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MAKES PLEA IN VAIN

MISSOURI BANDIT TRIES TO EFFECT A COMPROMISE.

Prosecuting Attorney Refuses Any Concession—Prisoner Says Brother Robbed Golden State Limited—Tells of His Movements Prior to Holdup.

Marshall, Mo., Nov. 27.—The bandit who held up the Chicago and Alton train between Glasgow and Slater, Mo., was brought to the county jail and immediately opened negotiations with the prosecuting attorney, offering to make a full confession if the charge against him was made burgiary. In Missouri the extreme penalty for train robbery is death, the minimum ten years' imprisonment. The prosecutor refused any concession, and the bandit then volunteered a statement, as follows:

"My name is Claude Randall; my age twenty years and nine months. I came from St. Louis to Mexico, Mo., on the Wabash, and from Mexico to Slater on the Chicago and Alton railroad. My brother was the one who robbed the Golden State limited, and he told me that the Golden State limited did not stop between Slater and Mexico, and for that reason I came to Slater to get on the train. I got in the smoking car and went through it and robbed two or three other cars. I did not take any money from workingmen or ladies, as I only wanted to take money from those that had made it easy and could afford it. One man on the train, when he heard me tell another passenger that I did not want any of his money because he was a laborer, said he was a laborer also. I did not believe him, and asked him to show me his hands. Upon looking at them I found them as soft as a woman's. I then made him dig up, taking from him his $45 watch, which I told him I would send to the St. Louis Republic, where he could get it, as I only wanted it to keep time by until I got to my destination. When the train reached Glasgow I got off on the platform, and as the train started to move I mounted it again and commenced to go through the passengers in a sleeping car, where I allowed the conductor to get too close to me, and he grabbed my pistol and my throat. He then wrenched the pistol from me, and I broke and ran to the back of the train. Many of the passengers and all of the train crew rushed upon me while the train was in motion, struck me upon the head with the pistol and tried to throw me overboard while the train was running thirty miles an hour. The train soon stopped, and I was captured. I was born near Grant City, Mo. I got about $1,500 and about eight or ten watches from the passengers on the train. I did not want this jewelry, but they forced me to take it."

DEAD BEFORE REACHING WATER

Such Is Opinion of Doctors on Stand in Gillette Murder Case.

Herkimer, N. Y., Nov. 27.—Two physicians, who were present at the autopsy held on Grace Brown's body, went on the stand at the Gillette murder trial and testified that the girl received blows before entering the water that were sufficient to cause death and which, in their opinion, did cause death in this case.

These physicians, Dr. A. O. Douglas and Dr. E. H. Douglas, both of Little Falls, but not relatives, declared under oath that Grace Brown was not drowned. It was their opinion that she died from blows which killed or rendered her unconscious before her body was dropped into Big Moose lake. They declared that there was not enough water in the lungs of the body to warrant a theory of drowning. Former Senator Mills, Gillette's senior counsel conducted, the cross-examination. He spent several hours in an effort to shake the testimony of these witnesses, and while he succeeded in confusing Dr. A. O. Douglas somewhat, neither of the physicians withdrew their opinion that Grace Brown was killed or rendered unconscious before she was immersed in the waters of Big Moose lake.

The theory advanced by the defense was that the blows could have been administered after death and the line of questioning indicated a contention that the girl in drowning rose to the surface of the water three times, and each time struck the overturned skiff and received the injuries in question.

$70,000 GRAFT AT PITTSBURG

Sensational Charges in Connection With Railway Ordinances.

Pittsburg, Nov. 27.—C. S. Cameron, president of the Tube City railroad, and William A. Martin, a member of the common council, were rearrested here following a meeting of the council in connection with the recent charges that they were trying to defraud the railroad out of $70,000. The two men were first arrested last Wednesday and held first in $80,000 bail, which was later reduced to $10,000. The charges were made by C. R. Richardson, a stockholder, who charged "grafting" in connection with a number of ordinances now pending before the Pittsburg councils. Sensational charges are made regarding the Tube City railroad ordinances, which provide for a proposed railroad line from McKeesport, with Pittsburg as the terminal.

No Favor for Patrick.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 27.—"The statement that I have promised or intimated to anybody that I will commute the sentence of Albert T. Patrick is absolutely and unqualifiedly false," said Governor Higgins.

DESERTIONS ARE INCREASING.

Military Secretary Says Too Great Leniency Is Shown Offenders.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Desertion is on the increase in the United States army. The annual report of the military secretary shows that in the year ended June 30 there were 6,258 desertions, 7.4 per every 100 soldiers in the army. From 1895 to 1904 the average of desertion was only 6.1. From 1895 to 1904 the average of desertion was only 4.5 per cent.

White soldiers showed a desertion average of 8.4 per cent, while the negro soldiers showed an average of only 2.3 per cent.

Of the men who deserted in 1906, 813 have been apprehended and 240 surrendered to the military authorities. The total number of deserters convicted of desertion, sentenced to confinement and dishonorably discharged was 628.

"The number of desertions," says General Ainsworth, "doubtless will be decreased if the military authorities themselves cease to exercise the leniency with which they have heretofore treated deserters who have been apprehended and returned to military control."

MRS. KAUFMANN ARRAIGNED.

Wife of Sioux Falls Brewer Denies Murder of Agnes Polreis.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Nov. 27.—A plea of not guilty was entered by Mrs. Emma Kaufmann, wife of the wealthy brewer, Moses Kaufmann, when she was arraigned before Judge Jones in the state circuit court on a charge of murdering Miss Agnes Polreis, a sixteen-year-old domestic who was in Mrs. Kaufmann's employ. Notice was given that arguments would be made for a continuance to a further term of court. The proceedings were devoid of sensational features.

Death of Herman Kountze.

Omaha, Nov. 22.—Herman Kountze, aged seventy-three, a pioneer and one of the wealthiest men of Omaha, died suddenly at Watkins Glen, N. Y., where he had gone about two months ago for his health. He had been sick for nearly two years, but his death was unexpected, and only his wife was present at his bedside. Mr. Kountze was president of the First National bank, a member of the firm of Kountze Bros of New York and Denver, and one of the largest owners of real estate in Omaha.

Explosion in Wilburton Mine.

Wilburton, I. T., Nov. 27.—With a record of nineteen horrible deaths during the past year, the Deganen & McConnel coal mine No. 19, at Wilburton, blew up with frightful force. Six men in the shaft miraculously escaped. The mine had been on fire several days. It cannot be determined whether any lives were lost.

Murderer Escapes From Mine.

Linton, Ind., Nov. 27.—A search of Tower Hill mine disclosed the fact that Louis Shulley, who shot and fatally wounded W. A. Watson, had gone through a passage into a connecting mine with the Midland mine and had then escaped through a manhole.

Cholera Virus Kills Ten.

Manila, Nov. 27.—As a result of experiments with cholera virus at Bilibid prison, ten prisoners out of twenty-four who were inoculated have died.

PRESIDENT SMITH FINED

Complaint Based on Recent Birth of Forty-third Child by Fifth Wife.

Salt Lake, Utah, Nov. 24.—Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon church, appeared in the district court before Judge Ritchie and pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful cohabitation and a fine of $300 was imposed.

The charge under which the Mormon prophet was arrested and fined was based on the recent birth of President Smith's forty-third child, born to his fifth wife.

Judge Ritchie imposed the maximum fine, but omitted the jail sentence of from one day to six months, which he might have imposed under the Utah statute.

PRESIDENT IS HOME

CHIEF EXECUTIVE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON.

Is Deeply Impressed With United States Navy, With Panama and Porto Rico—Isthmian Canal Will Be Subject of Special Message.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Completing a remarkable trip to Panama, during which he traveled several thousand miles by sea and visited not only the isthmus, but Porto Rico as well, and voicing his thorough enjoyment of the entire voyage. President Roosevelt returned to Washington last night. The trip up the Potomac on the converted yacht Mayflower, to which he and his party were transferred from the Louisiana at Piney point, was made without special incident. As the Mayflower pulled into the dock at the rear of the office of the commandant at the navy yard, Miss Ethel Roosevelt, the president's daughter, and Miss Hagner, Mrs. Roosevelt's secretary, were waiting to greet the party. Miss Roosevelt immediately rushed on board as soon as the gang plank was laid and affectionately greeted her father and mother. There was also at the dock to welcome the president Captain McCoy and Lieutenant Commander Kay of the marine corps, the president's aides, and the commandant and other officials of the navy yard and the Uruguayan charge d'affaires. The president landed within ten minutes after the arrival of the Mayflower. To those who met them he stated that he had had a delightful trip and that he was feeling fine. The president and Mrs. Roosevelt immediately proceeded to the white house. As the president alighted from his carriage, he shook hands with all the attaches and others waiting on the portico.

Speaking of his trip, the president said: "We had a very pleasant, very enjoyable time, and I am deeply impressed with the United States navy, with Panama and with Porto Rico."

The Panama canal, it was stated by the president, will be a subject of a special message and consequently on that subject the president will say nothing at this time.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Nebraska Bar Association Elects.

Omaha, Nov. 24.—The Nebraska Bar association elected the following officers: President, T. J. Mahoney, Omaha; vice presidents, C. C. Flansburg, Lincoln; W. V. Allen, Madison, and C. L. Richards, Hebron; secretary, Roscoe Pound, Lincoln; treasurer, A. G. Ellick, Omaha; member of executive council, S. P. Davidson, Tecumseh.

Fall From Wagon Proves Fatal.

Holdrege, Neb., Nov. 26.—An accident occurred in which Emil Johnson, a drayman living at Loomis, lost his life. He came to Holdrege for a load of lumber and on the way back his team became scared and started to run, while he and his cousin, Charles Johnson, were walking behind the wagon. Emil climbed to the top of the load in order to get hold of the lines, and in some way fell so that the wagon ran over him and crushed his chest, killing him almost instantly.

CORN PRIZES FOR BOYS.

Secretary Miller Announces Winners of Recent Contest in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Nov. 23.—Of the ninty-seven boys who entered the state corn contest authorized by the state board of agriculture, fourteen made final reports.

Secretary Miller has announced Roy R. Johnson of Burchard winner of the first prize, $50, for producing 8,535 pounds of corn on a single acre. Henry W. Olderog of Gretna won the second, $40, with an acreage of 8,290 pounds.

REQUISITION FOR WINAKUR

Baltimore Man Wanted for Kidnaping at Grand Island.

Grand Island, Neb., Nov. 27.—Sheriff Dunkel will leave today for Baltimore to secure possession of a twelve-year-old boy named Bruner, alleged to have been kidnaped by a traveling man named L. Winakur. The mother of the boy, acting with the sheriff, has had Winakur held on a charge of kidnaping, and requisition papers for him were issued. A letter received from the boy urged the mother to make haste and rescue him.

BAN ON TOBACCO USERS.

Chancellor Andrews Orders Expulsion of Students Who Chew.

Lincoln, Nov. 27.—The chewing of tobacco must cease at the State university. Dean Pond of the law school posted a letter from Chancellor Andrews ordering the expulsion of students who chew. Dean Pound announced that the rule would be rigidly enforced.

More than a year ago smoking was tabooed on the campus. Now the smokers adjourn to a place south of Eleventh street. It is expected that the chewers will join them.

SWITCHMAN USES A KNIFE.

Under Arrest at Alliance for Trying to Kill Car Repairer.

Alliance, Neb., Nov. 23.—Louis Montgomery, night switchman in the Burlington yards here, was arrested on the charge of attempting to murder W. J. Durkin, a car repairer. Montgomery was drinking and profuse with abusive language, which resulted in a quarrel with Durkin, in which Montgomery drew a knife, inflicting a six-inch wound across the abdomen of Durkin. Prompt medical attention was given and it is believed no serious results will occur unless complications set in.

GRAND ISLAND HUNTER KILLED

Henry Habig, Veteran Engineer, Is Accidentally Shot by Son-in-Law.

Grand Island, Neb., Nov. 27.—Henry Habig was shot and instantly killed while hunting along the Platte river, a gun in the hands of his son-in-law, Arnold Fehrenkamp, having accidentally discharged. Habig had time only to say: "Arnold, you've killed me." He thereupon reeled and fell before Fehrenkamp, who did not know that his own gun had been discharged, could cover the ten steps between them. The body was immediately brought to the city in a hack, Habig, Fehrenkamp and Chauncey Habig, son of the dead man, having gone down on a handcar over the St. Joseph and Grand Island, of which Habig was a local engineer.

SCHMITZ AVERS INNOCENCE

Declares Charges of Grafting Are Work of Political Enemies.

Omaha, Nov. 27.—Cartooned before the world as the meanest man in it, on the basis of the indictment of the San Francisco grand jury, which pronounces him and his political coadjutor, Abraham Ruef, guilty of stealing thousands of dollars sent to the earthquake and fire sufferers and perpetrating a system of graft off the divekeepers of the stricken city, Eugene E. Schmitz, mayor of San Francisco, towering in his six feet two, at Union station, proclaimed his innocence and declared that he was the victim of political persecutors.

"It's all politics, politics," exclaimed the men who was sent from the leadership of a theater orchestra into the mayor's chair of the metropolis of the Pacific coast. "I am only surprised in one detail and that is they have started in rather early this time. They usually wait until nearer election time. As soon as I reached the other side and heard of their charges I immediately turned around and hastened for home that I might face my accusers."

MUTIPLICITY OF RATE BILLS.

Members of Coming Legislature Have Numerous Railroad Measures.

Lincoln, Nov. 26.—Reports brought in by members-elect of the state legislature are to the effect that numerous bills will be introduced giving power to the state railway commission to do business and some apprehension has been expressed lest the multiplicity of bills result in the defeat of the object aimed at by all of them. Those who have expressed themselves desire a measure, plain and to the point, which will leave no doubt of the intent of its provisions.

During the last session of the legislature Senator George L. Sheldon, now governor-elect, introduced a bill creating a railway commission, to be composed of the governor, the attorney general and the state treasurer, and defining the duties of this board. Because of the great power conferred upon the commission the railroad lobby fought the bill to its death. As a basis for a bill to be introduced this coming session it has been suggested the Sheldon bill is a good one. At this time Governor-elect Sheldon would doubtless suggest some changes in the details of the powers given the commission in his own bill.

TRY TO ROB KANSAS CITY HOTEL

Holdup Men Kill Proprietor and Shoot Janitor of Kentucky House.

Kansas City, Nov. 26.—In an attempt to hold up and rob J. Frank Emery, proprietor of the Kentucky house, a second rate hotel in Kansas City, Kan., Emery was shot and killed and Lee Simon, a negro porter, was shot in the shoulder and slightly wounded. Charles Rumble, an iron molder from Independence, Mo., one of the would-be robbers, was shot in the cheek by officers who pursued him and Sam Hutton, a negro, down Minnesota avenue, the principal street in the city. Rumble's wound is not serious. Both Rumble and Hutton were arrested.

Canada Abrogates Postal Convention.

Washington, Nov. 24.—As the result of friction over publishers' privileges in the two countries, the Canadian government has notified this government that the postal convention between the two countries will be abrogated on May 7 next.

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