

Three Masked Men Entered in Daylight and Took \$2,500.

Citizens Gave Chase and Surrounded Them Once But They Escaped—A Marshal Wounded.

Coffeyville, Kan.—There were three persons in the Tiro bank Friday afternoon when two masked men of rough appearance entered. A third man remained on guard outside. The two men inside ordered the bank's president, Joseph Lenhart, the bookkeeper, Miss Grace Dolson, and the Missouri Pacific agent, named Alexander, who happened to be in the bank, to throw up their hands. All did so at once. One of the bandits then leveled a pistol at the three while the other secured all the available money in sight. The robbers then retreated out of the front door, joined the third bandit, and the three rode away towards the south.

At a late hour Friday night the three bandits who robbed the Tiro bank were headed for the Osage hills near Bartlesville, Ok., with several posses of citizens in pursuit. The bandits hid for a time in a house near Wann, Ok., and gave battle to a posse which came upon them. Two horses belonging to the citizens were shot down and the bandits escaped, going west for a short distance and then turning south again. City Marshal Lee of Wann was shot through the hand by the bandits. Posses are closing in on the robbers from every direction and it was not believed they could escape. It is believed they will be intercepted when they reach the Caney river north of Bartlesville, and that a battle will be fought there. A special train left Coffeyville Friday night for Dewey, Ok., with a hundred armed men determined to run down the outlaws.

Passed "Billups Booze Bill."

Guthrie, Ok.—The house Friday concurred in the senate amendments to the "Billups Booze Bill" and sent it back to the upper house with the emergency clause providing for the initiative and referendum on the dispensary proposition in 1908 the only change. The dispensary provision is to the effect that a dispensary shall be established in every town of 2,000 or more and that they may be established in any other place in the state where there is apparent demand for one. The emoluments to be derived by the dispensary agent are 10 per cent of the profits. The state buys the liquor, adds expenses, etc., and then adds 50 per cent as a state profit.

Thaw Answer Filed.

New York.—Denying the charge of insanity and praying for dismissal of the suit, Harry K. Thaw, through his counsel Friday night, made answer to Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's suit for an annulment of their marriage. Thaw's answer was delivered to Daniel O'Reilly, counsel for Mrs. Thaw, who, after receiving the papers, announced that the case would be put on trial calendar in the supreme court next week.

A Thaw Divorce.

New York.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw Wednesday will institute proceedings for the annulment of her marriage to Harry K. Thaw. The action will be based on the allegation that the defendant was insane when the union was contracted. Thaw purposes to defend the suit. The papers in the case will be served some time Wednesday and an early trial is expected. In the meantime the two, by mutual agreement, will remain apart.

THE LONG VOYAGE ENDS.

Battleship Fleet Arrived at Magdalena Bay in Splendid Condition Ready for Any Emergency.

San Diego, Cal.—When the American battleship fleet steamed Thursday into Magdalena bay, passing through the rocky gateway marked by Sail Rock on the north and Redondo Point on the south and dropped anchors behind the high peninsula promontory which stretches a protecting arm down from the main land and make Man o' War Cove the most sheltered harbor of the lower Pacific coast the history making naval cruise of more than thirteen thousand miles begun at Hampton Roads less than three months ago, practically came to an end. Admiral Evans in reporting the arrival of the fleet to Washington by wireless stated that the vessels were in better condition than when they left Hampton Roads and were ready for any emergency on one day's notice.

The importance of the message from Admiral Evans is overwhelming. The eyes of the entire list of naval officials, practically every citizen of the United States and even the entire world were expectantly awaiting the reports at the terminus of the long voyage as to the effects it would have on the ships. Now that word has been received that the entire fleet is in even better condition than at the time it started on its long cruise the mammoth naval undertaking is crowned with boundless success.

NEBRASKA CONVENTION.

The Republicans Named Delegates, Instructed Them for Taft and Indorsed the Roosevelt Policies.

Omaha, Neb.—The Nebraska State Republican convention met at two o'clock in Boyd's theater. Without a voice of dissent, the candidacy of William H. Taft for president of the United States was indorsed by the convention and a solid delegation for the secretary will go to Chicago instructed to vote for his nomination first, last and all the time.

It was a Taft convention from start to finish, despite talk of a division, and when the question of selecting delegates at large came up for consideration the slated delegation—Governor Sheldon, Senator Norris Brown, Victor Rosewater of Omaha and Judge Allen W. Field of Lincoln—went through with a rush. The alternates are A. C. Rankin of Furnas county, I. G. Baright of Omaha, Lieutenant Governor M. R. Hopewell of Burt county and Paul H. Marlay of Custer county.

The platform was given over principally to an endorsement of the policies of President Roosevelt and of Secretary Taft for president. It followed closely the lines of that adopted by the Ohio convention and in one instance quoted that document wherein a revision of the tariff is declared necessary. State issues and the administration of state officials also came in for full approval.

A John Brown Relic Burned.

Iowa City, Iowa.—John Brown's antiquated old wagon in which he made many pilgrimages during his crusade against slavery, was destroyed by fire here Thursday, only two charred wheels remaining as relics of the ancient vehicle. The old wagon was left here by Brown 48 years ago and has been preserved during that time by Herbert S. Fairall, a pioneer newspaper man of Iowa City.

Gov. Johnson Will Open Headquarters. St. Paul, Minn.—Gov. Johnson's presidential headquarters will be established in Chicago, and may be extended to include New York and Washington.

THE SIXTIETH CONGRESS

A Condensed Account of Transactions at the National Capital.

The Most Important Items Gathered From Each Day's Session of Senate and House.

Rules Without Authority.

Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt is asked by what authority of law he has exercised the functions of government in the Panama canal zone since the date of the expiration of the fifth-eighth congress in a resolution in the house introduced by Mr. Harrison (New York.)

Mr. Harrison called attention to Section 2 of the act to provide for the temporary government of the canal zone, approved April 28, 1904, which reads as follows:

"That until the expiration of the fifty-eighth congress, unless provision for the temporary government of the canal zone be sooner made by congress, all the military, civil and judicial powers as well as the power to make all rules and regulations necessary for the government of the canal zone and all rights, powers and authority granted by the terms of said treaty to the United States, shall be vested in such person or persons and shall be exercised in such manner as the president shall direct, for the government of said zone and maintaining and protecting the inhabitants thereof in the free enjoyment of their liberty, property and religion.

"The fifty-eighth congress," said Mr. Harrison, "closed March 4, 1905, without having conferred upon the president any authority to continue to exercise the government of the zone. The fifty-ninth congress similarly failed to empower him, a bill for that purpose, introduced by Representative Wanger having died in the committee on foreign commerce. Notwithstanding these omissions the president has continued to direct the government of the canal zone the same as if he had been vested by congress with the authority so to do."

More Speeches to Come.

Washington, D. C.—Voting on the pending Aldrich currency bill in the senate has been further delayed by notices given Wednesday of speeches to be made on that measure next week. Senator Tillman notified the senate that he would submit remarks on Monday and that Senator LaFollette would speak on Tuesday.

Favor Public Building Bills.

Washington, D. C.—A large number of public building bills were ordered favorably reported Wednesday by the senate committee. They include the following: Oklahoma City, Ok., \$500,000; Pocatello, Ida., \$125,000; Independence, Mo., \$80,000; Fremont, Neb., \$50,000, and Maysville, Mo., \$50,000.

Would Make Banks Pay Interest.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Nelson of Minnesota Thursday gave notice of an amendment he will propose to the Aldrich currency bill requiring national banks to pay 2 per cent interest on weekly balances of government deposits of money.

Three More Colliers Ordered.

Washington, D. C.—The purchase of three new steam colliers with a coal carrying capacity of 7,000 tons, at a cost each of \$525,000, was agreed to Friday by the house committee on naval affairs.

Four Hundred Bills in 30 Minutes.

Washington, D. C.—A part of the session of the house Friday was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills. Four hundred and five were passed in 30 minutes.

Indian Bill Agreement.

Washington, D. C.—The conference on the Indian appropriation bill reached a full agreement Friday and reports were presented to both houses.

An Ozark Forest Reserve.

Washington, D. C.—The president has signed a proclamation creating the Ozark national forest in the northwestern part of the state of Arkansas.

Fire Destroys 300 Homes.

Butte, Mont.—One of the most disastrous fires in the history of eastern Montana Friday wiped out three-fourths of the town of Big Timber, about one hundred and fifty miles east of this city, on the Northern Pacific railroad. Three hundred families are rendered homeless and the loss is estimated at more than four hundred thousand dollars.

Favor American Ships.

Washington, D. C.—The bill to require the transportation of materials and supplies to be used in the construction of the Panama canal in ships of American register was passed by the senate Friday. As amended the bill exempts from the restrictions ports in which no American vessels are to be secured for shipping goods.

The Circumscribed German.

Berlin.—A minor court in Berlin has just decided that it is a gross misdemeanor to shout on the open streets "Hurrah for Universal suffrage."

NEBRASKA NEWS

REPUBLICANS HOLD STATE CONVENTION IN OMAHA.

LARGE GATHERING IN BOYD

The Four Delegates-at-Large Pledged To William H. Taft—Meeting a Harmonious One All Through.

Electing the four delegates-at-large and adopting every section of the resolutions, endorsing William H. Taft for president, commending the administration of President Roosevelt and Governor Sheldon and favoring a revision of the tariff by acclamation, evidenced the harmony which existed among the republicans of Nebraska in the state convention which was held in the Boyd theater.

Governor George L. Sheldon, United States Senator Norris Brown, Victor Rosewater of The Omaha Bee and Judge Allen W. Field of Lincoln were elected as delegates-at-large and the four were chosen by acclamation on motion of C. E. Holland of Seward, who fathered the motion to dispense with roll call of counties.

Before the delegates were elected they were called on for addresses by the convention and asked to state who they would favor for president, and why. Each pledged himself in unequivocal terms to Taft.

University Certificates as Investment.

Attorney General Young of Minnesota, in answer to an inquiry directed to him by Attorney General Thompson, replied that the university certificates which were offered as an investment to the state of Nebraska were liabilities of the state of Minnesota. The attorney general also said the state of Minnesota had bought \$50,000 worth of certificates. Some weeks ago the state board refused to make an investment because it believed the state of Minnesota was not liable for the certificates. An investment probably will be made now.

Leo Lung On Must Go Home.

Assistant United States District Attorney Lane, Lincoln, received notification from St. Paul, Minn., that the federal court of appeals had sustained the order of deportation against Leo Lung On, an Omaha Chinaman. On was arrested several months ago as a Chinaman who came within the proscribed list, and Attorney Lane successfully prosecuted the case against him, but he took his case to the court of appeals, which has sustained the lower court.

Gets a Cold Bath in Platte.

Charles Powell, a fisherman who lives in the bottoms east of Plattsmouth, had a cold bath in the Platte river. Powell got into a boat and started down the stream. After going about two miles he stood up in the boat, and being intoxicated, fell into the river. His coat caught on a nail in the side of the boat and he was kept from drowning. Two men on an island saw him fall and were able to rescue him.

New Depot is Promised.

The Commercial club of Columbus has notified the State Railway commission that in view of the fact that the Union Pacific has promised to begin the erection of a new depot in the year 1908, it will not push the case to compel the railroad company to build an addition to the present station. A postal card vote was taken and the vote was in favor of doing nothing now.

H. F. Rose Goes to Burlington.

Halleck F. Rose of Lincoln has been tendered and has accepted the position of assistant general solicitor for the Burlington railroad west of the Missouri river. In that position, he will succeed J. E. Kelby, who was recently advanced to the position of general solicitor in place of Charles F. Manderson. The appointment will necessitate Mr. Rose's removal to Omaha.

More Than Was Bargained For.

Murray Putnam, a Tecumseh livestock fancier, recently purchased a fine brood sow out in the state. When he called on the agent with an order for one hog, the agent insisted on giving him seven. The stock had called and there were six little piglets with the mother, who was taking the best care of them possible in the crowded quarters.

Brewing Company Quits.

The Val Baltz Brewing Company has notified the secretary of state that it has withdrawn from Nebraska and it not now doing business in the state. It requests therefore that the authority granted to T. J. Foley to be its agent be rescinded.