

Bandit Band Flees Under Police Fire

Robbers Make Escape in Exchange of Bullets After Florence Residence Is Looted of Valuables.

The F. I. Parker estate, 6944 North Thirtieth street, was the scene of a gun battle at 3 yesterday morning between police officers and four men believed to be hijackers, who were frustrated in an attempt to rob the rectory of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 6304 North Thirtieth, Thursday morning.

According to Sergeant Thestrup, who was in charge of the police squad, the Parkers have been living in the south and it is believed the hijackers have been making the estate their headquarters.

Shortly before 3 a. m. Patrolman George, on his beat, observed lights burning. He notified police headquarters and Thestrup with several officers was dispatched to the house.

Leap Into Automobile.
As the officers approached, the house lights flashed out and four men jumped into an automobile which was parked in the driveway.

Thestrup's shout to halt was answered by a volley of shots. The officers returned the fire as the hijackers escaped in the darkness.

The officers discovered the Parker house had been ransacked.

Empty Bottles Found.
Empty bottles, which had contained liquor, were scattered about several rooms. Drawers and boxes and bureaus had been searched thoroughly. In the basement everything was topsy-turvy.

Cutlery, pictures, which are prized by the Parkers, were lying on the floor, but none were destroyed.

M. J. Gleason, 6908 North Thirtieth street and Lawrence Michaels, 7302 North Thirtieth street heard the shots and saw the escape.

Rev. Julius J. Hettwer, pastor of the church, said this morning that the four men who were routed by his housekeeper, Miss Mabel Bersler, 20, had not paid the threatened return visit.

Recognition of Mexico Regarded as Certainty

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There has been no attempt to prescribe rigid and definite terms upon which a recognition of the Mexican government would be expressly conditioned. This we have deemed wholly unnecessary and the disavowal of the Mexican representative of any policy of repudiation of obligation or confiscation of property or vested rights, either through retroactive legislation or by the process of arbitration to which Mexico is prepared to yield complete assent.

"The letter of Mr. Pesquera offers a basis upon which the preliminaries to recognition can confidently proceed, and I am hopeful that within a short time the sympathetic friendship and the patient forbearance which President Wilson has manifested toward the Mexican people during the long period of their internal disorders, will be fully vindicated. The desire reflected in Mr. Pesquera's letter for the confidence and amicable regard of the United States is fully reciprocated and I am happy to believe that the last cloud upon the ancient friendship of the two peoples is soon to disappear."

Defines Position.
Mr. Pesquera's letter, to the secretary follows in part:

"Dear Mr. Secretary:
"While the informal and frank conversations I have had with Norman Davis, the under-secretary of state, have resulted in a cordial and thorough understanding, I beg the liberty of putting on paper the exact position and genuine desires of my government."

"As you know, and as the United States must see, it is a Mexico that adds the world in pride and confidence. From border to border there is peace. Not a single rebel remains in arms against the federal government and a whole nation thinks in terms of law and order and reconstruction."

"What you may not know, however, is the new spirit that animates my country. It is not only the case that our men and women have come

George Roberts Buys Tag In Salvation Army Drive



George A. Roberts, millionaire grain broker, in the act of being the first officially tagged by Mrs. Charles J. Hubbard in the Salvation Army \$90,000 drive for a new rescue

and maternity home. Standing behind Mrs. Hubbard is Mrs. Walter W. Head, while behind Roberts is Mrs. Robert S. Trimble. Mr. Roberts is handing Mrs. Hubbard a check for \$500 for the tag.

to a deep and lasting realization of what Mexico owes to the idealism of President Wilson so nobly and patiently exhibited in the unhappy years during which our oppressed millions fought against the injustices which weighed them down for centuries. It is equally true that they have thrilled to the world vision of the president—his tremendous ideal of universal fraternity.

Friendship First Essential.
"Mexico today is not merely planning a future of happiness and justice for all within her borders. Out of her new strength we are willing and eager to play our proper part in the creation of a new and better order that will lift ancient burdens from the back of humanity."

"A first task, of course, is firm and enduring friendship between Mexico and the United States. Not only are we neighbors, but every other consideration points to the wisdom of an understanding that goes beyond mere treaties and sinks its roots into the heart of each nation. We have the same political institutions, the same aspirations, the same ideals, the same goals."

"Such a friendship is fast forming. The governors of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona—your border states—have already stretched out the hand of friendship, voluntarily telegraphing the president as their faith in the stability, honesty and sincerity of my government."

Plan National Program.
"Our plan is to establish a national program based on order and justice. It is our firm belief that the people of North America are just as faithful to their own high ideals. Hence, nothing could better shield the dignity of both republics, as nothing could be more efficacious for the continuance of peaceful relations, than the operation of a commission of this nature, organized in accordance with recognized international practices."

"Present conditions in Mexico—the stability of the government, the spirit of the people—together with the plain statement of a sovereign people's purposes, all combine, it seems to me, to end misunderstanding, and I have the hope that your government will feel justified in recognizing the present government of Mexico and in resuming official relations in order that with a spirit of true friendship and co-operation we may look forward to the necessary rehabilitation of Mexico."

"Please permit me to thank you for your courtesies and never-failing understanding. In the spirit of your great president you have not lacked in the appreciation of our struggle for liberty, nor have you ever lost sight of the fact that the sovereignty of Mexico is the most sacred possession of our people. It is because of this attitude that I am able to write to you in such frankness and such fairness that you will understand this letter to be no mere political overture, but the honest expression of an honest friendship."

"Respectfully,
"R. V. PESQUERA."

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Brief City News

Found Not Guilty.—Luciano Radice was found not guilty of a charge of shooting Sam Nardito with intent to kill. Radice was tried in District Judge Troup's court.

Women First.—Election Commissioner Moorhead yesterday appealed to the women to vote early at the polls Tuesday so there will be no congestion at 5 in the afternoon when the heavy male voting will be done.

Daylight Holdup.—Four dollars and a pair of glasses were taken from Frank Connolly, 401 North Fifteenth street, yesterday when two armed negroes held him up at Fifteenth and Davenport streets at 11 in the morning.

"Kid" Again.—Members of the Yvelis club will be youngsters again at a "kid" party to be held at their club rooms Saturday night. The evening's program has been arranged under the direction of Miss Jenneatte Friedman of Council Bluffs.

Charged With Robbery.—Norris T. Stiles, streetman, 518 South Sixteenth street, was bound over to district court for trial on charge of highway robbery by Judge Foster in police court yesterday. Stiles is charged with holding up John Kilmarlin.

Denies Campaign Story.—T. F. Stroud, candidate for county commissioner against A. D. Compton, yesterday vigorously denied a last minute campaign story that if he were elected he wouldn't be on the job because of business interests in the north.

Men Jailed.—Alfred Goers and Thomas Meard received sentences of three months in the county jail yesterday when they pleaded guilty before District Judge Troup to receiving a stolen automobile stolen from John Skala August 14.

Charges Investigated.—Charges made by those attending the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs at Fremont that the American Legion is mixing too much in politics are being investigated by Albert E. May, Omaha attorney. May went to Fremont yesterday.

Man Kills Self.—John Craddock, 86, living at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Moon, 3915 South Twenty-third street, committed suicide yesterday by hanging himself in a barn. The body was discovered by his daughter. The county attorney said there would be no inquest.

Legion Moves Headquarters.—The Douglas county chapter of the American Legion has found new quarters in the basement of the court house, according to Kendall Hammond, secretary of the local post. The new quarters will be ready for occupancy in three weeks.

I. W. W. to Speak.—Will Haywood, formerly secretary of the I. W. W., who must return to serve term in the United States prison at Leavenworth by the recent decision of the United States supreme court, will speak at the "Teamsters" hall, on North Sixteenth street Sunday night.

Say Woman Was Normal.—Mrs. "Happy" Theodora Van Wyck Benner was normal mentally when she made her will in 1909, according to testimony in county court yesterday by Dr. Ewing Brown and Dr. Bert Christy. An attempt is being made to break provisions of the will by her son, Van Wyck Benner.

Episcopal Bishops Here.—Omaha was guest to Episcopal bishops yesterday on route home from a meeting of the House of Bishops in St. Louis. They were Bishop George Beecher of Hastings, Neb.; Bishop Shaylor of Omaha; Bishop Burleson of Sioux Falls, S. D., and Bishop Remington of Rapid City, S. D.

There are 9,500 women public health nurses in the United States.

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Corduroy Suits

The Velvet Kind \$15.00 Values

\$10.00

Corduroy Pants

\$3.50 Qualities

\$2.50

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THIRTY FOURTH Anniversary Sale at Thompson-Belden's

Saturday the Last Day of the Anniversary Sale

The values offered for this day are well worth your careful consideration. The styles are all new, the qualities dependable, the price reductions genuine.

We Know That Every Price Is Really Exceptionally Low

Purchases charged Saturday appear on Dec. 1st statements.

Hosiery Sales of Interest

Lace hose in very beautiful designs—black, white, navy and brown, and also lace net hose—are all reduced.

\$7 qualities for \$4.

Wool hose in brown, gold and green heather mixtures. \$2.25 qualities—priced Saturday, \$1.79 a pair.

Center Aisle—Main Floor

Children's Frocks for Only \$1.98

An attractive tan motor cloth dress with blue stitchings to trim the collar, belt and pockets.

Sizes 7 to 14, originally \$2.29 and \$2.59, Saturday for \$1.98.

Second Floor

Choice of Any \$5 Umbrella for \$3.85

Silk and linen covers. A well selected line of handles. Styles for both men and women.

To the Left As You Enter

Toilet Goods Specially Priced

Prophylactic hair brushes, a large and very stiff brush, regularly \$2, Saturday, 98c.

Creme oil soap, 8 1/2c a cake.

British bath tablets made of purest vegetable oils, regularly 25c a cake, Saturday, 15c.

Gingham Aprons

Belted across the back.

\$2.75 and \$3.25, Regularly

Saturday \$1.89

In the Basement

Mohawk Bed Sheets \$2.98 each

A limited number of these very desirable sheets. Made of an excellent quality of sheeting which contains no dressing (size 81x99). Saturday only \$2.98 each.

Second Floor

Bed Blankets of Fine Wool \$20 a Pair

A special price on unusually fine, all-wool, large size blankets. A selection of blue, pink, tan and gray plaids. Women who desire fine blankets will appreciate this special price.

Second Floor

Fine Silks and Woolens at Attractive Reductions

Black Silk Chiffon Velvet Saturday Only \$8.95 a yard

Five pieces of forty-two inch all silk chiffon velvet in a rich lustrous black. The quality is excellent and will not crutch like ordinary velvets.

Velvets for Suits and Coats Regular \$8.50 Quality \$6.95 a yd.

An erect pile thirty-six inch velvet in dark brown and black. A value you will surely appreciate.

Novelty Silks for \$1.98 a Yard Plaids and Stripes Sold Up to \$4

Wash Satins, \$2.25 quality, \$1.79
Flesh color and white (36-inch).

Wool Coatings, \$5 qualities, \$2.95
Navy, brown, tan and Copen blue, 54-inch, all wool.

All-Wool Poplin, \$3.50 quality, \$1.98
A splendid value, all colors (42-inch).

Silk Charmeuse Only \$3.69 a Yard
A desirable weight in Autumn colors and black (40-inch).

Kimono Silks \$2.50 quality, \$1.98
A large variety of good styles (33 inches wide).

Wool Jersey \$5 Quality, \$2.98
A full range of colors, all wool, 54 inches wide.

A Table of Silks and Wool Dress Goods Sold Up to \$5 a Yard. Saturday \$1.98 a Yard.

This Warm Good Looking Sport Coat

Is Only \$59.50

Made of a heavy, soft finished fabric, lined with suede cloth and trimmed with rich gray squirrel—it is quite the jazziest thing we've seen.

The closing is double-breasted, in fact, warmth and serviceability are features as attractive as its style. You will be pleased with every bit of it, even to the mannish box pleat down the back that gives the skirt an added flare.

A really fine value for \$59.50.

Brassieres and Bandeaux at Savings You'll Enjoy

A well-fitted brassiere or bandeau is a necessary part of every fashionable wardrobe. Our selections include only dependable makes such as Bien Jolie, De Bevoise, H. & W. Warner's and several others—we never experiment with cheaper lines, as we cannot depend on the fit. So that a sale of Thompson-Belden brassieres is truly important.

Brassieres formerly \$3.50

to \$5, for \$2.95.

Brassieres formerly \$2.25

to \$3, for \$1.95.

\$1.50 to \$2 values, Saturday, 95c.

79c to \$1 values for only 50c each.

Corset Dept.—Second Floor

Evening Gown Trimmings Have Attractive New Prices

Bodices and tunics with their beaded patterns sewn-on net are cut in attractive styles. There are several black beaded ones, a silver gray iridescent and a green sequin bodice with sleeve bands to match.

The following reductions have been made for this sale:

\$36.50 and \$37 values for \$25.
\$27.50 and \$30 values for \$20.
\$28.75 values, \$18.
\$14 values, \$8.50.
\$13 values, \$8.

Spangled flouncings, handsome black beaded and sequin designs in black, and white iridescent patterns that are very lovely, are reduced for the Anniversary Sale—

In black
\$19 quality, \$13.50.
\$18 quality, \$12.
\$9 and \$10 for \$7.
\$4.25 quality, \$3.50.

In white
\$24 quality, \$16.
\$18 quality, \$11.
\$8.50 quality, \$6.
\$7 quality, \$5.50.

Embroidered Scarfs \$2.25

Scalloped and embroidered on pure linen in most attractive designs. Scarfs that were priced \$3, \$3.50 and \$4, according to size, are offered Saturday for \$2.25.

Linen—Main Floor

Cotton Union Suits a \$2.50 Quality \$1.49

Richelieu cotton union suits for women may be had in any style of neck or sleeve, all ankle length.

Silk Jersey Petticoats \$3.95

Attractive skirts in suit shades and brighter hues, with contrasting shades in their pleated flounces.

Ribbon Sales

Attractive brocaded and flowered ribbons are being sold at a reduction.