



BANDITS SHOOT POLICEMAN EXTRA

AUTO THIEVES LOOT JEWELRY STORE OF \$20,000 AND ESCAPE

Detective Frank Rooney Fatally Shot by Robbers in Battle That Ensues

When Police Posse Locates Gang in House at 3207 North 14th Avenue; Bandits Meet Officers With Volley and Four Desperadoes And Two Women Are Taken; Fifth Battles on House Top; Store of Harry Malashock Robbed in Mid-Afternoon.

Detective Frank Rooney was wounded, perhaps fatally, in a pitched battle between a squad of detectives from the Central station and five bandits said by police to have been the principals in the \$20,000 jewelry robbery yesterday. Rooney was taken to St. Joseph hospital, where a gunshot wound was found in his side. Three of the four bandits were wounded.

Learning that five men and two women had arrived at 3207 North Fourteenth avenue, Sergeant Madsen and Detectives Rooney, Holden, Dolan and Murphy, and Chauffeur Armstrong rushed out and surrounded the house. They were met with a fusillade of shots from the house. After a battle lasting fifteen minutes four of the bandits and two girls were arrested. The fifth man was not arrested at this time but put up a battle from the top of the house.

The men, all wearing masks, entered the jewelry store of Harry Malashock, 1514 Dodge street, lined the proprietor and clerks up against a wall at the point of revolvers and rifled the safe and showcases. Quantities of diamonds, both mounted and unmounted, were stolen. Nathan Horwich, a clerk, attempted to lower his hands and was knocked unconscious by one of the robbers.

After warning Malashock and his clerks that they would kill the first man who made a false move the bandits gathered their loot into sacks, ran to the sidewalk and leaped into an automobile. Hundre's of people were passing the jewelry store at the time. The robbery was the most daring in the history of Omaha and was similar to the raids in Chicago and the Twin Cities.

Find Hat as Clue. The car used by the bandits was found by detectives at Twenty-second and Miami streets at 3:30. A pearl gray fedora hat with the name of a Kansas City firm on the band, and a pair of diamond cuff links was in it. The police regard the hat as a valuable clue. The automobile is the property of W. H. Gibson, 4120 North Nineteenth street, and was stolen from in front of the Orpheum theater Tuesday night. The diamond cuff links found in the car have been identified as the property of a holdup victim.

All Force on Job. Acting Chief of Police Dempsey ordered every detective on the force to "get on the job" in the search for the daylight robbers. Every town and city within a radius of several hundred miles was notified by telephone or telegraph to be on the lookout. "We have the whole department looking for these men and are doing everything we can think of," stated the acting chief. "It appears as if the gang may have been the same men or part of a gang reported in Chicago, Minneapolis and Denver recently. It was bold work and accomplished by men who understood their business. We have the railroad bridges and all roads watched closely and rooming houses and cheap hotels will be examined. It is the kind of a job that could be pulled off in any large city, and I

RAIL OFFICIALS STEP OUT OF LIMELIGHT AS 'GOOD FELLOWS'

Railroad officials are no longer "good fellows" when it comes to entertaining. Due to a suggestion from Director General McAdoo of the railroads of the United States, they have stepped over into a class along with the ordinary citizens and are pinching the railroad dollars in much the same manner as other people. In other years and in the years of not so long ago, the railroads set aside a fund that was used for entertaining purposes. For instance, when a man who could control a considerable volume of business came to town, or when some outside newspaper man blew in, this entertainment fund was drawn upon and, in spending it, the visitors were shown a good time. All that has passed, for Mr. McAdoo has put a crimp in spending money for any such purpose. In other days and ever since the payment of rebates was eliminated, it

KAISER AND EMPEROR FEAR DOWNFALL OF MONARCHIES

AUSTRIAN TROUBLES MAY BE BEGINNING OF THE END

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—Dispatches leave no room for doubt that Austria-Hungary is now in the shadow of a great crisis. On all sides the question is: "And is this the beginning of the end?" "Is the great polyglot empire of central Europe, the proudest aristocracy of the century, the bulwark of monarchy and the stronghold of the towering house of Hapsburg, doomed to go down at last under the onslaughts of its own people?" DIFFERENCES CAUSE OF RACIAL TROUBLE. In the present crisis facing the dual monarchy the old saying is fulfilled that a country of many races always tends toward revolution. Its composite character, even more than the conditions arising from the war, is the secret of the empire's troubles. In race, language and religion the empire is equally complex. Roughly speaking, the inhabitants include about 17,500,000 Slavs of various kinds, embracing Croats, Slavonians, Czechs, Serbs, Poles, etc.; 9,000,000 Germans, 6,000,000 Magyars, several million Roumanians, 1,000,000 Jews, 500,000 Italians and minor contingents of Armenians, Bulgars, Greeks, Albanians and Turks, each with its own language, literature, manners and customs. Religious creeds also vary. About two-thirds are Roman Catholics. Something more than one-half of the Magyars are Evangelical Protestants, while Greek Catholics make up about one-tenth of the whole. BOHEMIA IS STORM CENTER. Bohemia appears to be the present storm center. The Bohemians have long cherished a desire for independence and from all accounts they see in the present crisis an opportunity to get a few steps nearer their goal. The Czechs never have entered into the present war with enthusiasm. It is a German-made war and the Czech has no love for the German. While in the minority numerically, the Germans are the dominant race in the Austro-Hungarian empire and they have unceasingly worked to preserve this supremacy by throttling every attempt of the Czechs, the Magyars and the other elements of the polyglot nation to extend their political influence. Despite these efforts, the Czech spirit has grown and expanded marvelously in recent years. Czech books and newspapers have multiplied. A Czech university was founded at Prague. In 1897, after a long and furious agitation, Czech was made an official language of Bohemia and the Germans were politically driven to the wall.

500,000 WORKERS STRIKE IN BERLIN; SHIPYARDS IDLE

Tremendous Labor Agitation Spreads to Provincial Towns; Grain Warehouses in Vienna Ablaze; Revolutionaries Suspected of Starting Fires; Form Workmen's Council and Demand Rights. London, Jan. 30.—Nearly 500,000 persons already are on strike in Berlin and the number is being added to hourly, the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Copenhagen telegraphs under Tuesday's date. The movement is being extended to the provincial towns. The Berlin correspondent of the Politiken at Copenhagen reports that the strikers have formed a workmen's council of 500, with an "action commission" of 10 men and women, including Hugo Haase, the independent socialist leader, and Philipp Scheidemann, the majority socialist leader.

COLD WAVE HITS WEST AND OMAHA

Knirelike North Wind Rides on Frigid Weather; Mercury Drops to 14 Below Zero. No hope of any break in the cold is held out by the weather bureau. "Continued severe cold" is the Omaha forecast. "Continued severe cold for several days," with snow Thursday, is the state prediction. A strong north wind blew through the night and Wednesday, so sharp that it cut the face like a knife. The temperature fell from 14 above zero at 8 o'clock Tuesday night to 14 below zero at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. In spite of sunshine the mercury did not rise materially during the day. Colonel Welsh says tonight will be colder than Tuesday night. He doesn't venture to say how low the temperature may go by Thursday morning. High Barometer Prevails. A threatening high barometer in the northwest Wednesday, with as high as 30.86 inches at Havre, Mont., presages the continuance of the frigid wave with still more severe cold. Zero temperatures extended as far south as the northern part of Oklahoma Wednesday morning. Dodge City, Kan., reported 6 below. Valentine, Neb., had 26 below zero at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning, and North Platte had 20 below. South Dakota had temperatures as low as 26 below, and North Dakota as low as 30 below. Through eastern Iowa zero temperatures prevailed. There were light snows over most of the area between the Mississippi river and Rocky mountains. Taking Nebraska as a whole, the railroads are finding that this is the coldest spell of the winter, but they are managing to keep their trains moving, though generally they are running late. Those from the north and west are coming in 30 minutes to three hours late, while those from the east are running a little closer to schedules. Snow is General. According to the reports to the railroads, snow was general over all Nebraska Tuesday night. All through the eastern, northern, western and central sections, the fall was from one to three inches, with three to six inches over the South Platte country and far down into Kansas. Tuesday night there were high winds out in the state and the snow drifted badly, filling the cuts. However, it was light weight and was easily lifted out by snow plows, so that traffic was not seriously impeded. Rosalie Doctor Ordered to Colors at San Antonio, Texas. Rosalie, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Dr. J. J. McCarl, of this place, who received a commission as a first lieutenant several months ago, received orders today to leave for San Antonio, Tex.

GERMANY CUTS Breweries Quit On Account of Shortage BEER OUTPUT

Zurich, Jan. 30.—The Allgemeine Zeitung Fur Brauerien, (General Gazette for Breweries), says that the supply of barley to German breweries will be stopped, thus bringing the brewing industry to a standstill. Not even beer for the army will be produced, the periodical declares. The measure is said by the publication to be due to the exceedingly bad harvest of oats, necessitating the use of barley for fodder for the army horses. In Finland the revolutionists have set up a government of their own. Late reports are to the effect that (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

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ROMANS BAG 2600 TEUTONS ON ASIAGO

Two Austrian Army Divisions Wiped Out in Italian Mountain Thrust; Berlin Admits Defeat. Rome, Jan. 30.—More than 2,600 prisoners have been taken by the Italians in their successful attacks upon the Austrian lines on the Asiago plateau, the war office announced today. Six guns and 100 machine guns also have been captured. The Austrians have been bombarded with extreme violence the positions captured by the Italians. The Italian fire has been powerfully centered on points behind the enemy lines. Extremely heavy losses were suffered by the Austrians, two of their divisions being almost completely wiped out. Italy is following up energetically its victory over the Austrians on the Asiago plateau. Its troops scored new successes yesterday in capturing and holding the important peaks of Col Del Rosso and Monte Di Val Bella. Both Berlin and Vienna admit the Italian victory on this front, conceding the loss of these valuable eminences and the holding of them by the Italians after they had resisted heavy counter attacks.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE IS PACKED BY EAGER BUYERS

Hurry Call for Police to Help Handle the Crowds; Pathetic Scenes at Children's Clothing Booth. Two hours before the White Elephant sale opened yesterday in the lobby of the Auditorium was packed by prospective purchasers at the "glorified rummage sale" promoted by local society women for the benefit of the National League for Woman's Service. When the doors opened at 10 o'clock the crowd surged in and as if by intuition made its way to the children's clothing booth in charge of Mrs. N. P. Dodge. "The crowd around this booth all morning is the most pathetic thing I have seen. It is a silent testimonial of the high cost of living," remarked an observer. Many Eager Buyers. The men's and women's clothing booths of Mrs. Clement Chase and Mrs. Milton Barlow were also crowded and the picture booth of Mrs. C. T. Kountze drew crowds. There was no time for wrapping articles and it was hard for the cashiers even to manage the cash, so impromptu were the buyers. Mrs. Victor Rosewater's furniture (Continued on Page Two, Column Six.)

CHARGE GERMAN MINISTER WITH CORRUPT WORK

Mexicans Demand Investigation of Teuton Propaganda at Capital; Deputies Under Suspicion. Mexico, City, Jan. 30.—German propaganda at last reached the stage where the Mexican government has taken official notice of it. The legislative committee has directed the attorney general to investigate charges that Heinrich von Eckhardt, the German minister to Mexico, has been responsible for alleged corruption in the Mexican Chamber of Deputies. These charges were published by El Universal, a pro-entente and pro-American newspaper, together with a demand that Von Eckhardt should receive his passports as minister. It is asserted by opponents of El Universal that even if the charge of corruption in the chamber should be proved against one or more deputies, the paper is liable to prosecution under Mexican law by every member of the chamber.

Men Married After May 18 Not Slackers, Says Baker

New York, Jan. 30.—Secretary of War Baker, in a letter to Charles Evans Hughes, head of the local district draft appeal board, upset the ruling established by the board that all marriages contracted since May 18 last by young men of draft age, should be regarded as "slacker marriages" and emphasized the need for local boards considering all such cases on their merits. The district board's ruling was based, it was announced, on draft ruling No. 4, which was issued shortly after the epidemic of marriages to avoid the draft. "The ruling was carried over into the new regulations with the express statement that the effect of the selective service law was not to suspend the institution of marriage," the secretary of war said in his letter.

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