

MYSTERY OF MAIL ROBBERY IS CLEARED

Suicide Is Attempted By Chester

Alleged Kansas City Murderer Who Escaped From Train Is Captured by Sheriff Near Oconto.

Strangles Himself in Cell

Broken Bow, Neb., Nov. 19.—Dennis Chester, alleged slayer of Florence Barton, Kansas City society girl, who was captured six miles south of Oconto today after escaping from three detectives Monday by jumping through the window of a train here, attempted to kill himself in the county jail by strangling late today.

Captured Friday Morning

He was captured at 10 this morning by Deputy Sheriff Hammon and Dr. M. Hanson, veterinarian. He was walking alone a country road 2 1/2 miles south of this city when the officers found him after scouring the country since daylight. A "tip" that he had spent the night in Oconto drew the officer to that vicinity when other members of the posse scouted the idea that he was in that vicinity.

Spent Night at Oconto

Chester stayed in Oconto last night, where he stocked up on provisions and continued his walk early this morning. He was dressed in blue unionalls covering a new sweater. He had also purchased a warm winter cap. In a sack over his shoulder he carried his provisions consisting of a half loaf of bread, cans of salmon and sardines, cheese and a quart bottle of water. While in Oconto he purchased a razor and was cleanly shaved when arrested.

Girl's Brother in Posses

Kimball Barton, brother of the slain girl, and Howard Winters, who was with her when killed, were with Sheriff Talbot of Custer county searching the territory north of Oconto.

Escaped Monday Night

Chester made his escape from three Kansas City officers, who were returning him to the Missouri city from Great Falls, Mont., Monday night when Burlington train No. 44 reached Broken Bow. The escape was perfected by Chester just as the train came to a stop at the depot.

Condition of Former

Empress Is Improving By The Associated Press. Doorn, Holland, Nov. 19.—The condition of former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany was so much improved that former Crown Prince Frederick William, who had been summoned to Doorn because of his mother's serious illness, returned to his home at Wieringen. Before he left he said to the correspondent:

Reawakened Love Unites Parents of Seventeen Children

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 19.—Their faces flushed with the happiness of the reawakened love, Henrietta Schmalz, 67, and Clemens H. Schmalz, 74, parents of 17 children, forgot the divorce that separated them five years ago, and were remarried here today.

Mrs. Tierney Is Freed by Jury After 18 Hours

Tears Well to Her Eyes as She Hears She's Absolved From Blame for Shooting Son-In-Law.

Mrs. Mary Tierney, charged with the murder of her son-in-law, Ray Dunlap, was freed yesterday when the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Shivering Tots Need Warm Shoes

From city and town the people are sending their surplus funds to put warm shoes on the feet of the shivering little children of the very poor of Omaha.

So Both City and Town Folk Are Adding to Bee Shoe Fund.

Previously reported: \$125.50 Mrs. Emma D. Ray, Jeweler, Neb. 2.50 Dr. and Mrs. John A. Berg, Fender, 2.50 Mrs. J. G. Gentry, 2.50 Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Mathers, 2.50 Friend Clothing Co., Friend, Neb. 2.50 Total: \$125.50

Eight Officials of Packing Firm Given Jail Terms and Fines

Chicago, Nov. 19.—Sentences ranging from seven years imprisonment in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth to six months in the county jail, and fines from \$1,000 to \$10,000 were imposed on eight officials and agents of the Consumers' Packing company by Federal Judge Evans A. Evans. The defendants were recently convicted of conspiracy to use the mails in a scheme to defraud.

New Curb Association May Be Formed in Wall Street

New York, Nov. 19.—Broad street's week-day convention of widely gesticulating, traffic blocking dealers in unlisted securities—the curb stock market—may remain a fixture in the city's financial district, it was learned today, notwithstanding that the New York Curb Market association has voted to move indoors.

Reprisals Change In Ireland Relations Described Is Foreseen

Conditions Rapidly "Working Up to Massacre," Eyewitness Tells Commission Investigating Conditions.

Adjourn for Two Weeks

Washington, Nov. 19.—More eyewitness' tales of violence in Ireland and accounts of social and economic developments resulting from the effort for Irish independence were received by the commission of the committee of 100 investigating the Irish question. The commission then adjourned over, Thanksgiving to resume its inquiry, probably the first week in December.

Recognition No Surprise

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING, Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Nov. 19.—The decision of the British government to resume trade relations with Russia, closely following the collapse of the Wrangel anti-bolshevik army, is regarded here as possibly the prelude of important changes in the relations of European nations.

Mail Robbery Greatest in History

Last Saturday night's Burlington mail robbery was the largest, in value of loot stolen, mail or train robbery ever staged in the United States, it was revealed clearly by today's developments.

\$50 All U.S. Pays on Stolen Package of Registered Mail

But Huge Amount Looted From Train in Bluffs Probably Covered by Insurance, Say Bankers.

Fifty dollars is the maximum amount the United States government will pay for any single package of registered mail which may be lost or stolen enroute from the sender to the consignee.

Bank of California Reports Securities Lost Were Insured

San Francisco, Nov. 19.—Government securities worth several hundred thousand dollars in this city, which were lost by the Bank of California, have failed to reach their destination and it is presumed by the bank authorities that they were part of the loot obtained by train robbers at Council Bluffs.

SIX IN ONE EVERY member of the family has an interest in the Sunday newspaper.

THE SUNDAY BEE

Alleged Ringleader and Accomplice in Robbery



This picture shows H. A. Reed, alleged ringleader of the Burlington mail train robbery, and T. A. Daly, an alleged accomplice, as they were leaving the federal building in Council Bluffs yesterday afternoon in custody of Marshal Fred Shoemaker.

Woman in Case Finally Found By Federal Agents

For five days the robbery of the registered mail car on the Burlington in Council Bluffs last Saturday night gave signs of being unique among train robberies by not having a woman connected with the gang which executed the crime.

Wife of Man Held Seeks to Protect Husband and Alleged Ring Leader of Train Robbery

Mrs. Daly, the last of those implicated in the crime, is now under arrest and her statements to newspapermen as to the crime are being made in an effort to shield her husband and Reed, both men past 45 years of age, who have been the brains of the organization.

Minister Will Hold Dual Anniversary Celebration

A dual celebration for Rev. Dr. Robert L. Wheeler, pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian church, will be held at the church Sunday at 11. It will be the fiftieth anniversary of his wedding and the thirty-third anniversary of his pastorate of Memorial church.

Descendant of Washington Will Marry Marine Man

New York, Nov. 19.—Mary Washington Bond Morosini, great great grand niece of George Washington, is to be married January 19 to Capt. William Lafayette Crabbe of the United States marine corps.

Bread Prices Reduced

Indianapolis, Nov. 19.—A drop of 2 cents in the price of a pound of bread and 3 cents in a 1 1/2 pound loaf, effective November 23 in Indianapolis was announced by Stanley Wycoff, former fair price commissioner for Indiana.

Six Held In Custody; Currency Recovered; Bonds Were Burned

Sudden Wealth of Poffenbarger Attracted Suspicion of Federal Agents and Partial Confessions Led to Uncovering of Entire Story—Robbery Biggest in History, According to Detectives.

Sixth Man, Now Being Sought, Believed to Have Given "Tip" as to Huge Sum of Money and Securities Being Shipped Across Continent.

The arrest of only one more man is needed to completely clear up the robbery of Burlington fast mail train No. 8 in the Council Bluffs yards last Saturday night, postal inspectors said yesterday.

Five men and one woman now are under arrest. Government agents believe these include all of the actual principals in the robbery.

The officers refused to give out any information regarding the sixth man, the one for whom they now are searching. Nor would they reveal any information which might disclose the part he may have played in the robbery plot.

It is believed, however, this man may have been the one who furnished the "inside" tip which revealed to the robbers that the storage car into which they broke carried large sums in currency and negotiable securities.

The arrest of the sixth man was expected yesterday, according to federal operatives.

U. S. Officers Deny Army Man Has Mail Loot

Members of the Council Bluffs police department were directly responsible for the arrest of T. A. Daly and H. A. Reed by federal agents Thursday night, and the subsequent recovery of the largest portion of the stolen loot that has been found since the mail robbery was staged, according to statements made yesterday in the Bluffs.

Spencer Man Tries to Kill Self at Bristow

Butte, Neb., Nov. 19.—(Special Telegram)—Morton Christensen of Spencer attempted to end his life by shooting himself while in the living room of the railroad station at Bristow. It is said that he had quarreled with Miss Rose Petty, and it is believed that he was jilted and became despondent over the unpleasant outcome of his love affair.

Prisoners Held Separately

They were not even permitted to associate with or talk to other prisoners in the county jail and even their attorneys were refused permission to see them unless federal officers were present.

The Weather

Table with columns for Saturday fair, mild temperature, and hourly forecasts for various cities including Omaha, Chicago, and St. Louis.

Five Men Under Arrest

With yesterday's developments the situation in the record-breaking robbery is as follows: Five men now under arrest. They are, in the order of their arrests, Merl Phillips, 20, 2121 Avenue F; Fred E. Poffenbarger, 19, 2121 Avenue F; Orville Phillips, 17, 2121 Avenue F; H. A. Reed, (Turn to Page Four, Column One.)