

SCORES OF POLICE HUNT ROBBERS

Airplane of Lost Mail Flyer Found

Machine Believed to Be That of Pilot Boonstra Located 20 Miles Southeast of Coalville, Utah.

Omahan Leading Search

Salt Lake City, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—Reports to air mail service headquarters here shortly after 3 this afternoon said the airplane of Pilot Henry G. Boonstra, who has been missing since last Friday morning, has been located 20 miles southeast of Coalville, Utah.

The finding of the Boonstra plane was reported by a scout machine, but no mention was made whether the pilot was seen. Two machines were dispatched from Salt Lake in an effort to land and determine what had become of Boonstra.

A report from Morgan, Utah, said an airplane was found north of there and belief was expressed by airmail officials that one of the scout planes dispatched in search of Boonstra had met with disaster. Pilot Kenneth Unger is known to have been seen last in the vicinity of Morgan.

Pilot Paul Scott, one of the air mail fliers, returned to Woodward field at 4:30 this afternoon and confirmed a report that was made by Pilot Lester F. Bishop early in the day that a plane had buried in the snow could be seen on Porcupine ridge, about 12 miles east of Coalville, which place is about 37 miles east of Salt Lake. Scott said that he flew low over the stranded plane several times and believes that he saw the flying suit of an aviator lying close to the ship.

Omahan Leading Search for Missing Mail Pilot

A flying searching party which yesterday was circling over the mountainous country between Rock Springs, Wyo., and Salt Lake City, in an effort to locate Henry G. Boonstra, is under the direction of D. B. Colyer of Omaha, superintendent of the air mail division between Iowa City and Rock Springs.

It was Superintendent Colyer who ordered all services between Cheyenne and Rock Springs suspended until Pilot Boonstra, former Omaha flyer, is found. By so doing he made more ships available for the fight against the elements for the life of the missing pilot.

Boonstra left Salt Lake City, Friday morning for Rock Springs in a snowstorm. He hasn't been seen since.

"It looks very grave," admitted Superintendent Colyer yesterday morning. There has been rough weather between Rock Springs and Salt Lake; low temperatures, added to the visibility and high mountains. But we won't give up hope until we find Boonstra."

Eddie Richards, assistant superintendent at Cheyenne, flew to Rock Springs Sunday with Pilot Frank R. Yager, who brings mail into Omaha from the west. Richards took personal charge of the search.

Besides Pilot Yager, Pilots H. A. Collins and Robert Ellis, both of whom formerly flew into Omaha on regular schedule, and Pilots Paul P. Oakes, Paul P. Scott, Kenneth Unger and Lester Bishop are taking part in the search.

Hazardous Division. No other pilots will be sent to Rock Springs because the station there can take care of no more ships, Superintendent Colyer explained.

The flight between Salt Lake City and Rock Springs is considered one of the most hazardous, if not the worst, in the country. Pilots Jack Knight and Jimmy Murray of Omaha, both crashed in the mountains while making the trip. Both walked many miles through a rough country, and in blizzards, to find shelter after the accidents.

Pilot Knight yesterday morning held out hope for Pilot Boonstra's life. "Unless he was badly smashed up so that he had to lie in the snow, he has a good chance for his life," said Knight. "All pilots carry matches and a can or two of food, such as beans. They can live a long time on them."

"A pilot must have plenty of altitude to fly into either Salt Lake or Rock Springs; between 5,000 and 10,000 feet. I believe Boonstra will be found in some sheltered little valley."

Knight broke his nose after bumping into a mountain while making a similar flight. A short time later he distinguished himself by making a record night flight.

Services between Chicago, Omaha and Cheyenne has been continuing without interruption, and on schedule, despite low temperatures, Superintendent Colyer said.

Motion Picture Condition Critical



Wallace Reid

Reid Is Reported Near Death's Door; Denies Dope Cause

Has Not Been Expected to Live for Several Days—Influenza Infection Feared.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 18.—Wallace Reid, motion picture star, is on the verge of death and for several days has not been expected to live, according to Mrs. Wallace Reid (Dorothy Davenport), in an interview today in the Los Angeles Examiner, given at a Hollywood sanitarium last night.

One of the physicians, according to the Examiner, corroborated Mrs. Reid's statements, saying: "Mr. Reid has been near death for the past five or six days, his temperature reaching repeatedly 103 and his pulse 130. His heart action is irregular and weak. He has fainted on an average of three times daily and lost 70 pounds in weight. Laboratory findings at the present time indicate he is suffering either from a complete exhaustion condition or from influenza."

Expected to Die. "A reinfection of influenza is possible at any time and could cause his death. This is not anticipated by attending physicians, but must be and is," he thought he would die the other night," said Mrs. Reid. "He was so brave about it, poor boy. For three nights he had expected to die. He isn't afraid to die, but he wants so much to live for Billy and Betty and me," referring to their son and adopted daughter.

The physician doctoring the actor's illness, according to the Examiner, said: "His present illness has no connection with overindulgence in alcohol or narcotics, although such indulgences have undoubtedly undermined his strength and system in months gone by."

Wally Breaks Down. Mrs. Reid in describing his condition just before the present breakdown, said that he wept and said: "How did it happen to let myself go? Why couldn't I have stopped long ago? I thought I was so strong; I thought I knew myself so well—I can't understand."

Indignant denials of published reports of "orgies" in the Reid home were made by Mrs. Alice Davenport, mother-in-law of the actor, to whom those reports had been credited.

"I know there are dope parties in Hollywood—every one knows that," she said. "And I suppose Wally has attended some of them; I don't know. I do know that I have talked with him after he returned from parties at the homes of some of the people in Hollywood and I have seen him sadly shake his head and say 'Mother, I don't like it. That isn't the way to have pleasure. It's all so false, so artificial.'"

Will H. Hays, directing head of the organized motion picture industry, commenting on the actor's illness, said: "If Reid's condition is a result of indulgence in narcotics, as has been reported, it's a matter to be prayed over. The poor boy should be dealt with as a diseased person—not to be censured, shunned. Rather, let us all help and sympathetically try to help him to restore him to health."

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Naval Bill Is Passed by House

Measure Carries Request That President Open Negotiations Relative to Limiting War-craft Construction.

Force Placed at 86,000

Washington, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—The navy appropriations bill, carrying a request that the president negotiate with foreign powers relative to limiting construction of warcraft under 10,000 tons, was passed late today by the house.

The bill, which carries a total of \$225,000,000, stood up precisely as framed by Chairman Kelley's subcommittee, and provided for an enlisted naval force of 86,000, the same as fixed last year.

There was a flurry of talk over the provisions under which the president is asked to negotiate with Great Britain, France and Italy, but in the end an effort to change the language was dropped in the face of overwhelming opposition to any alteration whatever.

Amendment Beaten. An amendment to strike out the section, offered by Representative Logan, democrat, South Carolina, was defeated and finally Representative Lineberger, republican, California, withdrew his amendment "suggesting to the president the desirability of entering into further negotiations with other powers as soon as he may deem practicable."

Chairman Butler of the naval committee, and Representative Byrnes, South Carolina, ranking democrat of the Kelley subcommittee, attacked the Lineberger proposal. Mr. Byrnes declared there was nothing sought under the amendment "except to placate the gentleman from California."

"Let it remain the Kelley amendment," Mr. Butler shouted, and it did. Mondell Supports Bill. Representative Mondell, Wyoming, the republican leader, in supporting the bill's provisions as to negotiations, declared men were going over the country "trying to create the impression that the navy was being neglected."

Just before the final paragraph was reached the house halted for 20 minutes to pay tribute to Chairman Kelley, who retires next March. Speeches were made by Representative French, republican, Idaho, a member of the subcommittee; Chairman Madden of the appropriations committee; Mr. Mondell, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Oliver and Representative Garretts, Tennessee, the democratic leader.

Seven Arrests Made Under Dry Law in Three Counties

Lincoln, Dec. 18.—(Special)—A big cleanup has been made of violators of the prohibition laws in three Nebraska counties by deputy state sheriffs assisted by local officers. The raids produced seven arrests and capture of six stills and 29 gallons of whiskey and 400 gallons of moonshine.

The officers discovered new stills in the booze industry and Deputy State Sheriff Carl Schmidt had a revolver pushed into his face by a woman at Ravenna. The officers said they bought two gallons of whiskey from a farmer near Campbell, that was made largely from corn cobs.

Hundreds of Sparrows Found Dead After Storm

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 18.—During a recent heavy snowstorm in eastern South Dakota hundreds of English Sparrows were found dead in different towns, including Spencer and Alexander. Birds and mystery surrounds the cause of their death. Other hundreds of the birds were flying about at night and appeared badly confused, bumping into the glass fronts of business houses, in many instances with such force as to stun them for a time. The deaths of so many sparrows are supposed to have been due to peculiar electrical conditions prevailing during the snowstorm.

2 Sentenced to Reformatory for Grand Island Shooting

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 18.—A finale of the shooting up of the Mrs. Goeda farm residence, eight miles south of the city, as a result of a grudge against young Goeda, came when Ralph Knall and George Cave were today sentenced in the district court from one to 20 years in the state reformatory. Joseph Carson, a third party involved, was adjudged insane and committed to Inslegis.

Butler Nomination Reported to Senate

Washington, Dec. 18.—The nomination of Pierce Butler of Minnesota, to be an associate justice of the supreme court, was reported to the senate today by an unanimous vote of the judiciary.

Three Dead as Result of Row Over Turkeys

Harrisonburg, Va., Dec. 18.—Three men are dead, two of them murdered, according to a coroner's jury verdict, as a result of a quarrel over a flock of turkeys.

The jury found that Ward Messick, 29, a farmer living near here, committed suicide Sunday after he shot and killed his father-in-law, Lee Bodkins, who a few minutes before had killed Messick's brother, Harry, 27. Ward Messick's wife testified she and her husband had a disagreement over the turkeys, during which he threatened her life. Frightened, she ran to her father's home nearby. Her husband, she said, followed, accompanied by his brother.

As the two drew near, Mrs. Messick said, her father fired with a shotgun, killing Harry Messick by mistake. Ward Messick, the jury was told, immediately fired through the door, killing Bodkins, and then went to the barn where he later was found hanging.

Rancher Dodges Heart Balm Suit Filed in Omaha

\$100,000 Breach of Promise Action May Avail Pretty Omaha Divorcee Nothing.

Suit for \$100,000 heart balm filed in Omaha Saturday evening by Mrs. Emma J. Anderson of Omaha against John Bachelour, cattle baron of Valentine, Neb., may avail the pretty divorcee nothing.

Officers so far have been unable to serve the wealthy rancher with a court summons.

Attorneys in the case stated yesterday morning a new suit may have to be filed in Valentine.

Bachelour left Omaha Saturday just eight hours ahead of the process server. He checked out of the Paxton hotel at 8 Saturday morning.

"If we don't get a chance to catch Bachelour when he comes to Omaha again with a shipment of cattle, we shall file suit in his home county," Fred Wright, attorney for Mrs. Anderson, indicated.

In Seclusion. The pretty divorcee has withdrawn into seclusion.

Her mother, Mrs. August Wolf, 2514 South Eleventh street, denied she is living with her parents. Her attorney declined to admit she is in hiding, parrying with the word that he was told she was living with her mother or in a West Farnam street apartment.

"You will have to see my attorney," was about all Bachelour would tell The Omaha Bee over long distance telephone from Valentine.

His attorney is a Valentine man and was said to be out of town. Bachelour admitted over the telephone that they have reached no decision as to what they will do in regard to Mrs. Anderson's suit.

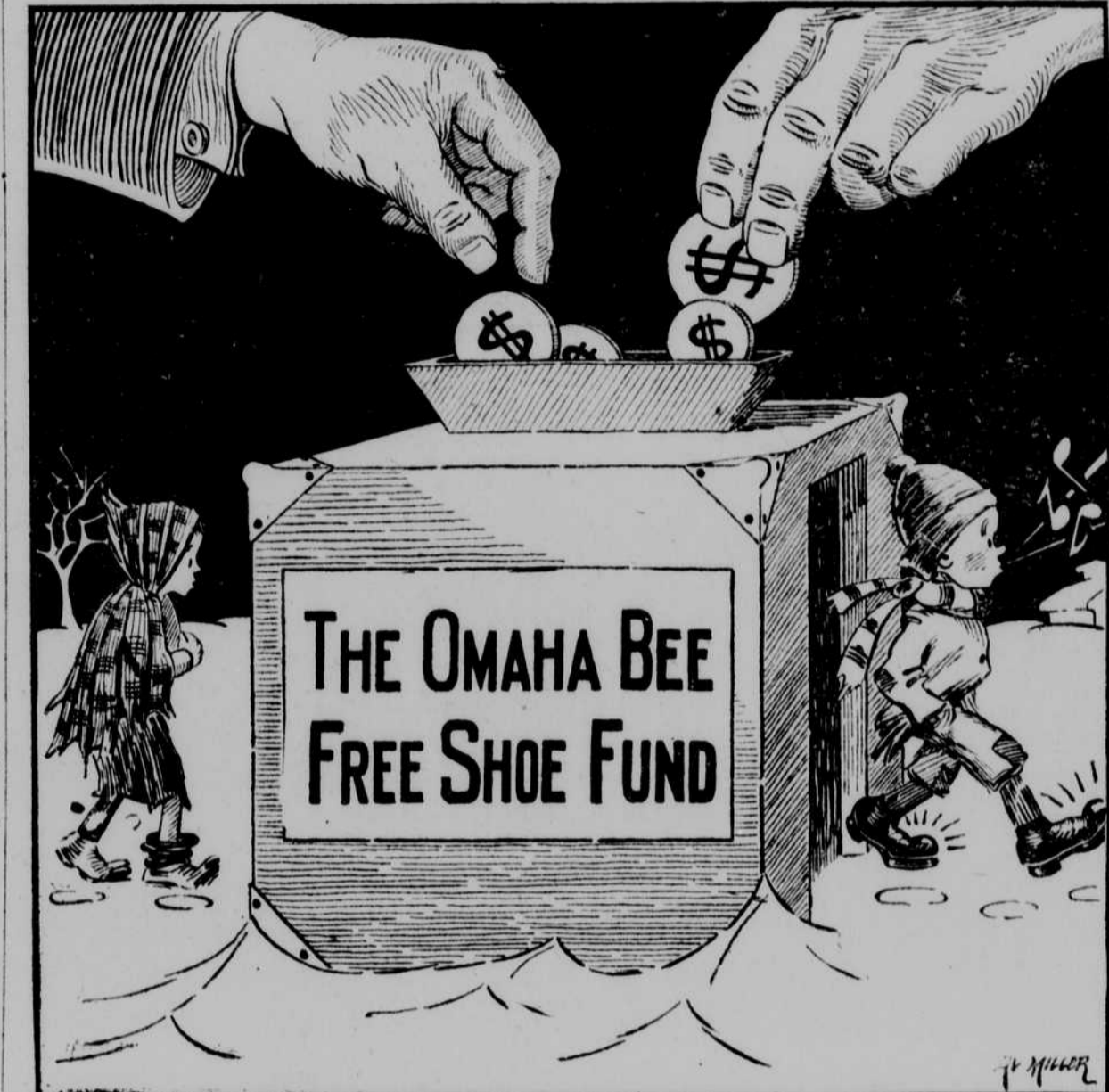
"See My Attorney." "Did you make love to her?" he was asked. "See my attorney," came the invariable reply. "Well, how would your attorney know of your love-making?" Bachelour was pressed.

"Oh, I'm through," he shouted, and hung up the receiver. Neighbors of the Wolf family were divided in opinion as to whether Mrs. Anderson is hiding in an exclusive apartment or staying with a sister.

The petition for heart balm is one of the shortest of that nature ever filed in a Douglas county district court.

The divorcee alleges Bachelour is worth \$500,000, that he courted her for six months, that they agreed and planned for their marriage December 11, put it off three days and then Bachelour told her "things were all off and he was going to Valentine without her."

Presto! Change-o!



Governors Confer With Harding on Dry Enforcement

Chief Executives of 14 States Discuss Prohibition Problems at White House—McKelvie Present.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Problems of prohibition enforcement were discussed informally at a White House conference between President Harding, the federal departmental chiefs directly interested in the subject and governors of 14 states.

There was no statement from the White House as to the results of the meeting, but it was indicated that the discussion revolved almost entirely upon the question of how the several states could best cooperate with the federal government in executing the terms of the prohibition amendment.

It was indicated that another meeting of state executives might be called early in the coming year, at which time the subject would be canvassed more thoroughly.

At the White House luncheon, during the course of which the views of the guests were sought on prohibition, Vice President Coolidge, Attorney General Daugherty, Secretary Mellon, Prohibition Commissioner Hayes, Governors Cox of Massachusetts, Ritchie, Maryland; Trinkle, Virginia; Hartness, Vermont; McCray, Indiana; Kilby, Alabama; Hyde, Missouri; Preis, Minnesota; Olcott, Oregon; Allen, Kansas; Morgan, West Virginia; McKelvie, Nebraska; Davis, Idaho; and Campbell, Arizona.

Reports Encouraging. "In many cases," Commissioner Hayes declared after the meeting, "the reports of the governors were of an encouraging nature. Numerous instances of lack of co-operation were pointed out; many instances of the inadequacy of federal forces were suggested.

"There was a preponderance of opinion that an earnest official appeal for revivance of the law and official support of law enforcement by the press would combine to cure the worst conditions reported."

According to some of those who attended, there was no suggestion raised during the three-hour conference which indicated belief that the situation might be helped by loosening the present stringent enforcement statutes. To the contrary, it was said the prevalent opinion seemed to have been that imposition of more severe fines and prison terms on conviction of violation would assist the enforcement officials in their work.

In Sympathy With Law. Governor Allen of Kansas said that the conference had indicated clearly that all the governors present whose states have enforcement laws were in entire sympathy with rigid enforcement. Governor Cox of Massachusetts, one of the two states lying outside this classification, was quoted as of the opinion that "more and more honorative men" were necessary. Since the law was on the statute books, he held, it must be enforced.

The majority of the people of Maryland—the other state without special enforcement laws—believe that the Volstead act is impossible of enforcement in the state, according to Governor Ritchie.

Day's Activities in Washington

November exports, setting a new high monthly record for 1922, were estimated at \$333,000,000. Fall sowings of winter wheat were announced as 46,069,000 acres, or 3.2 per cent less than a year ago.

President Harding discussed prohibition enforcement with the governors of 15 states at a White House conference.

The senate continued consideration of the shipping bill in the face of an effort to have it displaced by the Norris agricultural financing measure.

The Central American conference rejected a proposal that the delegates discuss a program looking to the political union of the five Central American republics.

Confirmation of the nomination of Pierce Butler, St. Paul attorney, to be an associate justice of the supreme court was recommended by the senate judiciary committee.

The house passed the naval appropriation bill carrying a recommendation that the president negotiate with other powers on limitation of war craft construction under 10,000 tons.

Continued refusal of Representative Keller, republican of Minnesota, to testify before the house judiciary committee on his impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty, led to the appointment of a subcommittee to recommend a course of action.

Hunter Kills Self by Firing 11 Bullets Into His Body

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram)—James Sesek, 41, head miller at the DeWitt mills, killed himself by firing 11 bullets into his body from an automatic rifle Sunday. The act was committed just over the line in Gage county, soon after Sesek and a young man had started out hunting. He told his companion to go across the river and secure up some rabbits.

Soon after the young man left he heard a number of shots, and going back found Sesek lying in a pool of blood dead, his chest being almost riddled with bullets. It is thought he knelt on one knee to discharge the weapon.

Baby Accidentally Shot to Death by Boy, 12, in Play

Billy Ferenstien, 3, Dies After .22 Caliber Bullet Enters Body—Slayer Thought Safety Lock on.

Billy Ferenstien, 3, was accidentally shot and killed by Bobbie Hyde, 12, at the home of the baby boy's father, Max Ferenstien, 3528 North Fifty-fifth street, a machinist, at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Billy was playing at a front window, Bobbie, stepson of Clifford Short, 3313 North Fifty-fifth street, an interior decorator, was on the front porch with Heinie Ferenstien, 10, brother of Billy. Bobbie had a .22 caliber rifle with which he had been hunting rabbits and shooting at tin cans.

Billy shouted gleefully at Bobbie. Bobbie proudly pointed the gun at the baby boy and, thinking that the safety lock was on, pulled the trigger. Billy's mother heard the shot and ran to the window in time to clasp her child in her arms, where he died in 20 minutes without regaining consciousness. The bullet penetrated beneath the left side of the child's neck.

Bobbie, horror-stricken, ran crying to his sister at his home but later returned to the Ferenstien home, where police found him, weeping, on the front porch. The boy was taken to police headquarters and questioned about the shooting. He was released to appear at the coroner's inquest today.

Bobbie, through his sobs, told police that Billy was his playmate and that he "didn't mean to do it."

The mothers of Bobbie and Billy went together over the tragedy. Bobbie has been a playmate of the Ferenstien boys. Recently Bobbie and Heinie have been making a radio set together.

Oscar Smith on Trial for Oil Station Robbery

Lincoln, Dec. 18.—Charged with being an accomplice of Eric Balder in the robbery of the Standard oil station September 6, 1920, when money and checks of the estimated value of \$2,000 were stolen, Oscar Smith is now on trial in the criminal division of the Lancaster county district court. Harry Howell, star witness for the state, who admits having participated in the holdup, said that he received \$25 and an automobile for his share in the loot. Balder now is serving a term in the United States prison at Leavenworth for a violation of the prohibition laws.

Nemaha County Attorney Candidate Files Contest Tecumseh, Neb., Dec. 18.—Fred G. Haxby of Auburn, democratic candidate for county attorney of Nemaha county, has brought contest proceedings. He was defeated by Ernest F. Armstrong, the republican candidate, by but four votes, and in his petition Mr. Haxby charges wrong counts in three or four voting precincts.

Every Road Into Denver Is Guarded

Officers Armed With Riot Guns Search for Bandits Who Got \$200,000 in Front of U. S. Mint.

Band's Leader Wounded

Denver, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—Every peace officer in Colorado tonight is combing the highways leading from Denver in search of the masked bandits who shortly after 10:40 this morning shot and killed Charles Linton, guard of the Denver branch of the Kansas City federal reserve bank, stole \$200,000 in paper currency and escaped after waging a gun fight with armed guards on duty at the United States mint. The money was being transferred from the mint to a delivery truck of the reserve bank standing at the curb and was in 50 packages of \$4,000 each. All of the money was in \$5 denominations.

Police came to be aided in their search for the escaped bandits by the fact that one—apparently the leader—was shot seriously, if not mortally, by a government guard on duty at the mint and as the bandit turned to fire a final volley at the guards as the car sped away.

An automobile carrying seven men, two wearing masks and one drooping over the edge of the machine, bleeding profusely, was reported to police as having been seen speeding northward out of the city shortly after the robbery. Police riot cars have been dispatched in pursuit of this car.

Officers Carry Riot Guns. Denver police unhesitatingly declared the robbery was the largest and the most sensational daylight holdup ever executed in Colorado.

All patrolmen and detectives of the local police department have been armed with riot guns and are being assigned in the search by county and federal authorities.

The dispersal of the bandits for human life marks the robbery, according to police, as one of the most determined in police annals. With sawed-off shotguns, two of the bandits bombarded the front door of the mint as they leaped from their automobile. Fifty government employees summoned by an alarm bell seized shotguns and rushed to the doors or windows of the mint, shooting at the holdup men, who returned the fire and at the same time calmly proceeded to load the currency into their own car.

Bullades of shots ripped through buildings across the street and spat against granite walls as the guards and bandits exchanged shots.

The four members of the federal reserve bank crew employed in the transfer of the funds, J. E. Olson, cashier; C. T. Linton, J. Adams and William H. Hays, were left in the entrance of the mint and were walking toward their machine standing near the curbing when another car containing the bandits drove up alongside of the wire-enclosed truck.

According to witnesses, two or three men carrying guns leaped from the car and with a shout of "hands up" opened fire on the reserve bank employees. The shooting attracted the attention of guards within the mint, who sounded the alarm to other inside employees and then rushed out the steps of the government building to shoot at the robbers.

Linton, according to information obtained by police after questioning of several eyewitnesses, attempted to throw the money into the grilled back compartment of the reserve truck at the moment they were ordered to stop. He was shot by the leader of the bandits. Linton fell to the pavement, but managed to crawl to the sidewalk, where he lay during the course of the fight.

Guard Dies in Hospital. Following the escape of the highwaymen Linton was removed to the county hospital where he died without regaining consciousness.

Their work of transferring the currency which they had taken from the guards to their own car completed, the bandits reentered their automobile amid a rain of bullets from guards in the second story of the mint and sped toward the city center.

As the car gathered impetus the leader of the highwaymen, standing on the running board, turned toward the government building as though to fire a final volley at the guards. As he did so, Peter Kiedinger, a guard who was on duty at the main entrance, fired a rifle at the bandit who was seen to crumple up on the running board and who was pulled inside the car by the driver. Kiedinger is positive that he wounded the fugitive.

Police Car Wrecked. Five riot cars, the first carrying Chief of Safety Downer and Police Chief H. R. Williams, answered the first call from the mint. One of the police cars was wrecked in a collision at Sixteenth and Court Place by the occupants of the car escaped injury.

The money was the property of the Denver federal reserve bank, the mint merely being a depository for it, due to the lack of sufficient vaults in the bank building.

Director J. R. Grant of the mint stated that the number on every bill in the consignment was on record and that banks throughout the country would be warned to be on the lookout for them.

So terrific was the gun fire during the clash that more than 30 distinct bullet holes can be counted in the bank building.

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Lost Your Dog? Dogs and other domestic animals stray off, get lost, or are stolen every day.

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'Tis the week before Christmas And all thru the land Many haven't started shopping, My land! What a pity! But there still is time. Five days, to be exact. If they only don't delay. But get busy and act.

The Weather

Forecast. Tuesday, possibly snow flurries; slowly rising temperature. Hourly Temperatures. 5 a.m. 34, 6 a.m. 34, 7 a.m. 34, 8 a.m. 34, 9 a.m. 34, 10 a.m. 34, 11 a.m. 34, 12 noon 34, 1 p.m. 34, 2 p.m. 34, 3 p.m. 34, 4 p.m. 34, 5 p.m. 34, 6 p.m. 34, 7 p.m. 34, 8 p.m. 34, 9 p.m. 34, 10 p.m. 34, 11 p.m. 34, 12 (noon) 34.