

Collins Peps Up As He Is Called "Second Carlisle" Comparison With Noted Bandit Magically Revives His Drooping Spirit at Arrival in Union Station.

"Right this way to the Keith Collins special," rang out on the still night air at the Union station at 9:20 Monday night as one of at least 100 assembled railroad men, former co-workers and friends of Keith Collins, one of the alleged leaders of the mail robber gang, sighted the headlight of Missouri Pacific train No. 107.

"Train coming on fourth track," he continued, as he led the motley crowd of switchmen, car inspectors and others on a dead run down the station platform to obtain an advantageous position along the side of the train that was carrying the youthful confessed mail train plunderer and his captors from Kansas City.

Friends Line Platform. The men, many of them personal friends of Collins—for he once worked as a fireman for the Union Pacific—lined the platform acting as a self-appointed reception committee when Collins, first off the car, handed to Postal Inspector W. M. Coble, alighted from the train.

The trainmen were not alone on the platform when Collins left the coach, for practically every passenger who alighted from the train before Collins lined the walk to take a look at their notorious co-passenger, the sight of whom was kept from them by the postal inspectors during the course of the entire journey from Kansas City. Collins and his guard of postal inspectors and railway special agents occupied a stateroom during the trip from the Missouri river town to Omaha.

Pulls Cap Over Eyes. As the prisoner and his guards passed along the side of the train and on through the iron gates into the waiting room of the depot the crowd was further augmented by the hundreds of persons at the station ready to take outgoing trains.

Collins spied the crowd of railroad men along the side of the train before they saw him and as he still stood on the car steps he pulled his dirty, greasy cap further down over his head and eyes and, together with Inspector Coble, became lost in the crowd.

"Hello, Keith," "Hi, Collins," greetings from the trainmen, went unanswered by Collins.

Collins Smiles. "Oh, there he is; there's Bill Carlisle, the second," and similar ejaculations from those that made up the crowd seemed as elixir to his weary soul, for by the time he had reached the bright lights of the station platform he had regained the military bearing, which was widely heralded on government circulars as a sure lead to detection of the army "captain."

As he passed through the throng that almost packed the waiting room at the station he glanced freely to his right and left and a smile played around his mouth. Despite the efforts of postal inspectors to keep the onlookers back, the crowd pressed through the taxicab entrance at the north side of the station while the group awaited on the platform for the arrival of a motor car.

Prisoner Jest. While standing there Collins freely joked and laughed with the postal inspectors, in the meanwhile paying no attention to the crowds around him. As he stood there waiting for the taxicab he reached into the left hand pocket of his dirty black and gray-checked Mackinaw and withdrew a package of cigars, courteously offering one to Inspector Coble before taking one himself.

The inspector refused his offer and, reaching into his own pocket with his free right hand, extracted a mongrel pack of cigars, struck a match, lighted it and then passed the light to Collins.

The taxi rolled up to the platform and the prisoner, three postal inspectors and two railroad detectives entered the car and then started a wild ride through the business section of the city in an endeavor to lose two following newspaper cars.

Races Down Street. In this endeavor the driver of the government car was entirely successful. The car raced down the street to Harney and west on Harney, where all trace of the car was lost. This ride about the downtown district consumed at least 30 minutes.

In eluding their pursuers, the government inspectors gave a glimpse of the reason they succeeded in capturing Collins. Their display of strategy was excellent.

Their ability to extricate themselves from precarious positions was wonderful and their outmaneuvering of following automobile drivers was of the kind that might have earned a promotion for a commissioned officer in the army.

Partial List of Unrecovered Mail Loot Issued by Postal Inspectors

Value of Missing Stocks and Bonds Set at \$1,351,778; Additional Losses to Be Announced Later; Securities Were Burned.

A partial list of stocks and bonds stolen in the Council Bluffs mail robbery was issued last night by the postal inspectors. This is the first official list which has been issued. None of these securities have been recovered, with the exception of a \$50 Liberty bond and \$100 City of Bordeaux, France, bond. According to the stories of Poffenbarger, Collins and others, all of those securities were destroyed by fire.

The inspectors state that additional losses will undoubtedly be reported from time to time as the checking progresses, but they are sure the big items have all been reported. The list:

Table listing various securities including Liberty bonds, U.S. government bonds, and stocks from various companies like Standard Oil and General Motors.

U. S. Agents Find Hidden in Home Mail Loot Taken by Keith Collins

Officials have been figuring on recovery of one cash shipment of \$50,000 stolen from the pouches. One insurance company, the inspectors have admitted, revealed they had carried \$800,000 insurance on securities and bonds in the shipment looted.

Collins Traveled by Freight and Taxicab in Flight From Officers

Frightened at the enormity of the mail robbery, in which he has confessed a part, Keith Collins left Council Bluffs the Tuesday night after the robbery on a freight train, riding the bumpers, according to the story told by federal agents.

Reports from Columbus said he gave his sister five \$10 bills. Mrs. Lottie Langheim, the sister, denied this in a letter today.

Locate His Trail. Thursday Inspector Noah of Sedalia, Mo., arrived to take charge of the investigation into the robbery. From then on results began to appear.

Federal authorities located Collins' trail at Columbus and questioned his sister. He had gone to an uncle's home at Cedar Rapids, Neb., where he visited a sister all day Wednesday.

Inspectors Noah, Adamson and Coble, hot on the trail, located Collins on the farm of his uncle, E. Payne, near Westville last Saturday night.

Public Buildings In London Placed Under Big Guard

Armed Motor Boats Patrolled Thames in Front of Parliament and Other Structures All Last Night.

London, Nov. 30.—Public buildings in London and in many of the other large cities of England were closely guarded against apprehended Sinn Fein attacks by heavy detachments of police and detectives last night. In this city the patrol was not limited to streets, but armed motor boats moved up and down the Thames in front of parliament buildings.

With Downing street and its immediate neighborhood shut off from the rest of the city by a high fence, which was constantly under the eyes of uniformed men, and with the parliament buildings sentinelled, government sections of London today assumed the atmosphere of an armed camp.

Bomb in Swan Lane. There is nothing to connect the Sinn Fein with the explosion of a bomb in a warehouse in Old Swan Lane, this city, early this morning.

She now lies at her home, the victim of a nervous breakdown. "Oh, Hell!" groaned Collins, before he thought.

D'Annunzio's Troops Roused by His Appeal. Fiume, Nov. 30.—Gabriele d'Annunzio's legionaries have been greatly stirred by passionate appeals of the poet to "save Fiume," which he has been issuing at frequent intervals since the treaty of Rapallo settled the Adriatic question between Italy and Jugoslavia far from d'Annunzio's liking.

Preparations are in progress to conscript all citizens between the ages of 18 and 50 in Fiume for the defense of the city.

Large reinforcements of Italian carabinieri are arriving on the borders of the Fiume territory. It is assumed they are there as reminders to the legionaries that the Italian government intends to enforce the provisions of the treaty.

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Mexico to Consider Proposal of Colby

try, which animate this government. "We have not required the assurances, so unqualifiedly given in your letter, of Mexico's regard for the discharge of her obligations, and of her respect for the principles of international law. Your suggestion of a joint arbitration commission to adjudicate the claims presented by citizens of other countries, for damages sustained as a result of disorders in your country and the further proposal to enlarge and to strengthen existing treaty provisions for the arbitration of all controversies, now pending or which may arise between our respective nations, bring convincing support of your declarations, if that were needed.

Corrects Misunderstanding. "You refer at length to the misunderstanding that has arisen and which has widely prevailed, as to the true scope and effect of article 27 of the Mexican federal constitution. That such misunderstandings have existed, and has exercised an unfortunate restraint upon the impulses of friendly governments in their desire to co-operate with the Mexican people in the recovery of the full measure of their material strength and prosperity, cannot be denied. But I can conceive of nothing better calculated to correct this misunderstanding and to allay the fears of those who have acquired

valid titles or who have made substantial investments in conformity with Mexican law, and in reliance upon its protection, then the statements of your letter referring to the declaration of President De La Huerta and President-elect Obregon to the effect that article 27 "is not and must not be interpreted as retroactive or violation of valid property rights."

Sympathy for Mexico. "The interests of other nations in this subject should not, and I am convinced it is not, attributed to any desire to interfere with Mexico in the adoption and pursuit of any policy with regard to its land and resources, which expresses its aspirations and satisfies its people. Indeed, I may remark that there is wide sympathy for the apparent desire of your country to inaugurate a policy which shall protect its great resources against waste, dispersal or other improvident treatment. The freedom to do this, which no one can dispute nor even criticize, is in no sense compromised by the due respect for legally vested interests which you so fully avow, with a convincing sincerity which is beyond question.

Indict Coal Companies. Chatanooga, Tenn., Nov. 30.—The federal grand jury today indicted 24 coal companies on the charge of violating the Lever act.

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Glasgow and the Clyde shipbuilding district have been placed under close guard and it is declared by the authorities that many Sinn Feiners are known to be in Scotland.

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