

Bluffs Robbery Unique, as Guns Were Not Used

Officers and Suspects Abstain From Using Firearms in Clearing Up Mystery of \$3,500,000 Steal.

Not a shot was fired in the daring robbery of the registered mail car on the Burlington railroad in Council Bluffs, November 13, for in the investigation by postoffice and federal officers in which five men and one woman have been arrested, five of the 10 stolen pouches recovered, and half of the undestroyed loot retaken.

This fact alone marks the robbery from any other train robbery of any size in the history of the United States, according to federal officers and special railroad agents, who worked on the case.

George L. German, assistant chief special agent for the Burlington railroad, has been in the service more than 30 years.

"I do not recall any train robbery of any magnitude during my term of service in which there was such an utter lack of gunplay," Chief German declared.

W. L. Noah, postoffice inspector for the St. Louis division, also remarked on the absence of any shooting.

"I hadn't thought of that," he said. "It is strange. Not a shot fired."

Fred Poffenbarger, who federal officers said admitted he was one of the two men who entered the mail car and heaved out the pouches, was the only man—suspect or officer—who made any use of a revolver during the entire mystery case.

He shattered the glass in the window of the car with the butt of a revolver, operatives declare he confessed.

W. M. Coble, postoffice inspector of Omaha, mused a few moments over the point.

"It is a peculiar case," he vouchsafed, "that there was not one in the robbery itself or the investigation which followed who pulled a trigger. Remarkable."

Recalls Other Robberies.

Absence of firing recalled to many of the officers assigned to the mystery of the sensational train robbery on the Burlington railroad just south of Council Bluffs, near Lake Manawa, 14 years ago, when two masked bandits attempted to loot the express car.

The two men boarded the train as it left the city limits, answering a block signal. They climbed over the coal car and covered the fireman and engineer with their revolvers.

The train was halted. From the express car, W. Snyder, railroad express messenger, dropped to the ties with a loaded-off double-barreled shotgun.

He lay alongside the tracks and as one of the masked bandits started down from the tender Snyder let loose.

Bandit Is Killed.

The bandit fell dead. His body had been riddled with buckshot with which the gun had been loaded.

The discharge was fired at such close range that the robber's chest was punctured full of holes. One of the buckshot entered his heart.

The other bandit escaped.

The body of the dead, highwayman lay for several days in Council Bluffs morgue, for identification, which has never been fully established.

The mail car robbery last Saturday, likewise recalled the escapades of "Bill" Carlisle, who held up two trains in Wyoming last year, the second after escaping from the penitentiary, and he was captured only after he had been shot, during a long search in the mountains.

Council Bluffs police officers, as well as the agents of the federal government and the postoffice department, also heard of this last robbery as unusually unique because of the absence of shooting.

Five Men and One Woman Who Are Held for Mail Train Robbery



Left to right they are: Merl Phillips, 20, whose arrest and confession gradually led to the clearing up of the big mail robbery; Orville Phillips, 17, brother of Merl, who gave himself up and also confessed in an effort to save his older brother; Fred Poffenbarger, in whose home it is alleged thousands of dollars' worth of bonds and other securities were burned; Mrs. T. A. Daly, at whose home a large amount of currency was recovered; T. A. Daly, 45, who was implicated in the robbery following the recovery of the currency, and H. A. Reed, 45, alleged ringleader of the robbery.

Burned Bonds From Mail Robbery Total \$5,000,000

Loss of Securities in Holdup Seriously Threatens Solvency of Two Large Insurance Companies, Washington Authorities Advise Fed- eral Agents Now in Bluffs.

Bonds burned by the robbers who perpetrated the sensational but unsuccessful registered mail robbery from Burlington train No. 8 at the Union Pacific transfer in Council Bluffs last Saturday night totaled more than \$5,000,000, it became known yesterday.

Two national insurance companies that insured the bonds are threatened with insolvency, it also was disclosed.

With the finding of an additional \$10,000 yesterday in the bottom of a jar packed with lard in the home of T. A. Daly, 2753 Seventh avenue, investigation of the case is near completion.

The arrest yesterday of Mrs. T. A. Daly brought the number of prisoners to six, with a possibility of a seventh man involved, federal officers stated.

Hearing Next Friday.

Hearing of the six prisoners on charges of robbing the mails will be held next Friday before United States Commissioner William Byers in Council Bluffs.

The interest of mail officials at Washington, D. C., was centered on the mail robbery when word of the theft of the bonds, enroute from San Francisco to New York, reached the capital. Forthwith, W. L. Noah, postal inspector of the St. Louis division, and W. M. Coble, postal inspector of the Omaha

Governor Fires Two State Officers for Alleged Dry Violations

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Two men were ordered removed from office today by Governor McKelvie because of alleged violation of the state liquor laws.

William I. Dyson, sheriff of Morrill county, was ordered suspended on charges of drunkenness and maladministration.

Anton Sedlacek, constable at Spencer, Boyd county, was ordered suspended. He was arrested recently by R. J. Hart, state prohibition officer, and pleaded guilty to a charge of selling liquor for which he was fined \$100.

Ten Men Plead Guilty at
Sidney to Stealing Coal

Sidney, Neb., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Wholesale arrest of coal thieves was made here by Special Officer L. Plywell of the Union Pacific railroad.

Earl Kruger, Elmer Kruger, Jesse Kruger, Herman Kruger, Jack Binder, W. J. Perry, G. M. Andrews, Nels Johnson, Arthur Brasler and G. J. Cavanaugh pleaded guilty in county court and were fined in sums of \$25 to \$100, and double restitution for the stolen property.

The fines and costs amounted to \$396 and the restitution to the Union Pacific, \$369. The largest fine was paid by Jack Binder, who runs the elevator at Colton.

Court Clerk Appointed.

Broken Bow, Neb., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Miss Emma Scott, who has been clerk of the county court the past six years under Judge Ford, has been appointed to the same position by County Judge-elect Chas. H. Holcomb.

World-Herald Reporter Held by Federal Agents

W. A. O'Malley, a reporter of the World-Herald, was arrested by federal agents yesterday morning charged with impersonating a federal officer.

He was released on \$1,500 bond, pending a hearing before Commissioner Byers next Saturday.

O'Malley, it is charged, while seeking news of the Council Bluffs mail robbery, declared himself to be a federal officer and gained information by this subterfuge which interfered with the work of the detectives working on the case.

Man Held for Trial on Theft of Youth's Savings

Les Kalar, alias Pete Patrick, 17,

522 South Thirteenth street, was bound over to district court by Police Judge Fitzgerald yesterday under \$700 bond, for stealing a suit of clothes, \$100 and a watch from Le-

Roy Meril at the Douglas street rooming house.

Meril had earned the money in the harvest fields, intending to use it while going to school this winter.

Timid Burglars Are Frightened by Noise

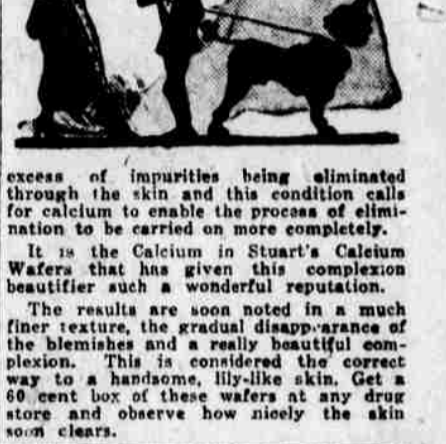
Omaha burglars were timid Friday night, according to police reports. E. A. Denberg, a tailor, reported that burglars bored several holes in his back door at 1620 Chicago street, but something scared them and they ran away without entering.

At the home of S. Spohn, 2725 Spaulding street, burglars broke a lock on the cellar door. Mrs. Spohn looked out of the window and they left abruptly.

But they made a "haul" in the back yard of the home of Mrs. E. L. Teel, 971 North Twenty-fifth street, where they stole three bed sheets from the clothes line.

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That Menzies' Melody—Fox-Trot, Paul Bliese Trio	A 2999	Get Up, Bert Williams	A 3305
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