

# RAIDED BANDIT GANG CAPTURED

## Railroads Economize During 1924

Unprecedented Efficiency Characterizes Operation for Year, According to Summary Just Compiled.

### Saving Totals Millions

Washington, Dec. 28.—Unprecedented efficiency and economy characterized the operation of the country's railroads during 1924 with a consequent vast saving to the shipping public, the American Railway association declared tonight in an annual summary of its activities.

### Dividends Increase.

In 1924 the net operating income of class 1 carriers, as shown by complete reports for the first 10 months and incomplete returns for the remaining two months, was \$750,000,000 or 4.30 per cent of their property investment, the summary said, while in 1923 the class 1 carriers earned \$577,657,000, or 4.47 per cent.

An increase of about \$5,486,000 over the preceding year in cash dividends paid on railroad stock was noted in 1924, the total being \$302,000,000.

Federal and state taxes aggregating nearly \$1,000,000 a day were paid by class 1 roads during the year, the total reaching \$350,000,000. As compared with taxes paid in 1923 this was an increase of about \$12,748,000.

The bulk of saving from economic operation was attributed by the association to the improved methods of operation due to large expenditures for equipment and other improvements, together with intelligent co-operation of federal and state regulatory bodies, shippers, railway employees and management. Lower expenditures for materials and the moderation of wages contributed to the same end.

### Shippers Co-operate.

A beneficial factor to both shippers and operators, the association said, was the active co-operation on the part of shippers through their regional advisory boards. During the year these boards were organized in addition to the seven previously established. Three more, which will complete a system virtually covering the entire shipping territory, probably will be organized soon.

### 30 AT MEETING OF PHILOSOPHERS

Despite cold weather, which cut down attendance at many events Sunday, 30 persons attended the weekly meeting of the Omaha Philosophical society when Edwin Puls, teacher of dramatic art, discussed "The Literary Contribution to Personality Growth."

### Bandit Victim SORRY FOR YOUTHS

Two shivering young men entered the grocery store of A. Pardell, 5501 North Thirty-fifth street.

### Cafe Patron Asks That Wagon Be Ordered

"Call the wagon; I can't pay for it," E. Gray told the cashier of the Shaver's cafe, Council Bluffs, Saturday night after he had eaten a 40-cent meal at the establishment.

## PEARL WHITE IS OPERATED UPON

By BASIL D. WOON, Universal Service Staff Correspondent. Paris, Dec. 28.—Pearl White, famous movie actress, was successfully operated upon for appendicitis at a private hospital in the Auteuil district this morning.

## Cold Wave Here Broken; Mercury Goes to 4 Above

At noon, the jury of nine women and three men, instead of being in session at the expense of the county, sent out for fruit.

## Ends 30-Hour Period of Sub-Zero Weather—Low Temperatures Reported Over Nebraska.

After tumbling to a new low record for the season—10 degrees below zero—Saturday night the thermometer Sunday slowly crawled back, until, at 7 last night, it stood at 4 degrees above, thereby breaking a 30-hour stretch of subzero weather.

## Warmer Today.

That the mercury would not again sink to the low mark of Saturday today was the prediction of M. V. Robbins, federal meteorologist here.

## VETERANS URGED TO FILE CLAIMS

All ex-service men, who are sufferers from tuberculosis, mental diseases, paralysis agitans or shaking palsy, encephalitis, lethargia or sleeping sickness and amoebic dysentery must file their claims with the United States Veterans bureau before January 1, to receive certain hospitalization or dispensation.

## DISTRESS SIGNAL HALTS BROADCAST

New York, Dec. 27.—Entertainment broadcasting was held up this afternoon and again tonight by SOS distress signals from an unidentified vessel in distress.

## BERNARD WICKHAM LEAVES HOSPITAL

Bernard Wickham, 16, driver of the E. A. Wickham automobile which collided with a Rock Island freight train last week was removed from the Mercy hospital and taken to his home.

## Bluffs Council Passes Assessment Schedules

Twenty-seven assessment schedules on Council Bluffs streets were inspected and passed by the city council Friday afternoon at a committee of the whole meeting.

## McCoy Unlikely to Get Verdict

Deadlock Seems Inevitable After 22 Hours of Actual Deliberation—Believed 7 to 5 for Acquittal.

## Woman Creates Scene

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—A disagreement of the jury trying "Kid" McCoy on a murder charge in connection with the death of Mrs. Teresa Mors seems inevitable.

## Congress Facing Ten Busy Weeks

Washington, Dec. 28.—The Christmas week recess at an end, congress goes back to the grind tomorrow with house and senate facing legislative tasks that are expected to keep them working at top speed until the close of the present session March 4.

## 516 Bids Received in Rosebud Sale

Rosebud, S. D., Dec. 28.—This section of the country is enthusiastic over the results of the recent sale of Indian lands.

## TRADE COMMISSION CHARGES COMBINE

Washington, Dec. 27.—The federal trade commission in a complaint issued tonight alleged the existence of a combination of the American Association of Advertising Agencies and the American Press association, both of New York, and the Southern Newspaper Publishers' association of Chattanooga, Tenn.

## KEWPIE DOLL CAUSES TRAGEDY

Butte, Mont., Dec. 28.—Enraged because a customer presented a kewpie doll to Miss Patry Davis, a waitress in his establishment, John H. Potos, local restaurant keeper, fired a shot at Miss Davis, the bullet grazing her hair and inflicting no damage.

## GOLF WEDDING IN CALIFORNIA

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 28.—California's first "golf wedding" ceremony was performed at Auburn, when Judge J. H. Landis stopped on the ninth green at the Placer County Country club to perform the ceremony which united Dallas M. Robinson, 42, of Auburn, and Miss Violet Hasbelle, 35, of Salt Lake.

## Drug Addicts to Hospital.

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—Under a new law recently brought into being, in future all persons found to be addicted to drugs will be sent, without option, to a hospital for a six months' cure.

## British Medical Men in Exciting Controversy About Modern Women

Famous Surgeon Declares She Is Degrading in Size, That Her Sexual Character Is Defective and That Her Brain Is Over-Stimulated—Others Deny.

## Cecil Lauds Peace Stand of America

Winner of \$25,000 Woodrow Wilson Prize Declares Advance in International Co-operation "Marvelous."

## Stresses Work of League

New York, Dec. 28.—Before a distinguished gathering, which included Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Viscount Cecil of Chelwood was presented tonight with the \$25,000 peace award and medal given under the Woodrow Wilson foundation for meritorious service in the cause of international co-operation and peace.

## Muscle Shoals Has Right of Way in Senate—Supply Bill Up in House.

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## BLAST IN JAPAN TAKES 26 LIVES

Tokio, Dec. 28.—An official statement today gives the number of fatalities resulting from the dynamite explosion in the harbor at Otaru yesterday as 25 with 253 injured. Seventy-seven warehouses were wholly or partly destroyed.

## FIVE HOSPITALS FOR VETS IS PLAN

Washington, Dec. 28.—Construction of five hospitals for world war veterans, completion of one and purchase of another will be undertaken shortly by the veterans' bureau with funds recently made available by congress.

## CHINESE RAILWAY MANAGER IN COURT

Harbin, Manchuria, Dec. 28.—B. V. Ostroumoff, former manager of the Chinese Eastern railway, was arraigned in a Chinese court here today after a 14-day imprisonment since his arrest early last October.

## Two Boys Paroled.

Arnold Mowery and Harvey Garner, both 17, were paroled by District Judge Wheeler yesterday to Sheriff P. A. Laitson after the boys had pleaded guilty to a charge of poultry theft and were given suspended sentences of two years each in the state reform prison at Anamosa.

## HITCHCOCK TALKS AT WILSON DINNER

Washington, Dec. 28.—That Woodrow Wilson will occupy a prominent place in history already has been determined by the large and growing Wilson literature and by the Wilson meetings held tonight throughout the nation, former Senator Hitchcock, Nebraska, declared tonight in an address before a gathering of government officials and other prominent persons here in celebration of the birthday of the late war president.

## Business Enemy Blamed by Chicago Man for Rumors About Death of Young Millionaire Orphan.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Investigation of all factors entering into the death of William Nelson McClintock will be continued no matter what the coroner's autopsy reveals, it was declared tonight by the first assistant state's attorney, George E. Gorman.

## Shepherd Tells Story.

William Shepherd, whose wife was one of the co-guardians of Billy McClintock, was permitted yesterday, upon his return from Albuquerque, N. M., to tell assistant state's attorneys what he knew of the circumstances attending the death of young McClintock.

## DRUNKARDS PAY RESPECT TO THIEF

London, Dec. 28.—A unique use of the two-minute silence usually observed on Armistice day to a nation's fallen was made at the funeral of a well-known local thief and inebriate at Salford recently.

## BOY HELD AFTER BAT KILLS BABY

New York, Dec. 28.—Charged with homicide in the death of an infant who was struck on the head when a baseball bat flew from his hands, Robert E. Decker, 17, a schoolboy, was held in \$1,000 bail.

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## The Weather

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## Explosives and Guns in Their Home

Three men and woman held for questioning in regard to recent bank robberies.

## All Refuse to Talk Now

Three men are being held at Central police station here for questioning in connection with the robbery of the bank at Soldier, Ia., last fall.

## Admits He Is Wanted.

Harris or Kinzie declared that he owned a house at 4019 Himebaugh avenue. The detectives went to this address and discovered a woman who gave her name as Mrs. C. C. Harris.

## Police say they hope to connect the quartet with not only the robbery at Soldier, Ia., but also the holdup of the bank at Havelock, Neb., on November 14, and that of the bank at Beaty, Neb., December 2.

It was after this latter crime that two men whom police are convinced were the bandits, had a running gun battle with deputy sheriffs on West Dodge road in which one of the fugitives was wounded in the hand.

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